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Top Bruins

Senior awards honors Val and Sal

Aracely Gomez
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The Senior Awards ceremony, even though it was a drive-thru event for the second year, it was a huge success with many seniors driving and their families stopping in to pick up their awards

on May 18.

Windell Viste was selected as the Class of 2021's **Valedictorian**. Other awards Windell won were: ACES, a Scholar with Distinction medal, and the valedictorian medal.

"After finding out I was valedictorian, I was super happy. And I was proud that all of my hard work and studying finally paid off. I did like how they set up the ceremony, considering we are still in this pandemic. It was really nice!"

Jesenia Lopez selected as the **Salutatorian**. "I really liked how the ceremony was set up. Everyone that helped organize it did an amazing job. I felt very happy and accomplished when I found out that I was salutatorian. It assured me that all my hard work these past four years paid off." Jesenia took home awards for salutatorian, the ACES award, the Scholars of Distinction Gold medal, and the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish.

Aiyana Castanon **The Outstanding Senior Girl** said, "I

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thought that the ceremony was nice for what it was. I didn't have any complaints. Though, they did allow me to cut the line and get my stuff done before anyone else. So I may be a bit biased due to my gratitude." Jesenia will be going to Wellesley College in the fall.

The awards that Aiyana Castanon took home were the ACES award, The Outstanding Senior Girl 2021 award, which came with a scholarship. She also won two more scholarships (APPLE & RIMS AVID) on top of that she was also selected as an honorable mention for the AVID 2021 Write off!

Herbert Roger Vega, The Outstanding Senior Boy said, "I enjoyed how they read out the ambitions of the distinguished students that got recognized, and for everyone how they called out their names and did a photoshoot. The music could have been a little bit softer, and I wish that everyone would have been able to recognize everybody else's achievements rather than just commemorating the person next in line."

Herbert Roger received awards for Tri-M Musical Honor Society stole, a Scholars of Distinction Medal, ACES (for Senior Year), Perfect Attendance (for Senior Year), the Outstanding Senior Boy Trophy, Banner, and a \$1000 Scholarship.

"For my undergraduate schooling, I am going to attend The Master's University in Santa Clarita to



pursue a degree in music and composition. For my graduate schooling, if it's the Lord's will, I plan to attend the Master's Seminary in Los Angeles for a Master's in Divinity to go into pastoral ministry," said Herbert.

David Black and Jesenia Lopez were selected as BHS' representatives for the Ken Hubbs Award.

Giselle Magana who also went to pick up her awards said "I thought they set up the ceremony really well, initially though I thought it was going to be like a real award assembly. I know how much of

2021 Top Bruins: Left are Mr. Alberto Lopez, Jesenia Lopez, and Mrs. Veronica Lopez. Top: Outstanding Girl Aiyana Castanon. Bottom: Mr. Arnel Vega and Herbert Vega.

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Win some lose some

Boys and girls soccer win league Lose in playoffs

Adrianna Fuentes
Staff writer

The school year is coming to an end, so that means girls and boys soccer season came to a quick end in a season that only had 10 league games. Both teams took the Sunkist League champion. If you're keeping count, that makes six years in a row that girls took first place in league.

"I felt proud that despite the circumstances of the past year, we were still able to work hard and be successful in the short time that we were given," said Isabella Murillo.

That both teams moved on to the playoff games. On May 12, girls hosted Lakewood. The Bruins took the win against St. Joseph, 1-1. They won in PKs (penalty kicks).

Unfortunately on May 14, against Redlands East Valley, the girls lost 1-3.

"I feel sad because we could have won and made it to the third round, we let it get to us and it stopped us from playing our game," said Jazmine Perez.

On May 13, the boys beat Garey 3-1. They moved on to Citrus Hill on May 15, but lost 1-3.

"I feel sad because we had potential and we had our chances but at the end it just wasn't our day. I feel like I let my team down by missing a crucial chance that would have changed the game. We knew going into the game it was going to be tough especially because we were facing problems at the beginning, but nothing went our way that game," said Carlos Cancino.

