

SPARTAN SCRIBE

*SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PTA
A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

South High Students & Families,

These last three months have flown by, and we find ourselves counting down the days until summer break and the graduation of our senior Spartans. We've been able to pack in some memorable PTA events and celebrations lately. Check out this, our final Spartan Scribe of the year, for highlights.

We hosted an incredibly productive Campus Beautification in April, that was attended by over 30 South High students, staff members, and parents. These volunteers, led by Chair Darby Terry, gave up their Saturday morning to get dirty, making SHS look fantastic in the process. Pictures from the event can be found on pages 5-6. PTA also hosted appreciation days for our South High staff and teachers – see highlights on page 3. Most recently, Chair Lisa Martini worked with the three additional TUSD high schools to help put on the annual College Fair. We hope your student was able to take part and gained valuable information from the more than 70 representatives on hand from universities, trade & community schools, and branches of the military.

Our final event of the year is the upcoming Class of 2022 Grad Night. Chairs Deanna Diederich and Theresa Mummery, as well as countless senior parent volunteers, have been working for months, planning a fabulous final event for our seniors. This shared celebration between classmates, before they head off in different directions, is sure to be a great time.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that our 2022 PTA gift to school is funding for the improvement of an indoor/outdoor weight room on the South High campus. We're sure future Spartans will put it to great use.

None of what we accomplished this year would have been possible without some amazing volunteers. A big THANK YOU goes out to the talented and dedicated group that make up our South High PTA!

Wishing you all a safe & restful summer!
Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

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Make sure you're following South High and South High PTA on social media!

Instagram:

@southhighspartans & @southhighpta

Facebook:

@southtorrancehigh & @southhighpta

SHS PTA SCHOLARSHIPS...

South High PTA is pleased to announce the three graduating seniors being awarded this year's South High PTA Scholarships. These individuals all excelled at South High, both academically and through extracurricular activities, as well as in the community. We wish them much luck in their future endeavors.



AUDREY KIM

Audrey Kim is a writer who has been published in *Southbay Magazine* and has won gold & silver medals in the Scholastic Program - Western Region. She also placed first in the 2021 Visions of Unity Contest.

Audrey is President of the National Honor Society and Vice President of the Apollo Athena Service Club—while keeping a 4.6 GPA. This amazing Spartan is grateful to South High teacher Debbie Park who encouraged her to enter the Korean essay contest, which culminated with the grand prize.

Audrey was awarded early-acceptance at Stanford University and will be studying English and Political Science in the fall.



KAYLEIGH FORT

Kayleigh Fort has served as Vice President of the SHS Marine Club for three years, as well as both Historian & Treasurer of the National Honor Society. She's a member of CFS and interned at the Lundquist Institute Harbor UCLA Medical Center, all while achieving a 4.6 GPA. Kayleigh's favorite teacher is Mrs. Malone, the faculty advisor to the Marine Science Club, who has mentored and supported this Spartan throughout her time at South.

In the fall, Kayleigh will attend UC Berkeley's Rausser College of Natural Resources and we are so excited for her.



BRUCE KOK

Bruce Kok, an award-winning piano player, is a member of CFS, the Apollo Athena Service Club, and Sustainable South. His favorite high school memory is making CIF with the Spartan Swim Team as a freshman.

Off campus, Bruce volunteers for the LA County Student Election Worker Program, registering voters & working at the polls. He also competes on the Swim Torrance club swim team while managing a 3.9 GPA.

Bruce is planning to attend El Camino College in the fall and hopes to find sustainable ways to help the Earth. He is grateful for the support of SHS Spanish teacher Eliana O'Keefe, Swim Torrance Coach Brian Timmerman, and most importantly, his mom, Sharon.

REFLECTIONS UPDATE...



KOTARO FUJITA, 10th grade
Respect in Front of You

“Cell phones are crucial to our daily life. I also got my phone last year. There are things I noticed. We are controlled by social media and the virtual world. The world will be changed better if we leave our cell phone and focus on the people and things in front of us.”

