

The Lariat

Chino High School

Chino's Top Seniors Announced for the Class of 2024

By Nadia Orozco

On Friday April 19th, 2024, the top 10 Chino High School seniors and seniors with a 4.0+ were recognized for their hard work at the academic rally. The top ten seniors for the graduating class of 2024 are Rosario Chavez, Erin Park, Jocelyne Delgado, Isabella Navares, Robert Hitchcock, Lillian Todd, Elena Rossen, Shamus Landeros, Marilyn Bojorquez, and Sophia Bautista.

All of these students have worked incredibly hard over

their high school careers to achieve their success. The highest GPA out of the class of 2024 was an impressive 4.58. The salutatorians for the Class of 2024 had a 4.48/9 GPA, this title was shared due to special circumstances that have allowed for both of them to share this prestigious rank.

The Valedictorian, Rosario Chavez, and Co-Salutatorians, Erin Park, and Jocelyne Delgado, were announced for their

incredibly hard work by being recognized as the top ranked students for the class of 2024.

When asked how it feels being Valedictorian, Chavez told *The Lariat*, "It is a really rewarding feeling to be Valedictorian and achieve one of my biggest goals. I feel honored to be in this position and am extremely grateful for all of Chino's wonderful educators that helped me get here." Chavez describes the entirety of her high school experience as "Fulfilling."

When asked who impacted her the most in high school experience Delgado said, "I think all my teachers, counselors, and friends have impacted me the most. Castillo has always been there for me. I really do appreciate her and all her guidance." When asked about her speech Delgado said, "To be honest I have not even started my speech. I am going to write about the great experiences I have shared at Chino High School."



Rosario Chavez (Valedictorian) will be attending Stanford in the fall.



Jocelyne Delgado (Salutatorian) will be attending UC Berkeley.

The Top Student Athletes of the 2024 Class

By Samantha Sandoval and Alyssa Candelaria

As we finish our last weeks of the school year, we also start to finish our sports seasons. Senior nights are the most memorable moment for a senior involved in a sport.

Being in a sport in high school can be a sentimental thing to leave, especially as a senior. All your accomplishments and successes in a sport can soon turn into a memory.

As we recap our sports accomplishments, we also recap on the people who made these accomplishments happen. *The Lariat* sat down with the top senior athletes and talked to them about their accomplishments and successes all throughout their high school years in their sport.

Lyndsey Valverde is a multi-sports student well known for her involvement and success in Volleyball and Basketball. "I got MVP a few years in a row for volleyball and basketball. I also reached 1000 points for basketball, and I got first team CIF for basketball as well." She has committed to Pasadena City College to continue her journey of playing basketball.

The next top senior athlete is Celina Mosqueda. She has played volleyball for all four years of high school. She was also captain

of the team in her last three years playing volleyball. "My favorite memory was winning the first round of CIF with our volleyball team. We've never gone past the first round, so it was really fun, and there was a



Senior Lyndsey Valverde is a multi-sport student who was involved in Basketball, Volleyball and Track during her years here at Chino.

big crowd to support us," said Mosqueda. She is committed to Mount San Antonio College and says she will continue to play volleyball there.

Another top senior athlete is Aubrey Layton. Layton has been a part of the girls' soccer team for four years here at Chino. Some of her accomplishments consist of Mount Baldy All-League and 2024 Chino Top

Goal Scorer.

"My highest adrenaline moment on the team was my first hat-trick against Ontario," said Layton.

The last but certainly not the least top senior athlete is Elena Rossen. Rossen is a part of the cross-country and track team. Some of her accomplishments are getting new PR's, and making it to CIF for cross country.

"I kind of just want to be remembered as someone who was there for her team, and someone who cheered everyone on, even when I was doing great myself."

Rossen is committed to Notre Dame on an academic scholarship and will be trying to earn a spot on the track team as a walk on.

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Student Nominees Recognized at Silver Spur Awards

By Shawn Nelms

Students nominated for a Silver Spur Award were recognized at this year's award ceremony. Having taken place on April 6, the event was within the school's theater.

Located in Building H, recipients were asked to arrive at the theater by 5 pm. The ceremony officially began at 6 pm and lasted until about 6:48 pm.

