



San Pasqual Academy

Home of the Mighty Dragons!

Bulletin

**As of June 30, 2006, 125 youth are living and studying at the Academy.
School Days...**

- ◆ The 2005-2006 All Sports Banquet was held on May 16th at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. Academy athletes were recognized for their participation and accomplishments in Boys Eight-Man Football, Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Girls Softball. Gymnasium banners, identifying the Academy's winning seasons, were presented by Supervisor Greg Cox and Child Welfare Services Director Mary Harris on behalf of the County of San Diego.
- ◆ On May 24th, the Third Quarter Awards Assembly was held in the campus auditorium.
 - ◆ Nineteen students received Outstanding Citizenship Awards, as they earned all As and Bs in citizenship.
 - ◆ Twenty-two students earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 - 3.4, while ten students earned a GPA of 3.5 - 3.9.
 - ◆ Four students earned a perfect 4.0 for the entire school year, and two students had a perfect attendance record for the year.
 - ◆ Each of the 14 Academy teachers selected a student who demonstrated significant positive change in the classroom. The selected students will have an opportunity to have lunch with James Milliken, former presiding judge of Juvenile Court.
 - ◆ Staff chose Julius W. and Simone H. as Students of the Quarter. Both students had a 4.0 GPA for the quarter and demonstrated reliability, teamwork, persistence, and leadership.
 - ◆ Brett Litoff won Teacher of the Quarter for his contributions in the classroom and around campus. In addition to teaching the Career and Life Skills elective class in the Tech Center, Mr. Litoff assists with Opportunity Passport, a financial literacy program encouraging youth to save their money.

Way to go, Dragons!

- ◆ Students of the Quarter, Julius and Simone, were recognized for their achievements by the Escondido Main Rotary on May 25th at their noon lunch.
- ◆ Three junior high school students attended a dance with their classmates at San Pasqual Union.
- ◆ Over 70 students enjoyed a wonderful evening of dinner and dancing at The Prado in Balboa Park for the Academy prom. Everyone looked their best and smiled for all the flashing cameras capturing this exciting event!

WHAT'S NEW

- ◆ The 2006-2007 school year will kick off on August 21st, with the first football game of the season taking place on Friday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. at San Pasqual High School. The Dragons will take on their archrival, La Jolla Country Day, in one of three 11-man football games slated for the season. Come out and cheer on the home team at San Pasqual High School (3300 Bear Valley Parkway in Escondido 92025-7315)!
- ◆ KPBS' California Connected, an award-winning, news magazine produced through a unique collaboration of four PBS stations: KCET-Los Angeles, KPBS-San Diego, KQED-San Francisco and KVIE-Sacramento, was so impressed with the Academy and the SPAN Program that they have returned to campus to shoot another segment. The Academy graduates and grandparents will be featured in a segment to air in September 2006!

School Days... (Cont.)

- ◆ On June 21st, the Friends of San Pasqual Academy hosted the annual Senior Brunch in the campus auditorium for the Class of 2006 graduates. The Assistance League provided duffle bags, valued at over \$800, which were filled with store gift cards, bus passes, restaurant coupons, first aid kits, security boxes, toiletries, bedding, alarm clocks and a whole lot more! Five top seniors received brand-new digital cameras from Sony, who along with an individual family also donated laptop computers to four outstanding seniors. Teens in Action provided household supplies for the seniors to set up their first independent home. Items included mops, brooms, cleaning supplies and a roll of quarters for laundry!
- ◆ Twenty-seven students graduated from San Pasqual Academy on June 22nd. Collectively, the graduates received approximately \$250,000 in scholarships to support them in their future academic and vocational training endeavors. Ten of the graduates will be attending four-year colleges/universities, including two who have received full scholarships through the Guardian Scholars Program at California State University, Fullerton and San Francisco State University. Eight graduates will attend Palomar Community College, and the remaining students will attend other local community colleges and work part-time or will go directly into the workforce.
- ◆ Two three-week summer school sessions will run from June 26th through August 4th. Both core and elective classes are being offered.

Residential Info...

- ◆ When school was out and students were done studying and working, there were plenty of activities to keep them busy. Here is just a sample of the exciting activities students enjoyed in May and June:
 - ◆ On May 7th, three students and staff enjoyed a late afternoon hike in Torrey Pines.
 - ◆ On May 20th, three students and staff visited the California Center of the Arts in Escondido.
 - ◆ Twenty-one students and four staff were guests of Supervisor Ron Roberts at the San Diego Padres game on May 24th. Although the Padres lost to the Atlanta Braves, the students had a wonderful time! Thank you Supervisor Roberts!
 - ◆ Attending concerts topped the list of things to do in May and June -- Academy students watched Panic at the Disco perform on May 27th at SOMA in San Diego, Switchfoot on June 3rd at Moonlight Park in Encinitas, and Hemlock on June 12th at SOMA in San Diego.
 - ◆ On May 28th, three students and staff spent the afternoon and evening at Balboa Park. They attended the International Food Festival, took in the exhibits on display at the Museum of Art, and watched films on Greece and dolphins at the IMAX Center.
 - ◆ Four students and staff delighted in a picnic dinner after an early evening hike through Poway Community Park on June 4th, while eight students and staff cooled off at Knott's Soak City in Chula Vista.
 - ◆ The students in Girls' Home Three worked together to prepare a delicious Filipino dinner on June 7th.
 - ◆ Fun and games were on the agenda for June, as seven students spent the afternoon at Belmont Park on June 3rd, fourteen students took in the San Diego County Fair on June 23rd, four students enjoyed the games at Nickel City on June 23rd and June 25th, and five students played games at Boomers! Fun Center.
 - ◆ On June 28th, three students and staff had an unforgettable time at the Padres' game. Students got a close view of the Padres win over the Oakland A's as they sat in dugout seats donated by Sony.
 - ◆ Roller skating, ice skating, bowling, and skate boarding throughout the County continue to be popular activities for Academy students.

