

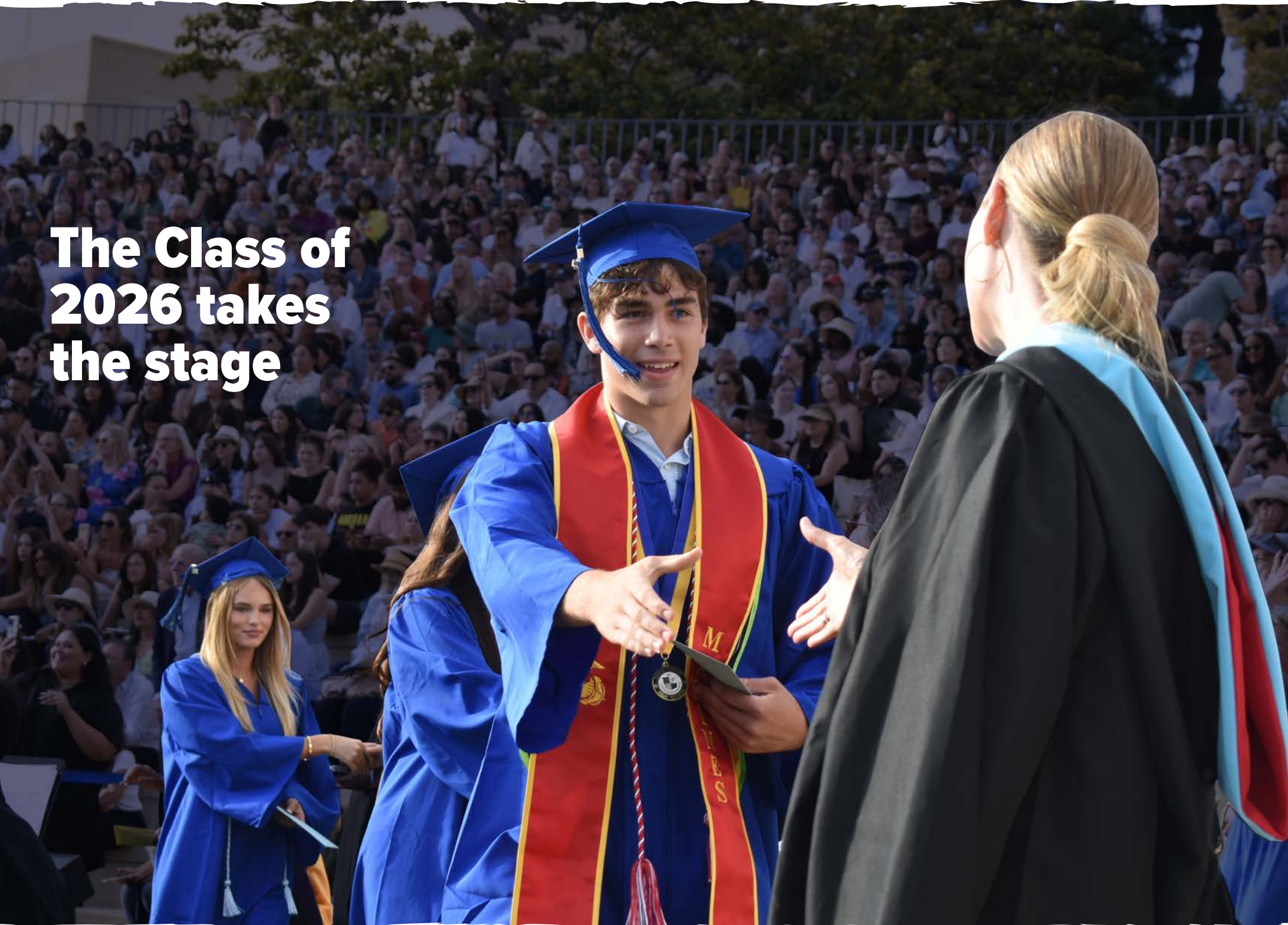


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SMMUSD SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANTONIO SHELTON MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2026

Dear Santa Monica High School, Malibu High School and Olympic High School Graduates, Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Today marks an important milestone and a celebration of all that you have accomplished throughout your educational journey. Behind every cap and gown are years of hard work, perseverance, growth and experiences that helped shape the individuals you are today.

Throughout your time in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, you demonstrated resilience, curiosity and compassion while continuing to support one another and contribute to your school communities in meaningful ways. You navigated challenges, celebrated achievements and embraced opportunities that allowed you to grow both inside and outside the classroom.

We have watched you lead conversations that matter, showcase your creativity and talents, support your peers and represent your schools with

pride. Through academics, athletics, arts, activities, service and personal achievement, you have left a lasting impact on your campuses and inspired those around you.

As you take your next steps, whether you are attending a college or university, entering the workforce, pursuing a trade or certificate program, serving your community or exploring a new path, know that you leave here with the knowledge, skills and determination needed to make a positive difference in the world. Continue to stay curious, believe in yourselves and lead with integrity, kindness and purpose.

We believe in you. We celebrate you. And we are excited to see all that you will accomplish in the years ahead. Always remember that your voice matters, your experiences matter and your future is filled with possibility.

On behalf of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, congratulations to the Class of 2026. We wish you continued success, happiness and fulfillment in all that lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Antonio Shelton, Superintendent



ALICIA MIGNANO, SMMUSD SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT



LAURIE LIEBERMAN, SMMUSD SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Today marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of countless new possibilities. Whether you are heading to college, starting a career, serving your community or exploring a new path, know that your voice, talents and perspective matter. The future will be shaped by people willing to learn, lead and contribute, and I have no doubt that you are ready for the journey ahead. Wherever life takes you, remember that you will always be a part of the SMMUSD community. Best wishes for happiness, success and meaningful adventures ahead. ¡Enhorabuena a la clase de 2026! Hoy marca el final de una etapa y el comienzo de innumerables nuevas posibilidades. Ya sea que vayan a la universidad, comiencen una carrera, sirvan a su comunidad o exploren una nueva trayectoria, sepan que sus voces, talentos y perspectivas importan. El futuro estará marcado por personas dispuestas a aprender, liderar y contribuir, y no tengo ninguna duda de que están preparados para el camino que tienen por delante. Dondequiera que les lleve la vida, recuerden que siempre formarán parte de la comunidad de SMMUSD. Les deseo mucha felicidad, éxito y aventuras significativas por delante.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 on reaching this incredible milestone! As you step forward into your next chapter, I wish you curiosity, courage, and confidence in all that lies ahead. Take time to explore different paths, follow what excites you, and don't feel confined by expectations or limits.

Work hard and stay committed, but remember to also care for your well-being along the way. Be kind to others, stay grounded, and make space for joy in both learning and life. When challenges come, don't hesitate to lean on those around you and ask for support.

Your SMMUSD family will always be here, rooting for you and your future. Cheers to you, Class of 2026!

CONGRATULATIONS FROM SMMUSD



**JON KEAN, SMMUSD SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBER**

Graduates. This day carries a unique significance for each of you.

For some, this is a first for your families. For others, this is an expected step along your educational journeys. For a few, this is a day that was unimaginable due to circumstances in your lives. But for all of you who cross the stage and move your tassel from the right to the left, this is a day of accomplishment. Celebrate what you have accomplished, all the while knowing that there are far more tomorrows in your futures than yesterdays in your pasts. Each of you will continue on your own individual path, and the only certainty is that the path will undoubtedly change due to personal choices or external realities. This is expected. As the great scholar Mike Tyson once said: "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face." When life punches you in the face, and it will on occasion, remember today, and remember your successes. Remember that you can set goals and reach them. Dream as big as you want but act with focus. The only way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time. So start eating.



**DR. STACY WILLIAMSON, SMMUSD
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT,
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Class of 2026, your journey has been about so much more than earning a diploma. Along the way, you discovered new interests, challenged yourselves, built meaningful relationships and found your unique place within your school community. Each experience, whether a success, setback or unexpected opportunity, helped shape the person you are becoming. As you move forward, continue to approach the world with curiosity, courage and an openness to learning. Stay true to your values, embrace new perspectives and never underestimate the impact you can have on those around you. We are proud of all you have accomplished and excited to see the many ways you will contribute, lead and make a difference in the years ahead.

Congratulations!



**MARIA LEON-VAZQUEZ, SMMUSD
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

Congrats Class of 2026! Felicidades Clase de 2026! You finished your first stop of your journey of life! Hoping you all had a great ride at SMMUSD and that the education received will get you to your next stop of your journey! Don't forget to have FUN and enjoy Life! Terminaron su primera etapa en su jornada de la vida! Espero que tuvieron un gran viaje en SMMUSD y que la educación recibida les llevara a la siguiente etapa de su jornada. No olviden divertirse y disfrutar de la vida!