This year was difficult for all sports because of the rules and regulations they were given but

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a hassle that would be, it was nice and it felt good to be rewarded, the only thing I'll say was that we weren't able to see everyone else's awards to celebrate their success as well but it was very well executed."

Giselle took home awards for Principal's Honor Roll, Bilingual Seal for French, Norm Sharp Memorial Scholarship, and the Gold Medal Scholars of Distinction award.

Virtual Enterprise Update

11/20/2020 - Fall Western Trade Show

Rescue Wristlet

Silver (Sales Material)

Silver (Overall Sales Experience)

12/10/2020 - Western Regional Online Business Plan Competition

Sensory Serenity TOP 21

Moved onto State Competition

1/30/2021 - Western Regional Online Trade Show

Rescue Wristlet

Bronze (Valentine Advertisement)

TOP 15 California Firms

2/3/2021 - National Online Marketing Plan Competition

Sensory Serenity TOP 125 (Moved onto 2nd round out to 600)

2/4/2021 - CA State Business Plan Competition

Sensory Serenity 9th place - tied did not advance

2/18/2021 - 2nd Round National Marketing Plan Competition - Sensory Serenity Honorable Mention

4/20/21 - Virtual Enterprise International Trade Show - students open their stores online at 5am.

Sensory Serenity was visited by a team from Belgium. Students used google translate to secure a deal.

NATION

What's in the news

Vlad Barrera, Madison Barrera
News editors

School shooting

On May 6, a school shooting took place in Rigby, Idaho. The shooter, who was a sixth grade girl, had brought a handgun in her backpack and opened fire on students and staff. The shooting started at 9:15 am at Rigby Middle School. The shooter was disarmed by a teacher and was held until law enforcement took her into custody. The shooting left two students and a custodian injured.

The Colonial Pipeline Cyberattack

On May 17, it was confirmed that the group of hackers deemed the DarkSide were responsible for the Colonial Pipeline Cyberattack that occurred on May 10. The US government believes DarkSide may be taking its orders from Russia. The hacker group stole around 100 gigabytes of data and threatened to leak it all over the internet. Colonial took the systems off-line in order to contain this threat. The shut down of the pipeline led to gas shortages in the South and higher prices in California.



Attempted kidnapping

On May 19, at 7am an 11-year old girl was outside waiting for the bus in Pensacola, Florida. She was playing with blue slime, while waiting she saw a white car drive by and thought nothing of it. Then she saw the same exact car drive by again but this time it stopped and a 30-year old man named Jared Paul Stanga got out of his car, grabbed the little girl and tried to take her with him. But the little girl wasn't going without a fight, they both fell to the ground, at which one point the girl breaks free, grabs her backpack and runs away. The man gets back in the car and drives off. Deputies arrested Jared Paul Stanga and have charged him with attempted kidnapping of a child under 13, aggravated assault and battery. The sheriff searched for surveillance video, tracking down witnesses and going house to house where they found him wearing clothes that matched those worn by the man in the video and also had blue slime all over him.

Still masking in California

Don't throw away masks yet! California will stay under a mask mandate for another month. There was a growing concern that followed lifting the mask mandate for vaccinated people. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) director shocked many as she said that there's evidence to support that fully vaccinated

people no longer need to wear a mask. But California health officials and Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state's current mask rules will remain in place until June 15, which is also the target date for fully reopening the state's economy. Leading scientists and doctors have generally agreed that vaccinated people should feel very safe that they have good protection against COVID-19 so they don't need to mask up.



Jews attacked in Los Angeles

On May 19, in front of an open air restaurant in LA, two men in a car flying the Palestinian flag, yelled anti-semitic slurs at the diners, such as "Death to Jews." As the vehicle circled back towards the diners, eight people, most of whom were dressed in black, made their way to the diners and continued to get increasingly violent. At one point, a man picked up a metal stanchion and swung at a diner, knocking the diner against the car, and then the attackers proceed to punch and kick the victim. So far, two suspects of the attack have been detained and are being investigated.

