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Halloween is a time for everyone to unlock their inner child and celebrate. Our campus' Math department took things to a whole other level as the entire department coordinated as a set of dominoes. Around campus there were many stellar looks stemming from characters from popular films such as Captain Jack Sparrow and Coraline. The number one costume trend of the year, however, proved to be the inflatable costumes, which ranged wildly from all walks of life. Photo provided by Ms. Angelica Parra.



Amber Minjarez (12), Emily Ramos (9), Melissa Padilla (12) Erica Odette (11), and Olivia Alvarez (10) helped the Cross Country team earn their CIF Playoff berth this year. Alvarez, continued her dominance from freshman year and plans to not let up anytime soon in dominating the Girls Division.



A five game winning streak was snapped, thus ending the season as our Rebels fell to rivals, San Bernardino Cardinals, in the second round of CIF play on Friday, November 11. Three weeks prior, the Cardinals were defeated handedly by the Rebels.

**MASCOT**  
REVEAL  
**JANUARY 9!**





# Netflixology

By Daniel Garcia

In an astonishing revelation that has left educators flabbergasted and parents questioning the curriculum, a random student, now proudly proclaimed a "Master of Procrastination," has unveiled the closely guarded secret recipe for academic triumph.

Dubbed the "Eureka Equation," this groundbreaking formula involves equal parts coffee, panic-induced adrenaline, and a dash of desperation. The anonymous genius behind this creation, who graduated with a degree in Netflixology, claims it is the perfect blend to get through late-night study sessions while binge-watching sitcoms and dramatically sighing at textbooks.

Local universities are reportedly considering offering a degree in "Advanced Netflixology with a Side of Coffee Addiction" in response to this groundbreaking revelation.

Stay tuned as the academic world braces itself for an influx of newly minted "Caffeine Scholars" armed with their secret potions for scholarly shenanigans!



By Raquel Rivera

Me and a friend were enjoying lunch once at school, as we ate and conversed as we usually do, with the occasional hollering because of something hilarious we said, when I looked up and became immediately frightened.

There was a rabid orangutang barreling toward us! I scrambled to my feet and shook my friend violently. I struggled to find the words to warn her of the oncoming danger. I was blinded by fear until—*SLAP!*

My friend slapped me so hard I could feel the blinding red mark stinging my face.

She screamed at me violently for startling her so I looked up and the orangutang was gone.

Instead, it was an individual wearing the most captivating sweater—with the face of an orangutang.

Now with each passing day I see the apparition appear. The real thing. Its bright orange hair and large, horrid face.

It haunts me. Following me. To the lunch line. To the library. To the H building.

And I cannot escape it...  
(You know who you are).

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ZOO?

## FASHION 24/7

By Alejandra Flores

Throughout the decades there have been many fashion trends. The one place where people can show their unique and favored style is school.

Especially in high school.

Everywhere you turn, you see so many different aesthetics and trends mixing together.

With social media's influence dictating the different styles being created, it showcases the journey of how certain styles have evolved. School is like a fashion show—everyday, students display their creativity on their bodies.

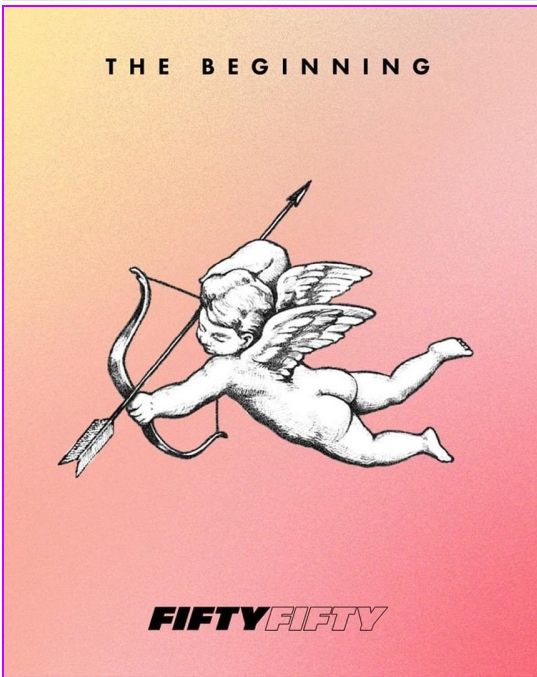
A popular style that is not only influencing students in school but also adults in general, is the "Y2K" style.

The "Y2K" style is a more enhanced version of how people used to dress in the early 2000s.

The most common "Y2K" outfit coordination is a fitted colorful top with a mini skirt or larger, baggy pants. The main highlight about this style are the accessories, which consist of cool funky glasses, jewelry, and hats.

Apart from specific styles for full outfits, there are pieces of clothing that really attract the attention of people. To show you what I mean, let us take baggy jeans/parachute pants for example. A similarity that these items have are that they must be baggy and big. With these items you can style it however you would like; some might wear it with a fitted cropped shirt or a long baggy shirt. These combinations are something that mostly everyone can make look different but stylish.

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By Alejandra Flores

If you listen to songs that are popularized from TikTok, then it is safe to say that heard "Cupid," by the Korean pop girl group, Fifty Fifty.

It is incredible how the song was released from the small label ATTRAKT, but then became a huge hit when the sped-up version of the song was released.

TikTok definitely had a major impact on those involved and their respective career, as once released, it was the song that is now was on repeat, and you could listen to everywhere you go.

For some people, this is annoying.

The song was on both the Billboard Hot 100 and UK Singles Chart, which officially made Fifty Fifty the fastest K-pop girl group to enter such a prestigious music chart after they have just debuted.

Not only is the song favored because of the catchy rhythm, but it was also loved because of the meaningful lyrics.

"Cupid" is about a young woman's unrequited love and the shame she feels because of it. The lyrics are relatable and touch the hearts of many "lovesick" individuals.

