**Student advances to national poetry competition**

by Tricia Saputera  
Juni. Match Editor

Representing Pine View and Florida, twelfth-grader Natalie Schimek qualified for the national Poetry Out Loud competition April 23-26, in which she not only placed third but also repeated for the national competition.

A total of 53 students, one from each of the states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands competed in the national competition. All high school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to compete; and, in each participating school students were welcome to complete.

To qualify for nationals, one must submit a poem to the state competition. Each state competition task is to present three poems that can be written before the 20th century. The poems must be 25 lines or fewer and another must be 25 lines or fewer. Furthermore, one poem must be the same from the Poetry Out Loud print or online anthology.

Twelfth-grader Natalie Schimek (left) embraces her mother after winning the Florida Poetry Out Loud competition, qualifying her for nationals. At nationals, Schimek recited three poems: “An Apology For Her Poetry” by Margaret Cavendish, “After Apple Picking” by Robert Frost and “Across the Bay” by Donald Davie. PHOTO PROVIDED BY NATALIE SCHIMEK

The administration is aware of the concerns regarding the pending reintegration of several memorials but have yet to finalize any plans.

Cementing a Legacy

**GRAPHIC BY ANNA LABINER**
Two students chat between periods while sitting on the Tom Kernech memorial benches. Material like this one have been removed due to construction.

PHOTO BY BEN GORDON

Twelfth-grader Natalie Schimek recites one of her poems during the Florida Poetry Out Loud competition. Schimek placed first in the competition, sending her to participate in the national Poetry Out Loud competition April 23-26 at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY NATALIE SCHIMEK

IN BRIEF

New Mock Trial club introduced to campus

by Cote Alvaro

Now to Pine View this year, PV Mock Trial is another club option offered to the students. The purpose of the new organization is to offer an after-school program that continues the aspect of public speaking and acting.

Terrorizing Ben Nicholock and Vincent Scuteri proposed the idea of bringing this club to Pine View and rushed to initialize the Mock Trial club with Sean Murray to act as the club advisor.

Mock Trial is a national program that consists of three teams: men's, women's, and those with other disabilities. Competitions are held between different schools at different levels.

by Allie Odishelde Editor

Urse is selected from the range of the top Pine View students before them, but in addition, girls who take part in the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's respective Boys and Girls State. The two male representatives for this year are Chris Fair and Edward Brantman, selected on the basis of their merit, experience, and leadership skills as a citizen and as a young person.

School Tax referendum passed for Sarasota County

by Mackenzie Dyrdro Entertainment Editor

The Sarasota County School Board passed the school tax referendum on Sarasota county history, a school tax referendum, during the March 21. The bill was approved for a four-year term to be voted on by county schools.

The bill will receive property tax to generate an estimated $85 million, and an average for each Sarasota County School student.

Twelve to twenty students in each graduating class could express themselves and their opinions about political participation and about careers in politics.

by Melissa Santoyo

Diversity Council spearheads new elementary field trip

by Tricia Sapetora Anad. Multit. Editor

During the national competition, students not only competed, they also had fun. Competitors attended various activities, such as meeting the teachers and members of Congress. The participants then competed April 24-25, which is the age of poetry class on the last day. At the poetry class, students from around the world recite original poetry or other poems.
After high school, the possibilities are endless. While most may find themselves attending a traditional university full time, two seniors have chosen to pursue careers in the military. Ready to embark on a life of service, twelfth-graders Christopher Pelton and Kevin Kapadia will be joining the United States Air Force and United States Marine Corps.

Christopher Pelton:

By Manny Reo

Air Force Academy

Pelton has been a key member of his swim team, the Sarasota YMCA Sharks, for the past 10 years. This helped him solidify his decision to lead.

As required, Pelton must serve five years in the Air Force after his schooling. Academy members are placed at U.S. bases throughout the country and sometimes overseas, depending on availability. According to Pelton, he is happy to be able to receive a full education through the academy’s educational programs. “Academics was the biggest risk for me when joining the Air Force, but I feel Pine View gave me the tools I needed to persevere for whatever comes our way in the future,” Pelton said.

In the future, Pelton hopes to major in economics or law. “I am really looking forward to having the air-school aspect that USAFA has to offer,” Pelton said. “The third time I went, I was accepted and I was able to get in.”

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By Annie Hassan

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Kapadia will also have to walk over 45 miles. Kapadia will also have to work with others to overcome obstacles, such as having a minimal amount of sleep and requires recruits focusing on a particular task.