Several nominees expressed their feelings about having received an award. Kayla Brown, senior student, and recipient of the award for perfect attendance from k-12 to 12th grade said, "I

felt honored because I knew that I had perfect attendance from kindergarten through 12th grade. This is such an accomplishment for me." Avery Gomes, senior student, and recipient of an AP scholar award said, "After receiving the award, it felt like not only an achievement, but, in a way, something that served as motivation for achieving a higher level of merit in the future."

The Silver Spur Awards is an awards ceremony that takes place each year to celebrate the accomplishments of students

nominated. Nominees were selected by teachers and staff based on academic achievement, overall improvement, attitude, or positive impacts made on campus.

During the event, students were called to the stage of the theater by Mr. Miller to receive their award and take photos. Recipients of the award were given a certificate stating their achievement and the staff who nominated them and a silver medal.

Students ROARING About the Amazing Gatsby Prom

By Melenie Morelos

On Saturday April 6th, 2024, Chino Highs the Great Gatsby based themed prom on the roaring 20's, was held in Yucaipa Performance Arts Center.

The theme was unique and old school, The staff had 1920s outfits and the vibe was how the novel was parties, lots of dancing, people having fun and loud music. A student who went to prom said, "I loved the theme, but I wish I saw more decoration based on the 1920s" says Jocelyn Herrera.

Music is a big part of what prom is. The DJ had everyone on

the dance floor with great music. The DJ played an innumerable of genre of music like hip-hop, Mexican, slow songs, etc. A student that also went to prom said, "The DJ was great he played good songs we danced all night" says Alyssa Barraza.

The prom court included Lyndsey Valverde, Brody Quinzon, Kira Christenson, Diego Ogata, and Mikani Telles. Prom queen was Lyndsey Valverde and Prom king was Brody Quinzon. Alejandro Lamas said, "I'm happy that they won they deserve it."

The theme was chosen by ASB, the tickets went on sale on March 6th price was \$110 and with the ASB card it was \$100. For students to go to prom they had to sign a dance contract and have their ID cards to enter.



Chino High students on the dance floor at prom.

Films Reaching Milestones in 2024

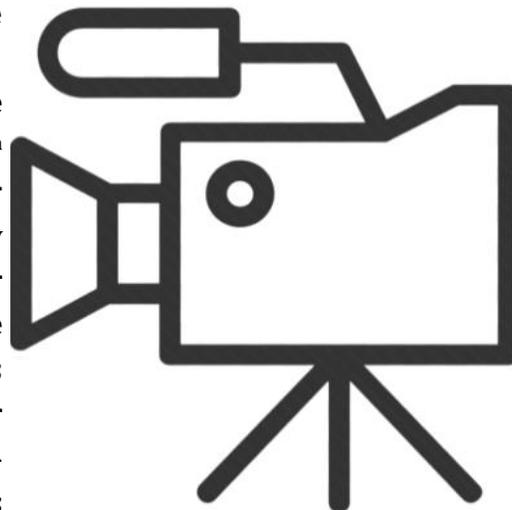
By Landen Doyle

This year is a very successful year in film, and a revival of what some call “classic cinema.” But this year is also an important year for the past in film. In 2024, some notable films from yesteryears are being rereleased to your local theater because of their anniversaries, here are some of the most notable films.

Some of the most notable films celebrating their 10th birthday include the famed tear-jerker, originally written by John Green, “The Fault in Our Stars.” On the contrary, “The Lego Movie” also turns 10 this year. One of the biggest horror films of the decade “The Babadook” is finally making its rounds back to the theaters after its original successful run and raving reviews upon release.

Going even farther back in time, we have movies hitting their mid to early 20s. One of the biggest current rereleases is the release of Toby Maguires “Spider-Man” which turns 25, and “Spider-Man 2” which turns 20. These films pioneered the comic book genre and are among the most important films of all time. Another in-

credibly notable film turning 20 is “Mean Girls” which became quoted all around the world upon its release. A fan favorite, “The Polar Express” also celebrates its 20th this year. The legendary film “The Matrix” also turns 25, which was groundbreaking for the face of cinema



when it was released.

