



and “mysterious” and really enjoyed “how the main character had a supernatural vibe” which encompassed a story “full of anticipation.” The book, *Time Between Us*, is a contemporary romance novel and can be read as a standalone, but since its initial publication, a sequel has been released.

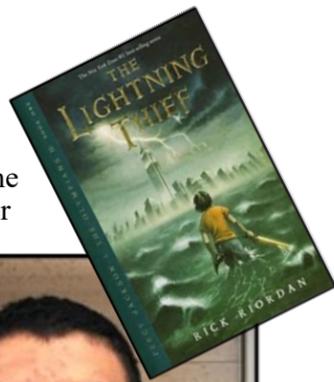
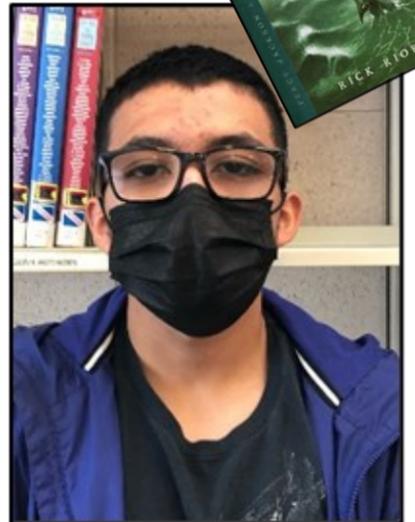
If the romance genre does not pique your interest, senior student Edgar Herrera, praises the *Percy Jackson* fantasy series by Rick Riordan for being a “fun and exciting” story. Edgar further elaborated that the “fantasy element and mythology used to tell the story” is what makes the story “interesting,” he concluded by stating that he recommends the book series “to those who like fiction stories.”

With two recommendations consisting of a possible standalone novel and a fantasy series – this still may not be appealing to all the avid readers out there.

One category of books that remains unmentioned, yet very popular at our school library, are graphic novels – more precisely manga books.

Current freshman, Mariana De Lara, is a big fan of the *Attack on Titan* manga series by Isayama. Mariana describes the manga series to be “inspirational and surprising” with “a bunch of foreshadowing” that results in “lots of crazy and unimaginable events.” Mariana stated that the story “makes you think a lot, and how every point being told connects to one another...” *Attack on Titan* sounds like a very compelling manga to investigate and adds greater diversity to the previous recommendations. A downside, however, is that not all recommended books can be found in the school library, aside from the *Percy Jackson* series. The school library may be confined to the books it has to offer, but it holds plenty of other manga series that are available to check out from the library.

In addition to browsing for new books, the library has printed pamphlets available for students to read with a helpful list of books categorized by genre. The library easily facilitates searching for books, encouraging students to easily check out something new to read. With three compelling book recommendations, coupled with newly integrated books, making a pit stop at the library is the way to go.



AVID'S 2021 SENIOR COLLEGE TRIP

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The AVID Senior Trip took place from Tuesday, November 2 to Thursday, November 4. This was a 3-day trip which allowed the top 40 AVID seniors to visit different Universities and help them decide what colleges they would like to go to.

The first day of the senior trip was very exciting. All the Seniors had to meet in Q-113 at 5:30 am to get their bags checked and leave at 6:00am. The first college we visited was UC Santa Barbara. UC Santa Barbara was a very beautiful and big school. You could access the beach from the school because the beach was right behind the school. An interesting fact about UC Santa Barbara is that at this school bikes have the ride away. Which means that they have priority when it comes to the walkways. The second college we attended was Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, this school was a very green school which means there is a lot of grass areas and trees at this school. Cal Poly SLO is known for its engineering program, and they are also known for being a hands-on college. The last college we visited on day one was CSU Monterey Bay. This college was very big, and their dorms were nice. At CSU Monterey Bay the female population is 60% while the male population is only 40 percent.

The second day of the trip we all woke up at 6:00AM to eat breakfast at the hotel we were staying at. We left our hotel at 7:00 am and arrived at our first college of the day which was UC Santa Cruz at 8:30AM.

In my opinion, this was the best college of the whole trip. UC Santa Cruz was one of the most beautiful colleges, if you like cold weather, and nature, you should consider going to UC Santa Cruz. The average GPA needed to get accepted into UC Santa Cruz is 3.5. We arrived at our second college which was San



Jose State University. San Jose State University was my second favorite college, because the college was very modern, and it was also very big. To get into San Jose State University you must have at least a 3.5 GPA or higher. There are currently 32,773 students attending San Jose State University which means it is a medium size school. The last college we attended was San Francisco State University. San Francisco State University was a very small school, but it also had a lot of green areas, it had many trees and grass areas. The average GPA needed to get into San Francisco State is 3.3.

The third and last day was probably the most tiring of all the days. Everyone’s feet were hurting from all the walking we had done the first two days. As stated by A.B. Miller student Oscar Calderon,