Kapadia did not pass the vision test when he took the test in the eligibility department. “Talking to the recruiter is really what connected with you,” Kapadia said. “He focused on the core principles of discipline.”

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Every year, students and teachers come together in saying goodbye to beloved members of the Pine View staff. Soon, three teachers and aide Sally Tyler will be leaving their positions. Whether entering retirement or moving on to new job opportunities, these fixtures on campus and within the Pine View community will be deeply missed.

Beverly Templeton

by Behana Quin

Suzi Shea

Bidding farewell faculty: staff members depart from Pine View

Staff members to leave Pine View for retirement and new opportunities at the end of the school year...  

Suzi Shea has grown very close to the third-grade staff and students at Wilkinson Elementary School, and her daughter, Tyler, has a green thumb, and she's fun with all her activities...

Beverly Templeton

by Sid Sharma

Jack Francis

Suzi Shea was the plant teacher... she loves the way that she is able to pull off these projects to the kids as she has hands-on things for them to touch...

Sally is an amazing addition to the Pine View staff... Sally traveled some, but she still would be looking around everything and making every student smile.

Sally is very talented and she can't pick which one she loves... she is one of the most passionate teachers...

Sally has a great heart and she is teaching our kids about her experiences during her childhood and how to connect with them...through music...

Sally and I are not close friends, but she is one of the most passionate teachers...

Sally is always happy that she knows the school has changed and prepared her to teach at Pine View as a teacher, but also as a...
**Students serve as junior jurors for Sarasota Film Festival**

by Ella Hechlik
Asst. Web Editor

Film fanatics from all over the state look forward to Sarasota’s annual Film Festival. With almost 19 years under its belt, the festival is full of culture, film appreciation and history. On Mar. 30, three Pine View students in grades 10 through 12 were given the opportunity to select the films shown at the festival. “All of the films were really different, from documentaries to animation. Some were comedic while others were more like thriller films. We picked them based on acting, cinematography, script and a logical plot,” tenth-grader Christiana Guan said.

In addition to Guan, eleventh-graders William Khabbaz and Pablo Gonzalez were also accepted to the committee of junior jurors for the film festival. “I think it is a really fun experience to be able to watch and critique youth films, and a lot of the films are local, too, so we get to see the talent and skills of not only people our age, but in our area as well,” Guan said.

The program was started by Paul Ratner, the Education Director of the Film Festival, to help high school students interested in film explore their passions. The application process required a two-page critique on a film of the applicant’s choice, and a one-page personnel statement. Only six jurors were elected. This year, three Pine View students and three Riverview students were chosen. The program explores film analysis, cultural and media views and the duty of selecting and presenting the films that place April 14 at the Hollywood Nights premiere in downtown Sarasota. All of the directors were invited, and each got to view their film along with the audience at Hollywood 20. At the end of the night, the winner was announced by the junior juror.

The films were selected through a process of watching the film and scoring them based on cinematography, writing, acting and an “overall” category. This took place April 11. Films were submitted by high-school students from all over the state. In total, about 10 films were shown, ranging in length from three to 10 minutes. Then, the jurors took turns discussing each film and then scored it out of 40 points.

“In the room, we have a lot of different views and opinions, but we are in an environment where we all feel heard. It is an amazing community to work in,” eleventh-grader William Khabbaz said.

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STEM Strong

STEMsmart Summit 3/16:
Math Quiz Bowl Team 1st Place
Pragvij Govindar
Grace Kim
Julia Kouroshkov
Vex Competition
2nd Place
Alexandra Lindley
Joshua Pema
Matthew Vaccaro
CAD 2 Design
2nd Place
Alexia Chen
EXHIBITION - TSA
Dragger 1st Place
Stephen Roach
MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge Advanced to National
Tyson Troha
Dyuan Hong
Chloe Harris
Zoe McDonald

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TSA: 3D Animation
Carin Kaminshi
Claire Wang
1st Place

Software Development
2nd Place
Matthew Cohen
Soohi Galli

First Robotics Competition
Seasonal 3/7-10/13:
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Makayla Gillard

The history and applications of quantum computers

by Ryan Wasserman
Web Section Editor

Quantum computers offer a new way of processing information, and hold the key to faster and more space-effi- cient computers of the future. Those cutting-edge devices can offer many oppor-
tunities for economic and educational growth for future computing. Quantum computers function by taking advantage of natural laws that govern all atomic and molecular motion. These laws are so complex that they cannot be accurately modeled by traditional computers — called classical computers — that function on electrical impulses. The laws fall under the broad heading of quantum mechanics, in which only two conditions are possible at any given time. This is either when electricity is on or it is off, represented in programming by a 0 or 1. This limits classical computers’ ability, particularly in scientific and technological fields where accuracy and precision are required. However, quantum computers are not only expected to outstrip classical computers but also to become significantly more powerful by the year 2020. Quantum computers can function by superimposing a large number of data and optimize software to the general population.