Going even farther back, one of the biggest releases of the year, if not the biggest, is the 30th anniversary rerelease of Quentin Tarantinos world renowned “Pulp Fiction” which introduced cinemas to non-linear storytelling and casual, unmeaningful conversation between main characters. Another fan favorite, Brandon Lees “The Crow” Turns 30. 1994 was a legendary year for film, also seeing the release of “The

Shawshank Redemption” and “Forest Gump,” all of which are highly regarded as some of the greatest pieces of cinema ever made

Going into the 80s, we have globally recognized films like the 40th anniversary of “Ghostbusters”, one of the biggest family Halloween films. But one that might not be safe for the whole family is Wes Cravens “A Nightmare on Elm Street” which took horror to the next level with its gruesome kills, and making the antagonist exist in your most vulnerable state. Another legendary film is “The Terminator” which became world-renowned upon its release. And finally making our way into the 50s, we have what is considered the first ever “slasher” film, “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre”. The 70s also saw the release of “The Godfather: Part II” and the horror comedy “Young Frankenstein”

Over the past 50 years we’ve had some incredibly films hit the big screen, a good amount of which have been known to become some of the greatest of all time, and for all we know, anybody in the next few years could create the next big one.

Tennis Runs it Back One More Time for the Seniors

By Evan Gray

Boys' tennis ends their season 9-1 after their final league victory over the Baldwin Park Braves to become Co-League Champions with the Montclair Cavaliers. This is the second year in a row that they have won the league title. Their competition this year was much more intense. This year there weren't many easy matches, and the team had to play their best.

The cowboys started off their season with a few preseason tournaments where they went against tougher and more experienced teams to prepare for the level of competition they would be facing later in the season.

Winning another League title was an incredible way for the seniors to end their final sports season; the team has 6 seniors, giving them high expectations for the season. Senior team captain Robert Hitchcock said, "Going into the season, I expected great things from our team, especially after winning league champs last year."

The tennis team is close-knit, believing in practicing the boys' and girls' team together. This has given way for players from the boys and girls teams to become managers during the opposite seasons. The Boys team was for-



tunate to have two of the seniors from the girls' team, Michaela Vega and Amelya Bogle, give back to their sport one last time by managing the team.

Bogle described the boys' team as "Very energetic dynamic filled with passion, competition, and laughs." These two have been working with the team year-round to give back to the team. Vega describes her experience with the boys' team as "Awesome. The dynamics they have with one another, including the managers, just makes tennis more enjoyable. The teamwork and all the unnecessary jokes make it worth everything."

Boys Tennis has three main coaches on their staff, Coach Hinkle, Coach Hieu Ho, and Coach Joshua Pratt. The seniors on the team are glad to have won their league championship, but also sad to see their

last season ending. When asked about what they'll miss most on the team Phoenix Guiza said, "I will miss when me and my teammates go eat to celebrate our victories. Our favorite spot is Buffalo Wild Wings on Tuesday, since they have a BOGO deal that day." Rodrigo Rivas said, "I will miss bonds that I share with my teammates and coaches because of how unique, and fun, and friendly they are." Benjamin Soto said, "I will miss doing our 'bonfire' before every game."

This Season has been an emotional rollercoaster for the team with Tiebreaker finishes giving the team highest of highs and some giving them their lowest lows. This team has been through the fire and always came back swinging. With the seniors leaving this may they entrust their legacy onto the underclassmen to keep their hard work going and to keep getting one percent better everyday.

Spring Football Kicking Off Once Again

By Elena Alvarado, Dominic Jimenez

The annual Blue and White game, where Chino High Schools football team split into two teams going head-to-head with each other is approaching. This game has been going on for 50+ years according to Mr. Inglima.

The two teams split into teams based on offense and defense. During April, football practices from 6pm-8pm to prepare for the game and their upcoming season. On May 10th is the Blue and White with the powderpuff game followed by it.

The powderpuff game is a Senior vs. Juniors game, this game gets the school hyped up and is everyone's personal favorite. This game is where girls play football, and the guys are the cheerleaders, senior football players coach the seniors and



Senior Quarterback Diego Ogata rushing the ball against Chino defense in last years Blue and White game.

junior football players coach the juniors.

Aaliyah Alvarado (12) said, "It's going to be an easy sweep but I feel like class of 2025 is going to put up good game against us so we will have to see how it goes, hopefully class of 2024 takes the win."