The line "I'm feeling lonely / Oh I wish I'd find a lover that could hold me," shows how much they want love in their life and someone to care about them in a romantic way.

"Cupid" peaked at number 17 on the Billboard Hot 100 and managed to keep its position for 10 weeks—turning into the longest-lasting song by a K-pop group to do so.

Moreover, on the UK Singles Chart, the song peaked at number eight, which made Fifty Fifty the first group to reach the Top 10.

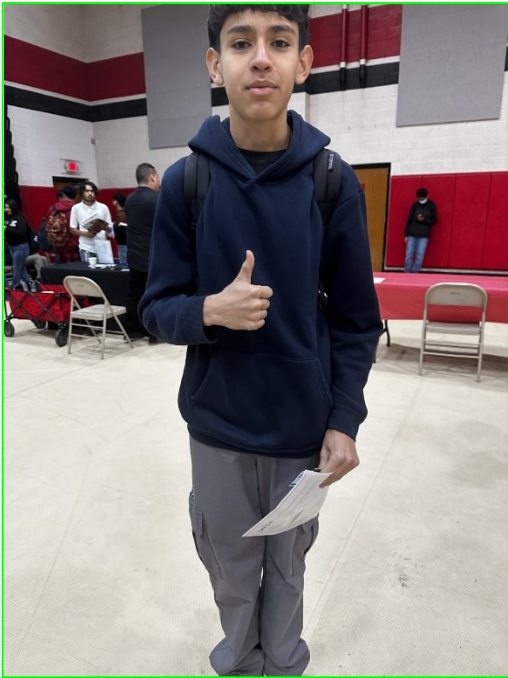
On other charts the song reached the Top 10 in South Korea and Australia as well as charting number one on the Billboard Global Excluding the United States.



# The Mysterious DISAPPEARANCE of D.B. Cooper

By Daniel Garcia

In the records of true crime, few stories have captured the imagination quite like the enigmatic disappearance of D.B. Cooper. On a rainy Thanksgiving Eve in 1971, a man who would later become known as D.B. Cooper embarked on an audacious and daring act of air piracy that remains unsolved to this day. Cooper's case has baffled investigators, inspired countless theories, and left an indelible mark on the history of criminal mysteries.



On November 24, 1971, a man using the alias "Dan Cooper" boarded Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305, a short hop from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. Armed with a briefcase containing a bomb and a ransom note, Cooper calmly demanded \$200,000 in cash, four parachutes, and a fuel truck standing by in Seattle. Senior, Estevan Marquez mentioned "[he] believes that D.B. Cooper had outside hands to help conduct his own heist, but he was mainly the one who was the face of the entire crime."

The airline, along with authorities, complied with his demands. Cooper released the 36 passengers at a remote airstrip in Washington State, and the plane took off again with a skeleton crew and Cooper onboard. Somewhere over the rugged wilderness of the Pacific Northwest, Cooper parachuted into the night, disappearing into thin air. Senior, Emily Montenegro babbled that "he used all of his money to spend a well delighted life and overall will never release his identity to the public due to the extent of his crime."

Despite an extensive manhunt and investigations that spanned decades, no trace of Cooper or the money has ever been found. His disappearance led to numerous theories, with some speculating that he died in the wilderness, while others believed he escaped and assumed a new identity. In 1980, a young boy uncovered a decaying package filled with \$5,800 in \$20 bills along the Columbia River. This discovery lent credence to the theory that Cooper may have perished during the jump. However, the bulk of the ransom money remains missing, and Cooper's fate remains a mystery.



D.B. Cooper's audacity and the fact that he seemingly pulled off the perfect crime have made his story an enduring part of American folklore. He has been the subject of books, documentaries, and even feature films. Many amateur sleuths and armchair detectives continue to investigate the case, with some hoping to uncover the truth. The D.B. Cooper case, often referred to as "one of the greatest unsolved mysteries in FBI history," continues to captivate the public's imagination. Numerous theories abound, from Cooper's death in the wilderness to the possibility that he successfully vanished and assumed a new identity. Some believe that he may have stashed the money and lived quietly under an assumed name. Freshman, Elijah Martinez pondered that "D.B. Cooper did his crime due to the sheer fear of being in debt or just wanting to prove that he is the

greatest mastermind to ever live."

In the absence of concrete evidence, the legend of D.B. Cooper persists, reminding us that some mysteries are destined to remain unsolved. His daring act of air piracy in 1971 not only challenged the limits of the law but also the limits of what we know about the human capacity for disappearance. As time passes, the enigma of D.B. Cooper lives on, serving as a testament to the enduring power of a true crime story that defies explanation and endures as a testament to the human spirit of adventure and intrigue.



## AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...



By Daniel Garcia, Briana Lopez, Raquel Rivera, and Trinity Siqueiros

On October 13, A.B. Miller had quite an extravagant and eventful rally The theme for this Fall's rally was Hollywood, to match the theme for Homecoming hosted the following day. The spectacle consisted of all fall sports, sideline cheer, and Conservatory dance.

The spirited event encapsulated the true essence of unity and camaraderie that defines the A.B. Miller High School community.





Speaking of stylish, we cannot forget about accessories. Accessories are a must in an outfit, and there have been numerous new accessories that many people have fun turning into outfits.

Something that turned into a trend is adding cool glasses. For instance, sunglasses, biker glasses, and regular clear glasses. Along with that, bracelets are also things that help enhance an outfit. Specifically, charm bracelets, bead bracelets, and silicon bracelets.

With all these pieces that help an outfit, in the end it is what you make of it. That is what helps an outfit become an outfit and shows the creativity of some styles students prefer.

“A style that I really like is the

grunge style [from the 90s] because I prefer darker clothes,” commented freshman Melissa Solano.

