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*SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PTA
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President's Message

South High Students & Families,

The second quarter of the school year is well underway, and our Spartans have been working hard, having fun & making memories! Like you, we are so happy to have students back on campus, enjoying hands-on learning, in-person school spirit, and face to face friendships.

This past month, South High PTA hosted a virtual **Parent/Student Ed Night** on mental health, self-medicating, and student stress. Our amazing speaker, **Mr. Alex Gray**, is a professional surfer and motivational speaker who uses his own family's experience with depression and drug abuse to reach today's youth. A recording of this webinar is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=diQwfiNflvg&authuser=0>

We hosted a **Study Skills Seminar**, which was attended by over 50 freshmen, and **ACT & SAT Practice Tests** for nearly 200 students. We encouraged student political engagement through the **Rock the Vote** campaign and hosted the annual **Reflections Art Program** (see results on page 2). It's been a busy yet fulfilling few months.

So many people contribute to making South High the best it can be, for its students and youth in our community. If you know someone that fits this description, please consider nominating him/her for an **Honorary Service Award**. A nomination form is attached.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following...

PTA Awards Night (2/16) – Join us in celebrating some very special Spartans and members of our community. Winners of our Reflections Art Program, as well as recipients of PTA Honorary Service Awards, will be presented. Our third Association Meeting of the year will take place as well.

South High PTA College & Career Fair (TBD) – SHS & TUSD are working to create a COVID-friendly College & Career Fair for our students. Stay tuned for more information.

Sacramento Safari (TBD) - Due to COVID-19, the 2021-2022 Sacramento Safari, which was scheduled for February 2022, has been postponed. More information will be shared as available.

If you have any questions regarding the PTA or would like to volunteer, please contact a Board Member. Additionally, feel free to fill out the attached **Straw Ballot** for next year's **PTA Executive Board**. We would love to see some new faces!

Happy holidays, stay healthy, & enjoy your winter break!

Michelle Briggs, PTA President

Deanna Diederich, PTA Vice President

REFLECTIONS...

Thank you to the students that took part in our annual **Reflections Art Program**. Our judges were so impressed by the submissions - South High Spartans are a very talented bunch. This year's theme was, "I Will Change the World By...", and our students proved they will change the world in many creative ways.

Congratulations to our "**Award of Excellence**" recipients who will be moving on to the District level:



LITERATURE: Zuzu Jenni, 9th
VISUAL ARTS: Mizuki Morisaki, 9th
FILM PRODUCTION: Phoebe McClain, 10th
PHOTOGRAPHY: Kotaru Fujita, 10th
MUSIC COMPOSITION: Raymond Tsai, 12th

All winners will be announced and celebrated at our **PTA Awards Night** on February 16th. Thank you to our volunteer judges for their hard work.

Julie Sullivan

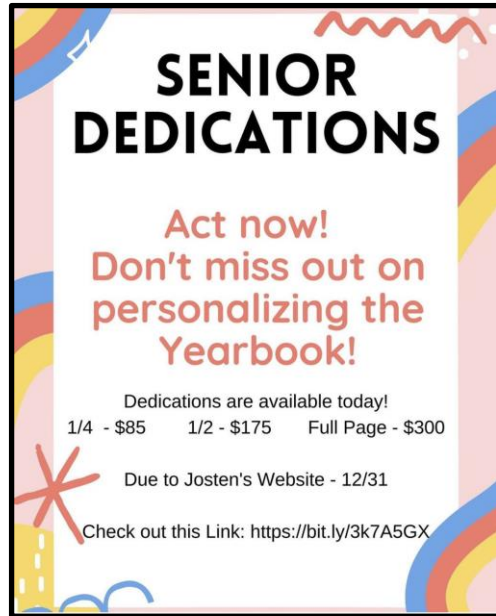
Reflections Chair

Senior **Avery McDowell** recently earned her Girl Scout Gold Award for her work towards creating a **Civics Club** at South High School. She and a group of politically-minded students celebrated **Voter Registration Day** on September 28th by assisting students with their online voter registration. We applaud their interest and participation in our democracy.



