

ASB Sets Goal of Achieving School Spirit, Collaboration

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In order to create a more united atmosphere at Alhambra High School, the Associated Student Body (ASB) has dedicated their time to try to promote school spirit and encourage students to play a more active role on campus.

"It's my first year [as adviser for ASB] and I've noticed that students recognize ASB's efforts in doing more rallies for athletic events and dances [among other things]. But even though we do get people to go out to show support these hardworking students, I feel like more ASB members should be doing so," ASB adviser Tuan Pham said.

In an attempt to create more active sports related events, ASB sent out a student survey regarding how many sports games each individual has attended and how ASB can promote more school activity and unity.

"Alhambra High is not as hyped up as it used to be or as it could be. We were

able to show our school spirit recently at the basketball game [on Feb. 5]. However, ASB wants to have that same school

there to lead the way to that goal of a more involved, spirited school community," ASB Vice President David Huang said.



A SENSE OF PRIDE ASB members Ameyali Tapia and Josh Lopez cheer during a varsity basketball home game. ASB decorated the gym for the last basketball home games.

spirit for not only basketball games, but every other sports game or meet. ASB is

ASB does not only help promote school spirit among various sports, but various

clubs as well. On Feb. 5, ASB helped the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) host one of the first cultural activities on campus to celebrate Lunar New Year by assisting the club in making decorations and preparing red envelopes for the event.

"As the president of VSA, I had the idea of doing something for the Lunar New Year and just pitched it to ASB at one of our meetings. ASB promotes school spirit because it's the only thing we can offer to the student that goes beyond their education," VSA President and 2016 President Amy Than said.

Whether it be creating spirit at school games or helping make new school events, ASB continues to further their efforts to create a more involved student body at AHS.

"It's great that ASB is making such an effort to try to make the school a more unified site. This also creates an opportunity for progress in terms of creating a better school environment in general," junior Vicky Lam said.

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Computer Science Class For 'All'hambra High School

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On Jan. 30, President Barack Obama announced the "Computer Science for All" plan. This plan was created so that computer science classes will be accessible for all students, including students who attended high schools that previously did not have enough funding to offer computer science classes. Now, under this initiative, \$4 billion will be granted to states to give students all over America a chance to learn computer science for three years. On top of the \$4 billion funding for states, \$100 million will be used for opening these classes, according to CNET.

According to the White House, one goal for the additional computer science courses is to not only to educate more students who do not have an opportunity to learn computer science at school, but also to create a more open-

mined atmosphere about minorities and women in technology companies.

"If you fund programs for [minorities, women and low-income families], you will be reaching additional people that other programs aren't reaching," math department head Paul Stein said.

Only 15 percent of all high schools in America currently offer AP Computer Science, according to USA Today.

There is some opposition to the implementation of computer science as a course, however. According to the Alhambra Source, Bellflower Unified School District librarian Paul Fung believes that computer science should not be a school course, but rather an afterschool elective. He believes that technical skills will change while general education classes such as literature and philosophy will sufficiently help students mature.

"I don't plan on taking the AP class [despite my interest in the class] because it could be too challenging for me," ju-

nior Alexandria Vasquez-Hernandez said.

AHS offers computer courses such as web design and digital media. However, this computer science course will differ in the idea that it will teach coding instead of web application usage.

"I think it is a great [idea] as it gives students more options to explore advancing technologies that are currently dominating and influencing our culture in a demanding state. [I also think] it would help our school as it bring a new perspective to students due to the fact that the technology advancement is slowly growing into a state where it is completely mandatory to know," freshman Edwin Lam said.

Next year, AHS will offer AP Computer Science and it will count as a math course in the "g" category in the a-g requirements list. The teacher for the course has not been hired yet.

"I think it's a class that can teach skills that are useful in a lot of fields," sophomore Zhiling Zhang said.

Lincoln High Student Accomplishes Perfect AP Calculus AB Score

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"It's been surreal," Lincoln High School senior Cedrick Argueta said, in an interview with the LA Times about his perfect score on the AP Calculus AB exam.