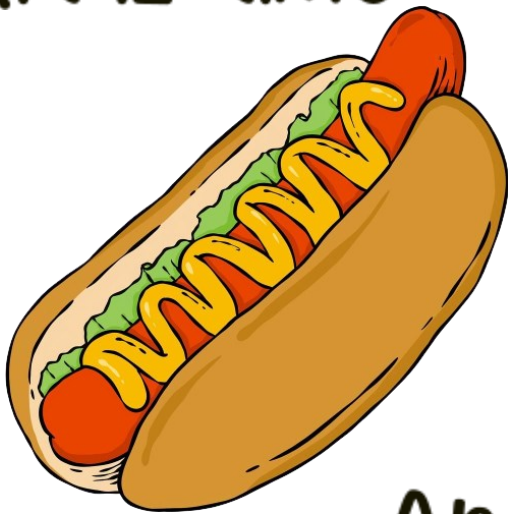
It is not just students who show off their styles freely. Along with Solano, new to our campus, Biology teacher Mrs. Justine Diaz loves dark academia—“the style can be dark but elegant at the same time. People who dress in it look nice.”



# The beginning of the sandwich evolution... (it is time we settle this!)

By Briana Lopez

I know, it might sound appalling, and some might call it “nonsense,” but before you speak a word about the matter, just think before you judge.



Take a good look at a hot dog and how it is securely nested within its bun, now look at a chicken patty between two pieces of bread, otherwise referred as, wait for it, a bun. My fellow peers, these delicious fast-food meals all fall into one category.

Yes. That is right. They are both sandwiches!

They all have the same thing in common—protein between bread.

I understand a hot dog has technically one bun, but the act of having the bread on both sides of imitates the idea of having two pieces of bread on either side.

Now maybe you are thinking, “But they don’t look that same at all.”

I agree, they do not entirely look that same, but their concept is the same.

You can also add other condiments and toppings on both foods.

If you do not want to listen to me, that is fine—you can hear my friend Merriam-Webster say the exact same thing I am telling you!

## An end to this nonsensical debate

By Trinity Siqueiros

While discussing everything and nothing in my third period class, my classmate and peer writer, Briana Lopez, uttered possibly the most disturbing comment my ears have ever heard.

“A hot dog is a sandwich,” she proudly proclaimed as if it was fact. Now while I have known her peculiar tastes in food for over a year, this was beyond any of her other opinions. So, it is now my public duty as a civilian to end her claims.

Webster’s Dictionary, an outdated source in the 21st century, claims that “two or more slices of bread or a split roll having a filling in between” is the strict definition of a sandwich. However, the people of America have never claimed a similarity between the two dishes. A hot dog has a different shape and energy entirely, with a majority of this dish being grilled at barbecues. A sandwich is served cold or hot for typically any mealtime. Additionally, the contents of each dish differ with sandwiches never being dressed in relish, thankfully.

This is a silly debate with a lot of opinions, but mine is correct.

What do you think?

*Should a hot dog diabolically be regarded as a sandwich?*



A definite highlight of the rally was the commendation of the school's exceptional athletes. Mariah Ralph, a senior from the girls' volleyball team, eloquently expressed, "Volleyball has been instrumental in my personal growth, teaching me vital life skills like effective communication and teamwork while playing alongside my peers." The audience clearly felt volleyball girls.

This school rally served as a powerful testament to the vibrant spirit that defines the Miller community. It not only provided a stage for displaying talent and cheering for accomplishments but also fostered a profound sense of unity and pride. Freshman Gisele Sena from the girls' volleyball team shared her sentiments, "Volleyball has significantly boosted my motivation in academics, pushing me to do better in school through newfound interactions and the bonds formed with my teammates." Overall, the energy and excitement of the rally are certain to resonate throughout the academic year, inspiring and propelling students to excel in all facets of their school life.







And the Oscar goes to... concluded.

The Conservatory of Dance composed a wonderful and lighthearted dance at this year's Homecoming Rally. Our dancers put on a spectacular dance featuring songs from the iconic musical *Mamma Mia!* Conservatory member and senior Mia Jones related that was their inspiration for the choreography, she states, "we wanted to be super beachy and super fun"—which was an excellent idea to bid farewell to the lingering summer heat. Jones recounts her favorite part of the performance was the "rock out kick" since she feels "so fun and free"—and indeed she did!

Junior, Hala Nasereddin also mentioned that her favorite part of the performance was "interacting with all the other dancers and having fun on stage." Our dancers always bring high, positive energy to their performances and judging from the applause and cheers of the audience, we love to see it! Nasereddin asserts that "everyone feels after they perform it can always be better," but in a more positive light she sentiments "that's I feel why we have two rallies, so we can always improve." Of course, our dancers crushed their performance in both rallies despite the hiccup that occurred before the second rally, which only confirms the resilience of our talented dancers. Astoundingly, Jones

reveals that they practiced for "eight rehearsals over the course of maybe four weeks," which began in September. Their hard work paid off! Their swift and elegant transitions and energetic production was indicative of their dedication to present a fabulous performance. Undoubtedly our school simply cannot wait for Conservatories next invigorating performance.

Football players were also encouraged to participate in the fall rally with their own chant.



According to senior Jai'vionn Barner, energetic riveting performance was inspired by football drills that they regularly practice. And it showed! The sequence was a beautiful combination of excitement and aggression that truly communicates the essence of football. Fortunately, our Rebels put out their best on the field and won their last game against Rubidoux with a final score of 21-14! Thankfully, this win built-up the excitement needed for our homecoming game against Pacific. Dean Vega (12) confidently regarded that they will win and fulfill the requirement needed to enter playoffs! Rebels took another blowout win against Pacific with a score of 56-24.