**GERARDO CRUZ, SMMUSD ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS
SERVICES & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Your dedication, perseverance and commitment have led you to this incredible milestone. Throughout your educational journey, you have demonstrated resilience, adaptability and determination, qualities that will serve you well in whatever path you choose next. We are proud to celebrate your achievements and excited to see the contributions you will make in your communities and beyond. Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in all that lies ahead.



**DR. STEVE RICHARDSON, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Iwish all of you the best as you move toward this next season in your lives. My hope for you is that you bring compassion to the world at a time when we most need it. This starts with self-compassion. Your path toward your dreams will likely not be linear. When you're confronted with a bump in the road, meet that unexpected challenge with curiosity versus a sense of defeat. Know you are equipped to accomplish your goals no matter the direction life takes you. Congratulations Class of 2026!



**JEN SMITH, SMMUSD SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBER**

Congratulations, Class of 2026. You have made it through a demanding and often unpredictable stretch of your lives and reached an important milestone worth recognizing. When future challenges arise, it may help to remember what you have already overcome to get here,

including the moments that felt uncertain or difficult at the time. Take pride in this achievement as you look ahead. You have completed a long educational journey, and now you step into a new stage with more independence and possibility in front of you.



**DR. DOUGLAS MEZA, SMMUSD
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, HUMAN
RESOURCES**

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 on completing this important chapter. Today reflects years of steady effort, commitment, and perseverance, and it is a moment to recognize how far you have come through both challenges and achievements.

Throughout your journey, you have adapted to change, worked through obstacles, and continued moving forward even when things were not easy. In doing so, you have built resilience, gained perspective, and strengthened your understanding of yourself and others. These qualities will continue to guide you well beyond graduation.

As you step into what comes next, whether that is college, career, service, or other paths, remember that your experiences here have prepared you in ways that may not always be immediately visible. Trust in your ability to grow, adjust, and create your own direction.

We are proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to what you will do next. Congratulations!



**DR. RICHARD TAHVILDARAN-JESSWEIN,
SMMUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

Dear Class of 2026, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulations on completing this important chapter of your education. Your hard work, persistence, and commitment have brought you to this moment, and it is well deserved.

As you move forward, take with you the skills, experiences, and lessons you have gained here. They will continue to guide you as you take on new opportunities and challenges in the next stage of your journey.

We are proud of you and excited to see what you accomplish next.



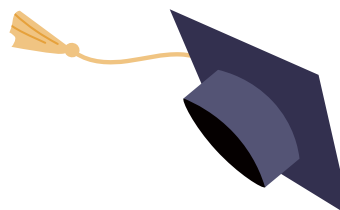
**ISAAC BURGESS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MALIBU PATHWAY &
SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Congratulations on reaching this first of many milestones. You have worked hard to get to this point, and I wish you many successes in the years to come as you continue working toward your future goals and aspirations. I encourage you to reflect on and thank the many people who have supported you along the way including your families, teachers, administrators, support staff and friends. May this achievement be the beginning of an exciting journey filled with opportunity, growth and happiness. All the best to you, Graduates of 2026!



**STACY ROUSE, SMMUSD SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBER**

Congratulations, Class of 2026! While today marks the end of one chapter, it is also the beginning of many new possibilities. Carry forward the lessons, friendships and memories you've made along the way, and trust in yourself as you pursue your dreams. We are proud to celebrate this moment with you.



CONGRATULATIONS

You've made it to graduation, each with your own experiences, challenges, and dreams—and now your journey continues. Wherever you go, be courageous, move confidently towards the things you dream of, and stay true to yourself. You all have the power to do good for your fellow Californians, your communities, and the world. Congratulations, Class of 2026.

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California



CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Fellow Viking – Class of 2026,

Congratulations on your tremendous achievement! Our community is so proud of the work you've done and the determination you have shown as you graduate from high school and proceed into the next stages of life! I think back very fondly on my time at Samohi, the friends I made, the lessons I learned, experiences I had, and the wonderful teachers, administrators, and staff who enriched my experience. I hope you enjoyed your time at Samohi and wish you the very best of luck with your future endeavors!

The world looks quite a bit different today compared to when you first started school, and the past few years have asked a lot of you, just as the next few will as well. Through all the uncertainty, you have risen to the occasion and shown up for your classmates, your friends, family, and community. With all of the excitement you're feeling, take a moment to look back on your journey—everyone who encouraged you along the way, the passions you discovered, and the challenges you overcame. Continue to reflect on and embrace each of these lasting impressions and they will positively influence the path upon which you are about to embark.

This graduation is hopefully one of many milestones you will reach in life. Regardless of the path you choose, I am confident the wonderful Class of 2026 will make remarkable contributions to help our community and world! In fact, you already have made a difference through your time in the classroom with your peers and your commitment to improving yourself.

During moments of difficulty ahead, always remember you are not alone. Trust in your support system and lean on your pillars. We are all here to help you along the way.

Thank you for the work you have done and leadership you have shown, and remember you are the future of this community. We look forward to seeing how you shape it.

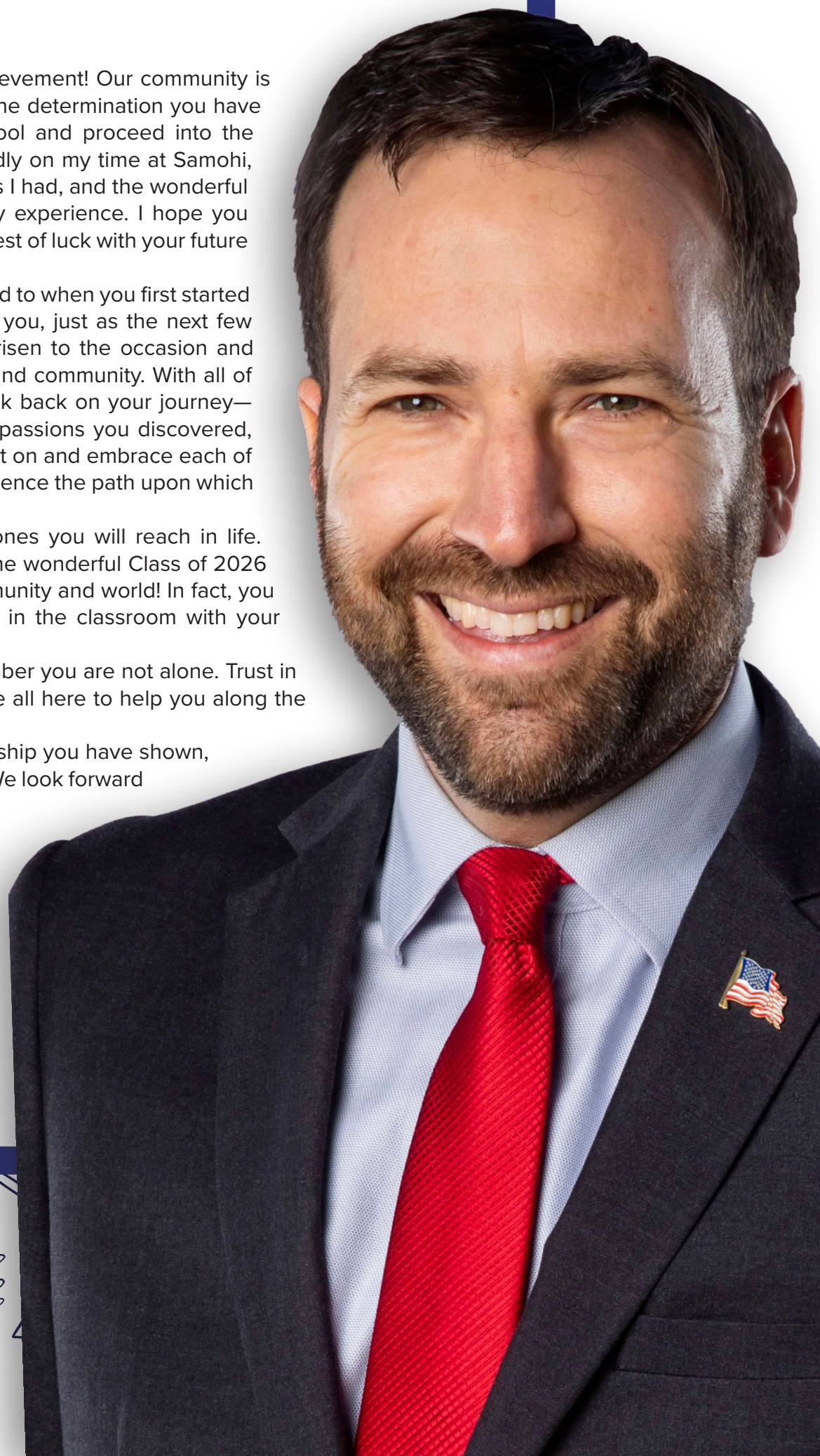
Congratulations again!!

Sincerely,



Ben Allen

Ben Allen
Senator, 24th District



CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Vikings, Class of 2026,

As an attorney who came to public service because I believe our systems can and must be more just, and now as the Mayor of this extraordinary city, I am filled with pride watching you step into what comes next.

