

FEATURES

New Clubs For All

There are new clubs heading to campus and it is a very exciting time. Alhambra High School has many clubs that encourage interested students to join. The new clubs, such as Math Olympiad, SAY (Socially Aware Youth) and United Royals, each have their own vision for the community of Alhambra. Knowing about these clubs will help students be more aware of what goes on in each club and might encourage some to be part of one of the clubs in having fun, giving a good resume on colleges and more experience in social life.

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'SAY'ing What Needs to be Said

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There are many events in the world that are difficult to discuss whether because they are too sensitive or because we might feel judged for our opinions. One group of students, the member of SAY, is very curious and passionate and is willing to take the extra mile for the benefits of our society.

Socially Aware Youth (SAY) is a new club in Alhambra High School whose sole purpose is to give students a place in which they can talk about political or social topics and simply discuss the things they really need to know. SAY, led by junior Katarina Aguayo, was started this year to inform students about current events around the world and in our community, and share with others so that students will become more aware of their community.

"It started in summer when I was talking to a friend when I felt like leaving an impact on society. We plan to have fundraisers to raise awareness and persuade more seniors to vote," Katarina Aguayo said. SAY, so far, had their first official meeting on Feb. 2, kicking it off by talking about what social privilege is. Aguayo hopes to bring up topics such as the presidential race. The club's board members hope to have events such as a clothes drive, but as of now they have no plans except to flourish and expand their club. The club meets in room D304 every Tuesday during lunch with a new topic that is freely discussed. Although they are a fairly new club, SAY has a lot of potential and good intentions in helping students and the community.

Like every other club out there, SAY has its own reason to why a student should join. "Personal interests and because being involved makes me happy," vice president Cassiy Steglau said. "SAY provides a chance for us to bond with [the] older generation and other teenagers. It also allows me to comfortably say what I want," said Julian Leija, also vice president.

Introducing United Royals Service Club

Alhambra High School prides itself on the various service clubs strewn throughout its campus. Newly formed in the 2015-16 school year, United Royals is a service club dedicated to providing volunteer help to the community as an individual, local-based organization. As stated in the club's constitution, the purpose of the club is to unite responsible and cooperative students who can work together to give back to the community.

"United Royals is different from other service clubs in the fact that we are solely independent, meaning we don't need to ask for permission from the Mother Club to participate in services," service chair Elwin Luo said.

Members in the club are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours per quarter. Unlike other service clubs, United Royals is asking each of its members to try to contact at least one service event in order to bring forth more volunteer activities that the club can devote their assistance to.

"Aside from going to generic services, our club is trying to excel and expand our range a little further by making our services as diverse as possible. We've even arranged a meeting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife," club president Peter Shi said.

Recently, the club has been trying to work with multiple [environmental] conservation organizations and is currently striving to implement such programs in Alhambra High School. Being a service club with little history, United Royals is aiming to spread its influence in order to make a lasting impact at Alhambra High School.

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Math Madness

In the past, it was difficult to find a club at Alhambra High School that focused on the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). MESA and ASEA have been the only clubs on campus that allow members to gain experience in STEM. Recently, a new STEM based club, Math Olympiad, has made a name for itself on the campus of AHS.

Math Olympiad is a club that hopes to establish the first district-wide "Math Madness" competition. The competition aims to bring the experience of an elementary school Math Field Day to high school students in the Alhambra Unified School District. Like a Math Field Day, the Math Madness competition will contain games, activities and educational opportunities that will allow students to expand their knowledge and understanding of mathematics and its applications.

As a member of this club, one can expect to see great involvement in the preparation and set up for the Math Olympiad competition. Regardless of your proficiency in math, anyone who is interested in the club is encouraged to join. Members who do not have direct involvement with mathematics will be in charge of carrying out tasks such as fundraising, event promotion and activity designing. Math Olympiad also serves as a means to build your leadership skills; each club member has the opportunity to become an officer and take part in running the club.

President Kyleio Zhong aims to structure the club in a way that will allow members to strengthen their skills in mathematics in a competitive environment. More importantly, he stated that he hopes Math Olympiad "... will be regionally recognized as our competition gains its reputation through inviting more and more schools to participate in [the event]". The club and its members are dedicated to creating an event that multiple school districts will continue to participate in for years to come.

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