Girls' tennis really did show us who runs this place by putting on a stellar performance to Beyonce's, "Run the World (Girls)" followed with their own chant! Shockingly, Liliana Miramontes Comer (12) who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Singles, mentioned how very last minute this amazing performance was, adding that, "For the rally, we kind of just made it up, like probably two seconds before." Erika Santana (12) excitedly said, "For the rally, my favorite part is Katrina doing her little flip, I think it's a highlight." As always, girls' tennis put in amazing efforts in everything they do. As of writing this, their season has gone strong

and will hopefully prosper! Comer states, "I think as a team, we're definitely growing. It's going to be a growing season. We have a lot of underclassmen that are getting better by the day." However, the most surprising act of the rally was easily cheer's performance. There is a new coach this year, Coach Jo and Coach Orozco, that has created a different atmosphere to the typical cheer performance our students were acquainted with a year prior. Just by viewing the sequence, the audience caught on to the new coach's technique: tumbling, impressive stunts, and a beautiful combination of dance elements but still keeping the cheer nature. Mikayla Orozco (11), a cheerleader of varsity sideline cheer, shared that cheering with her new coach has not only been fun but also enhanced her previous knowledge of cheerleading. The specific sequence for the rally was practiced the "all of September with practices four times a week," expressed Orozco. We don't know the details of the last coach's cheer prep, but this sounds like a vigorous schedule. However, it paid off with cheer's amazing stunts and overall sequence.



# ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

By Raquel Rivera

On October 24, A.B. Miller held the first Academic Awards Night of the 2023-2024 school year, to reward hard-working students with a special ceremony.

All in attendance heard the continuous roaring applause of the proud parents, family, and friends who attended to support their loved ones. The Awards Night was divided by grade levels and according to GPA were awarded a silver or a gold medal—those with a GPA of 3.5 through 3.8, were awarded a silver medal, and those with a GPA of 3.9 through 4.5, were awarded a gold medal.

Senior Emma Canales received a silver medal and she expressed she felt "pretty great and truly happy." Canales appreciated the award and added awarding students "is a very good way to keep students at their grades and keep them motivated." Canales planned on celebrating her accomplishment by "chilling at home."



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Leonardo Silva (12) received a gold medal and believes that the awards ceremony was an excellent way to award A.B. Miller's resilient students. Silva celebrated by "having dinner with family" and taking a nap—our Gold medalists truly get no sleep!

Junior Ilya Ridge earned a gold medal and expressed he "felt recognized for doing the work that I do."

Ridge celebrated by going home.



Alexa Garcia, senior of AB Miller received a gold medal. "I feel proud of myself after receiving this medal," stated Garcia. She believes "this is a great way to award students because it gives students a goal to work towards and look forward to." Garcia bought her favorite Starbucks drinks as a treat for her accomplishment.

I too, received a medal, and I greatly enjoyed the ceremony as it was a way to bring students and families together to recognize all their hard work and diligence and effort. Thank you to the staff and counselors who made Awards Night possible and to family who attended to cheer on their students!

# COLLEGE & Career fair

By Briana Lopez

The College Fair on October 25 featured a multitude of local options for high school students to consider after graduating.

There were tables with representatives from community colleges, Universities, the Marines, the Army, the National Guard, the Air Force, Beauty School, and Police Academies. There were even student representation tables of HSA, TV Production, and Aviation. The fair was open all day to all the students of A.B. Miller—during class or during lunch. Let us delve into the experience.

Many were taking advantage of the special provisions and information presented at the college fair, the gym was full of tables and presenters at the ready to answer any questions or give out fliers or handouts.



On October 25 our campus hosted a College and Career Fair in your school's recently renovated gymnasium. There, those in attendance could inquire within and gain knowledge about everything and anything college.

Emmanuel Bundia (11) realized "that there is a lot of opportunities for us high schoolers, and a lot of open doors."

Bundia relates "I'm really into stocks right now," which is what he kept in mind while visiting the college fair. He believes that the college fair and the presenters "were fire; they really like what they are talking about, and they really represent what they are giving out really well."

Kaitlyn Pelayo (12) learned from the College Fair that "you can choose anything, and it takes time, and they are willing to give you other opportunities if you want to take them." Since the College Fair not only included several colleges to choose from, but also other careers and pathways students may choose to look into. Pelayo admits that she is still thinking about where she would like to attend, however, she "definitely wants to go to school for sports medicine, to be a coach." Pelayo does not stop there, she continues: "after that I want to go to a trade school for cosmetology." She felt "it is really cool that a lot of these colleges are willing to give us students opportunities."

Many other students came into the college fair with a clear set-in mind of what they wish to do after high school. Claudia Garcia (12) mentioned that she wants to get into business management after high school. While observing the wide variety of colleges, Garcia also inspected the other field options offered at this college fair, like a FedEx booth, for example. "I do want college but right now, I'm looking for a job, so it helps both ways." is what she clarified when explaining her plans after graduation. Garcia believed the fair to be fairly good, considering, "There's been a lot of program offers and job offers." Glad to see our fellow students getting a lot from this experience!





C&C Fair concluded.

The purpose of the student presenters is to encourage underclassmen to join the career paths that Miller has to offer. The HSA program on campus is a medical course geared towards students interested in entering the medical field after high school. Katrina Sevilla (12), an HSA member, relays the that today her focus is to, “let people know about the program and also check people’s vital signs.” Sevilla believes that the medical field, while at times critical, can also be fun!



While there are plenty of programs available on campus, there are even more activities you can join outside of school that fortunately Miller has partnered with. Jazmin Gonzalez (12), a basic cadet of the Law Enforcement Program, informed us on what you can learn in the frame of this curriculum, “you learn discipline, safety skills, and it can also help build character.” The basic cadet encourages students interested in law enforcement and anyone motivated to better themselves. You can join the Law Enforcement Program by talking to your counselor for the information.

