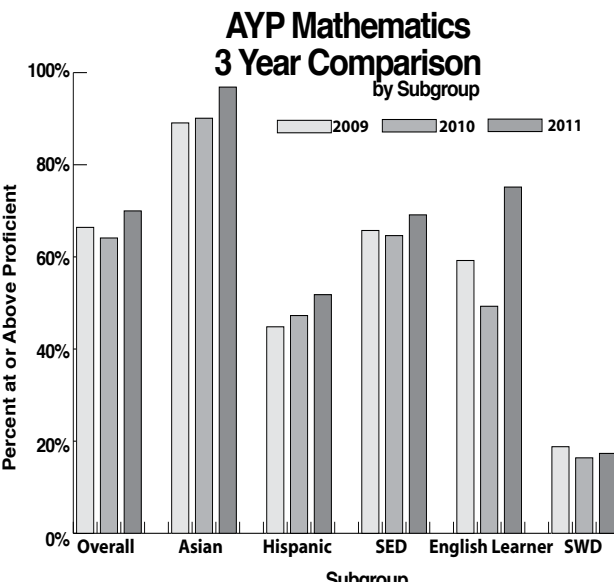
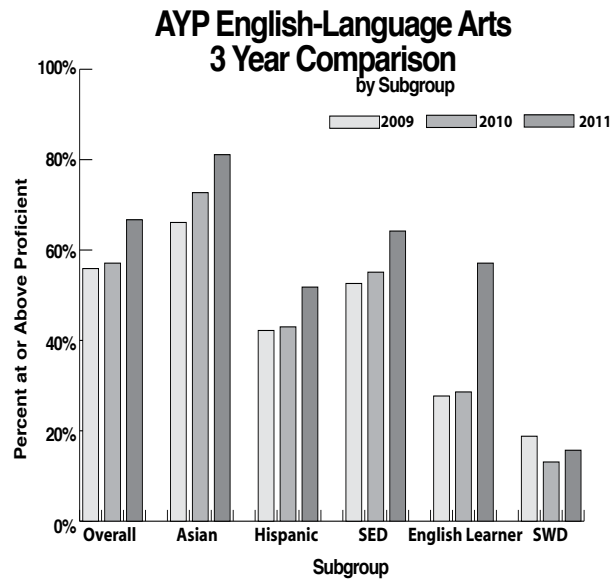
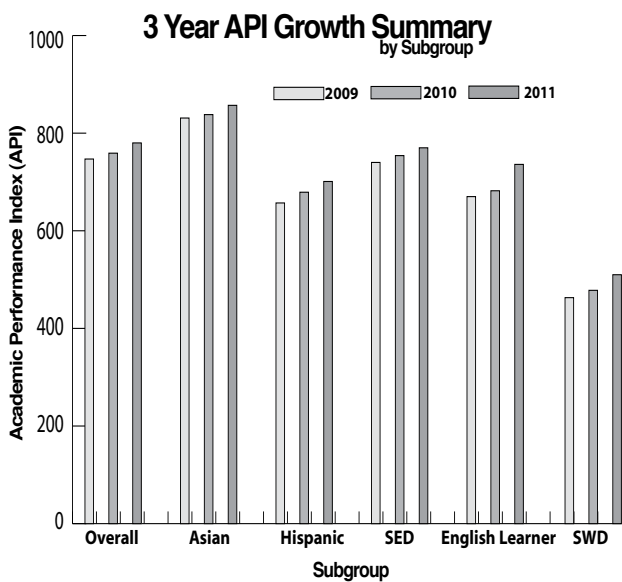




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NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW GROWTH AHS' CST and CAHSEE test scores have been steadily improving since 2009. The API (Academic Performance Index) represents students' performance on the CSTs, while the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) represents performance on CAHSEE.

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Alhambra Police Officer Dies in Line of Duty

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On July 10 at 2:30 a.m., police officer Ryan Stringer collided with another one of Alhambra Police Department's patrol cars. Both cars were responding to a robbery when they crashed at Garfield Ave. and Main Street.

He and the other officer, Juan Carlos Mejia, were taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital for their injuries. Mejia was able to

recover in a few days, but Stringer died at the hospital.

"The tragedy affects many of us, and we hope that from this point on, the firefighters and the police force will operate safely," Alhambra Mayor Gary Yamauchi said in a council meeting.

On July 15, a funeral service was held for Stringer. Many officers from the area attended the service, where he was remembered for his outstanding com-

mitment and perpetual cheerful attitude.

"We have lost one of our modern-day heroes and guardians of society in police officer Ryan Stringer," Alhambra police chief Mark Yokoyama said.

Stringer graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy where he excelled both academically and physically.

A memorial fund has been established in his name.



A HERO REMEMBERED Fellow policemen honor Officer Ryan Stringer, who was killed while responding to a robbery.

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"We will all grieve for Ryan and [...] he] will never be forgotten so let's take one of his many lessons and turn this tragedy into a defining event in our lives," Yokoyama said.

New Faces, Same Mission: Guiding Students

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Counselors play an important role in a high school environment. The counselor-student team works together to help the student to graduate. However, this year, some students found out that the counselor they had such a bond with was no longer at AHS.

At the start of the new 2011-2012 school year, students with last names starting with Mod-Pol and the students who are deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) discovered that their counselor, Jacqueline Herrera, is no longer here. Over the summer, she was relocated to Mark Keppel

High School (MKHS) and her replacements, Jing Wu and Carol Lam-Jones, now have responsibility over her students.

The decline in enrollment this year led to Herrera's relocation. Previously, there were 550 students assigned to each counselor, but because fewer freshmen came to fill in for the seniors who graduated last year, Herrera was left

with only 225 students. She was transferred to MKHS, where her help was more needed.

Herrera found out that she was being transferred in mid-summer. The reason she was transferred, according to Herrera, was because she had least seniority.

"I miss my AHS students tremendously. Leaving them behind was definitely the toughest part about moving! [...] I can't wait to see them at Prom and graduation," Herrera said.

Although they had to say goodbye to Herrera, they welcomed Jing Wu. Before becoming a counselor at AHS, Wu served as a substitute counselor at MKHS. Although Wu is new, she was able to adapt quickly.

"[It's] wonderful; [AHS has] amazing administrators [and] a

great staff," Wu said.

The staff also warmly welcomed Lam-Jones, who doubles as a counselor at Century High School.

Lam-Jones has been able to connect with the students and a few parents she has met with so far. Although spending time here makes it difficult to keep up with her work at Century High School, she still enjoys her time at AHS very much.

"[Wu] is very [...] organized. It makes it easy

to collaborate with [her]," she said.

Likewise, Wu considers Lam-Jones someone she can work well with.

"[She's] always on top of things," Wu said.

Wu meets with their students Mondays through Thursdays and on Fridays (her days off), Lam-Jones takes over.

"I was very shocked and disappointed [that she left]," junior Stephanie Rosalyn Osorio said. "Herrera is one of the best counselors ever. She [has] helped me in many ways."

MOOR photos by JOYCE TSUI (Wu pictured on left, Lam-Jones pictured on right)

