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## A CLEAN SLATE

As students begin to settle into the hustle and bustle of the second semester, the experiences and memories made in 2015 begin to slowly fade. However, in their wake arises a chance for individuals to make a fresh start in their academic and personal lives.

Though many may have felt as though 2015 was filled with more “downs” than “ups,” it is important to remember that the start of the new year welcomes new opportunity. For students, 2016 acts as a clean slate; the second semester allows students to set new academic goals and improve on any weaknesses faced in the first semester. The second semester is undoubtedly more challenging than the first semester, yet finishing out the school year strong is a great way to begin 2016 on a positive note.

As we progress in the new year, it is important to realize that our goals should not be short-lived. We should stick to our New Year’s resolutions, rather than forget about them later in the year. 2016 is a fresh start; make it count, and leave any grievances and hardships behind in 2015. But most of all, remember to enjoy the ride!

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“I never really create any ‘New Year’s Resolutions’ because I don’t believe in having to suddenly change something about me because a number on the calendar changed. I do, however, always have a set of goals that I’m always trying to achieve and once I reach it, I’ll continue to reach for more. For a very long time, I’ve been trying to become a more understanding person. I’m currently taking AP Psychology, and although I went in just wanting to learn another field of science, I now want to walk out [...] a better person.” -Senior Amy Leung

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Happy  
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Year!

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“I want my writing to be published by the New Yorker. I’ve written three short essays [so far], but I haven’t submitted any of them yet.” -Senior Victor Grossman-Perez



“My New Year’s resolution [is] to take charge of my life and become assertive with my decisions. Being a [round-about] person, I never really tried to understand the things going on around me. After taking the SAT and [finishing] college applications, [however,] I have come to understand [that] I need to be in charge of my life. So far I am doing just that. Although it is too soon to know if I will succeed, I know I have to at the very least try!” -Senior Kerry Diaz



“One New Year’s resolution that I have is to study more and be proactive. Knowing myself from last year, I could have gotten better grades had I been more active going to tutoring and studying rather than procrastinating.” -Junior Eric Chan



“I think my New Year’s resolutions are pretty generic, but I really want to maintain good grades, possibly get better grades, get fit, and do better in Speech and Debate. To maintain or better my grades, I think I’m going to focus more on the classes that I struggle in and ask for help when I can. In order to ‘get fit’, I’ll need to have motivation, and that’s my gym buddy! We’ve already [kind of] worked out a schedule, so I think we’re set. Lastly, to do better in Speech and Debate requires work and dedication that I’m willing to put in during practices and prepping.” -Junior Monica Phun



“I don’t really have any New Year’s resolutions besides to stay calm. 2015’s calamities rose way too high for me to keep up with so this year I plan to not bite off more than I can chew. Spreading myself too thin was a huge factor in stressing me out.” -Junior William Rodriguez



“My New Year’s resolution is just like any other student of Alhambra High School: to strive for higher academic achieve in school to be successful. But to do so, the process must be paced with learning from my teachers [and] others around me.” -Sophomore Ronald Tu



“My New Year’s resolution was to get \$1,000 in scholarships [...] I have applied for five so far and I am currently waiting for the results.” -Sophomore Fianna Gin



“I will try to be my best self and live a better life every year. I also have a goal to travel Europe this summer and to eat less sugar, even though I love chocolate. I also plan to incorporate yoga and this thing called pop physique into my life.” -Nicole Hamilton, English teacher

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