Thank you to everyone who attended the college and career fair. Hopefully the various colleges and presentations served you well!



# Snacking on campus

By Alejandra Flores

The foods and snacks schools given out are great and all, but would it not be more exciting to be able to have more options to fill our stomachs? I think there should be some other options for snacks depending on the student, themselves.

With the heat that sometimes still showing up even in the fall, there should be some snacks that could cool down students. Fresh and cold options could really make students change their mind on getting food or not. With students not wanting to get food because the options are not to their liking, minds could be changed if there are some more things on the menu or at least on some days.

Along with cold food being given out in the heat, the same thing could be said with warmer foods being available in the colder weather. The weather is finally changing, which means it is time for more seasonal and mouth-watering options. There are many snacks that could be perfect for this kind out weather that do not necessarily need to warm everyone up but instead give a sense of comfort. For example, hot chocolate or sweet and salty trail mix. It is understandable that some schools may not have access to specific things but with the idea of some favorited snacks being available occasionally it could really change the perspective of some students.

Nevertheless, there are some other reasons why students should have more options. Specifically, some healthier, and appetizing choices could help the diets and nutrients of some students, along with snacks that help with picky eaters. If more students eat it could encourage more students to eat as well. The more students eat the better!

Having more healthier options can also encourage more students to make healthier food choices and have them exposed to more foods that can benefit their health.

With all these reason for students to have more options, there are also some ways that students can find people who have similar tastes to them.

Freshman student Jazmine Reyes exclaims, “I think they should start giving out Yogurt Melts because they are delicious.” While Collin Washa (9) shared that he enjoys “tropical fruit



snacks.”

# THE Flamin' Hot TRUTH

By Briana Lopez

Food, the one thing we all love and need to survive. No matter what the food is, no one can deny that the delicious craving for their favorite meal is what keeps them going. The anticipation students here may feel once the bell rings for lunch is unlike any feeling, they’ll have the rest of the day.

But sometimes people do not agree with the opinion's others may have some food. One person may put cereal in their bowl first before milk, another may fight back saying that milk should go first before the cereal. Maybe someone declares chocolate as the superior sweet treat to have, while others claim that lollipops are the real superior. Whatever the case is, we all have a very strong judgement on our food and will sometimes argue until we are right. This is what is called a *Hot Food Take*. Here are a few hot food takes students around campus have and just see which ones you can relate to.

Pineapples are one of the most popular fruits here where we live, and I think/hope most can agree that it’s delicious...by itself. Maybe not the best if you try to combine it with other foods, since now you just lose the sweet taste it had.

Jenna Saucedo (12) is one of the vast majority of people who believe that

pineapple doesn’t belong on pizza, “because pizza is so savory and pineapple is sweet, which doesn’t go together.” While that is a very well-grounded statement, one can argue that pineapple combined with another ingredient goes perfectly together on pizza.





Hot Take continued.

Speaking of savory and sweet, Abbygail Nieves (12) argues that sweet and savory should not be mixed, “So that means chicken and waffles, that means orange chicken, that means sweet and sour sauce, no! It’s repulsive, it shouldn’t exist!” While admitting the overreaction, Nieves believes the two flavors do not taste good when put together. Now that’s an interesting thing to argue about! If you’re a sweets person, maybe you disagree that the food tastes better with the sugar, however anyone that enjoys the savory taste of chicken is in for a rude awakening!

It does not end here folks! *How about a hot dog?* You know, the thing that everyone keeps on saying is not a sandwich despite all the key details of it being related to a sandwich. Olamide Akinsola (12) fights back that a hot dog should not be at all considered a sandwich. “When we think about sandwiches, we think about bread, maybe lettuce and maybe ham, or whatever you out in sandwiches. Those are sandwiches!” Back on the hot dogs, Akinsola adds, “If you want to say hot dog is its own thing, that fine, but if we’re talking about traditional sandwiches, no!” Huh, it’s not a sandwich. Well, hopefully no one wrote about the opposing side...or maybe?

When asked about a food take she didn’t agree with, Akinsola responded, “That orange juice is better than apple juice.” She explained that orange juice is so sour. Shockingly, Nieves argued back at Akinsola that orange juice is actually better than apple juice. “The real orange juice is so crisp and makes you feel healthy, and I know that apple juice is full of sweeteners and all of that unhealthy stuff!”

At the end of the day, everyone has their own opinion on how food should be done right. That being said, don’t start causing a war on which is better than the other, either one will do. Keep eating the foods you like and eat them the way you like them. Oh, and do not write about your food takes on anywhere, you will cause a breakout.



By Trinity Siqueiros

Finally, after five years of the cinematic masterpiece being hinted and delayed, the beautiful *Five Nights at Freddy's* adaptation, directed by Emma Tammi and created by Scott Cawthon, has premiered in theatres and streaming on Peacock. As the days since release progress, fans’ opinions on the film have gained a wide range. With most of the negative reviews coming from solely fans of the games who are not invested in the lore or theories behind the franchise. People who are more in tune with the lore seem to have more positive thoughts on the film, at least that is how it seems based on online reviews. However, I wanted to deep dive on exactly the purpose of the film and the specific focal points that are related to the franchise lore. I dislike reviewing with spoilers, but I absolutely must talk about the “plot twists” in the movie, so leave and come back if you have yet to watch *Five Nights at Freddy's*!

The most complained about element of the movie was the lack of correlation it has to the familiar lore. For context, the antagonist of the franchise is a businessman named William Afton and, in the games, he has three children and a presumed wife. The three children’s names are Mike/ Michael, Elizabeth, and “Evan” or most known as “crying child.” However, in the film the character Mike is no longer William Afton’s kid and is instead the son of someone we don’t know (at least for now, because there are theories to the film, of course). Another key character to the games is Vanessa who was not featured until Halloween DLC of Help Wanted, but she was never regarded as an essential character to the timeline until Security Breach. However, they incorporated Vanessa’s character in the movie by making her William Afton’s daughter, which was heavily critiqued by lore enthusiasts.