California PTA – Special Artist, Photography,
Outstanding Interpretation
National PTA - Special Artist, Photography,
Award of Excellence

Congratulations, Kotaro!

Get a jump start on Reflections 2022-2023! Next year’s theme is **SHOW YOUR VOICE** - information can be found here: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>.

STAFF & TEACHER APPRECIATION...

The hard work and dedication of the teachers and staff at South High School is on display every day. We recently celebrated these amazing individuals with Clerical, Staff, and Teacher Appreciation Days on campus.

Our staff members each received a delicious Bundt cake from Nothing Bundt Cakes to satisfy their sweet tooth. Our teachers were treated to a catered lunch by HT Grill.

Thank you to PTA’s Theresa Mummery, Dawn North, and Julie Sullivan for organizing these endeavors.

Make sure your teachers know just how much you appreciate them!



GOODBYE, PRINCIPAL FOURNIER!



After 33 years at South High School, as a Student Teacher, Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal, Mrs. Michelle Fournier is retiring at the end of the 2022 school year.

She has always been a champion of PTA and the work we do, and for that we are incredibly grateful. Mrs. Fournier regularly attended meetings, volunteered at our events, and supported our programs and goals.

We wish her all the best and a fabulous retirement, during which she plans on traveling, reconnecting with her friends, and spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

June

1 st	PTA Board Meeting*
3 rd	Class Comp #4
11 th	Baccalaureate, 6pm
14 th -16 th	Finals
15 th	Class of 2022 Graduation, 6pm
16 th	Last day of school
16 th -17 th	Class of 2022 Grad Night, 9pm*

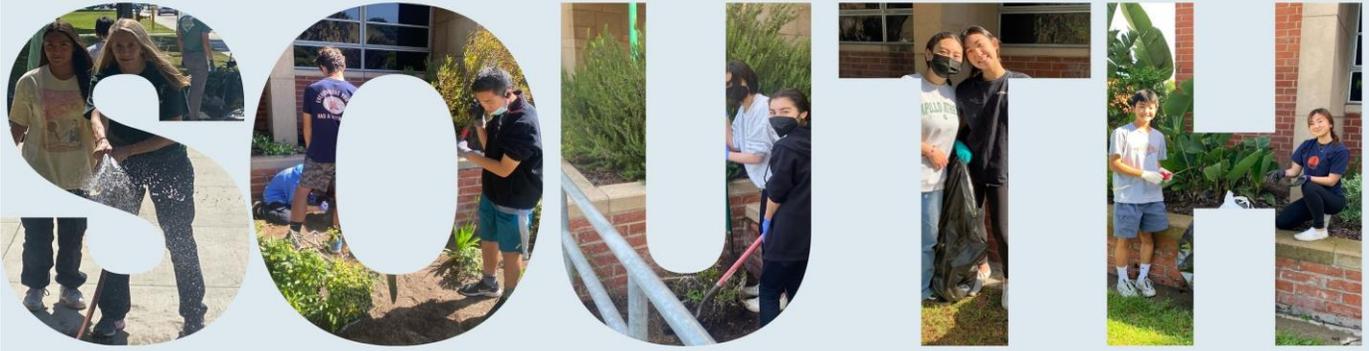
August

15 th -17 th	Registration
24 th	PTA Membership Lunch for Teachers & Staff*, time TBA
25 th	First Day of School

September

5 th	Labor Day – no school
7 th	PTA Board Meeting, 7pm*
21 st	Back to School Night/PTA Association Meeting*, time TBA

*denotes PTA-sponsored event



CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION WAS A SUCCESS!

30+ volunteers came out to support the South High campus garden cleanup and planting on April 30th!



MANY THANKS

to the Environmental Club, Apollo Athena volunteers, incoming 9th graders, and all the students and parents who joined us for campus cleanup!

Thousands of pine needles filled over 20 garbage bags. Over 35 water-wise plants were planted in the front gardens, including rosemary, lavender, succulents, and ground cover; and then topped off with wood chips to help retain moisture.