You have grown up on these bluffs and this beach. You have watched the sun set over the Pacific from Palisades Park. You have walked Third Street, ridden Big Blue Bus, and called this remarkable, complicated, beautiful city home. That is not a small thing. Santa Monica shaped you. Now it is your turn to take those values out into the world.

This city has always believed that where you come from should not determine how far you go. We are building housing so more families can afford to stay. We are healing old wounds through restorative justice. We are preparing to welcome the entire world for the FIFA World Cup and LA28. The values behind all of that work, equity, courage, community, belong to you now too.

A few things I want to leave with you:

Ask who the system was built for, and whether it is working for everyone. Justice does not happen on its own. It takes people willing to look clearly at the world and demand better.

Use your voice, especially when it is uncomfortable. Speak up for those who cannot. Be the person in the room who says the thing that needs to be said.

Stay connected to this city. Come back to it. Engage with it. Show up. Santa Monica will always have a seat for you.

And no matter where life takes you, you will always carry this coastline with you. That salty air, that golden light, the sound of the ocean reminding you there is something bigger than any one moment. That is yours forever. Take the values of this place and let them guide everything you do.

Congratulations, Vikings Class of 2026. I believe in you with everything I have. Now go make us proud.

With pride and belief in you,

Caroline Torosis
Mayor, City of Santa Monica



CONGRATULATIONS

To the Class of 2026:

There is no single roadmap for what comes next — and that is what makes this moment so exciting. Graduation is not about having your whole life figured out; it is about recognizing how much you have already grown, and trusting yourself enough to take the next step forward.

You are graduating at a time when the world is asking big questions about who we are, how we care for one another, and what kind of future we want to build together. I believe your generation is uniquely prepared to meet this moment. You understand the value of community, authenticity, and using your voice to create change.

No matter where your path leads from here, I hope you stay curious. Stay connected to the people and places that ground you. Stay open to opportunities you cannot yet predict. And, most importantly, do not underestimate the impact you are capable of having — not someday, but right now.

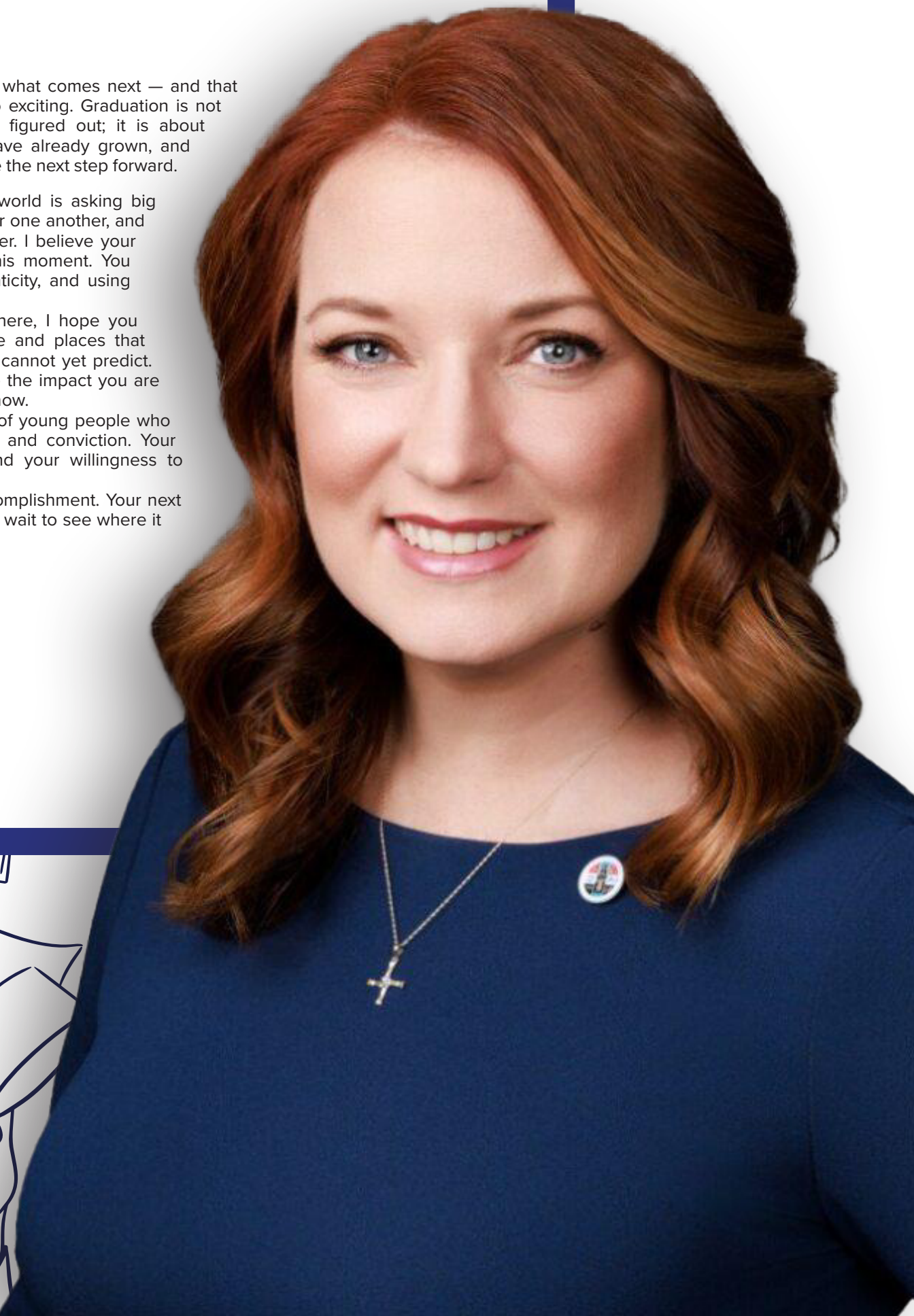
Los Angeles County is stronger because of young people who are willing to lead with empathy, creativity, and conviction. Your perspective matters. Your ideas matter. And your willingness to imagine something better matters.

Congratulations on this extraordinary accomplishment. Your next chapter belongs entirely to you, and I cannot wait to see where it takes you.

With admiration and encouragement,

Lindsey P. Horvath

Los Angeles County Board
of Supervisors



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulatory Message to Santa Monica High School Graduating Class of 2026

Congratulations Class of 2026!

As you walk across the stage, receive your diploma, and become a graduate of Santa Monica High School, one journey will come to an end, and another will begin. For the past four years, you have pushed through obstacles small and large, grown intellectually and emotionally, and, I hope, made lasting friends and memories.

As your representative in the California State Assembly, I can assure you that our community is deeply proud of you and your accomplishments. Now, as you enter life's next chapter, I hope you will channel the tenacity and determination you have displayed over the last four years into a willingness to take intelligent risks and push yourself to contribute to a better world for your family and community, as well as yourself.

I know that the world that you are graduating into is profoundly uncertain: communities in the United States and around the world are under threat, our economy and workforce are being transformed by artificial intelligence faster than ever anticipated, and our democratic institutions are being seriously tested. Yet the future also holds extraordinary promise — breakthroughs in science and medicine, new forms of creative and civic expression, and opportunities to build the kind of just world that previous generations could only imagine. I am confident in your ability to rise to meet these challenges and seize these opportunities.

I'm sure you learned about "The Greatest Generation"—a generation of Americans who faced social injustice, the economic uncertainty of the Great Depression, the threat of fascism, and the service and sacrifice required by the Second World War. They responded to these challenges with determination, resilience, and a commitment to building a better America and a better world. You have that same extraordinary power to shape the future, and as you look toward the next decade and the next century, I hope you never forget the strength that can be built through both individual and collective action.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, remember to have confidence in yourself and a belief in the value of your authentic self. Regardless of the path you take, I know that our future will be brighter under the light of the incredible Class of 2026.

As you go forward and make your mark on the world, I hope you warmly remember the formative years you spent at Santa Monica High School—and the dedication of your parents, teachers, and the school staff and administrators who have worked to make your experience possible. No matter where you go, you'll always be a Viking! Congratulations on this momentous step!

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR
Assemblymember, Fifty-First District



CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026!

As a proud member of the SaMoHi Class of 1997, this graduation feels especially meaningful. Over the years, I have had the privilege of watching so many of these students grow up through our schools, youth sports, music programs, Youth City Council, and community events. It is impossible not to feel emotional seeing them reach this milestone.

A special congratulations to my daughter, Briana Negrete. Watching you grow into the kind, resilient, thoughtful, and determined young woman you are today has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I could not be more proud of you and all that you have accomplished.

To Briana and her incredible crew, RENIKABR, and to every graduate: remember to stay true to yourself. Follow your heart, pursue what you love, and never let anyone convince you that your dreams are too big. Know that you are deeply loved, valued, and supported by a community that will always be cheering you on.

Santa Monica has truly been the village that helped raise these remarkable young people. To the families, teachers, coaches, mentors, and friends who helped guide them along the way, thank you.