Shooting of Cars on the 91 Freeway

It started about two weeks ago when a driver who was exiting the freeway heard a boom and a crackling sound on the window. Once pulled over, they realized the window was shattered. Someone, or someones, have been shooting out car windows along the 91 Freeway with a BB gun. During the past week, other drivers have reported similar incidents. As of May 21, 60 drivers on the 91 freeway have had their windows shot out.



Delayed trials back on

Back in 2018, the body of 20-year-old Mollie Tibbets was found in a cornfield, who had gone missing after a run in Brookly, Iowa. On Wednesday, in an Iowa courtroom, prosecutors delivered opening statements accusing Crsthan Bahena Rivera of following her on a run, fatally stabbing her, putting her in his vehicle's trunk and hiding her body, but he had pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

Robert Durst, an American real estate heir and suspected serial killer, has evaded a prison sentence for the longest time due to COVID. However, after a one year hiatus, his trial has finally resumed. Robert is being investigated for the disappearance of his wife in the year 1982 as well as the death of his friend Susan Berman.

OPINIONS

The paws have it

Review of shows people are talking about

Darwin Manansala
Editor

This week, I just finished catching up to one of latest anime to hit the internet, **Black Clover**. It's a Japanese anime being produced by Studio Xebec and is based on the critically acclaimed manga (Japanese comic) counterpart of the same name written by Yuki Tabata. To put it simply, the anime centers around a boy named Asta as he strives to become the "Magic King" of his nation the Clover Kingdom. The only issue with this dream is Asta is born without magic and must make do with a gift bestowed upon him by a mysterious entity; a demon of all things.

Black Clover is a Shounen anime. These types of anime are the kinds like Naruto, Fairy Tail, My Hero Academia, Bleach, and One Piece. They're essentially a "young person's comic" and typically portray a young boy learning and mastering the world they're centered in. Black Clover is cut from the same cloth as the viewer watches Asta, a non-magic user, get bullied and discriminated by society for his misfortune. Meanwhile, his foster brother gets all the praise for his natural affinity for the craft. It's early in the series does the viewer ask themselves, "Why is Asta even the main protagonist, if he just doesn't fit in the story entirely." And that question is something asked

time and time again as Asta continues to defy and push the boundaries the people of the world perceive.

Whether it's pretty fight scenes, it's well-crafted characters, or the conflicts between social class and the economic hierarchy, **Black Clover** has something for everyone. Do not let its charming and its often childish animation fool you into thinking it's a show targeted for children. It deals with important topics like depression, the affects of altruism, the issues of running a meritocracy, political feud, and death in almost every corner. Watch as Asta and his band of misfits protect a kingdom that actively despises him. Watch as Asta wins and proves them all wrong.

As highly as I speak about it there are some very glaring issues, particularly with the first few episodes. Because it's a shounen, expect a lot of pre-pubescent screaming as Asta plays the hype generator for the entire franchise. Don't worry he eventually stops screaming somewhere between the 30 episode mark. Another issue with the show itself is the

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amount of episodes it has. The anime is going strong with 170 episodes so far, with a movie in the works, and more episodes planned in the future. If that isn't the final nail in the coffin, then the animation in the earlier parts leave much to be desired as the show ran on a tight budget. The good news for shounens is that their budgets only increase as the quality of their



plot expands. With a pandemic ravaging the planet and sitting on a sofa is now the patriotic thing to do; I think one could make the time to binge watch a show or two.

At the end of the day, I give this a 3.7 out of 5 bordering a 4. I think **Black Clover** is a must watch and

will probably be the next anime high school students will be buzzing about in the near future. It wouldn't surprise me if students on campus began screaming at the top of their lungs, "Surpass your limits!" in the near future. But at the end of the day this is just one Bruin's opinion, watch the show and form your own.