Last years class of 2024 Junior Powderpuff team posing for their picture before playing against the senior class of 2023.

Chino Tackles a New Girl's Sport

By Rylie Alarcon and
Mirage Ballesteros

Chino High's first Girls' Flag Football team was assembled this year. Head coach is Michael Blackburn. The assistant coaches are Ashley Covarrubias, Joseph Larosa, Jennifer Lang, and James Baty.

They played against Don Lugo and Chino Hills once, and played Ayala twice. They have won all four of their games. Ninth grade quarterback Victoria Gonzalez said, "It feels great. I'm very proud and grateful for my teammates. I honestly think they're great and amazing

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Blackburn said, "It feels great to coach this group, regardless of our win-loss record. Our practices have good energy, and our team has fun every time we take the field. The success on the field is just



Senior Quarterback Kaitlyn Carillo preparing to throw a pass at the first annual Dairy queen game against Don Lugo.

a bonus."

Blackburn said, "Usually I'm just thinking about some of the great plays we made or the standout players that impressed me during the game. Whether it's a nice throw by Kaitlyn Carrillo, a great catch by Isabella Lane or Emma Sandoval, another highlight play made by Calise Gibson, or girls like Rose Ortiz, Rachel Rubio, and Jailyynn Olmedo playing lockdown defense."

Gonzalez said, "People should join Flag because coaches are awesome and very supportive and love giving opportunities to girls that haven't played before. It's an amazing environment."

Recap of Amazing Softball Season

By Addison Ortiz and Jezzarai Bugarin

This softball season has been great for both Varsity and Junior Varsity having positive records this season.

Varsity started their season in February by going against Etiwanda with a losing score of 8-0, Kaiser with a score of 7-6, Los Osos with a winning score of 3-1, Poly with a losing score of 8-0, and finally Ayala with a losing score of 8-0.

March was when JV started their season with a winning game against Ontario 18-0, Baldwin Park with a winning score of 15-0, Chaffey with a win of 20-0 and 14-2. Varsity started the month with a win against Colony with a final score 8-3, losing against Don Lugo with a score of 5-3, California with a losing score of 6-3, and finally wins against Ontario with 13-2, Baldwin with 17-0, and Chaffey with 10-6.

April started with JV going against Don Lugo with a winning score of 11-8, a loss against Chino Hills with a score of 10-4, another win against Don Lugo with a score of 8-6, Jurupa Hills with a winning score of 11-0, and finally a winning score against Montclair with 24-1. Varsity started the month with a loss against Don Lugo with a score of 14-13, Ju-

rupa Hills with a losing score of 14-2, a winning score against Montclair of 4-1, and a win against Ontario with a score of 7-0.

Varsity freshman Victoria Gonzalez said, "I think this season is great and we've accomplished a lot. I will continue to play for this school because it's an amazing program and I recommend it to others that are looking for somewhere to start."



Varsity senior, Mia Padilla, posing right before her game against Montclair. "I'm going to miss all the girls and representing Chino by playing the sport I love."

Seniors Crossing the Finish Line with their Last League Meet

By Kirra Finneran

Senior Night for our track athletes was at our home track against Baldwin Park, Thursday April 18th.

The track team gapped their opponents with boys scoring 85 to 46 points and girls scoring 119 to 17 points. This also puts our track girls in position for winning league for the 3rd time in a row.

A lot of our senior athletes were also able to surpass their personal best in many of these events. Jake Berg, a senior, ran a 53 second 400m lap for his 4 by

4 event. Most of the points were scored by our seniors on the track and field, coming in 1st 2nd or 3rd for our team overall.

At the end of the meet, Track & field had over 30 seniors walk for their senior night with the rest of the team and coaches proudly cheering them on. "I'm so proud of our girls and boys for giving it their all on their senior night and delivering for our team," said Coach Jessica Parrell.



The class of 2024 Track and Field Seniors gathered together one last time after their final league meet against the Baldwin Park Braves. Seniors include: Lyndsey Valverde, Rudy Rocha, Kevin Gonzalez, Isaiah Cardenas, Sawyer Bradley, Jake Berg, Aubrey Layton, Elena Rossen, Lily Monk, Kirra Finneran, Lillian Todd Mikani Telles, Breanna Ochoa, Cansyss Millan, Alyssa Bergiadis, Sienna Ruiz, Dyanna Nuno, Karina Camarillo, Nathan Mendoza, Aydee Corbera, Itzel Corbera, Dylan De Leon, Joshua Fernandez, Cozmo Gallegos, Liana Medina, Cruz Lopez, Daniel Gamez, Matthew Bergiadas, Alfredo Padilla, Nick Bergiadis, Flor Padilla.