Class of 2026, your future is bright. We cannot wait to see where your journeys take you.

With love and pride,

Lana Negrete

Santa Monica High School Class of 1997

Proud Mom and Community Member

CONGRATULATIONS

Samohi Class of 2026! This is your moment. You've pushed through challenges, risen with hope, and now stand at the edge of what's possible.

Your graduation is more than a celebration — it's a sacred shift from potential to purpose. The world needs your courage, your compassion, and your conviction.

Build bridges, not walls. Serve boldly. Love deeply. Live with grit and purpose.

Carry your diploma not as a trophy, but as a tool, to create justice, open doors, and lead with fortitude. Don't chase success... create significance. The question isn't "What will you do?" it's "Who will you lift?"

Wherever life takes you, know that your Santa Monica community is behind you, cheering you on. Congratulations! We can't wait to see what you do next!

Dan Hall

City Councilmember

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SAMOHI FINDS SUCCESS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Surf report WATER TEMP: 68.5

FRIDAY FAIR TO GOOD SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder
Trend towards smaller but still fun waves continues with fading swell. Light winds for the morning. Old SSW swell, along with a little lingering NW swell, has surf mainly running chest to head high zone in the morning. Afternoon gradually eases. Light/variable to light S winds in the morning, followed by a moderate W sea breeze for the afternoon.

SATURDAY FAIR TO GOOD SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head
Another strong SSW swell moves in - not nearly as big as the 8th-10th but still good size. A recent SPAC storm set up another SSW swell which will fill in over the weekend. Not a monster storm for seas, but still good size, on a favorable track and also moving over an agitated sea state (pre heated oven from earlier storms) for SoCal swell production. Waist-chest high waves on tap for average spots, pushing head-high+ high for better breaks. Standouts, mainly west of Dume, a foot or so overhead by the end of the day.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 63. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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Daily Lottery

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This year, Samohi students were extremely successful in prestigious, academic competitions. On Dec. 5, the Samohi Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering team placed third at the JPL competition. The competition consists of high schools teams designing and building an apparatus to create a device that could relocate an eight-liter water container and empty it into a bucket five meters away, all under 60 seconds. Samo's team won first place at regionals prior to their third place win at NASA JPL, their device was able to complete the challenge in 9.18 seconds. The SaMoTech robotics team earned the second seed in its divisional playoffs and came within two matches of reaching the overall finals, ultimately falling in a 488-496 contest — one of the highest combined scores of the season. Over three days of competition, the team battled some of the top 300 teams in the world, drawn from a pool of more than 8,000. Between matches, SaMoTech students hosted other teams to collaborate on robot improvements, working late into the night — one session stretched until 4 a.m. For the six members who founded

the team as freshmen in 2022, all of whom graduate next month, the run represented the payoff of four years of work and a chance to connect with future engineers from around the world. Samohi also succeeded in the Conrad Challenge. Brandon Kirbyson ('26), Landon Kummer ('28) and Tobin Palmer ('26) were awarded for their innovation and entrepreneurship on April 25 at the Houston Innovation Summit Awards Ceremony. Seventy different countries were involved in this year's challenge, which recognizes advancements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Students were put up to the task of solving an everyday problem with an innovative STEM solution, where they then presented their design to a 30 judge panel. The students were awarded for Aerospace and Aviation (one of the five categories for the Conrad challenge). Their design was for integrated multi-axis ailerons, it significantly lightens the steering system on satellites, as well as being more cost-efficient. Overall, Samo students continue to shine on a national level in academic competitions, showcasing their innovative thinking and collaborative efforts.



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SAMOHI'S NEW ACADEMIC PATHWAYS THRIVE IN THEIR FIRST YEAR



Santa Monica High School introduced two new one-year Career Technical Education pathways this school year, offering juniors and seniors the opportunity to explore law and public policy or health and wellness through immersive, multi-period programs housed in the school's Exploration building.

LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Law and Public Policy Academy provides students an in-depth look at the American legal system and its impact on everyday life, combining legal study with leadership and industry skills. The course is taught by Samohi alumna Alana Rivera, Bryn Boyd and Samantha Eden.

Through block scheduling, the academy fulfills students' English credit and their U.S. Government/Economics credit by embedding those subjects into the Law and Public Policy curriculum.

A dedicated classroom in the Exploration building features a mock courtroom, including a judge's bench, designed to keep students engaged in course material. The academy also maintains a "Classroom Constitution" outlining the rights and responsibilities of all participants, signed by students and teachers alike.

Senior Jared Juarez emerged as one of the program's standout students, developing the Police & Youth Advisory Council to foster communication between the Santa Monica Police Department and local students. The initiative began as a class assignment before Juarez expanded it into a formal proposal that won SMPD approval and secured funding.

Juarez devoted his weekly free periods — known as flex times — to building the council's relationship with the department rather than pursuing personal projects.

"My Police & Youth Advisory Council brought

in lots of support from the students and many truly appreciated the opportunity to attend each event," Juarez said. "I'm grateful for the tremendous growth and support I received from my teachers and peers in the Law and Public Policy Academy. As I graduate I wanna leave off with saying: no matter where you start, anything is possible. Growth isn't something that carries a limit."

Rivera said the program's first year exceeded expectations.

"Through mock trials, advocacy projects, field trips and guest speakers, students developed critical thinking, communication and leadership skills while exploring issues that impact their communities," Rivera said. "They visited places such as the Los Angeles Superior Court, the Santa Monica Courthouse and the Santa Monica Police Department, giving them firsthand exposure to the legal system and public service careers."

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Health and Wellness Academy offers students an in-depth exploration of sports medicine and healthcare across three periods covering sports medicine, human biology and English. The biology and English components fulfill students' life science and English credits for the year. The courses are taught by Katie Saunders, Katrina Reyes and Kathleen Faas.

The academy features specialized equipment allowing students to examine skeletal, muscular and cardiovascular systems, and projects are designed to address the causes, effects and biological impacts of injuries and diseases alongside their sociopolitical dimensions.

Senior Evangeline Boyd said the hands-on format set the class apart.

"I was pretty excited to join because most of your

classes you just sit down at a desk, and this one was more in groups and practicing ankle taping, CPR practice, knee and wrist taping, etc.," Boyd said.

Boyd added that the course serves as strong preparation for students pursuing careers in medicine or allied health fields.

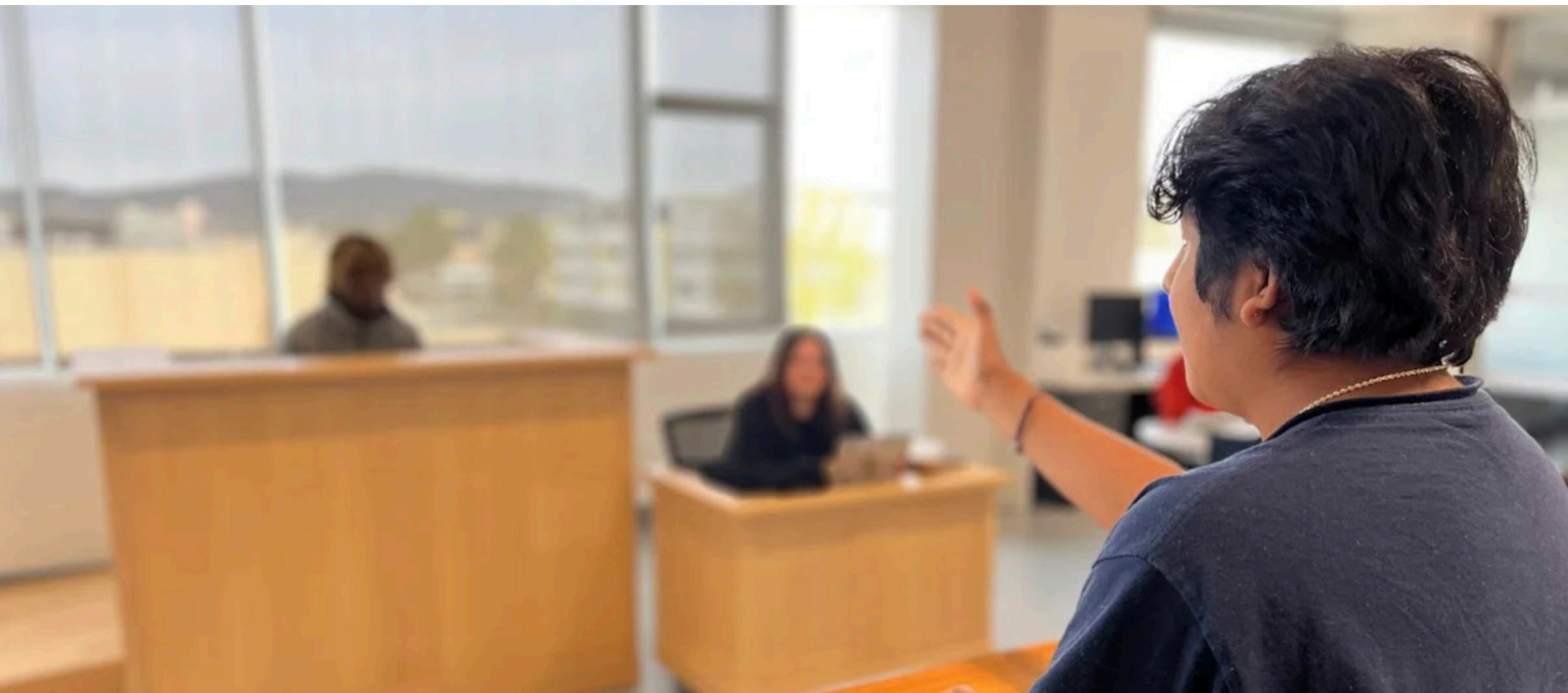
"I would definitely recommend it to someone who wants to take a senior year tri-class — if you're interested in going into medicine, or being a physician's assistant, or a nurse — literally anything in the healthcare or sports medicine world," Boyd said. "I would definitely recommend it as an almost prerequisite for what you would have to take in college."