The entirety of the film was undoubtedly enjoyable to watch! Even though the film takes place in the 2000s, you can easily interpret the 80s origin the Pizzeria carries, so I must applaud the amount of thought and care that went into producing the film. While this might be an unpopular opinion, I believe the change in the original *Five Night at Freddy's* storyline was not a horrible idea. If anything, it makes the plot digestible for people who are not accustomed to the lore, or it might even bring some clarity for people beginning their interest in the franchise.

Since the films are going to be a trilogy, it will try to represent the first few games, according to Tammi. According to an interview with Variety, the director of the film attempted to “familiarize [herself] with the lore” in hopes of satisfying fans of the franchise but also not confuse first time viewers. So, taking this into consideration, the next movie of the trilogy is theorized to involve Charlotte and her soul binding to the Marionette/ Puppet, but instead of Charlotte it will be Garrett as we know in the films as Mike Schmidt’s little brother. But you know it’s just a theory.

Overall, I’m really excited for what the rest of the trilogy is going to include or even exclude from the established lore that fans are so accustomed to. Of course, Vanessa is going to remain alive considering the Afton bloodline is so difficult when it comes to dying. *Five Nights At Freddy's* was good, nothing fantastic and shocking to cinema, but it was good for its first introduction to the movie realm. There are a few jump scares that genuinely scare you and some surprising kill scenes that I think any horror fan would enjoy.

So, even if you are not a fan of the franchise, I recommend watching this film. It gets a solid 7/10 from me!

EDITORIAL NOTE:



While it is unclear whether or not creator of *Five Nights at Freddy's*, Scott Cawthon, sought out inspiration from *Chuck E. Cheese*, the Texas based company is proactively distancing itself from the franchise.

Announced on November 15, the company will remove all traces of the animatronics band that put the company on the map in the 80s and made it the place, to have a birthday party. Only one location, in Northridge, California, will the animatronic band remain in tact and actively perform.

Recently, *Always Sunny In Philadelphia* parodied the storied children’s eatery, ahead of the theatrical release of *Five Nights at Freddy's*.



# MILLER gets SPOOKY

By Trinity Siqueiros

The annual Trunk or Treat event hosted by A.B. Miller was a smashing success on Halloween Eve. Even through the terrible Fontana winds, the staff, and clubs on campus persevered and decorated their trunks beautifully! Did this year's Halloween event top last year?



With the event starting only an hour and half after school ended, every participant basically had to stay after school or rush to bring decorations.

Utter chaos ensued, which is nothing new when it comes to throwing an event, but the cold wind only added to the stress of it all. ASB was amazing with this event by providing the trunks candy, hosting games inside the cafeteria for kiddos to enjoy, and a bouncer house right in the middle of the quad for all to see. Compared to last year, the decorations and overall Halloween spirit was tremendously better this year.

AVID's trunk, one of the many in the quad, was ran by AVID teachers and the program's cabinet! Sydelle Ohaka (12), the Vice President of AVID, believes that this years' Trunk or Treat was "really fun for [her] first time participating and passing candy in the trunk was great."

AVID's theme for their trunk was "DIY" with their trunk being composed of a big spider and a custom made "victim of the spider" Ohaka proudly shared. The trunk should truly be recognized for its unique qualities! The usage of a truck trunk was also captivating, well done AVID!

Ashley Esparza (12) is both a Link Crew and ASB member who was great at managing both clubs' activities. Esparza reckons the event this year was "honestly one of the best [events] I have worked on, compared to last year" in terms of decorations and activities available. The duo member's only critique of Trunk or Treat was the lack of advertising that went in to promoting the function. Link Crew Secretary Mariah Ralph (12) volunteered her car for her club to decorate as Friday the Thirteenth, specifically the second installment of the franchise. Ralph recollects her favorite part of the function as "spending time with [her] link crew members." The overall enjoyment of the event was certainly gratifying for all the workers!

It is amazing that Miller was able to pull off such a festive event despite the time crunch and wind conditions. Let us hope next year even more people attend and the weather is more comfortable!

## CAMPUS COSTUMES

By Alejandra Flores

Halloween season has come and gone, but A.B. Miller students took over the school with their amazing costumes and made it a holiday one would not forget anytime soon.

It is very exciting to see all the students being creative with their costume ideas There have been many different concept ideas, for example fun, exciting, and interesting costumes. A popular costume choosing that students came to school were inflatable costumes which were my personal favorite. Along with that there were also iconic costumes, for instance Luigi and Mario and skeleton face paintings.

The opportunity for students to be able to express themselves and show their excitement and creativity is what makes a Halloween school day enjoyable, and it helps make the spirit of Halloween perfect.

Now I want to talk about some costumes that I personally liked. Besides the inflatable costumes, my favorite idea that many students did were the skeleton face paintings. The idea of simple and chic outfits along with the dark and mysterious vibe of the designs really brought the whole look together. As well as the different styles that others did definitely adds some flavor to the look.

Talking about the opportunity for students to express themselves by showing their enjoyment for Halloween and creativity for costumes, this is also a way where some students can show off their confidence. For some students being able to show off costumes that they enjoy wearing can be a way for others to step out of their comfort zone and show what kind of person they can be.

Along with confidence there is also the opportunity to strike a similar interest to others. If students wear a costume of a character for example, there could also be other people who like that character as well. Which can help create a lively conversation.

"I'm dressed up as Ranpo because he's my favorite character," proudly asserted Fatima Alba (9).

Along with some solo costumes there were also group costumes. Junior student Melodie Carraher shared, "I'm dressed up as Magic Mike because all my friends decided to dress up together."