Health and Wellness...

- ◆ On May 7th, three students and two staff ran in the San Diego Race for Literacy 8K. More students are now interested in training for a 5K race in August.
- ◆ Twenty-four students attended a seminar on sexually transmitted diseases offered by North County Health Services on May 8th and 9th.
- ◆ On May 24th, a UCSD pediatrician spoke about drug use and abuse to the high school students during a school assembly.
- ◆ Memorial Day weekend activities included softball and flag football games followed by an ice cream social.
- ◆ Eight students participated in a presentation provided by representatives from Alcoholics Anonymous on June 9th.
- ◆ A group of six students participated in a mountain biking trip offered by the Outdoor Adventure Program of the Department of Parks and Recreation at Marian Bear Memorial Park on June 28th.
- ◆ The recreational therapist on campus has initiated new activities such as night hikes on the trails around campus, eight-ball pool tournaments, and ping-pong tournaments. Dance Dance Revolution competitions have also been a hit, as the students participate in interactive video games which provide a healthy, fitness workout through upbeat dance routines.

Work Readiness and Self Sufficiency...

- ◆ Twenty-four students were working on- and off-campus in internships and paid employment at the end of June 2006.
- ◆ A San Diego Workforce Partnership staff person donated a car to the Driver's Education Class held this summer. Although the car is not operational, students will have the opportunity to learn about the controls, minor maintenance, and what to look for when buying a car.
- ◆ Academy students in the Multi-Media class submitted 70 entries to the San Diego County Fair. Each student received an entrance ticket to the Fair. The Academy students earned the following recognitions: one Best in Show, one Best in Class, 14 First Place, 16 Second Place, 15 Third Place, 10 Fourth Place, and 13 Honorable Mentions. The students' work is now on display in the Tech Center on campus.
- ◆ The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Program hosted two weeks (June 5th to June 15th) of Senior Seminars in the Economics classes to provide information on community resources. Guest speakers discussed housing, employment, education and life skills.
- ◆ Six students received San Diego Foundation Scholarships at an awards dinner on June 10th. Two YES Program staff accompanied the students and applauded their recognition.
- ◆ The YES Program awarded each graduating senior in the Class of 2006 with a \$100 Target Gift Card at the June 21st Senior Brunch.
- ◆ Seven students received Child Abuse Prevention Foundation scholarships on June 21st at an awards dinner at the Hyatt Hotel in San Diego. The students were joined by two YES Program staff.
- ◆ On June 29th, the Pre-Employment Traineeship (PET) Program kicked off. PET allows 12-14-year old students to participate in a work experience program, in which they participate in on- and off-campus jobs to build their employment skills.

Alumni Housing Program...

- ◆ Seven recent graduates joined the Alumni Housing Program on June 23rd, bringing participation to twenty young adults. Of the 20 participants, two reside at his/her college during the school year and return to campus for weekends and school breaks.
- ◆ Eight residents are enrolled in college, and ten are employed.
- ◆ Alumni Housing residents participated in recreational campus activities such as student-faculty/alumni games during May and June.
- ◆ On May 20th, an Alumni Housing resident successfully hosted a barbeque for other alumni, friends, and family.
- ◆ The Alumni Housing Program staff is working to expand their support to residents transitioning to off-campus living situations. Staff are helping program residents obtain housing near the colleges they are attending, as well as offering encouragement for the residents to be successful in their college careers.

San Pasqual Academy Neighbors (An Intergenerational Mentoring Program)...

- ◆ There are currently 13 grandparents participating in the SPAN program.
- ◆ The grandparents welcomed the Academy's clinical social workers to their May Monthly Dinner to learn more about the social workers' responsibilities on campus and how they can work together to support and encourage the students.
- ◆ Grandma Jean hosted all the grandparents in her home on May 26th to watch KPBS' California Connected, which featured the SPAN Program and Academy students.
- ◆ The grandparents continue to keep busy on campus providing supervision for the Dragon's Lounge, tutoring students, providing cooking lessons, mentoring students on household repairs, offering art activities, and assisting the female students with dress alterations for prom.
- ◆ Grandma Kay and Grandma Linda served as jurors for the Senior Project Presentations.
- ◆ The most rewarding activity for the grandparents took place on June 22nd when the Academy graduates received their high school diplomas. The grandparents shared how proud they were of the students and felt honored to be in the receiving line to congratulate the graduates.



For more information about how you can help the Academy with donations or volunteer opportunities, please call Debby Syverson at (619) 435-4557.

Go Dragons!