Another possible application is in optimization. Sometimes referred to as valley problems, sampling revolves around finding the lowest value out of a set of complex data. Many different trades and professions make use of optimization, from stock market analysts to finding the best combination of medications to treat a disease. Because of the nature of quantum superposition, a quantum computer can conduct optimizations much more quickly than its classical counterpart. As one of the input values at some point, it allows for lightning-fast performance of certain programs. However, attempting to store any amount of information in superposition will cause the superposition to collapse into nothing of the state found in a classical computer, rendering it useless. Therefore, scientists and engineers have only so much time to express probabilities, instead of the crystalline glasses by classical computers. Better certainty of the answer can be given by running the equation repeatedly, at the expense of time and efficiency. Due to this limitation, many different indi-

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Do not disturb
Student disconnects from social media for a week

by Hollyhong Brown
Web Section Editor

Junior year at Pine View is notoriously difficult. It is hard to balance school, life at home, friends, extracurricular activities and social media. More and more people are spending more time on social media, whether it be to communicate or surf social media for entertainment, which has been on the rise. It’s overwhelming, to say the least, so I decided to make a decision. I am going to give up social media for a week, and see if it makes my life either a little harder, or a little easier.

Day 1: The first day I gave up social media, I was perfectly fine. I had plenty of homework to do, so I was busy and didn’t even think about social media, working on finalizing those assignments. I also found social media to be a bit distracting.

Day 2: I got ready as much as I could and found myself doing homework. But, I was feeling kind of tired because I had been feeling kind of isolated. I am so used to being connected to everyone and having everyone access to my thoughts. It was relatively painless.

Day 3: I began feeling kind of isolated. I de-

[graphic] GRAPHICS BY BRINN NELSON

[infographic]
Spring has sprung on the humid Florida coast, which means the beautiful and abundant Florida flora and fauna are starting to make their appearance across the state. Sunken Gardens, located in the middle of the bustling city of St. Petersburg, is an attraction of Florida's most beloved flowers, thorns and aromas. Sunken Gardens is St. Petersburg's oldest living museum and one of the world's oldest roadside attraction museums.

Being in Florida’s ideal climate allows Sunken Gardens to have over 50,000 lush tropical flowers across four acres of planting, smell-filled paths. The tropical gardens allow for a great weekend of strolling or a long Sunday stroll with friends. The gardens make a great educational spot for families and schools, due to their diverse plants and hands-on learning opportunities.

With some of the most beautiful flowers, the Sunken Gardens contain 10 unique areas including a Japanese garden, butterfly garden, cactus garden and a rock of bright pink flowers. Some of the flowers that are typically included are tall violets and breathtaking wildlilies, your must-see friends in February.

The garden also offers a $15 family membership package which includes free, year-long admission to the gardens and members-only gift shop service discounts. Sunken Gardens also offer guided tours for groups of schools and vakation opportunities across the bay area.

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Nominee: Ally Moyer

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Growing up in a family that truly supported the arts, Ally Moyer’s earliest inspiration was her grandmother, a music teacher, but as soon as she learned to put notes to the music, of song, she knew that it was her calling. Ally would often sit on her mother’s lap while she played the piano, and Ally would immediately fall asleep knowing that she had found her calling. In middle school, Ally became interested in acting as well as singing, and her interest continued to grow as she matured. Ally continued to cultivate her talent and passion for the arts, and she eventually decided to pursue a career in the arts.

After graduating from high school, Ally attended Laguna College of the Arts (LACDA) in Orange, California. She worked closely with employees at schools across the county and also focus on screen writing and the animation development. According to Bonner, Ally is a real go-getter, and she is open to anything that comes her way. Ally is excited to learn more and be in an environment that is right for her.

In this way, Ally will be doing everything that she dreams of doing, and she will be able to do so in a small, more personal atmosphere, as opposed to the larger animation studio scene. However, Ally sees herself pursuing a singing career for a while, and she would love to be an artist at a major animation studio. However, she is open to anything that comes her way, as long as she is an artist, and she has never really varied from that.