Chino Baseball 23-24' Season

By Lizette Ruelas

Chino's varsity baseball team has had a decent season this year with a current league record of 6 wins, 6 losses and a tie and an overall record of 7-9-1. Chino is 4th in the Mt. Baldy league and neighboring school Don Lugo High School is first.

Chino opened their season against Chino Hills High School, resulting in a 3-2 loss. The start of the season was rough with the following 4 games not producing any wins for Chino. Both games against Chaffey High School were close with a 2-2 tie and a 1-0 loss. Don Lugo resulted in a 13-7 loss and the Montclair High School game final score was 8-1.

Things started to pick up and Chino found their momentum after a significant 17-4 win over Baldwin Park. The first of three games versus Ontario was hosted at the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Stadium and Chino showed out to secure a 3-1 win. Chino recently faced them for the second time on Thursday April 16 at home and secured a 2-0 win and played a third time (Continued on page 12)

Chino High's Seniors Prepare to Graduate

By Melanie Plascencia and Austin Gonzalez

Seniors on campus are filled with excitement as their last semester comes to an end. Graduation is becoming increasingly real as final projects are being completed and caps and gowns are being ordered.

Senior Brianna Mares said, "As graduation approaches, I am most excited for the upcoming senior activities and to spend time with my friends for the last month of this school year."

This time is a time for self-reflection, happiness, and a little bit of worry about what is ahead. "I'm trying to stay as focused as possible and keep up with my grades in order to end off on a strong note, while also having the most fun I can and making a couple last memories with my friends." Mares said after we asked how she was preparing for graduation.

This can be a stressful and emotional time for many seniors as they leave everything they have known for the past 13 years behind, but we hope you can take inspiration from our fellow senior and make the most out of your last weeks.

Navigating Senior Year: Tips for Juniors

By Natalia Castillo Cortes

As the school year comes to an end, the spotlight shifts to the seniors, who are eagerly awaiting their graduation and senior activities. For juniors, witnessing this transition can be both exciting and nerve-racking. These are five valuable tips to help you in your senior year:

Start Early: Begin thinking about your future during your junior year. Whether it is college applications, career paths,

application deadlines, standardized tests, and extracurricular activities.

Focus on Academics: Although it is easy to succumb to "senioritis," maintaining yourself focus is crucial. Colleges and universities pay close attention to senior year performance, so try to finish the year strong academically.

Take on some leadership opportunities: Take advantage of leadership roles in clubs,



or gap year plans. This will make the road much smoother as it will alleviate stress. Ensuring a smoother transition into your senior year.

Stay Organized: Senior year can be challenging due to deadlines, events, and responsibilities. Have a planner or digital organizer to keep track of important dates such as college

sports teams, or in the community. Not only will this demonstrate your commitment and initiative to college admissions, but also makes getting a job much easier.

Seek Balance: While it is important to prioritize academic pursuits, do not forget to self-care. You and your mental
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health are extremely important. Be available for hobbies, relaxation, and socializing with friends and family to maintain a healthy balance in your life.

By incorporating these tips into your high school journey, you will be well-equipped to

tackle senior year with confidence and enthusiasm. Embrace the opportunities, cherish the memories, and embark on this last year of your high school life with a sense of purpose and excitement.

As the Sun Sets, the Seniors Say Goodbye

By Elena Alvarado and Dominic Jimenez

Senior Sunset, May 9th, the class of 2024 will get together to watch the sunset. This day is the last day of school for the class of 2024 and to celebrate their last day of school. After 12 extraordinarily long school years of school, they are free to either continue their education or to start their life to adulthood. This will take place at CHS stadium.

This event is where the class of 2024 gets together around 6 pm and watches the sunset. You can bring activities to use with you and your friends, appropriate school food, and CHS will provide snacks for a short amount of time.

