



## ASB Campaigns Begin New Student Leadership

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2014 ASB campaigns have arrived, and elections are just around the corner. On March 26, the official candidacy list was posted at the SGR and Business Activities.

ASB candidates officially began their campaigns on March 27 and will continue until April 7. During these two weeks, candidates can advertise their goals and appeal to student voters by promoting themselves through flyers and posters approved by ASB adviser Jocelyn Castro.

"I hope for next year's ASB to be considerate of the majority of the students' opinions, as well as make every student feel welcome and ready to learn. I

also wish that ASB can do their best to support the various talented teams that we have at our school," ASB Director

of Campus Environment Nathan Tran said.

ASB candidacy is open to all students. Students who would like to apply for an appointed or cabinet position must set an appointment with Castro by April 14, and interviews will be held on April 18. Candidates are required to record a prepared speech; a video with all the speeches will be broadcasted throughout lunch on April 3 and April 4 during the meet and greet, in which candidates can appeal to the students by meeting them face-to-face. Elections will be simultaneously held at the Quad.

"I believe that what ASB is currently doing is great. The pep rallies we're doing keep the students more involved in student activities," ASB Staff Assistant Anna Xie said.

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## Spring Rally Introduces Sports Teams, Prom Court

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Decorations and steamers filled the campus on March 28 during the Spring Pep Rally hosted by ASB. Spring sports teams, which include Swim, Baseball, Softball, Boys' Tennis, Boys' Volleyball, Badminton and Track and Field, were invited out to participate in the rally. In addition, there were special performances by AHS' dance teams as well as the Mighty Moors Marching Band.

"The Spring Rally was a great opportunity for people to come out and support the teams. I believe the Spring Rally really helped with letting others know how our season is progressing so far. [It] also got people really hyped up about all the different sports," Track and

Field Captain Catalina Li said.

The Rally began at the Quad where Prom Court boys' nominations were an-



nounced. Baseball, Softball, Boys Tennis and Boys' Volleyball were recognized and Cheer, Drill and All-Male Dance Team performed. Afterward, the Mighty

Moors Marching Band began to play and split into two different groups. Both groups then met at Third Street, where the rest of the Rally continued. Afterward, Track and Field, Swim and Badminton were then announced on Third Street and All-Female Dance Team and Cheer performed. Senior shout-outs and Prom Court girls' announcements also took place on Third Street.

"All the performances were all really entertaining and really well coordinated. It also made me feel more involved how all the sports teams were doing. The Rally itself helped raise my school spirit and I felt really proud to be part of the Alhambra Moors family," freshman Christina Tran said.

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## Dance Teams Continue Winning Streak

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Since February, Alhambra's All-Male, Drill and Orchesis dance teams have been competing in various competitions. This year, the teams have attended Streetdance USA and Glendale Games at Glendale High, along with other competitions at Sonora, Glen A. Wilson, West Torrance and Fountain Valley.

During this season, Alhambra's All-Male Dance Team has been undefeated in the Large All Male Hip-Hop category.

"I love my team and competing! As a four-year member, it's such a relief that we're doing so well. I'm glad I'm ending my All-Male career with this year's team and the dance family," Captain Raymond Tran said.

Meanwhile, the Drill Team has placed in several of their competitions in the Kick and Pom category.

"Drill started off really well but slowly decreased in placing, but we hope to get back on top again," Drill Captain Marilyn Htingbai said.

In the Co-Ed category, AHS placed first at Sonora, second at both Wilson and Glendale Games, third at Streetdance USA and fourth at West Torrance.

The dance teams' last competition, Miss Dance Drill Team USA, is on April 5 at UC Irvine, but they may sign up for additional competitions.

"I honestly think my team started off somewhat unprepared with the proper mindset for competition season, but we definitely narrowed down our focus and worked a lot harder towards improving as a whole. Regardless of how we do for the remainder of the season, I am definitely proud of this exceptional team," Orchesis Captain Nicky Ng said.

## Monterey Highlands Student Protests Against AUSD Actions

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On Jan. 17, eighth-grader Maia Wu and her siblings were expelled from Monterey Highlands Elementary for protesting against the wrought-iron fence that was built around the school, a protective measure that was deemed necessary following the shooting tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary.

Wu's and her siblings' inter-district permits to attend Monterey Highlands were revoked based on their "unwillingness to cooperate with school officials and abide by district policies and procedures," ac-

cording to the Alhambra Source.

In response, Wu posted a video on YouTube in which she decried the AUSD's actions.

"Monterey Highlands and the Alhambra Unified School District are obsessed with control and are no longer thinking about students when they make their choices," Wu said in her video response.

The school officials are aware of the video; however, according to the Alhambra Source, the school denied Wu's claims.

"My priority is to provide and ensure safe learning environment for all students and [...] staff members, due

to several tragedies that have been happened on school campuses, we have to take a proactive stance rather than a reactive one," Monterey Highlands Principal Debbie Kotani said, according to the Pasadena Star News.

Nonetheless, Wu's mother and other parents also protested and attempted to communicate with AUSD.

"I have a vision of a school that will embrace student voice and student participation in civic matters. I want to learn in an environment that welcomes free-thinkers, opposing viewpoints and values the democratic process," Wu said in her video response.

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