SENIORS...

- **GRAD Night** tickets are still available. Information & permission slip can be found on pages 7-8.
- **PTA Scholarship** applications are due December 19th! Link: <https://bit.ly/3Hu7IMV>
Students MUST BE a PTA member to apply. Membership flyer below or contact Membership Chair Suzanne French for information: suzannefrench@verizon.net.
- Yearbook's **SENIOR AD** information below.



SENIOR DEDICATIONS

Act now!
Don't miss out on personalizing the Yearbook!

Dedications are available today!
1/4 - \$85 1/2 - \$175 Full Page - \$300

Due to Josten's Website - 12/31

Check out this Link: <https://bit.ly/3k7A5GX>

HELP WANTED

Do you or someone you know have a green thumb?
We're looking for someone to help lead
Campus Beautification in the spring! Parents, students, and community members welcome!
Interested or need more info? Please reach out to
VP of Programs, Gina Magee at
gmmagee65@gmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

December

1 st	PTA Board Meeting & Dinner, 6pm*
8 th	Choir Concert, 7pm
15 th	Band Concert, 7pm
19 th	Local Scholarship apps due
20 th -31 st	Winter Break

January

3 rd	Classes resume
5 th	PTA Board Meeting, 7pm*
17 th	MLK Day – no school
20 th -22 nd	Finals

February

2 nd	PTA Board Meeting, 7pm*
11 th	Lincoln's Birthday - no school
16 th	PTA Awards Night & Association Meeting, 6pm*
21 st	Presidents' Day - no school

*denotes PTA-sponsored even



HONORARY SERVICE AWARD (HSA)

NOMINATION FORM 2022

Each year, South High PTA celebrates the spirit of volunteerism and service. It's a time to recognize members of our Spartan community who have made significant contributions with their time, energy, talents, and service to help make our school and community a better place.

Recent Award Recipients

2021: Jennifer Fisher, Michelle Fournier, Debbie Holzbauer, Brittany Stanley

2020: Michelle Briggs, Mary Roberts, Carly Shultz

2019: Erika Esquivel, Carol LaRue, Scott McDowell, Amy Paris

Here's your opportunity to nominate a deserving person!

Name of nominee: _____

Reason for nomination: _____

Your name: _____

Email: _____

All nominations will be considered by the South High HSA Committee.

Due date for consideration is **Monday, January 3, 2022.**

SUBMIT FORM TO:

Email: D. Diederich, HSA Chairperson at dcdiederich17@gmail.com

Mail/deliver: SHS office, attention PTA

Thank you for your submission!

PTA Straw Ballot

South High PTA Board

2022-2023

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for the 2022-2023 school year. The SHS PTA Nominating Committee is set to begin working on next year's Executive Board and would greatly value your suggestions and input.

You may share your nominations (parent, community member, yourself) with us here. Please note, straw ballots are not binding - nominees will be contacted to gauge his/her interest. You may suggest more than one name for an office, and you may leave some positions open. **We'd love to see some new faces!**

Descriptions of each job can be found at: <https://capta.org/pta-leaders/run-your-pta/job-descriptions/>

President _____

1st VP _____

2nd VP _____

3rd VP _____

4th VP _____

Recording Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Financial Secretary _____

Auditor _____

Historian _____

Nominations will be collected through 2/1/22.

Please fold and seal your Straw Ballot and turn in to the school office.
SHS PTA, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505
Or you may email your nominations to Parliamentarian Olga Di Franco
at odifranco_pta@yahoo.com



SCAN ME!

JOIN PTA SCHOLARSHIPS for SENIORS!