Andrew Fernandez (12) said, "For senior sunset I just want to relax and have a good time. I think for some people it's going to be emotional just because everyone is gonna realize that high school is now over.

Brody Quinzon (12) said, "I'm probably just going to hang out with my friends and bring some stuff so everyone can sign, I think everyone will be a little emotional, I don't think it'll really hit me until summer and I'm never gonna be in a high school class again."



Teachers Say Goodbye to the Class of 2024

By Alyssa Candelaria

As the last couple of days of the semester for seniors approach, the question people do not think about is how teachers say goodbye to their students.

Leaving high school and graduating is hard, especially for those who helped instruct these students throughout the years.



Monique Legazcue, a 12th grade teacher said, "Every year, it's such an emotional but bitter-sweet moment. As a teacher I get excited, but also anxious to make sure all my seniors are passing."

Legazcue said, "Helping pass out flowers to my students is like the last hoorah and send them off into the world really helps with closure."

Teachers really appreciate it when former students stop by, visit them, and send them graduation pictures.

Behind The Lariat: Editor-In-Chief Signing Out

By Samantha Sandoval

As we continue to approach the end of the school year, it continues to become a busy last few weeks for seniors, especially for our seniors working on *The Lariat*.

The seniors on *The Lariat* have worked extremely hard to get each issue done and ready for Chino High students, staff, and parents who read every issue.

Senior Alyssa Candelaria herself is Editor-In-Chief of *The Lariat* and has been in the school newspaper for two years now. She has worked on each issue and makes sure



Senior Editor in Chief Alyssa Candelaria signing off and passing her role to Samantha Sandoval.

that everything is in orderly fashion. She also works alongside Managing Editor, and Sports Editor.

Candelaria recaps on this school year as Editor-In-Chief and states that, "My favorite memory was publishing the first issue of the paper that I got to work on my own."

As Candelaria continues to work on the next issue, she is also preparing to move her position to the next candidate that will take her place for the next school year. When asked about advice for the next Editor-In-Chief, she says, "I hope they will take on this important role and help motivate others to bring out their creative ability when it comes to writing."

Not only is being Editor-In-Chief an exciting leadership role, but it also teaches you amazing skills that you can take with you in the future. "It has taught me to have good interview skills and how to become a leader when guiding a whole class of students." says Candelaria.

Big Farewell for AVID Seniors

By Karina Carrillo Chavez

Being a part of AVID is ending for seniors at Chino. These seniors will leave off with memorable memories and useful skills for when they leave high school and move on to college.

"Over the years that I've been in AVID I have learned to become more organized with my work as well as how to take good notes for my clas-



ses, the thing I will miss most though are the fun moments when being in that class with my friends," said Daniel Gamez.

There have been 30 seniors that have been in the program since middle school and decided to be a part of it again in high school to pursue success in college.

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on the 18th getting another 2-1 win.

Baldwin Park High School was Chino's final opponent. The first game was on April 23rd away and Chino produced a significant 15-3 win. Chino's final game and senior night were both held on April 25th.

The boys ended their season with a great game, not allowing Baldwin Park to score any in a final game score of 6-0.

These last wins were significant to the team and moved them from 4th in league to 2nd the Chino Baseballs Varsity teams' final record was 11-9-1.



Number 2 Nathan Sena up to bat at the quakes stadium.

Senior Folklorico Team Prepares to Take Graduation Stage

By Anette Vega and Deja Hernandez

Chino High's folklorico team has created many memories for us students. We love to see them dance at rallies and it is always entertaining.

Many students at Chino High participate in folklorico. You may have seen them in their traditional outfits. The guys usually wear black pants, a black long-sleeved dress shirt, with a red tie, belt, and a black wide-brimmed hat. The girls, on the other hand, wear beautiful skirts with colorful ribbons at the bottom, along with ruffled shirts, and the proper dance shoes with nails at the heel and toe tip.

Mrs. Cardenas, an advisor for the folklorico dance team, told *The Lariat*, "It's gonna be a great loss, the cabinet is amazing, and I know that they have prepared the next group to continue, but it's always scary

to see them go because you're hoping that it's the same the following year. The dedication is amazing."