Projects frequently tie course material to current events in sports medicine. For the fall semester final, students examined chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, across all three subject areas.

"They explored exactly how concussions happen in my class, recognizing a concussion on the field, recognizing symptoms, how to do a concussion test," Saunders said. "Then in Ms. Reyes' class they learned about gray matter and white matter in the brain and neurons, and what each of the lobes of the brain are responsible for in our experience of reality. Ms. Faas had them look into policy currently in different athletics about safety, specifically with head injuries, and altogether we worked on research on how to change the sports that we have today to make them safer."

The three dedicated classrooms in the Exploration building allow instructors to separate grade levels when needed, accommodating differences in English and science coursework between juniors and seniors.

Both academies occupy the first three periods of a student's school day and are open to juniors and seniors with flexible schedules.





SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS: SHAYL KHATOD



FRIDAY | JUNE 12

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit : <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-06-12T21>

SATURDAY | JUNE 13

MAIN STREET WALK

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Historic Shotgun House 2520 2nd St Santa Monica. Far more than a history lesson, Santa Monica Conservancy's Main Street Walk shows us Main Street as a vibrant hub of the Ocean Park neighborhood,

upon which its histories have been written. Your guide, Mark Gorman, street historian and author of the award-winning blog The Street Seen, will share stories that reflect years of walking with a curious gaze and that are informed by well-researched musings. Check-in: A docent will greet you at the Shotgun House, 2520 Second Street in Ocean Park. Check-in on the day of the tour opens at 10:15 a.m., and the tour will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/main-street-walk/18119523/2026-06-13T10>

SUNDAY | JUNE 14

19TH STREET COMMUNITY FARM BLOCK PARTY !!!

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 19TH Street Community Farm - 2018 19th Street, Santa Monica 90404. We will be celebrating the opening of the 19th Street Community Farm and Wellness Garden with a Street Party. Complete with music, garden activities, arts & crafts, food trucks and of course, getting your hands dirty and checking out the new garden space. This event is open and free to the public, with the exception of purchasing food from the food trucks. Limited parking will be available on SMC Campus, so we encourage arrival via walk, bus or bike as well.

Samohi senior Shayl Khatod has reimagined and redivined how to teach empathy for youth. When observing the spike in anti-Asian hate during COVID-19 as well as living in a post 9/11 America, in as early as 7th grade Khatod began to wonder how instilling empathy in America's youth might impact hate crimes. After writing two research papers, one focusing on the sociological aspects of hate and empathy, and other psychological, Khatod founded his nonprofit "Reflect Empathy", using it as an avenue to demonstrate how and why teaching empathy in schools would lead to a more all-encompassing society.

Khatod additionally brought these same concepts to Samo when he created his "Reflect Empathy" club at Samohi, working with many other Samohi students to foster increased compassion within his high school community. Khatod describes his process of how he came to be interested in the topic and the successes his club has had.

"I was interested in how these big seminal events, like Covid, influenced people and how people scapegoat others," Khatod said.

The process of forming the curriculum wasn't necessarily planned. In the concluding parts of his research papers, Khatod looked for a direction of future research, hoping to find a way to actually be able to teach empathy to youth. The journey began with Khatod discovering a teaching curriculum "Activating Social Empathy" from a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) organization called the Family and Child Research Center (FCRC) in Ireland. Through many cold emails, he was able to get in contact with the institute and begin coordination. However, Khatod soon realized that the

program wasn't entirely applicable for American students, and slowly adapted the curriculum to better fit American life, with the consent and collaboration of the FCRC.

Reflect Empathy was able to collaborate with the Samohi school board to allow for an empathy curriculum to be incorporated into Samohi's Freshman Seminar classes, a general education class that all freshmen are required to take that delves into topics such as discrimination, and sex and drug education.

"They have a Geffen curriculum, which does all the SEL, social-emotional learning, in freshman seminar, and now they have ours too" relayed Khatod.

Furthermore, Khatod has reached out to the school district's social studies department which now has access to the program. The curriculum has been instated in the Boys and Girls Clubs' throughout Santa Monica and Los Angeles, giving students opportunities to actually teach the content themselves. Khatod describes a time when he was able to teach his course.

"I personally taught kids at the Boys and Girls Club, I think it was really cool, I taught them what empathy meant and my main goal was to have them understand the concept and maybe how to empathize with someone, and that's obviously the goal of the curriculum," Khatod said. "[They're] kind of simple goals, but I think the kids really got it and connected with it, and that was inspiring."

On top of the lengthy dedication to his non profit organization, that is currently working on a lab studying different coping methods for Asian American victims of hate, Khatod was an avid violinist in Samohi's orchestra, creative writer and is attending Harvard College for Social Studies in the fall.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
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REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, June 15, 2026, 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

1399 Olympic Blvd (25ARB-0189): Multi-Family Residential/Mixed Use:

Review of the design, colors and materials for the construction of an eight-story 81-foot tall, 192,381 square foot mixed-use housing project consisting of 222 units, including 25 affordable housing units, 9,982 square feet of commercial floor area, and parking located in two subterranean levels. The project will be developed on six parcels (currently the Synder Diamond appliance retail), in the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) District.

More information is available online at <https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/> (en Espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431#).

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YEAR IN REVIEW: SAMOHI MUSIC

Samohi music made many memories traveling far and wide in the 2025-26 school year. Each respective program was significantly accomplished, and many seniors who participated in the various musical pathways are pursuing higher education in or revolving around music.

The Orchestra traveled the distance this year, going to South Korea to perform over spring break. The program participated in three concerts, each in a different part of Korea — one in Daegu, one in Busan and one in Seoul — performing with guest conductors and other youth ensembles. On top of getting to play in multiple concerts, the Orchestra was able to explore various aspects of Korean culture such as the night markets and the cuisine, making the trip memorable on multiple levels. Senior Matti Scott, who has been a part of the Symphony Orchestra for three years, remarks on his favorite parts of the trip.

"I really enjoyed performing alongside professional and other student musicians in the beautiful Korean concert halls. We played with some Korean schools and then professional Korean singers. Experiencing the culture of Korea, especially their music, was a new experience for me and was quite eye-opening," Scott said.

The Orchestra additionally had a plethora of extremely successful concerts in California and honored the graduating class at the Senior Gala on May 30, awarding standout seniors and concluding a fantastic year of performance. Scott reflects on his time in the Orchestra program.

"Playing in a group as advanced as we

are is a very rewarding experience, as the repertoire is demanding and is music that a real professional orchestra would play," Scott remarked. "The environment in the orchestra is incredibly supportive and everyone has a sense of camaraderie, and I've made lifelong friends through our orchestra program."

The Choir brought their all to their annual Sweet Serenade and Winter concerts and went on an international tour, going to France, the Netherlands and Belgium. In Paris, after a series of auditions, the Samohi choir was able to perform in the prestigious Notre Dame cathedral, marking the first performance Samohi participated in since its rebuild after the 2019 fire. Katie Bryce, the choir co-president, comments on the trip.

"We visited various cities and got to have five different concerts. We sang in historic churches and cathedrals with such impressive architecture and acoustics," Bryce said. "I felt so lucky to connect with the origins of the choral arts as we learned about traditional western choral music and sang in places where the art form I love was developing so long ago."

Bryce is in charge of a variety of responsibilities regarding the choir alongside her co-president Harper McCalum, including non-teacher weekly lunchtime rehearsals for upper choir students to hone in on specific songs and dedicate extra time to particularly challenging pieces. Though she enjoyed the choir tour immensely, Bryce also found the annual, beginning-of-the-year retreat to be an especially memorable experience.

"My favorite memories from this year include

when all members from the upper two choirs go up to Camp Whittle for a weekend. We spend the time together split between bonding activities and rehearsal," Bryce relayed. "It is meant to make us as a choir work better together and have a stronger sense of community and camaraderie. This year was so special as I connected with my fellow choir members very deeply, and we had such a positive, friendly environment all year."

