

# HGM NEWS

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## Dates to Remember

April 3	House Meeting – Period 1 Evening Open House
April 4	Minimum Day
April 8	Pep Rally SLC Meeting 5:00 p.m. Friends/PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 15	Banked Day
April 24	Band departs after school
April 26	CSUN Clay Day Competition
April 30	Science Bowl Team goes to D.C
May 6	Banked Day
May 5-16	AP Exams



## Ms. Marciano's Counseling Corner

The college admissions process has officially begun for next year's senior class. Interview packets were distributed March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. It is imperative that parents and students peruse the senior packet together. Packets with all completed materials are due at the time of the student's interview. Interviews begin May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, after Advanced Placement exams.

All students applying for summer programs must inform me as soon as possible especially if a letter of recommendation is needed.

**A Reminder to Seniors:** If you have received a college acceptance letter, please be sure to put your name and the school on Mrs. Doctorow's list in the College Office.



## Congratulations Are In Order

Congratulations to Amit Gandhi, Tim Hsieh, Paul Kim, Jensen Law, Ed Marti, Tanya Marton, Katherine Nguyen, Matthew Shayefar and Zahra Yazdani! These nine students qualified to advance to the **American Invitational Math Exam (AIME)** held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The AIME is a 3-hour exam comprised of 15 questions and tests the abilities of even the most exceptional math students. Best of luck to the nine advancing to the next round of competition!

Congratulations to **NH Academic Decathlon!** This year, after months of intense studying, NH AcaDec went to state competition, coming in fifth out of about 550 teams in California. Their scores placed them among the top ten teams in the country. The nine-member team included magnet students Andrew He, Richard Kuo, Anna Rubin, and captain Rachel Stern.

**Science Bowl** has done it again! This past February our SciBowl "A" team again came away from regionals victorious, having beaten powerhouse Venice HS in a fierce tiebreaker. "B" Team also put in quite a respectable showing, taking sixth after several tough rounds. In May, "A" team will represent Los Angeles at nationals in Washington, D.C. for the sixth year running. Congrats to all the SciBowlers, including Paul Kim, Jensen Law, Ed Marti, Tanya Marton, Robby McIntosh, Sarah Moy, Stephen Yao, Allie Yen, Zahra Yazdani and Nick Zheng.



Meanwhile, the NH **Science Olympiad** team is closing in on the competition. SciOly medalled in eight subject areas at last month's competition, taking a close second to San Marino and earning a ticket to state competition March 29<sup>th</sup>. Good work and good luck! Congrats to all the participants at regionals including Jane Bae, Erika Bird, Tracy Chou, Donald Coates, Sheema Gaffar, Aayoung Hong, Guy Kisel, captain Teresa Liu, Matthew Shayefar, Nathan Shayefar, Clifford Shin, Angela Wu and Alex Yen.



Congratulations also to Amit Gandhi, Andrew He, Winnie Kuo, Ed Marti, Zahra Yazdani and Nick Zheng. These six math club-ers were selected to compete at CSLB's **Math Day at the Beach** on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and came in ninth in the team round!



This year, the HGM again has a sizeable number (15) of **National Merit Finalists!** The finalists were selected based on PSAT Index Score, transcripts, and an essay. Our 15 are among only 15,000 students nationwide chosen for this honor, a group that represents less than one percent of graduating seniors. Finalists are now being considered for merit scholarships. Congratulations to Donald Coates, Melody Dye, Angela Jekal, Danny Lee, David Linder, Simone McCloskey, Robby McIntosh, Kevin Nguyen, Patrick Shea, Rachael Small, Ryan Takasugi, Timothy Wood, Zahra Yazdani, Allie Yen, and Nicholas Zheng.



**Grease** is the word! This past month, NH put on its first musical production in more than twenty years. It was made possible by a generous \$25,000 donation from the Boone Foundation. The five-night run of Grease was a smashing success, featuring spectacular acting, singing, dancing and a live band, fine tuned by four months of hard work. The play featured HGM students Brynna Campbell, Alex Hwang, Danny Lee, Seung Lee, Lan Li, Patrick Shea and Nick Stone. Kudos to all who were involved!



Mrs. Grande would like to acknowledge the eight talented "origamists" who will be presenting **origami workshops** at this year's CSF Regional Conference. Thanks go to Donald Coates, Alex Hwang, Anne Kim, Sara Lavender, Christine Lee, Robert Rose, Patrick Shea, and Natasha Thomas!

A special congratulations to *Simone McCloskey*. This January, Simone entered her writing portfolio in the first round of the **Scholastic Writing Award** competition. She has since received a Gold Key in the Region At Large program. Gold Key recipients represent less than six percent of the entries nationally and are recognized by their local communities through award ceremonies, publications and exhibitions. Simone's portfolio will now continue on to be judged at the national level. Good luck, Simone!

Last, but definitely not least, congratulations to *Jensen Law*! On March 15<sup>th</sup> Jensen was promoted to the rank of **Eagle Scout** by the Los Angeles chapter of the Boy Scouts of America, thus achieving the highest rank in scouting.

### Come One, Come All

**AcaDec** will be recruiting soon! Interested students should see Mr. Maine in Room 173 and visit the national website at <http://www.usad.org/> for information on the curriculum and competition.

This year, the HGM's literary journal **Magnitude** received a record number of staff applications -- 46. *Magnitude* is hoping to receive a record number of actual submissions! For those who are unfamiliar with *Magnitude*, the club is set up not just to produce a magazine, but also to be a forum for discussion on creative writing. If you like writing -- poetry, fiction, nonfiction -- or have an artistic talent, please contribute! Submission forms are available from any of your English teachers and must be handed in, along with the piece, by April 14th.

\*Meetings are every Monday at lunch in Dr. Haut's room, F232\*

And finally, an announcement from our artist in residence, Mr. Price... On April 26th, **NoHo Varsity Clay** will be competing in the fourth annual "Clay Day 2003," a daylong competition hosted by Cal State Northridge's ceramics department. The competition will draw teams from about 12 different high schools, with each team made up of 12 to 15 students. Each team will then compete in 20 different events: everything from wheel throw to hand-built sculpture. Last year, NoHo's team came in first overall, and this year, it's the team to beat! Anyone is welcome to watch. Ask Mr. Price for more details.

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