Perla Martinez, a current senior on the Chino High folklorico dance team, was asked how she feels about this being her last year of dancing folklorico. She then told *The Lariat* "I feel really sad but super happy at the same time. I know every good thing has to come to an end therefore, I'm extremely grateful that I got to build new friendships and bonds with my club members."

Martinez also told us, "Enjoy your last year. Senior year will go by so fast. Try to be involved as much as you can, go out with friends/club members and just try to stay out of drama. I wish nothing but the best to the future seniors and good luck!"



The 2024 Chino High School Folklorico Dance team together for a picture.

CHS Link Crew Seniors Prepare to Graduate

By Valerie Jimenez

The seniors in Link Crew have worked especially hard for their last year at Chino High School. While it is sad to see the seniors leaving soon, they trust Link Crew to be in good hands next year.

Link Crew members have helped organize and participated in many events for freshmen. These include Link Crew Takeovers, movie nights, and Cowboy Corral. Ms. Lowe has done an excellent job this year.

The seniors have done a lot for Chino by helping the freshmen adjust to their new school environment. They have been great role models this year and continue to work until graduation. Be sure to thank them for their hard work organizing the events this year.

Link Crew advisor Kathrine Lowe said, "The seniors have been great this year, this has been the best year we've had for Link Crew so far. They've worked hard this year, and it has been our most successful so far."

Theatre Seniors Take Last Bow

By Presley Penman

Long nights of incredible work are coming to an end for theater seniors. This year has been a strong push forward for all those in the company. After COVID had a rather huge hit onto theater this group of students had pushed their way from performing with masks on a small cafeteria stage, to their own personal mainstage.

What felt like an unreasonable future, became reality. Musicals and plays were far from reach during 2020, considering every performing arts group at Chino was put on hold. When their first play was finally presented back at the old campus, "Boarding House Reach" by Donald Payton, it became a hit with its comedic approach. Yet, masks were still an issue.

However, this year's seniors still had their hopes, waiting for COVID restrictions to settle and the program to continue. When the new school year rolled around, 2023 became the strike of a new light for the group. A brand-new campus was finally waiting for these students, along with their own Blackbox and mainstage theatre.

After what felt impossible, "Lion King Jr." was finally announced as their first musical for the year, along with "Our Town"; a production by Thornton Wilder. Theatre was back on track, leaving Chino theatre a name back in the game. After the success of Lion King Jr., Director Frank Smouse knew it was time to bring attention to the pro-

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Theatre students taking a bow at the spring performance of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Lead Actors for that night were Presley Penman as Belle, and Giorgio Hidad as Gaston.

Beauty and the Beast Jr., Is it Worth Seeing?

By Natalia Castillo Cortes

As one of the most anticipated events on campus, the Chino High School theater company presents its final performance of the year. When their rendition of Beauty and the Beast Jr. was announced students were ecstatic. Its flourishing success is all thanks to the challenging work of the company and its director.

The theater company's previous shows were well received by the public, such as their rendition of Frozen. They are loved for how they take nostalgic Disney movies and convert them to the stage. Their acting has been phenomenal throughout both the Lion King and Frozen Jr. With a talented and professional cast, it was no surprise that this show was going to be amazing.

When the curtains rose for the final performance of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," the audience was captivated by the first act of the play. With storytellers leading the audience throughout the heartfelt story. The cast and crew poured their hearts into every scene. Bringing the timeless tale to life with stunning costumes, enchanting set designs, and powerful performances.

The chemistry between the actors was outstanding, creating moments of genuine connection and heartfelt emotion. When the final curtain fell and the cast took their bows, thunderous applause filled the auditorium, a true testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.



Caleb Valenzuela and family after signing to ACU.

CHS Students Sign to Colleges

By Evan Gray

Senior Signing Day was April 26th in the gym, for seniors committed to going to a specific college. There were over 80+ students that signed up to take part in this event. Notable colleges CHS students signed include Notre Dame, Arizona Christian University, UCLA, and more.

Senior team captain and 4-year wrestler Caleb Valenzuela committed and signed to Arizona Christian University. Caleb's parents, extended family, coach, and friends showed up to celebrate the moment with him.

When asked about how he felt about his signing Valenzuela said, "It was an awesome experience, I thank my family for setting up my table so nice, my coach for taking time out of his day to celebrate with me, and my friends for supporting me."