Samohi's Marching Band also had a remarkably successful semester and concluded the season competing in the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association 5A Field Championships, placing 3rd and receiving a bronze medal. Senior Frances Aguilar discusses her four years in the marching band and how they impacted her high school life.

"I think that my experience in marching band is probably what shaped my entire high school experience, because all of the friends that I made first in high school started off from marching band, and it always gave me a place to feel welcomed," Aguilar said. "It's one of the things that I'm the most grateful for in this entire school, because it's such an open place, you're allowed to be yourself, and the people that you become friends with are the people you're gonna stay friends with for your entire four years, because you're with them so much."

Music has always been one of Samohi's strongest programs, and that reality was no different this school year, continuing a long legacy of keeping students engaged while simultaneously moving them toward excellence.





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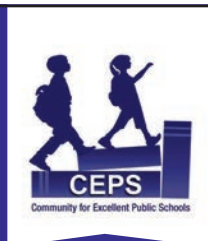
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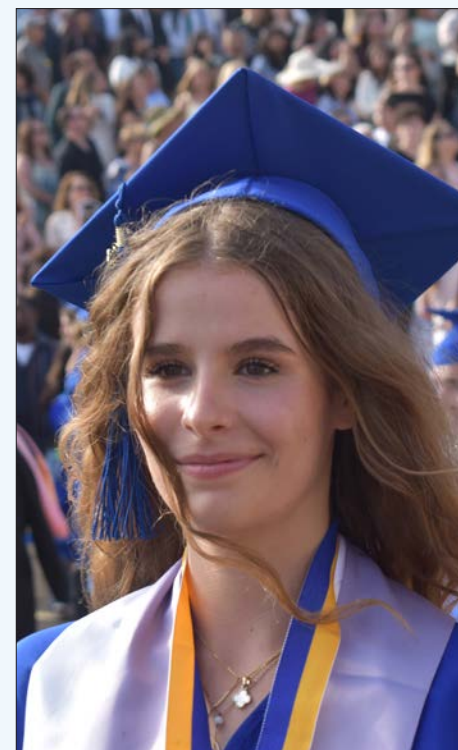
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2026: Samohi's Graduation Ceremony, held on June 10, provided a final moment of recognition for the class of 2026.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

SAMOHI PERFORMING ARTS

SAMOHI VISUAL ARTS



Samohi performing arts were simply sensational this school year, with sweeping successes across the board. There were a total of four Samohi theater events this year: the fall play “The Play That Goes Wrong,” the spring musical “Hello, Dolly!,” the first spring play, “Wolves,” and Public Domain.

The first play of the year, “The Play That Goes Wrong,” was a particularly challenging opportunity for Samohi theater students as they were tasked with acting as if they were acting in a fictional play, balancing being both their character’s person as well as their character’s role. Samohi senior, four-year theater student and theater president Tegan Blaine commented on her experience playing Chris Bean/the “inspector” in the fictitious performance.

“The Play That Goes Wrong’ was kind of a unique experience because it’s a play (that goes wrong) within a play. Having to play two characters made preparation more difficult than past roles but still super fun,” Blaine said. “For that play specifically, I had to work on my director character and then also on how that character would play the investigator. To do this I really just analyze all of their lines and the stage directions that apply to them so I can understand their motivation, attitude, personality, etc.”

Furthermore, “Wolves” was the first-ever spring play — not musical — put on by Samohi. This was an especially unique endeavor for the theater program as it cast an 11-person, all-woman cast, opting for a much smaller number of student

participants than typical. There was also a fairly small technical crew due to the intimate cast size, leading the overall environment to be quite tight-knit for the girls involved.

“I also did a play called ‘The Wolves’ this year, it was super fun and allowed me to get super close with everyone working on that play,” Blaine said. “We also really focused on character work for that play since it’s about a soccer team and there’s not a lot of blocking other than doing soccer drills and warm-ups. So a lot of rehearsals we were just having conversations or doing activities in character that weren’t necessarily in the play.”

Additionally, in April, several students in the Samohi theater program participated in the annual Drama Teachers Association of Southern California (DTASC) competition at El Camino Real Charter High School. The junior varsity team won every category they performed in, and the varsity group placed second for a performance of a “Midsommar” scene, third for a reenactment of Shakespeare’s “King Lear” and fifth for a scene from “What to Do With Nothing.” The spring musical was recognized as well, with its costume design and live orchestra earning nominations for the Jerry Herman Awards, a Los Angeles-based competition that celebrates excellence in high school musical theater.

Overall, this year was very constructive for the theater program as a whole and allowed students to thrive and expand the program to new lengths.

Visual arts across the board thrived this year, with the up-to-date facilities of Exploration still making a significant improvement in the day-to-day quality of the classrooms. There were a total of three art shows that visual art programs hosted this year: the Día de los Muertos exhibition to kick off the first semester, a district art show that featured both middle school and high school art in spring, and the Senior Art Show to commemorate the graduating creatives.

Classes like Advanced Placement Art took on long-term art projects that enabled students to reimagine traditional art styles and look through the lens of potentially unknown cultures. Both AP Art periods this year were tasked with a Mongolian Buddhist project, which asked students to create a large-scale piece of California scenery inspired by traditional Mongolian art techniques, which often included multiple patterns and an emphasis on animals and plants. AP Art teacher Amy Bouse describes the project and the thought behind it.

“Mongolia is 3.9 times the size of

California, and it has a population of Los Angeles, so it’s one of the most sparsely populated areas in the world, so the landscape is extra exceptional. In terms of making up an assignment, I wanted to use Mongolian art as the inspiration.”

in common, what the Mongolian work has in common, and picked a few things to focus on for a project that honors California using the Mongolian Buddhist style,” Bouse said. The ceramics program was also particularly successful this year, with an AP 3-D Art course at Samo getting approved, which will be available for students who have taken ceramics, starting in the 2026-27 school year. Typically, the first few weeks start with exploring 2D art mediums like watercolor, and students transition into traditional ceramics leading up to the Día de los Muertos art exhibition. This year, they experimented with new techniques like cobalt oxide — blue stains often used on porcelain clay. They also did projects inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and put a large emphasis on researching African American potters and incorporating those techniques into their own pieces. Senior Veronika Brandt talks about her love for ceramics and how the teachers consistently encouraged her.

“In junior year I started taking ceramics; I have always loved hands-on work and art but never felt I was



confident and good at drawing off the top of my head, so being able to mold clay into any object is the best part,” Brandt said. “Another aspect has been seeing our ceramics teachers at school being so helpful and eager to teach so many kids about the arts. [They] give me great confidence that, if I ever become a ceramics teacher, I can channel them to inspire kids to let their minds have a break from academics and work on something that gives such a lasting impact.”

The close-knit communities, increased access to helpful materials and creatively motivating educators were just some of the many elements that allowed Samohi visual arts to flourish throughout the year.

Bouse was able to travel to several cities in Mongolia with the UC Berkeley Tang Center for Silk Road Studies, giving students the opportunity to have a teacher with a further, more well-rounded background in the subject. “They have a very different system there than we do, especially being in a large city. LA has a lot of museums, Mongolia has less, so I did some research on how it’s been depicted and showed my students that. We talked about what things they have

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SAMO BOYS SOCCER CELEBRATES HISTORIC SEASON WITH TROPHY CEREMONY, PUTTING SOCCER BACK ON THE MAP



Samo boys' soccer finished their historic season with a 21-4-3 overall record and an 8-1 record in the Ocean League. This culminated in the team winning the Division I CIF playoffs against Fontana High School on February 28, marking the program's third CIF title. Coach Chris Sandoval is in his fourth year as head coach of the boys' soccer team and he touched on the journey the team took to achieve this milestone.

"At the beginning of the season during non league games we understood that we were going to play some tough opponents," Sandoval said. "We needed to discover who we are and find out the team's identity. We stuck to it and got some big results and that has led us to where we are today."

Nathan Schlepp ('26) scored Samo's first goal in the 30th minute. With five minutes left in the first half, Samo got another goal on a volley by Joaquin Castro ('27) to put the team up 2-0 heading into halftime. Fontana scored to cut the deficit in half, but Samo responded with a goal of their own by forward Adrian Gonzalez ('26). Shlepp solidified the win with a fourth goal, bringing Samo its third championship.

This win Samo qualified for state playoffs due to the team making it past the semi finals of the CIF tournament, where they faced Mater Dei in the first round on March 4. While the game resulted in a loss, it didn't stain their historic season. Deacon Miller ('26) a varsity captain and the national leader in assists gave his thoughts on the Mater Dei game.

"The low for the team I'd say was the day after we lost to Mater Dei but only because we all realized that such a beautiful season had to unfortunately come to an end," Deacon Miller ('26) said.

