

Los Laureados: An Honor or Favoritism?

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As senior year festivities begin, Alhambra High School recognizes certain seniors with the Los Laureados award.

The direct translation of "Los Laureados" is "the honored or of high glory." Each year, teachers are asked to nominate seniors that they know, are currently teaching or have taught.

There are two major issues with the award being considered the "highest honor" in Alhambra High School.

The first comes in the form of nominations. Teachers should continue to be able to nominate students, but nominations should be opened to students that would like to nominate themselves or their peers.

gished students. Leadership skills in clubs and sports are demonstrated in leading peers and not teachers. Teachers are reliable in what they observe of individuals that may seem appropriate for the honor, but most of a student's interactions are with other students. This

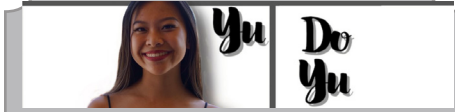


would also open up nominations to students that may not have known teachers well enough to be nominated but are equally as deserving of the honor.

The second issue is simply the lack of information and structure involved. For nominees, non-nominees, semi-finalists or finalists, an unclear description of what the honor is or how the process was executed may lead to confusion.

deciding votes, can use to help decide on who gets eliminated or who receives the Los Laureados award. Favoritism and other forms of bias will be minimized therefore reducing complaints or rumors of other qualified nominees. As of now, a teacher who may know a student better may consider the nominee with an unfair advantage over another nominee because there is no clear rubric of what the qualifications are.

There are many things to celebrate about those who receive the Los Laureados award because many recipients, in the past, have been well qualified individuals with remarkable achievements. However, there are still many questions that remain over the individuals that were equally or more qualified and did not receive the award.



Things Not to Do on a Date

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In a frenzy to find a date for Valentine's Day and prom, I have gone through many hangouts to find the "perfect" date. Unfortunately, none of them ended too well.

There are many things a person can do to ruin a date. One of the most important things people should know is that they should never, I repeat, never try to kiss their date within the first few minutes of meeting them.

Also, being immature is not attractive. Someone who yells "penis" in a busy street is not someone I would ever want to be associated with.

If you're trying to impress someone, it is suggested that you remember where you parked. It is ridiculous to lose your car and spend about an hour trying to remember where you parked.

Hospital Hospitality

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Hospitals, to many individuals, are places where people can receive medical help and feel safe. However, recent events at Hacienda Healthcare, a medical establishment located in Arizona, has undermined this sense of trust and care.

Although most practitioners are trustworthy, there are still a few who revoltingly take advantage of their patients. The sexual assault that had taken place at Hacienda Healthcare is one of the only cases known to the public about these incidents.

Medical professionals should constantly be monitored in order to stop the abuse of the current rule system. It is important to keep in mind that not all practitioners take advantage of patients and a majority are only there to do their job of helping treat people.

Eliminating the Needy: A Call For Reformation

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Homelessness is nowhere near a new issue. Homeless people flooding American territories dates as far back as the mid 1600s. These "low class" citizens were known as "sturdy beggars," and were people that occupied pre-colonial streets, asking for handouts.

Yet homelessness is not only prevalent during times of war, but during times of natural disaster as well. In 1893, the Sea Islands hurricane on the coast of Georgia struck, causing towns full of debris and homes for little to no people.

nally, Hurricane Katrina devastated cities in states from Florida to Texas. The city of New Orleans became a community under water because of the sheer power of this hurricane.



together to rebuild entire regions. This togetherness must be prevalent among all types of homeless people, because there is always room for a helping hand.

Today, with great technological advancements, we would like to think homelessness has been eradicated. However, in December of 2018 the federal Department of Housing and Urban De-

velopment reported in its annual national homeless assessment that homelessness has decreased by 1% from 2017 to 2018. This is not enough.

The first step to ending homelessness is getting rid of labels. Instead of filtering the "needy" or "hobos" into shelters or group homes, there must be centers for these individuals to be evaluated. Homeless people are more than just crazy, drug addicts that have no hope in recovering.

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