By using the fullest extent of their acting capabilities, the CHS theater company captivates their audience during the musical number "Be Our Guest."

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gram. Smouse revealed “Frozen Jr.” and ‘Beauty and the Beast Jr’ as the upcoming musicals for the following year. Some small productions were performed, as well such as “Ghost light III” by Greg Cummings.

However, with the uprising fame of the program, they couldn't just stop there. With the help of choreographer Katerina Smouse, daughter to Frank Smouse, a new hit performance was brought to the stage. Rally 2023 brought a whole new name to the program, making the theater company known as the “stars of the rallies”. With the help of creative stage makeup, costumes, and intense choreography, the program was throwing out hits like it was Childsplay.

Yet, never did the seniors back down. No long night was put to waste as a new future for the program had begun. “The theatre program has improved greatly from when I first started! We were able to do things that we haven't done before!” said Kayla Brown.

No role was ever too small, and no actor never failed to bring the audience to true amusement. Best of luck to all the seniors moving on with their careers. The show must go on!



A Trip to Hawaii for the Chino Band

By Harlie Escamilla

Throughout the entire week of April 15th through the 20th, the Chino Band spent the entire week relaxing and enjoying all tourist attractions and sights down in Hawaii. To all who went, it was a great way to relax and enjoy a good vacation. Many experiences were had in Hawaii, and everyone who went agreed that it was one of the best trips of their lives.

The trip would begin when everyone finally made it to Hawaii and settled into their rooms at the hotel. Once everyone settled in, first thing to do to settle into the nice Hawaii cuisine was an outdoor buffet at the park nearby the hotel. Speaking about the food in Hawaii, there was plenty of it, and a large variety. From the richest of pineapple to the finest of smoked pig out there, Hawaii contained tons of delicious food there that makes tourists always want more because of how great it is. Many places

that the band visited, like the Dole Plantation and the Luau, all contained great amounts of food to choose from that made the trip there full of flavors to never forget.

As the band continued their tour there, they also visited Kaiser High School to have a mini performance with them. Both bands would play a variety of moving and amazing songs, and the Chino chorale and color guard who also attended the event would put on amazing performances there too. The two bands and their directors got along very easily, and everyone was nice to one another. So, making new friends during the visit



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made Hawaii very welcoming because of the great hospitality.

One of the places the band went to that moved all of them was Pearl Harbor. The band



would go and explore the area and learn about the history of it before heading over to the U.S.S Arizona Memorial. When the band made it to the memorial, one of the main things they all did was break their leis they gotten on the very first day they landed, and drop the flowers into the water above the sunken U.S.S Arizona, to respect and commemorate those who have tragically passed in that ship during World War II.

On the Friday before heading back to California on Saturday, the band would take one last trip around the island to an area where a luau would occur. The luau would begin by guests going through a walkway when by the time they made it to the end of it, they were greeted by performers there who gave them the traditional Hawaiian greeting. The luau would host its event by having beautiful music, activities, a gift shop, and lastly, a performance there. The performance would occur in Hawaiian songs and traditional danc-

es, even stunning performances such as fire tricks and mini performances done by guests who get volunteered to go up on stage.

By the time the band headed home, one of the 11th grade girls in color guard, Vada Rivera, says how she did not want to leave at all and wished to stay in Hawaii forever. Hawaii was one of the best trips the Chino band ever went on. With all the sights, experiences, and food there, Hawaii was truly something for all band members who went there won't ever forget.



The Senior AVID Class of 2024 Together

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Another 10 seniors are 4 years returning that decided to join the first year when entering high school hoping to learn some helpful skills and be a part of class that will help them.

These 40 AVID seniors in total will leave off with memories with their classmates around them after getting to know work with them and achieving eligibility for college.

Where Seniors Are Going After Graduation

By Addison Hunter and Evelyn Alva



Dyanna Nuno - “After graduation I am taking my summer off, probably going to Salvador with my family, and I’m going to come back and work hard in Mount sac to transfer into Cal Poly Pomona”.



Mary Lou Martinez- “After I graduate high school, I am going to college at victor valley and then start my nursing program”.



Milah Abigail Hernandez- “I’m going to go to college to major in communications and media”.

Journalism 2024 Seniors On *The Lariat* Signing Out