On March 18 the boys' soccer

team took part in a trophy ceremony to celebrate their great season. The boys' soccer team's last CIF championship was in 2008, and since then the southern section of CIF has gotten even tougher. This year 12 teams in the southern section of CIF were ranked nationally in the top 100, and in addition Mater Dei was ranked number one in the country.

On top of this season being a huge success for the soccer team, this season stood out in all of Samo sports history. The last Samo team to win a CIF championship was boys basketball in 2013. This was a step in the right direction for Samo's entire sports program, a notion expressed at the trophy ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by all Samo sports teams, many students, parents, and news sources. The team walked out to raucous applause, and each player and coach received the CIF Division I championship medal. The captains Matteo Castagna ('26), Miller ('26), and Will Komlos ('26) gave speeches to commemorate this great season.

"This team was so special because of the bond between the players. Every single player felt like they belonged and was given that level of respect. From freshmen to seniors we all became true friends and this allowed us to grow as a group," Miller ('26) said.

With the season at its close, the team looks towards next year and how they can achieve similar success. The Samo sports revival will hopefully continue next year, as Miller gave his parting advice to next year's team and captains.

"I would say to focus on building relationships with each other and accept the fact that mistakes are going to happen. If you can get these two down I'm sure the Vikings will repeat as back to back CIF champions," Miller said.

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TWO SENIOR SAMO WRESTLERS REACH CIF MASTERS

The Samo wrestling season came to an end with the team finishing with a 2-4-0 record. Two seniors Arata Sakamoto ('26) and Aaron Heirigs ('26) advanced to the CIF masters meet, the third round of CIF. Although both wrestlers lost at masters, the season was a complete success, showcasing two wrestlers advancing deep into the CIF playoffs. This is a huge accomplishment considering that California has over 26,000 competitors.

The girls' tournament was on Feb. 19 and the boys' was on Feb. 20.

Sakamoto's two wins and two losses resulted in her season ending at Masters. Sakamoto, who has been to the Masters three times, talked about her highlights of the season.

"My favorite part of the post season was putting myself out there and having fun, while still focusing on my next match," Sakamoto said.

Although this ended her high

school career, she had one of the most successful careers as a wrestler in Samo history, winning the Ocean League an unprecedented four times.

Heirigs, who was much newer to wrestling than Sakamoto, achieved similar success throughout the season, advancing all the way to masters in his first year on the team.

"This was my first legit year wrestling and I came in with a tough mindset, and would push myself every day at practice. The community was really strong this year, full of freshmen and wrestlers who wanted to prove themselves," Heirigs said.

What made this season meaningful wasn't just wins or losses or the two seniors' successes, but how the wrestlers adapted and grew despite wrestling challenging opponents.

Head coach Jason Mun expressed his satisfaction with the team.

"We doubled our master wins, we had more CIF placers, and we placed higher at all of our tournaments," Mun said.

SAMO RUNNING RUNS SAMO SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY:
The Samo cross country season had a successful season that culminated in Samo winning all divisions in the Ocean League finals.

Senior Crystal Gaitan gave her thoughts on the Cross Country season as a whole.

"The cross country season went really well. I PRed (personal record) every race, and I was the second girl on the team for most races. For the girls overall, we did really well. We got to the CIF finals, and we had a strong race," Gaitan said.

There were many highlights throughout the season, such as the varsity boys winning their race at the world famous Woodbridge Classic, the boys' team running in sweepstakes at Mt Sac and a highly successful all around meet at the infamously challenging Palos Verdes course.

"A highlight of the season was PV. It was a really, really good race despite it being such a hard course, and everyone PRed and had a really good time, and I could see all the girls were really proud of their performance," Gaitan said.

The cross country season began many months prior as most runners trained throughout the whole summer, which culminated in the varsity team heading up to Mammoth for a high altitude training camp. The top 10 boys and girls both experienced a week full of a variety of runs, workouts and team bonding. These runs were all at an altitude of around 8,000 feet which forces your body to produce more red blood cells to compensate for the lower oxygen, ultimately boosting your aerobic capacity and endurance when you return to sea level. This helped prepare runners to work together as a team and have a successful season.

Paul Lupi, who is in his first year as the head coach of the cross country team, gave his thoughts on the team's growth from the beginning of the year to the end.

"We came in with a team that was somewhat dysfunctional, they didn't have direction, we tried to immediately put them on the right path and build a strong team bond. It went from being not a group to by the end of the season being a really close knit group of kids, with everything coming together," Lupi said.

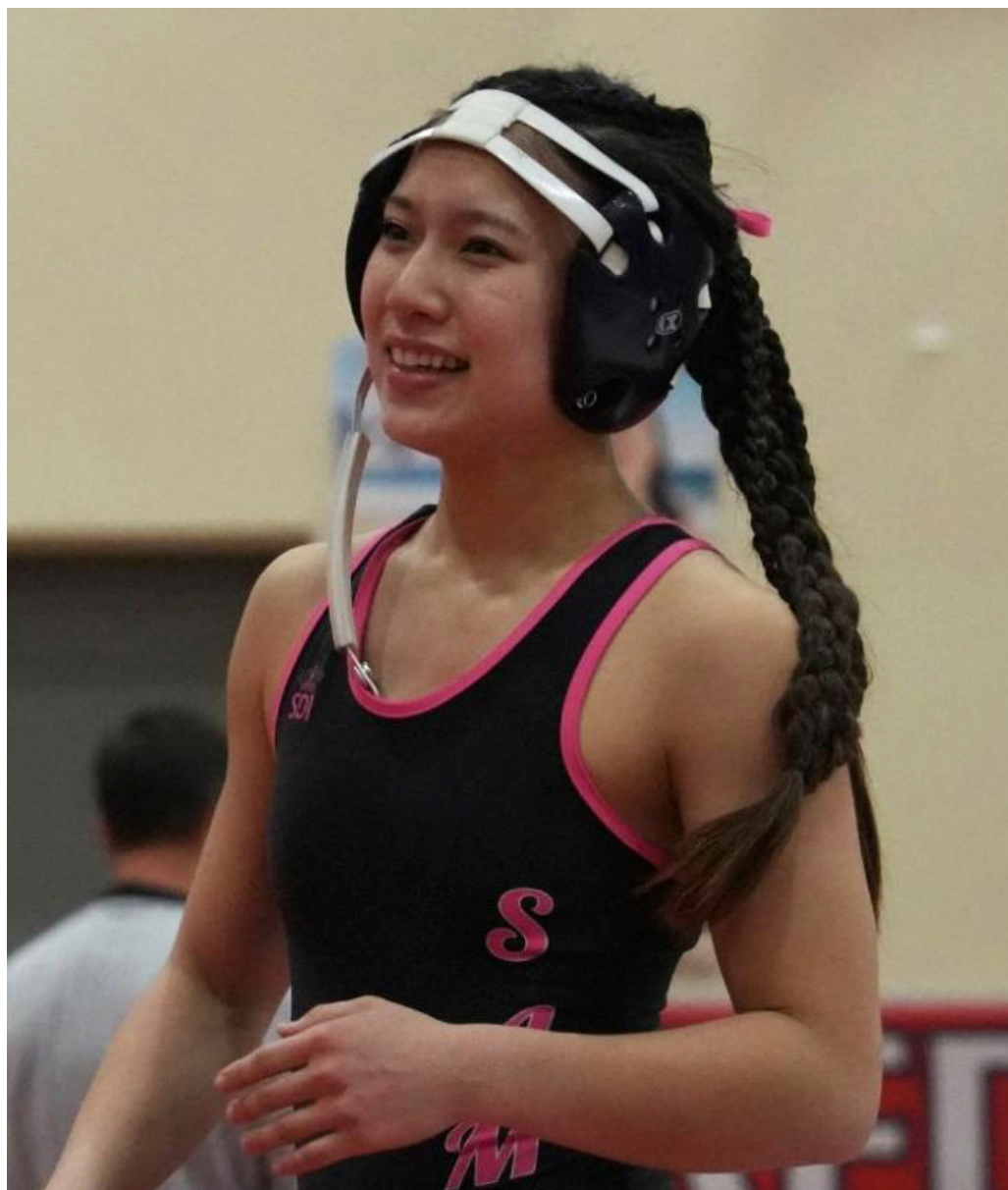
This team camaraderie was shown at the Ocean League finals when Samo thoroughly dominated the entire meet. The junior varsity

girls won with a perfect score of 15 (the lower score the better) and finished with the first 17 runners. The Varsity girls team ran a near perfect race in Ocean league finals and won with a team score of 17. They were led by seniors Gaitan and Marina Shickler who both finished in the top six. The boys team ran a perfect race, finishing 1-7 and with the near impossible score of 15. They were led by seniors Leo Lucente, Emerson Hill, Jackson Mayeda and James Fairies, all of whom finished in the top 7. Both teams ran in the first round of Division 1 CIF, resulting in only the girls' team advancing to the finals of CIF. The girls advanced past CIF prelims, finishing third in heat three of the Division 1 prelims against some of the top competition in the country. Although they eventually lost in CIF finals, this marked an extremely successful season for both the girls' and boys' cross country teams.