The Torch Spotlight is a feature that highlights exceptional individuals and their individual talents and interests. This year, The Torch spotlighted Ally Moyer, a twelfth-grader at Laguna College of the Arts, who is pursuing a career in the arts, and specifically in animation. Ally is a true artist, and she is committed to her craft, and she is excited to see where her career takes her.

Harrison Epstein: University of Southern California

Nominee: Harrison Epstein

The Torch Spotlight also featured Harrison Epstein, a twelfth-grader at Laguna College of the Arts, who is pursuing a career in the arts, and specifically in film-making. Harrison is a true artist, and he is committed to his craft, and he is excited to see where his career takes him.

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Lauren Yenari

By Holly Hansen

Aunt, Humor Editor

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The recruitment process for Firlie began in tenth and eleventh grade. He first narrowed down colleges based on how much he wanted to swim — academically and socially. He looked at Tulane University, Florida Institute of Technology and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

According to Pitchford, after running on a team in junior high school, she always knew she wanted to continue running, so, in high school, he will be attending Embry Riddle University.

Firlie, a four-year member of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and the University of Miami sailing team, is expected to keep a consistent workout routine during the off-season, which includes going to CrossFit and working out with friends.

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Photo by SARAH HIRAI

Devin Enari, a junior sailor, has been sailing for 12 years now, leading Hallie Schiffman’s life for 12 years now, including her training in the sport for six years now. Prior to going to Embry Riddle, Schiffman was recruited to start swimming, a choice that he continues.

Hallie Schiffman

By Oyvinn Petersen

Picture Editor

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Pythons’ sports highlights of the year

Soccer
by Ben Nicholson
Asst. Web Editor
The girls soccer team finished the year without a loss, winning every game this season. With four seniors returning next year, the team is looking to continue its success.

Nina Volpe, Ian Brann twelfth-graders Lauren Yenari, Chris and Ian Baca swam for the Venice school this year. The team made it to the state championships this year, and the team has set new records and made improvements.

Swimming
by Noelle Bencie
Asst. News Editor
Swimming is a team sport, making impressive marks on the books this year.

"We set our minds to it," ninth-grader Gobora said. "I like the individual and relays. I want to improve in the future," Gobora said.

Lacrosse, although a fair few seasons’ results proved that it has a very close match against ODA, the team made it to the state championships this season. Some other teams don’t do as well as Pine View.

Twelfth-grader Jacobs Green (left) and Ari Roi (right) work together during tennis practice. Both students play on the varsity tennis team.

Tennis
by Ben Nicholson
Asst. News Editor
This season, Pine View students have participated in various sports across the county. The Torch has compiled the achievements of these students and their respective teams for the year.

"I bonded a lot with my team this year," Laine Chmielewski, a fourth straight Class 4A state title, said. "I worked hard and grew as a team. I was my record at the end of the season as a team," Laine Chmielewski said.

The Riverview girls varsity dance team poses for a group photo.

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Ninth-grader flies high with cheer

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Stunting on her competitors, ninth-grader Anniston Jasch proves herself an integral part of all her cheerleading teams at Evo Athletic Gym and IMG Academy.

Beginning this sport at age 13, Jasch initially joined cheerleading in hopes of following in the footsteps of her two older sisters.

Jasch cheers at Evo Athletics on the Senior Four team and the Junior Four team. Both are travel teams that primarily compete around Florida and in Atlanta.

Each team consists of 16 to 18 members, all ranging in age. Jasch also cheers for IMG Academy during football season. While her team at IMG does non-competitive cheer, she is on the varsity team and has cheered with them for a little over a year now.

Practices at Evo Athletics consist of training three days per week for two to three hours per practice. During practice, the team practices different cheers and works on perfecting the specific stunts in them. With her team at Evo Athletics, she learns a routine that will be scored at different competitions based on the difficulty of the technique, team fluidity and grace of the routine. Practices for IMG occur on Friday afternoons with a game after; however, she only cheers at IMG in the fall.

At competitions, the competitors are separated into groups based on age and skill. Competitions entail memorizing routines and step-by-step building on individual skills. Her Junior Four team consists of girls ages five to 14, whereas her Senior Four team consists of girls ages 10 to 18. Jasch and her teams have won multiple awards, including first place in the Spirit Cheer Competition last December and Jam Fest this past February. "It was really exciting because I was so proud of my team and I loved feeling like a favorite," Jasch said.