Lastly Freshman student Jonan Ramirez stole the show with his stunning rendition of Captain Jack Sparrow.





# Together Through Culture

By Briana Lopez



Clubs have a way to bring people together. Not only can they be viewed as fun after-school activities, but they can also be viewed as a little community to join based on common interests; a safe space to be who you are.

Luckily, there are many clubs on campus for everyone to join, so everyone is allowed to do anything they wish to do in a safe environment. This club in particular focuses primarily on making a cultural presence on campus and creating a more inclusive environment for everybody. Specializing in the Latino Community, but also welcoming to other cultures, the MCU has a strong presence and goal for the community here at A.B Miller. Here's what you need to know about this club!

The MCU (short for Multi-Cultural Union) was formally known as MECHA a while back and was a club that was primarily about the Chicano experience. Now renamed as the MCU, the club is more open to the experiences of other Latin cultures and strives to gain more acknowledgement in events and education. "We're basically about having a cultural presence on campus, more cultural events, having people share who they are and so that everybody can kind of get together and experience each other's cultures," is what Ms. Aguayo, the club Advisor, had to say about the club's main strive.

The environment of the club is very open-minded and inclusive. Every background is welcomed in with open arms. No one is made to feel like they don't belong. Everyone is encouraged to be who they are and not feel any shame about their heritage or where they came from Mrs.

Moody states, "It's all about learning about different cultures and having a space where everybody can feel comfortable and not be embarrassed of their culture." She later adds, "It's all about being inclusive and feeling part of and a sense of belonging, especially here at school." As the days go by, the club goes bigger and bigger, so you feel the sense of a community being formed here.

During club hours, students are encouraged into arts and crafts activities on culturally based things. As of writing this, the club has colored masks for Day of the Dead. Creativity is a key factor that seems to be allowed in this room. There are also discussions on culturally heavy topics, as the MCU's president Emily Montenegro (12) clarifies, "The conversations we have are definitely sometimes tough but they're needed. Like it's often we have discussions about, 'why this should be said' or, 'what do we think about this being said about this type of community?' So, it's kind of like more discussions but we also have a lot of fun."



Fundraisers and trips are also a huge factor that this club plays, as any other extracurricular activity does. The MCU works on fundraisers that are in the work for the future and also participate in any trip/event given at the opportunity. Aguayo refers to the time MCU had a trip to visit The Cheech last year and hopes that the club can do more of these kinds of activities.

"I'd love for them to attend some of the events at UCR campus, because they do have big conferences for them to go and participate in. I'd like to see them do that."

As the community here grows and grows, Montenegro has a goal for the club to collaborate with other cultural clubs on campus to spread awareness and grow more with their original goal. "My goal is definitely to plan more cultural events on campus, but also to work with the cultural clubs on our campus that are already existing like the BSU and now the Pacific Islanders club. I think it's definitely important to work with others and share our community because that's important." It would be very beneficial to work together to empower each other.

If you are a person that would like to advocate for inclusivity and wish to learn more about the cultures that spread all around the world, I cannot stress enough about how this club is perfect for you. Learn how to be an active member of a great cause for the greater future. The club is for all, so don't be shy to stop by, or as Montenegro says, "Everyone is welcomed! No matter who you are, we're always open. We're here every Thursday in H-3 from 3:40 to 4:30."



## A Valiant Effort

By Daniel Garcia

In the world of high school sports, few things are as exhilarating as watching a dedicated group of young athletes come together to form a formidable team. A.B. Miller High School's own girls' volleyball team is a prime example of this unity and determination, demonstrating the strength and passion that make them stand out in both their games and in the broader educational community.

One of the most remarkable aspects of our school's girls' volleyball team is the extraordinary bond that exists among its members. These athletes have transcended the boundaries of friendship to become a family, always supporting and motivating each other on and off the field. This sense of camaraderie extends to practices, games, and their daily lives. It creates an environment where each player feels valued and empowered to give her best. Junior, Grace Lopez mentions that "As a team we grown to teach each other skills and how to help one another."

Sports hold the power to empower individuals in countless ways. The girls' volleyball team exemplifies this empowerment. They inspire younger students to pursue their passions, break gender stereotypes, and demonstrate that with determination and hard work, anyone can achieve greatness. Junior, Aylin Olmedo expressed "volleyball is about trusting each other and having the ability to understand one another through communication and teamwork."

These athletes are not only dedicated to their sport but also to their studies. Their time management skills and discipline serve as an example for their peers, proving that being a successful student-athlete is possible. They juggle practices, games, and schoolwork with grace, setting a standard of excellence for everyone. Our girls' volleyball team has a profound impact on the entire school community. Their games bring the student body, teachers, and parents together to support and cheer for the team. This collective spirit fosters a sense of unity and pride in the school, creating unforgettable memories that will be cherished for a lifetime. Junior, Aubrey Gomez tells "volleyball can be challenging but with sense of pride and effort through my teammates I learned how not only as a player but as a person."

Our school's girls' volleyball team is more than just a sports team; they are a source of inspiration, empowerment, and unity. Their achievements serve as a testament to their dedication and hard work, proving that anything is possible with the right mindset. They have not only excelled in their sport but have also set an example for future generations, leaving an indelible mark on our school community. These remarkable young women remind us of all that when we come together as a team, we can achieve greatness.