TRACK AND FIELD:

Samo track and field picked up right where the team left off from cross country. The team spent the months of January, February and March preparing their bodies for the later parts of the season. This preparation included increasing mileage up to 50 miles per week for varsity runners and frequent trips to the weight room to improve the strength of the runners muscles. The grueling preseason and early season set Samo up for success in the postseason of the long track season. Samo brought a boys Four by mile team to Nike Indoor Nationals on March 13, which is the most prestigious indoor track meet in the country. The team finished with a time of 18 minutes 13 seconds, averaging 4 minutes and 33 seconds per mile. This broke Samo's school record and showcased Samo's ability to compete with national level competition. Samo also brought a team to the DMR which comprises a relay of four runners where each runner runs one of the following: 1200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters and 1600 meters. Samo also broke the school record in this event. Lucente, a senior who took part in these events, talked about what they meant to him.

"We went to Nike indoor Nationals and ran a four by mile, and got the school record on that four by mile. We also got the school record in a DMR. I was a part of both of the school records and that was a really



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AN OLD TREND FINDS A NEW AUDIENCE



Hacky sack took Samo by storm at the end of the school year. The Innovation quad of Samo is consistently filled with circles of five, 10 or 15 students playing hacky sack during breaks or rather than being in class. Rowan Booher, a sophomore at Samo highlighted the unique appeals of the game.

“What I love about playing hacky sack is that it gives students a chance to bond with each other without just sitting on their phones,” Booher said.

The sport was invented in the early 1980s and was popular throughout the 1990s in colleges and high school. It has recently exploded in popularity throughout college campuses and high schools originally on the east coast, but quickly spread to California. In the past year there has been a 5000% search spike for hacky sacks online.

Josh Besser, a senior at Samo who plays hacky sacks talked about how he started playing.

“I’ve known about hacky sacks for a while, but I started playing for real this year. Hacky sacks have become way more popular, probably because it’s become extremely popular on social media,” Besser said.

As the popularity has increased, new brands have emerged along with original brands from the 1980s remaining popular. The Wham-O sack which is the original hacky sack from the 1980s has remained as popular as ever due to its good touch and brand name. One new hacky sack that has emerged has been the viral Adidas World Cup 2026 hacky sack. It is made of 100% polyethylene fabric and is a direct replica of the official World Cup ball.

This trend has come to Samo and is as popular as ever. The majority of players at Samo are seniors who use it as a way to socialize with friends and be outside. Students are ditching their phones during breaks to test their skills with a hacky sack. Students rally to keep the sack off the ground using any body part. Additionally some students do skills such as stalls, around the world, knee and high strikes and many other tricks.

Besser gave his thoughts on why he likes playing hacky sack.

“I like how it allows me to connect with my friends while being active, but not too strenuous. I think it’s become a way for people who don’t usually hang out to connect,” Besser said.



SENIORS COMPOSE NEW SOCIAL NETWORK BUILT AROUND MUSIC

Two Santa Monica High School students, senior Jonah Dworkin and junior Jonah Meyuhas, released a social music app in May, attracting hundreds of users within weeks of its launch. The app, titled "Cue: Music Diary with Friends," features a simple interface. Users are prompted to post a song of the day using a search bar connected to the iTunes catalog. Once a user posts their song of the day, they gain access to a friends page, where they can scroll through all of their friends' posts and leave likes or comments.

Dworkin and Meyuhas shared the app with friends via TestFlight on April 26 with the plan of receiving feedback and improving features before releasing it to a larger audience. On May 13, they released the app on the App Store and have since amassed 615 users across 16 states and eight countries as of June 5.

"The inspiration behind Cue is trying to bridge the gap between experience and expression. Music is one of the most natural ways to close that gap because it's personal, emotional, and easy for other people to connect with. You'd be surprised as to how much you can learn about someone based on their one song of the day," Dworkin said.

Dworkin and Meyuhas developed a unique marketing strategy. Instead of traditional promotions such as ads, they decided to host a launch party for Cue. They promoted the Instagram account and informed users that in order to enter the party they had to have a four-day streak on Cue. This grew the app's user base by 452% in two weeks. They plan to roll the profit from the party back into the app.

"Our next step is to launch a high school ambassador program that helps us expand school by school in the L.A. community. Instead of

relying solely on social media, we plan to identify students at different schools that can introduce Cue to their classmates, friends and family. It's a more personal and scalable way to grow because the adoption is organic. Once that's up and running, we plan to do the same for college campuses," Meyuhas said.

Initially, the app's early users were mostly friends and classmates, but it has grown significantly since its release. Rocco Shahriary, a Santa Monica High School student and Cue user, shares what he finds enjoyable about the app and what has led him to recommend it to others.

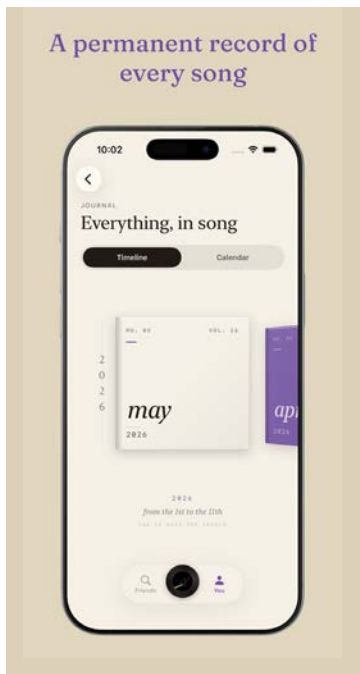
"I think Cue is great because it connects users and friends by highlighting music preferences, which separates it from any other app I know of. I've told friends and family to download Cue so that we can connect musically," Shahriary said.

The app is free and features no advertisements. However, on May 20, Dworkin and

Meyuhas added a revenue-generating feature — a customizable poster users can order featuring a calendar that displays the cover art of each song they posted throughout the month. According to Meyuhas, this is the first of many ideas the two have to expand the app.

"Beyond the custom album art, we're thinking about ways Cue can help people hold onto the music that defined different moments in their lives. One idea is a physical Cue yearbook, which essentially turns a user's digital memories of the entire year into a physical product. We're also excited about the possibility of partnering with smaller artists in order to help users discover new music while also giving those artists another platform to reach listeners," Meyuhas said.

Cue: Music Diary with Friends is available for download on the App Store.



RUNNING

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cool experience," Lucente said.

Another standout performance from this meet was senior Shenandoah Markos in the 400m race. She finished with a time of 58.30 seconds and placed 15 out of 54 competitors.

Samo progressed throughout the season under the leadership of coaches Lupi, Kathryn Saunders, Harley Richards and Richard Rucker. The team excelled under these coaches and improved throughout the season prior to the league finals meet. In a historic sweep, Samo dominated the Ocean League by winning every single division. The F/S boys and girls both won through strong overall performances. The boys varsity team was led by Lucente and Emerson Hill in the mile and two mile who placed in the top three in both. Additionally, sprinter senior Roman Nicodemus placed in the top four for both the 100m and 200m runs. On the girls' varsity side, the team was led by Markos who won the 400m final and placed second in the 200m final. The season didn't end at the league finals meet, because Samo brought 26 runners to CIF prelims and multiple people to CIF masters. Samo has a bright future as they brought Kingsly Lin ('27) to the California State meet to run the 3200m race. He finished with a time of 8:59.99 breaking the coveted "nine" minute barrier. With his senior year still ahead of him, he is set up to be one of the most heavily watched returning distance runners in the state.

"The biggest standout has to be Kingsley Lynn. He ran a PR of 8:59.99 for 3200 which equates to less than sub 430 per mile, which is

really impressive. He made the state meet, and he placed 15th at the state meet. I'm really excited to see what he does. He's definitely a D1 caliber prospect," Lucente said.

Three seniors stand out from the rest of the group through their leadership and their talent. Although there are no captains this year, these three runners lead by example and continue to inspire their teammates. All of these seniors have been on the team for four years and their contribution to the track program is immense. Leo Lucente, a 1x All American who holds a PR of 4:21 in the mile, is headed to University of Chicago to run Cross Country and Track. Shenandoah Markos holds a personal best of 57 seconds in the 400m race and is attending Colgate University to run Track. And last but not least Crystal Gaitan, who has a PR of 18:22 for three miles and has been praised by coaches as a great leader and face of the team.

"Crystal has a great and positive attitude, even on the worst day Crystal shows up and helps build this team. There were around 30 freshman girls on this team this year, and she just helped rip them into shape, and also just led by example," Lupi said.

Despite a lot of talent graduating this year, coaches believe that this team is in great shape to improve and become a "running school."

"It takes a handful of years to really get a program going in the right direction. I didn't come to Samo where we have one season where we do all right, I came here to be one of the best programs around and we have more than enough talent in this campus to do that. I think in two or three years people are going to be worried about us as one of the better programs in the state," Lupi said.





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