Jasch plans to continue to pursue competitive cheer in the future.
Invasive wasp leads to MLC destruction

We've been doing a lot of school classroom wreacking destruction... Dee Stray, Construction Worker

Groups of college-obsessed juniors meet to discuss andRate our students' assessments of wasp videos on YouTube.

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When I first joined The Torch staff my freshmen year, I never thought I would be Assistant Humor Editor — in fact, I never even considered it because the humor editor and I had different comedic styles.

Promptly after we received our freshman position assignments, my first editor quit the staff, and was replaced by my role-model for much of my Humor career — Parker Franklin. From this experience, working under Parker, I learned not only that Humor is undoubtedly the best section of the newspaper but also that it was unyielding — when it was meant to be on the staff. While I recognize this is the Humor section and you likely came here for some highly comedic tone, my column will be almost entirely up to following this sentence.

After a short Humor hiatus, I returned to the section to serve as Humor Editor for my junior and senior year. This position is easily one of the most influential in any short life that I’ve led for the past four years. The Torch has given me some of the best experiences in my high school career. The people I have worked on staff (including my past editor, Hannah Williams) have been some of my best and most supportive friends. Having the chance to pass on the spirit of camaraderie and professionalism that is exhibited passionately in the Humor section to the future Humor Editor, Olivia Hansen, brings me great delight.

In the final column, we are two days away from our last press night — the last press night of my high school career. As I write this column, I also receive frantic texts and snaps from Olivia Hansen begging me to finally post it. Like the tradition throughout my position is easily one of the most influential in any short life that I’ve led for the past four years, the Humor section has wormed its way into the hearts of millions worldwide. The page I wish the next generation of Humor the best.

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Of the memes 2018 has seen this year, few have been as pervasive as the Walmart Yodel Boy meme. Featuring a young boy yowling in the aisles of Walmart, the video has wormed its way into the hearts of millions worldwide. The young boy in the story — Mason Ramsey — is from Harrisburg, Illinois. Clad in Western attire, Ramsey is seen singing Hank Williams’ “Lovesick Blues.” His infamous video was recorded on March 24 and was posted two days later on the YouTube channel “ViralHog.” After it was posted on ViralHog, it was later on the YouTube channel “ViralHog.”

It quickly gained millions of retweets and likes. After it was posted on ViralHog, it was then reposted to Twitter where it quickly gained millions of retweets and likes. Twitter continued to fuel the Ramsey frenzy as memes and memes were posted featuring the young boy. His appearance caught the attention of celebritie — he was invited to per — this shift in “professional” attitude is as much due to the growth of our fan-base receiving criticism as the growth and improvement of the Humor section.

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In fact, according to the American Psychological Association (APA), one out of every three victims develops an eating disorder, a tendency to self-harm and an inability to control what is in their head they often look for control in external ways. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Child Cruelty (ASPC), one out of every three victims of physical abuse develops an eating disorder, a tendency to self-harm and an inability to control what is in their head they often look for control in external ways.

Emotional abuse or neglect are about nine times more common than physical abuse and during the aftermath, both physical and emotional abuse can cause psychological issues and violent behavior in other caretakers, loving, children.

In the midst of the 2016 presidential election, I refused to acknowledge political beliefs other than my own. Watching the candidates debate became a way to clear my head from the noise and the disruption of other opinions. However, I was missing the impact of the Cuban Missile Crisis on the world's climate, particularly America's borders — perhaps even more so than the war in Vietnam and the Cold War. Russia continues spying on us. Former director of U.S. counterintelligence, Joel Brenner, stands in an NPR interview and says that hundreds of Russian spies opened inside America's borders — perhaps even more than the 25 years ago. More than three decades after the end of the Cold War, Russia still plays to operate in our midst under the guise of terrorism. Russia continues spying on us.

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I’m guilty: dealing with the divided discourse of American politics post 2016

Melissa Santoyo, Opinion Editor

Facebook

Dunked on to the POTUS can be parasitized by surrealism under extreme groups, as it was in the 60s. Re- circulating dramatics of Republican nominee on Facebook have criticized Marxism. Staying strong and toughening the national border the American discourse is a need to communicate. As a nation, we simply cannot lay the foundation for a country stuck on repeat.