Soccer season

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in the end soccer had a great season ending the season by having one loss.

"Every game was different but I think my team did very well this season, we were not always going to get the results we wanted but we gave it our all," said Paulina Moreno.

"It really didn't hit me until I was actually playing and I thought to myself this is my last season game and it's over," said Auner Castillo.

Tradition upheld



A four year tradition, started by art teacher Mr. Sam Gallo, is that selected students get to design (four per year) and paint a brick by his classroom to literally leave their mark on the school. Only AP students are given the choice, then any other senior art student may participate if there is room. "I did a meme of myself," said Sofia Eaton who did the AP portfolio and test. "My theme of my portfolio was body positivity for all women." Only three AP students volunteered to leave their mark.

Top: Sofia Eaton. Middle: Carina Camarillo Bottom: Diana Sandoval

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Seniors final say Poll of the month

Seniors, what advice would you give to the underclassmen

"Don't be afraid to try something new. Make new friends, try out for a sports team. You'll look back and wish you did all the things you were too afraid to do."

Iyari Limon

"I would tell underclassmen to always be yourself and not to care what other people think. Do whatever makes you happy. Friends come and go, so don't get too attached to anybody. Always speak up for yourself because you are your only advocate; you're the only person you can rely on. Always defend yourself in any situation, and don't be afraid to try new things. This is a time where you are going to find out who you really are and who you want to be. Be unapologetically you."

Jenessa Guzman

"My advice to underclassmen would have to be to get involved with school, join clubs, make friends, create memories because high school goes by fast and you'll never get those memories back."

Janaey Flores

"The best advice I would give to underclassmen is to not procrastinate because you'll definitely regret it later."

Annalya Gomez

"I just want the underclassmen to trust their gut, make their own decisions, and not be afraid to stand out and be themselves. Not staying true to yourself and making your own decisions is something you might regret. Just always do what you love."

Cynthia Hernandez

"I would tell them to enjoy the four years because it really does go by fast and cherish the memories."

Brian Hernandez

"Don't let failing a class get you down, you can retake it and gain those credits, and take PE and economics at options for youth during the summer, that is a game changer. I believe in you."

Jackie Hernandez

"Enjoy high school, have fun and make time to make memories."

Yessica Gutierrez

"Try to find balance between work and fun. You're going to experience new things in high school which is great, just don't forget about the learning part."

Jared Nery

"Don't be afraid to try. Not all things will work out, but those that do may seem unimaginable to live without. Bravery is necessary in allowing yourself to be found. So do what I realized too late into my high school career. Swallow that initial fear and take the leap."

Aiyana Castanon

"Enjoy high school, don't get caught up with who has your back and who doesn't. Just focus on yourself."

Shahin Judeh

"Focus on yourself not others."

Karlo Dones

"Stay in school don't do drugs."

Julio Vazquez

"You can't please everyone, so just be kind and do what makes you happy."

Cynthia Hernandez

"Hardest battles, for the strongest warriors."

Jacob Jones

"If you fear trials, then you can't say you're living."

Samijay Fleming-Feurtado

"Nothing in life is impossible as long as you take that first step."

Ashley Lloyd

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Double Trouble

Two birthdays pass during COVID

Nia Gordon, Melissa Moran
Staff writer

Having a birthday during a pandemic sucks, but having two is just terrible. Early March of 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic. Officially, on March 19 California issued a statewide stay-at-home order which meant everything was put on pause. Work was canceled, school was canceled, and life as we know it was forever altered. COVID truly rained on everyone's parade.

Sadly, with everything being on pause that also meant all birthday plans had to be altered. Some people who already had their birthday once during quarantine now have to do it again. The stay-at-home mandate really ruined several peoples' hopes for any plans for a normal birthday.

