



Seniors Win Wells Fargo Grant for AHS

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Ten student representatives from AHS and other local high schools Mark Keppel, South El Monte, Arroyo and San Marino gathered the Wells Fargo Financial Literary Decathlon on Nov 13.

Sponsored by Wells Fargo and hosted by California Assembly member Mike Eng, the Decathlon quizzed participants on materials they were given one week to absorb. Seniors Raymond Dam and Philip Tam represented AHS in the event.

"I believe that the Financial Literacy Decathlon was a great success, actively encouraging students to study an important subject matter," said Tam. "It offered invaluable insight into the studies [economics] I would

involve myself in during college. For others, it still offered an invaluable lesson on an issue that plagues American society at large, [such as] being in debt."

The pair succeeded through all six rounds, answering every question and finishing in first place. Arroyo, San Marino and Mark Keppel took second, third and fourth place respectively.

"I felt like it was a prestigious honor to represent our school and our community at the decathlon," said Dam. "The superintendent was there, the Mayor of Alhambra was there, and a lot of other top officials. Winning first really made our school look good."

As a result, a grant of five thousand dollars was awarded to AHS.

BIG BUCKS Seniors Philip Tam and Raymond Dam are awarded \$5000 after they placed first in the Wells Fargo Financial Literary Decathlon, beating South El Monte, Mark Keppel, San Marino and Arroyo High Schools.

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FBLA Strives for Success

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In today's society, many people aspire to become business leaders. Corporate bests, such as Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, dominate in modern civilization.

A club here at AHS caters specifically to those striving to become future entrepreneurs. By joining Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), one can develop the responsibility, business and leadership skills they need to embark on the road to success.

The club is represented by a flag, symbolic of the United States. It shows the members' first priority and goal, which is to prepare students for the real world.

The club's motto is "Suit up

for success." Besides learning about business and leadership, FBLA members act as role models in helping the environment by planting trees, picking up trash and hosting clean-ups on campus and in parks.

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"My favorite part of FBLA is having the chance to meet different people and experience a new sense of maturity and pride in myself," said sophomore historian Allison Lee.

On Nov. 20-21, FBLA officers from many different

schools met at the Irvine Agency Hotel to attend a conference held by the Leadership Development Institute.

The workshops held at the conference dealt with public speaking, body language, cultural sensitivity and business etiquette.

A portion of the conference revolved around competition, and FBLA officers from different schools presented their knowledge on specific topics, such as introduction to business, entrepreneurship, sports management and business communication.

"FBLA really stresses two things: helping others learn about business and teaching them responsibility," said sophomore secretary Tiffany Chiu.



THE FUTURE IS NOW FBLA president Jonathan Tam recites the club pledge to old and new members.

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LOOKS A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS On Dec. 3, a tree-lighting ceremony was held at the Renaissance Plaza. Free photos with Santa and the Grinch, as well as refreshments and snacks, were offered.

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Who Needs Tutors? Just Zap Your Brain

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Imagine if there were an easy way to guarantee acing your next math test. It might be possible by stimulating the brain with electricity.

The University of Oxford conducted an experiment in which fifteen students between the ages of 20-21 volunteered to test the research of electrical brain stimulation. Researchers used electrodes to jolt the region of the brain that deals with mathematics.

Those fifteen experimental subjects proved that electrical stimulation of the brain helped improve their performance.

After half a year, the fifteen test subjects were still performing well on math assessments.

According to Christopher Chambers of Cardiff University's School of Psychology, the ability to tweak activity in parts of the brain, turning it slightly 'up' or 'down' at will, opens the door to treating a range of psy-

chiatric and neurological problems, like compulsive gambling or visual impairments following stroke.

Inigorating the brain with a low current of electricity would not only help students perform more efficient-

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- Maria Costa

ly in mathematics, but it would also help those with compulsive disorders unresponsive to other neurological treatments.

However, not everyone is in favor of such treatments.

"It's not the safest way to [help students]," said sophomore Mimi Troung.

She believes that there are other options besides the use of electricity,

like asking teachers, tutors or peers for help. She also adds that something could go wrong during the procedure and might over-shock the brain and potentially kill the person.

"I feel that abusing the human body isn't [appropriate], even if it is for something promising," said senior Tammy Truong. "Stimulating the brain [with] something risky and dangerous is something [that people] should [avoid]."

Sophomore Maria Costa believes that it would be a good concept if were guaranteed to be safe and for the sake of research, it would be very beneficial.

"It would help the students who are actually interested in dealing with math manage to understand [it] more simply," said Costa. "It would also help research in other sciences, such as neurology and psychology."

This procedure, if deemed safe, could help people with difficulties in math or have conditions that inhibit their ability.

Christmas Committee Continues Tradition

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Christmas Committee hopes to maintain their current momentum and devise new ways to support charities through the holidays.

Chen's wish is to have the

club operate year round instead of the first semester.

"People view Christmas Committee as a single-semester club," said Chen. "Hopefully, we can change it into a year-long [organization]."

December						
5	6	7	1	2	3	4
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

December
17 - Teacher Pie or Dye Contest
18 - Christmas Committee Canned Food Drive
20-31 - Winter Break

January						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January
1 - New Year's Day
4 - Return to School
13 - POWER 106 Basketball Game