



THE TILLER NEWS

T-TOWN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, PRODUCED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS



Tustin High School

BRIEF HAPPENINGS

2018-19 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our INCREDIBLE [THS Teacher of the Year](#), Ms. Sheila Moeller! Ms. Moeller teaches Algebra 1A and Geometry CP/Honors. She is also one of the math department instructional coaches. Ms. Moeller was chosen by her fellow teachers for this award because of her constant, unrelenting efforts to help the Tillers grow as students and people. Thank you for all you do!

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

February 4-8th is National School Counseling Week which highlights the unique contributions school counselors make within the school system. Our counselors make a tremendous impact helping students achieve success and plan for the future; be sure to thank them throughout the week! [#NSCW19](#)

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

The Student Registration window for AP Exams is open through February 24th at 11:59pm. More information on the registration and payment process can be found on the [THS website](#). Please make sure to send in your payment by the February 24th deadline!

FEATURED ARTICLES



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD IN FINAL TRAINING

By [Abbey Zinsser](#), Science Department Co-Instructional Coach

The 2019 Science Olympiad Regional Competition will take place next weekend at UC Irvine. Science Olympiad is a team competition where students compete in 23 different events pertaining to various scientific disciplines. This year, the events include circuit lab, disease detectives, fossils, herpetology, thermodynamics, water quality, astronomy, and more. The THS team consists of thirteen members who have spent numerous hours at lunch and after school preparing for each event. Each member uses their unique scientific and engineering skill set to collaborate, investigate, build, understand, research, and compete as a team. Team members enjoy the challenging aspect of the competition and it also allows them to show their passions for science in a variety of topics outside of the typical classes offered in school.

MUN GOES TO SANTA CLARA

By [Elise Carlen-Jones](#), 10th grade, on behalf of the [Model United Nations](#)

Thirty MUN sophomores had the opportunity to travel to Northern California to compete at the Santa Clara Valley Model United Nations Conference this past weekend. The students and advisors represented Tustin High very well at the conference, with awards going to Ernest Tzompa, Crystal Millar, Jacob Templeton, and Nathan Lehnhof. The group also toured five college campuses, including UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz, where we had the privilege to be led on private tours by recent Tustin High MUN alumni. We were also able to enjoy some Bay Area sightseeing with visits to San Francisco's Chinatown and the Twin Peaks lookout. It was a fun and educational weekend for everyone who was able to attend.



VENUE CHANGE!

By [Sarah Markley](#), Co-Activities Director

Due to circumstances outside of our control, the venue for Winter Formal has changed to Highway 39 in Anaheim. Tickets are still on sale for Winter Formal, so pick up yours in the student store for \$50 until Friday the 1st. Prices go up next week!



“We are
what we
believe we
are.”

C. S. Lewis

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK!

By [Melissa Trout](#), Girls' Athletic Director

Wendy Paredes is our female athlete of the week. As a four-year Varsity starter, Wendy has been a pivotal part of the Tiller offense and defense. In the last two weeks, she has scored three goals as a midfielder and had thirty-one saves as a goalie. She has been the position MVP three years in a row and has been an all-league player during her soccer tenure. Wendy and the Tillers will play their final Empire League match on Thursday against Valencia. Since the squad is ranked in the top ten schools of their division, they are anxiously hoping for a CIF wild-card bid. In addition to being a leader on the field, Wendy is also a leader in the classroom. She is an honor roll student and has been involved in the AVID Program for four years.

Wendy Paredes



By [Tom Giebe](#), Boys' Athletic Director

Our Tiller Boys' Athlete of the Week is wrestler **Sebastian Rubio**. Sebastian, a junior, wrestled last weekend in the Empire League Championships at Valencia High School and placed high enough, along with 10 other Tiller wrestlers, to qualify for the CIF Southern Division Individual Championships on February 9th at Brea-Olinda High School. Sebastian and his teammates hope to place well enough at this meet to go on to CIF Masters tournament and, hopefully, the CIF state tournament. Best of luck to Sebastian and his teammates, and GO TILLERS!

Sebastian Rubio



THE COUNSELORS' CHAT

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN COUNSELING, BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR THS COUNSELORS



ONE SEMESTER DOWN! ONE MORE TO GO!

Welcome to the 2nd semester of the 2018-19 school year! Counselors will continue to be an integral part of your students' support at school. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events, deadlines, tips, and information that support students' college & career readiness.

Not sure who your counselor is? See the directory below:

COLLEGE VISITS:

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CHECK **NAVIANCE** AND RSVP.