"My birthday is March 30; I'm a Pisces. I honestly felt sad because I didn't get to spend it with my friends. Especially because the first time around I had my quince planned and the second time was my sixteenth birthday. I just spent time with family for my fifteenth birthday and had a drive-thru party for my sixteenth birthday," said sophomore Elizabeth Hernandez.

With life as we know it being completely shifted we had to adapt and think of new ways to live. One new way people celebrated birthdays were with drive-thru parties. Instead of the traditional parties with decorated tables and streamers, this reverse-parade style party involves decorating your house and front lawn to announce to the world that it is someone's birthday. You invite people and they drive through your street to greet the birthday person.

"I am a Taurus and my birthday is May 2. I think this year wasn't as bad as last year because I had to deal with the heartbreak of not having my quince the way I planned since I was seven. Last year, I didn't do

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May gray is here

AP testing month comes to BHS

Javier Murillo
Staff writer

May should be renamed "Pull Your Hair Out Month", or "My Hair Is Turning Grey Month" as almost every weekday has some kind of AP test being taking around the US. COVID did not stop 332 students from taking 484 tests during this month for Bloomington.

Chloe Camarillo was one of 70 students who took the AP Spanish Language test. "This past week I took some of the most stressful and important exams of my life, the AP exams. I took the AP Spanish exam, the AP US History exam, and I have the AP Physics exam coming up. To prepare for the exams I watched a Youtube review and went over my notes. My teachers gave practice exams which helped me a lot to get an idea of what to expect. I took the AP Spanish exam at school. The classroom I took the exam in was quiet so it was easy for me to focus. I took the AP US History exam at home. I liked it better because I didn't have to ask to use the restroom and I could get up to walk around or to get something to drink when I needed to. I feel very confident on how I performed and I cannot wait to see my scores. The only thing I would've done differently is get eight hours of sleep the night before my exam instead of staying up late to study."

According to Mrs. Erica Macdonald, assistant principal in charge of AP testing, there were 20 different tests taken. "May 3-14 paper exams were given on site. On May 18-June 10 digital exams either from home or on-site were given.

Alexis Velasco took five different tests. "In order to prepare for these exams I reviewed notes and classwork from the entire school year. The exams that I am taking are AP US History, AP World History, AP Spanish Language, AP Physics, and AP English 3. The testing environment was very peaceful and quiet which allowed me to concentrate very well. If I was able to do something different I would have done more outside research rather than just

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Double Trouble birthdays

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anything besides have cake with my immediate family. This year was better because I was able to hang out with my friends and do things with them,"

With COVID erupting out of nowhere it was truly devastating to have so many plans canceled so quickly. Despite the struggles of COVID we try to make the best out of every situation. With everything finally opening again it was much easier to find things to do this year compared to last year when COVID-19 felt extremely new.

"My birthday is April 22 and I'm a Taurus. The first year was kind of upsetting because I couldn't do anything, the second time was better because I went

to the beach with friends," said Janet Lopez.

Due to COVID, some people didn't get to have birthday plans at all. Plans were ruined, trips canceled, and nothing to do on what's supposed to be a joyous day. This year streamers, balloons, confetti, and party hats quickly turned into masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers, and disinfectant sprays. Unfortunately, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, and Geminis unfortunately. To contain the spread of COVID-19 parks, restaurants, and stores are opening up but with modifications. With this news hopefully we can see more birthday celebrations.

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o by Alexis Kelly

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AP tests

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the source I was given. I feel very confident in my work and I can't wait to see my scores!"

Brandon Gonzalez took some exams at home and at school. "I took the AP Spanish and AP US History exam and I will be taking the AP Physics next week. To prepare for these important exams I have reviewed all my notes and watched videos to fully understand these concepts. I was able to take the AP Spanish exam at the school, the environment was very nice and everyone was quiet and respectful. I took the AP US history exam at home and I felt much more comfortable and relaxed. I felt really confident on both exams and I have a good feeling about them. If I was able to do something different I would have asked for more clarification from my teachers.