To be eligible, the SENIOR (not the parent)
must be a PTA member. To join, scan the
QR code or visit

<https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/south-high-pta>

**Questions? (or to check
if you've already joined):
suzannefrench@verizon.net**



GRAD Night 2022

(Graduates Resisting Alcohol & Drugs)

WHAT: A supervised, all-night final celebration for our 2022 South High graduates. It is sponsored by the SHS PTA & 2022 GRAD Night Committee, with support from the school and community. This event is completely funded by ticket sales and fundraising events.

WHEN: Thursday, June 16th; 9pm—Friday, June 17th; 5am

WHERE: Historically, the location of GRAD Night has been kept secret from both students & parents. It will be held in the Los Angeles area...students must arrive & depart by bus.

COST: Price includes transportation, unlimited food & drink, entertainment, t-shirt & prizes.

\$165—ticket price without the initial deposit

*Full payment must be received by May 31, 2022

*Cash or check, made payable to SHS PTA

*Fill out form and return with payment & permission slip (copies in K-1 or on the SHS website under "Seniors") to K-1, at Senior Parent Night, or mail at any time to Deanna Diederich 439 Calle de Castellana Redondo Beach 90277

*Full refund if requested by 12/17/21; 50% refund if requested by 4/15/22

QUESTIONS: Contact 2022 GRAD Night Chair, Deanna Diederich at dcdiederich17@gmail.com.

GRAD Night 2022

SENIOR NAME: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (**circle**): S M L XL XXL

(Sizes needed by 5/31/22. All students **MUST** wear this t-shirt to GRAD Night—it serves as your ticket for admittance. No paper tickets will be distributed.)

Returned checks will be subject to a \$20 processing fee.

South High 2022 GRAD Night – Medical & Liability Release Form/Permission Slip

This form MUST be completed by all parents/guardians and seniors attending the South High 2022 GRAD Night on June 16 – 17, 2022. ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 31, 2022.

Student Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

List phone number(s) where parent/guardian can be reached during GRAD Night hours, 9pm-5am.

Parent/Guardian Emergency Phone(s) _____

Please provide the following information for the above named student:

1. List any allergies: _____
2. List any known health problems: _____
3. List any medications currently being taken: _____
 All medication must be checked in and held by South High 2022 GRAD Night Chaperones.
4. Emergency contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached:
 Name _____ Phone _____

We understand that South High graduates will be under the supervision of the South High 2022 GRAD Night adult chaperones or their authorized representatives. We give our permission to the adult chaperones of the South High 2022 GRAD Night and PD Special Events staff to obtain medical aid or assistance and the administration of medicines or treatment as might be ordered or administered by a licensed physician as might be required for the care of me/my son/daughter in the event such help becomes necessary. In no event shall the South High 2022 GRAD Night Committee, its officers, chaperones, or agents (including but not limited to PD Special Events staff) be held liable for any aid rendered, treatments, drugs and medicines, or surgical procedures performed pursuant to this contract. **Initial** _____

We further understand that this event is an all-night event, and we acknowledge being aware of the inherent risks with an event of this type. We release and forever discharge the South High 2022 GRAD Night Committee officers, employees, South High School, South High PTA, PD Special Events staff, vendors and/or agents for the foregoing, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action on account of death or any injury which may occur by reason of attending the South High 2022 GRAD Night. We also agree to allow South High School Administration (or their assignee) to sign any additional liability waivers as required by this event. **Initial** _____

We further acknowledge that this event is an alcohol, drug, and cigarette free event, and we understand that if me/my son/daughter arrives at the South High 2022 GRAD Night event under the influence or in possession of alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco, a parent/guardian will be called to pick them up and that no monies will be refunded against fees paid by myself or my son/daughter to attend this event. We understand that the School Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct rules will be enforced. **Initial** _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be completed in full or student will not be admitted – due by May 31, 2022

Drop in designated box in K-I or mail to: Deanna Diederich, 439 Calle de Castellana, Redondo Beach, CA 90277