



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

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### Wesley Han, Swim

1. How has participating in swim impacted your high school experience?

A: At first, I didn't want to join a sport, but then I wanted to be more active. I learned to manage my schedule and [swim] keeps me physically fit.

2. What are your future goals for when you leave high school and where do you plan on going to college?

A: I am still undecided between teaching and being [involved in] human resources. I plan on going to University of California, Santa Barbara under the communications major.

3. What do you like most about swim?

A: I love the competition. Swimming one-on-one against someone is such an adrenaline rush. I also liked how it was a sport that exercised your entire body.

4. Do you have any words of advice for the underclassman?

A: Don't be afraid of the teachers. They have no right to make you feel miserable or inferior. Believe in the ones you trust. Join an activity you like and stick to it.

ANHAYTE GUAJARDO, Staff Writer

### Jennifer Parades, Softball

1. How has joining the softball program impacted your life?

A: Joining the softball team was one of the greatest choices I have made in my life. It has impacted my life because it has [prepared me] for situations that [I] might come across later in life. I especially learned how to play every game as if it were my last.

2. What life skills have softball and being on a sports team taught you?

A: Sports have definitely taught me the values of perseverance and teamwork. Some life skills that I have gained are how to be responsible and how to be able to remain calm in intense situations.

3. What has been your most favorite memory from playing softball?

A: My best memory took place my junior year when we played [against] San Marino. It was the best game we had played defensively and I remember the other coaches complimenting me on how well my team's game mode was that day.

4. What are your plans after graduation?

A: After graduating high school, I plan to play softball for college and pursue a career in kinesiology.

KAYIU WONG, Staff Writer

### Derwin Teguh, Badminton

1. How has badminton impacted your life?

A: Badminton inspired me in many ways [because] it gave me spirit to never give up and to keep trying. I started with no experience but I pushed to where I am now as captain.

2. What gave you the inspiration to try out for badminton?

A: At first [I began playing] because my friend invited me to join.

[Even though] my friend quit, I already came to love badminton and knew I wanted to continue on the team.

3. What advice would you give people who want to try out for badminton?

A: I would advise [underclassmen] to never give up and try until you become better. Not giving up is the key for success in any sport. After all, will motivates [the] mind.

4. What are your plans after graduation?

A: I plan to go to college, find a job and possibly come back to Alhambra High School to coach the badminton team later on.

5. How do you think the badminton program will be like in the future?

A: I believe that the team will be good, and with more girls in our program, I hope people will take interest in badminton so we can be successful in the years to come.

WESLEY TSAI, Staff Writer

### Ming Cun Cheah, Tennis

1. What are your plans after graduation?

A: I will still keep on playing tennis for life. I will go to Pasadena Community College and later try to transfer to law school. I wish to become a corporate lawyer.

2. Have you encountered anyone that has had a significant impact on you?

A: [Head] Coach [Tom] Jelsma. I truly think it is fate [that he is] my coach. He tells me about his experiences in order to correct my stubborn mistakes. [I want to thank him] for his patience and niceness.

3. What life skills has being an athlete taught you?

A: The biggest skill that I have learned is [to] never give up [even if] you are losing. There is always a chance to fight back.

4. What would you say to your teammates that are currently underclassmen?

A: Go for the shot and do not be afraid of hitting the ball hard. Truly, I am very glad to have you as teammates; I could ask for nothing more. [Lastly], thank you for being patient with my broken English.

KEVIN KONG, Sports Editor

### Catalina Lee Kim, Track and Field

1. How has track and field impacted your life?

A: I used to be a very lazy student, and once I joined track, it made me dedicated to the sport, as well as [dedicated] toward my academics. It is what makes me want to wake up every day to go to school. Track has also made me a better leader.

2. What are your plans for after high school?

A: I plan to attend a four-year university after high school, and continue running track and field there. I plan to attend [the] University of La Verne. I'm majoring in criminal justice; I hope to become a homicide detective in the future.

3. What advice would you give to underclassmen?

A: The first week is always hell, but don't quit because of that. As cliché as it sounds, never give up. It's going to hurt a lot, but that doesn't mean you give up. Never quit.

4. What was your most memorable moment from being on the track team?

A: The most memorable moment I've ever had throughout my years of being in track was when I broke our school's froshoph and varsity triple jump record. I was in shock, and that was when I realized that hard work does pay off. I strive to set a higher record at the end of season this year.

NATE GARCIA, Sports Editor

### Marcel Kurniawan, Volleyball

1. What has volleyball taught you?

A: Volleyball has taught me discipline and that things won't always be my way.

2. What gave you inspiration to try out for volleyball?

A: Challenging myself to try new things inspired me to try out for sports; I would have never imagined myself playing [a sport] such as volleyball.

3. What advice do you have to people who want to try out for volleyball?

A: I would advise them to keep on practicing, never take things lightly and never give up because it is not easy.

4. How is volleyball different from freshman year to senior year?

A: Freshman year volleyball was [not my priority] and I only competed for fun, but being a captain on varsity for senior year convinced me to compete for the league title and to [enjoy] the fun that comes from the challenges.

5. What are your future plans after high school?

A: I plan to be a physical therapist or an athletic trainer for sports such as basketball or volleyball. I also plan to attend University of California, Irvine in the fall of 2014.

WESLEY TSAI, Staff Writer

### Marco Briones, Baseball

1. What has the Moors baseball program taught you on and off the field?

A: [This program has] taught me discipline, responsibility, respect and how to conduct myself as a young, respectable [athlete]. Our coaches have the patience to teach every player and believe that everyone deserves a chance. They [brought] me to my full potential.

2. Do you plan to play baseball past high school?

A: The next step for me is to play college baseball at a Division 1 school and after that, I would like to get drafted to a professional baseball organization.

3. What advice do you have to give to underclassmen in the baseball program?

A: My advice would be to buy into what the coaches at Alhambra teach. Work hard in the classroom to have the ability to be on the field. Playing baseball is a privilege.

4. What were some of your greatest memories in your high school baseball career?

A: One of my favorite high school baseball memories was my sophomore year in 2012. The baseball team made it to the final round of CIF and I pitched at Dodger Stadium at age 15. Another great memory was when I was selected to represent Southern California in a three-game series in Santa Clara against Northern California.

SIMEON LAM, Staff Writer