"I want to thank all the staff who helped proctor the exams. Ms. and Mr. Sutherland for getting snacks. Ms. Wright and ASB for providing goodie bags. Cynthia Vallarta for organizing the exams!" said Mrs. Macdonald

AP tests given in the month of May

German Language and Culture
 Spanish Language and Culture
 French Language and Culture
 Biology
 Physics 1
 Chemistry
 Computer Science A
 Macroeconomics
 US History
 World History
 US Government and Politics
 Psychology
 English Language and Composition
 English Literature and Composition
 Calculus AB
 Calculus BC
 Drawing
 2-D Art
 3-D Art

Poll of the month

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"Don't live someone else's dream, find your own."
 Jovon Davies

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." I love this quote by Oprah Winfrey."
 Salyah Fleming-Feurtado

"Go to school events, play sports, be involved, and have fun!! It goes by fast, so make the best of it."
 Ruby Martinez

"Make sure you enjoy and cherish your high school years, but also take it seriously. Make sure you stay focused and pass your classes."
 Kristina Zamora

"To all my younger classmates, do your work on time and don't be lazy. Don't let stuff pile up; get it done when it's due. Get that passing grade so you can graduate. Don't regret your decision early on in high school. Make fun memories not boring ones."
 Frank Ybarra

"My advice to incoming freshmen is to not doubt yourself, you are capable of so much more and to know your worth!"
 Jennifer Zaragoza

"I'd tell them to enjoy it, go out go to the football games. Try something new and over all be yourself don't try and change for nobody."
 Auner Castillo

"Enjoy school because time is gonna fly by so fast."
 Cristofer Baca

"I would say to give it your all throughout your last four years of high school or you'll regret it because it flies by in an instant but also remember to enjoy it and participate in activities because when you graduate you'll think about the things you wish you could have done and hope you did more."
 Paloma Rosales

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Finally, A Senior Event

ASB hosted two senior events, movie night on May 21 and a yearbook signing party featuring In-n-Out burgers on May 28. Both events were free.

For the movie night, the movie selected was **The Sandlot**. But as Madison Barrera said, "No one watched the movie. Everyone just talked all night. It was great." The event included popcorn, juice, candy and a blanket which came in handy. Temperatures fell to the mid 60's with a cold wind by the end of the movie.

Photos by Brianda Luis and Oscar Ruiz



Top clockwise: Christopher Cortez and Marcos Gutierrez spend their last evening at BHS..... Brianda Luis and Bryanna Cruz write messages to the Class of 2021..... Eleyca Martinez and Lailanee Murillo share popcorn and memories.... Celeste Espinoza, Sierra Thomas, and Juan Hernandez have an Instagram moment.

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And still more senior events....



Top clockwise: Graduation practice on May 28. Ms. Misty Wright (in pink) announces the Best Of The Class of 2021. Winners received a swag bag filled with candy and other senior treats. Michelle Rendon and Mario Espinoza won for best couple..... Alissa Lobo holds up her Principal's Honor Roll award....Mr. Michael Bedard hands out grad cards at practice....Senior check out on May 27, Josue Vasquez buys a yearbook from Ms. Desrochers.....Brianna Enriquez shows off her yearbook.



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Graduation festivities: Best friends Nylah Gordon, Jaine Igoe, Jessica Yanez, Jacob Jones, and Xavier Ramirez were all in ROTC together.....Valedictorian Windell Viste thanked his family in Tagalog. He will be attending UCLA..... Ms. Lisa Padilla and Mr. Michael Bedard carry on the tradition of reading names. After 30 years of being a big part of graduation ceremonies (35 years at BHS), Mr. Bedard will retire..... ASB VP Vianey Martinez Lopez leads the turning of the tassels from left to right..... ROTC was represented by Miriam Montes De Oca, Vivian Mesa, Aldo Medina, Joseph Torres.... Salutatorian Jesenia Lopez was accepted to Wellesley College, Mass.