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A creator’s odyssey now turns ‘Epic’
Eleventh-grader finds her calling as an award-winning artist

By Gwyn Petersen
Focus Editor

As an aspiring artist, eleventh-grader Isabella Smith has her own unique art style which she incorporates into every piece. One of her pieces. Recently, she was recognized by the judges at the North County Spring Art Show for her piece titled “La Sirena” and was awarded the Imaginative and Epic Award.

Every year, Pine View submits artwork into the Student Imaginative and Epic Award at the County Fair. This year, Smith’s “La Sirena” not only won one of the special award categories—the Imaginative and Epic Award—but also a $100 prize which she will receive at an award ceremony on May 1. “La Sirena” depicts her interpretation of a siren, like those that are heard in horror movies or “The Odyssey.” “The piece is centered around beauty with a specific focus on vanity,” she said.

Smith credits her art creativity to her mother who taught her various artistic skills. “My mom taught me how to draw when I was younger. She was really my earliest art influencer,” Smith said. Subsequently, she began to develop a love for art and began to discover her own unique style of art that she continues to work on further develop.

“From there, it just sort of got me into drawing and I started drawing different characters. From there, it just sort of took off and I started drawing all over and designing sketch out her own characters,” Smith said.

Her dedication does not go unnoticed by the people in her life. “She’s very meticulous, very much a perfectionist, but her work is beautiful,” Smith’s art teacher, Shannon Fuller, said. “It’s different than anybody else’s, and that’s what makes it so special.”

It’s very much Smith’s art style. She draws and paints everything itself, including her own designs. This year, Smith ran her own online art store on Etsy called Ocarrellas which features art pieces of her work. In the future, she hopes to sell stickers as well as art books on sites like Etsy. She also does live stream events of her creative process on Twitch for those interested in learning what goes into one of her pieces. “I’m definitely working towards a career in art,” Smith said. “It’s something I really love.”

For the past year, my readers have seen me write columns about various topics, ranging from urging myself and others to have fun every once in a while. I have always been a multifaceted writer. I feel that the most advertised option doesn’t necessarily make something the best option for you. But I’d be lying if I said coming up with such columns is easy. I still have smooth writing more often than not, but actually having the exact opposite.

Looking back on the last piece of advice — take risks and explore. Walking into The Torch, I was never sure with the most creative, but I feel that writing is impactful to my readers. Although I am uncomfortable at first, I am always excited for The Torch pushing me out of my comfort zone. The more you assign yourself, the more you grow. And for today, I encourage each one of you to do something that makes you uncomfortable — make a new friend, try a different subject area or join a new club — you’ll never expect what will come out of that.

I could not finish my last column without thanking everyone who allowed me to share my interest in journalism and helped push me to be who I am today. So, thank you to the entire staff. Without your endless dedications, patience, and drive, we would not have been able to make such a great year.

Thank you to all the J4s: Savannah, Riley, Smith, Alena, Zach, Mackenzie, Alia and Alene. You all have been the most supportive friends. It’s crazy to think all nine of us have been the best group of friends. We’ve grown a lot in 4 years (unique mango forest). You guys have been part of this story to follow that is about you, but without all of you, our paper would not be where it is today.

Thank you to Ms. Lumma for always giving us and supporting our decisions along the way. Also, whoever I was before I contacted you today. I encourage each one of you to try something different. I want to show you that you are capable of doing anything you put your mind to.

With that, I want to thank you all for your endless dedication and support from our parents — you guys are amazing. Thank you to my sister, whom I am forever grateful to have in your life. You continuously surprise me.

To my readers, I would like to give you an immense thank you from all of us. The Torch is impossible to me and most importantly make sure that what I am writing is impactful to my readers. Although I am uncomfortable at first, I am always excited for a career in art. Smith will be receiving the Imaginative and Epic Award for the piece at the North County Spring Art Show on May 3.

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Pictured above is eleventh-grader Isabella Smith’s piece, “La Sirena.” Smith will be receiving the Imaginative and Epic Award for the piece at the North County Spring Art Show on May 3.

With that, I want to introduce you next year’s Editor-in-Chief, Melissa Santoyo. I have faith that she will continue to grow this paper into an even better publication.

Next year’s Editor-in-Chief, Melissa Santoyo. Melissa likes writing poetry and brings — watching Vox videos.

Sana Rahman
Editor-in-Chief

Today without the endless love and support from our parents — you guys are amazing. Thank you to my sister, whom I am forever grateful to have in your life. You continuously surprise me. It's something I really love.