Argueta managed to earn every single point on the AP Calculus AB test administered last year, becoming one of the 12 test takers worldwide to do so out of 302,531 students. In response to his accomplishment, President Obama sent a tweet to the teenager, inviting Argueta to join the upcoming White House Science Fair on March 23.

"Argueta's accomplishment is very inspiring and it really shows us what we can do working hard," junior Mar-iam Diallo, who is currently taking the AP Calculus AB class. "His story also proves that [a student's] background, community, and all those other external factors don't limit [his or her] ability."

According to the LA Times, Argueta spent hours every day after school studying with his classmates to prepare for the exam.

AP Calculus is a college level class including the study of subjects such as differentiation and integration. Students will be preparing for a three-hour and fifteen-minute long AP test in May.

"Passing the AP exams means a lot to me," senior Cary Tan said. "It not only saves me the money of college tuition and fulfills college units, finishing the courses also gives me more time to pursue what I am interested in future studies."

From May 2 through May 13, high school students across the nation will be taking AP exams. In order to do well, our AP Calculus students are also studying hard, aiming to pass the exam.

"Students have to work vigorously and synthesize what they have learned in order to do well on the test," AP Calculus AB teacher and math department head Paul Stein said. "We always had a really respectable passing rate for the exam, so hopefully one day we can have someone who aces [the exam] as well."

Mosquitoes Vector For Zika Virus, Infect Rio Olympic Games

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Many travelers will be avoiding trips to Latin America and the Caribbean due to the outbreak of the Zika virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Zika virus is transmitted primarily through mosquito bites and possibly through sexual contact and blood transfusion.

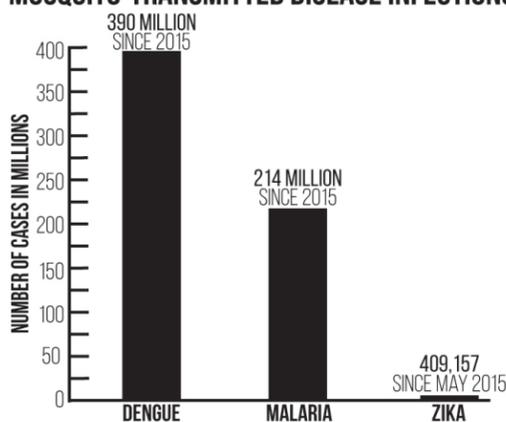
The most significant problem arising from the virus outbreak concerns pregnant women who have been infected. Infection may lead to microcephaly, a birth defect that causes the head of a newborn to be abnormally small, leading to an undeveloped brain. Although some of the health effects can be treated, such as hearing loss and vision problems, microcephaly is a lifelong condition that cannot be cured.

Acknowledging that the virus can affect participation in the Olympics, the U.S. Olympic Committee stated that there will be two infectious disease specialists to consult with all prospective U.S. Olympians, according to USA Today. Brazilian authorities

have also announced that Olympic facilities will be inspected for any mosquito breeding grounds and fumigated if necessary.

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MOSQUITO-TRANSMITTED DISEASE INFECTIONS



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gies such as making sure that there will be no standing water [because it] attracts mosquitoes. I would like to see biological control such as [using] mosquito-

fish or insects that eat mosquitoes," science department head Daniel Hyke said.

Although preventative measures have been mentioned, some believe that the games should be postponed or even cancelled.

"The Olympics should be cancelled [because] even important [people] such as the Surgeon Vice Admiral of the Navy advised on not traveling after the outbreak," sophomore Jason Kwan said.

According to CNN, the virus poses one of the many problems concerning the summer games. The International Olympic Committee has called to cancel this year's games. However, Olympic spokesman Mario Andrada stated that it is impossible to cancel the games and athletes are not in danger unless they are pregnant women.

"While the virus poses a serious threat to tourists and visitors going to Brazil for the Olympics, Brazil wasn't a good contender to host the games to begin with. They don't have the necessary resources right now, and the emergence of the virus exacerbates this," senior Taylor Thomas said.

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