A- CORONA	AMY BLED SOE	ABLEDSOE@TUSTIN.K12.CA.US
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THIS WEEK'S UP-DATES



CLASS OF 2019

College Tip of the Week:

You may be hearing back from colleges, but not have a financial aid award package from them. Not to worry! Financial aid packages are typically created after admissions decisions have been made. The most important thing is to double check that you have successfully submitted your FAFSA or DREAM so that colleges can use your SAR (Student Aid Report) as a means to calculate need based aid. Merit based aid can be based off of several factors such as test scores, transcripts, etc. You should have received notification via email of your SAR being ready 2-3 days after submitting your FAFSA or DREAM. Not sure if your SAR was successfully sent? Contact the financial aid office of the college or log onto webgrants!

Community College Field Trips: See Ms. Riggs in College and Career Center for Permission Slip! First 50 kids for each school who turn in permission slip can attend. **You must have applied to the school of the field trip you want to attend!**

- ⇒ **Orange Coast College:** March 5th
Time: 9:15am - 1:45pm
- ⇒ **Santiago Canyon College:** April 26th
Time: 8:30am - 1:30pm
- ⇒ **Santa Ana College:** May 8th
Time: TBD

Scholarships: Our annual THS Meaning and Purpose (MAP) scholarship is now open! This is only open to seniors attending THS. It is a \$1000 yearly scholarship renewable up to 3 years in college for a total of \$4000! Please **review the application** and apply! An interview is required after applications are submitted. **Applications are due by April 11, 2019.** Please apply!!

CLASS OF 2019- CONTINUED

SAVE THE DATES:



February 20th: Please mark your calendars for **February 20th at 6:00PM!** This will be our **FINAL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT** for the 18-19 school year. Remember, the deadline to submit your applications is March 2nd! Financial aid counselors from Santiago Community College and Irvine Valley College will provide hands on support for you on your FAFSA or DREAM application. Please be sure to bring your 2017 tax information, social security numbers (if applicable), FSA I.D. (if applicable), and a fully charged laptop. Bring your questions and get the support you need to successfully follow through on this important step to making college happen.

CLASS OF 2019, 2020 & 2021

ROP: Spring classes are starting! If you haven't done so yet, check with Ms. Riggs in the College and Career Center for your ROP enrollment status. There's still time to add a ROP class if you want to learn how to create a digital song, cook, investigate crime scenes, build a house, or create a robot.

CLASS OF 2019 & 2020

ASVAB TEST: If you're unsure or serious about joining the military, then get serious about the ASVAB test! This test will give you an idea of how well you score in some areas, and identify areas that needs improvement. Your scores will determine how qualified you are for certain military occupational specialties and enlistment bonuses. If you're interested in finding out what careers are best for you, sign up for the ASVAB test in the College & Career Center with Ms. Riggs or in Student Services with your counselors. Testing will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 13th** in room 814. Sign up soon!



CLASS OF 2020

If you...

- Currently hold a GPA of 4.0 or higher
- Enrolled in Alg 2/Trig or higher
- Need financial aid for college

You may qualify for the USC Bovard Scholar Program! This summer program is for current Juniors and provides you personalized career exploration, expert admission and financial aid support, test preparation, and leadership development. This program is completely free and USC even pays for transportation to and from the campus. If you're interested, please click the link below to apply. **Applications** are due **2/15/19 by 5:00PM.** Go Tillers!

ALL CLASSES

CSF: The CSF window is open from now until Friday, February 8, 2019. Please pick up a form in the counseling office, fill it out and turn it in to the Student Store with \$5 for membership for last semester. **Seniors, please remember that you must have at least one semester of membership during Senior year to qualify.** See Mrs. Pysher with any questions.

Tutorials: Students will be assigned mandatory tutorials according to their third quarter progress grades. Students who received a "D" or lower were assigned tutorial for that subject. If there are errors on your schedule for tutorial, please see your counselor.

Titan Tutors: THS has partnered with Cal State Fullerton's **Titan Tutors** program to provide FREE tutoring services every Monday through Thursday from 2:45pm to 4:15pm. The tutors are able for support in most subjects, but their focus will be English and Math. Drop in to rooms 412 and 415 if you need assistance! We are here for YOU!

AP Exam: Only 3 weeks left to register! Check the **THS website** for details on how to register. If you have questions, see Mrs. Park or Ms. del Castillo in student services.

College and Career Readiness:

- [9th Grade CCR Link](#)
- [10th Grade CCR Link](#)
- [11th Grade CCR Link](#)
- [12th Grade CCR Link](#)

Next CCR will be on **Wednesday, February 13th!**

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

Marymount California University	Mon, Feb 4th
U.S. Army	Tue, Feb 5th
California Baptist University	Wed, Feb 6th
Northern Arizona University	Wed, Feb 6th
Irvine Valley College	Thu, Feb 7th