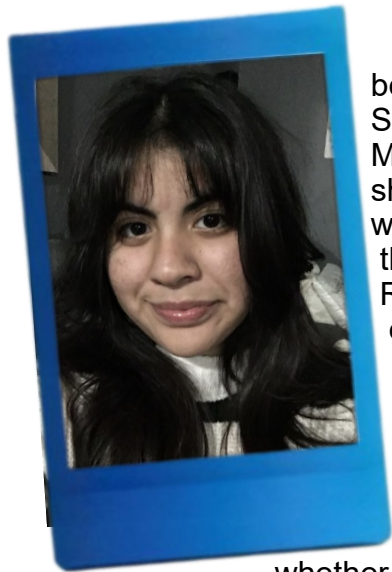




# MEET the STAFF

## Editor

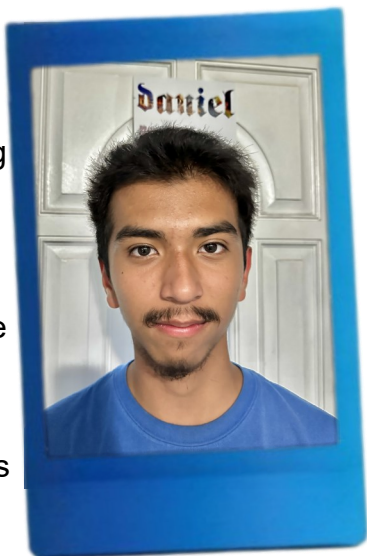
Trinity Siqueiros is a senior who hopes the year goes by as fast as people claim. While she can go on and on about the negatives, she truly does love school. Trinity, who does have her faults, is an interesting gal once you get to know her. Need relationship advice? Want to hear someone rant? Want some water? Want some gum? Trinity has it all and will happily oblige. Her friends would mostly describe her as entertaining. She constantly has a fun fact or story that she saw on the Internet to tell you. Trinity is currently obsessed with English rock (Arctic Monkeys and The Smiths might be on her Spotify Wrapped) but has a love for all music genres. Her goal this year is to involve more sports and clubs in the paper, so let her know which ones you would like to see! Her personal goals include her graduating and attending a university, with her dream school being, as of right now, UCSD. Trinity's last wish as a high schooler is to have a fun year with everyone and attend every event—as listed in the senior package!



Raquel Rivera was born in 2006 in Pomona. She is now a senior at A.B. Miller High School, where she enjoys spending time with friends and counting the days till graduation! Raquel was taught to read early on—which fueled her passion for reading, writing, and storytelling. She honed her creative skills at a very young age and enjoys bringing creative thoughts to life,

whether that be in the form of a poem, baking, dancing, or through art. These days she enjoys discovering new music, scrolling through Pinterest in her free time, and spending time with her family and her two cats. Raquel, although being a terrible procrastinator, is academically driven and strives to do her best in school. She is still trying to figure out what to do in the future.

Daniel Garcia was born in 2006 in Los Angeles, California. He discovered his love for computer science during his senior year at A.B. Miller High School. His passion for technology ignited, and he began exploring programming languages and learning software development. Outside the realm of coding, you will often find Daniel pursuing his love for music. He enjoys playing various musical instruments and occasionally practices his time and effort into perfecting the piano.



Daniel is also a sports enthusiast, with a particular fondness for soccer, tennis, and cross country. Additionally, he is an avid hiker who finds solace in the natural beauty of the world, capturing stunning landscapes with his phone camera. As he looks ahead, Daniel aspires to attend the University of Irvine, where

he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science, further fueling his passion for technology.



## Editor

Briana Lopez is a senior at A.B. Miller who enjoys hanging out with friends and attending school events, all the events she can afford at least. When she is at home, she enjoys either playing video games on her Nintendo Switch or PlayStation 4 and catching up on any shows that are recommended to her—which you can too. When she goes out, she likes going to arcades, movie theaters, and any fairs in the area. She likes to consider herself a shy extrovert, but anyone who wants to come say “hi” is always welcome to—she does not bite. When a friendship starts to blossom, that is when she starts to open out of her shell. As this is her final year in high school, she wishes for this year to go smoothly and soundly—no drama whatsoever. She is excited to see what the new year will bring and is looking forward to finally graduating and pursuing her dream of becoming a film director.

A.B. Miller High School's primary goal is to ensure every student is college and career ready upon graduation. Collectively, we pride ourselves in facilitating our students with an excellent academic and extracurricular experience, yet we understand that providing additional supports will only further enhance our students' chances of success as young adults. Our community has continuously rallied around our cause to help provide these additional supports in the form of scholarships. Our supports have fundraised and donated over \$25,000—a number that only continues to grow. On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to thank our community for the continued, unconditional support. It is your support that affords us the ability to provide our students with an exceptional academic experience, close the achievement gap, and provide educational access to *all* students.

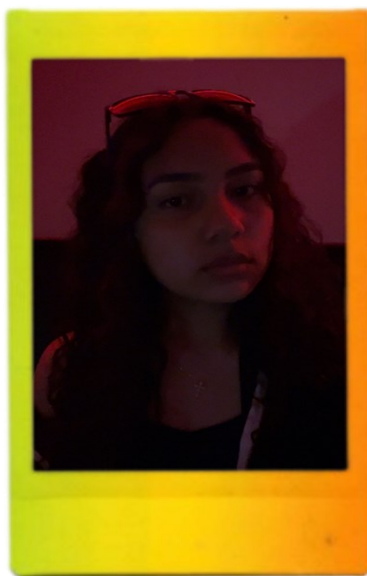
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Alejandra Flores was born on November 25 in Los Angeles, California and is a freshman. She is very excited to be starting a new chapter at A.B. Miller and is looking forward to all of the activities and events that will be happening soon. When she was little, she was exposed to many activities like the violin, the piano, ballet, jazz, and art. She was in fourth grade when she moved to Fontana with her parents and sister. Not long ago, she discovered a hobby she was pretty good at and that was writing stories. She did that in her free time as well as read, listen to music, play the guitar, and take photos of anything in her life. To please her parents, she is focused on earning a high GPA, as in middle school, she was awarded many certificates for her efforts. Even though

she still wants to do good for her parents, she is also choosing to change and do good for herself.