

# ANNOUNCEMENT



March 22, 2016

## TO BE POSTED IN EVERY CLASSROOM



**Happy Birthday to: Zaria Brown & Edrei Pliego.**

(If you do not want your birthday announced, let Ms. Nuño know in the student center).


**Daily announcements are available for all to read in the Student Center.**

*Congratulations! we won ALL THREE places in the Wisdom lodge "Brotherly love, Relief, and Truth" essay contest: 1st place: Aisline Ascension, 2nd place: Steven Rios, 3rd place: Rebecca Aguilar. This one was for cash...Oh, and all five of the winners are 9th grade Puentistas!!!*

### Meetings:

1. **SWAMP** (Students With a Mentor Program) is meeting **Thursday 3/24** at lunch in Mr. Dakan's room. Make sure you are present as we will be taking our yearbook photo. See you there!

### Misc.:

1. Middle school students and parents come join PEN for an informative presentation by College Access Plan Director Mo Hyman and PUSD Counselor on Special Assignment Alejandra Diaz. You'll come away with tips and greater awareness of the resources available to you and your parents. Title: College Bound: **What Middle School Parents Should Know** Date: **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** Time: 6:30-8:00 PM Location: Wilson Middle School Library. RSVP by calling 866-216-7334. For more information contact [info@penfamilies.org](mailto:info@penfamilies.org)
2. Students, the **Driver's Ed**  course will resume tomorrow, **Wednesday 3/23** You need to attend all classes to obtain the certificate.
3. Reminder: The **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** (CEP) test will be administered on Thursday **March 24, 2016 at 9:00am.**
4. The New York Film Academy is inviting you to join them in a Screenwriting Panel. **Life in Transmedia on Thursday March 24th at 7:00 PM.** Speakers who have worked in multiple media platforms discuss their careers, how they got into the business, their inspirations and motivations, and more! Both events will be held at our Burbank campus located at 3300 W. Riverside Dr. in Burbank. For more information call their Office at [818-333-3558](tel:818-333-3558).
5. **March 24th - IB Personal Project Showcase** Students visit with their classes (Periods 2-4) Evening Celebration/Dinner/Awards - Everyone is invited! (6-8pm). The personal project is a significant body of work produced over an extended period. It is a product of students' own initiative and reflects experience of the MYP. The personal project holds a very important place as the culminating endeavor of the programme. Projects are

student-centered and student-driven; they enable students to engage in practical explorations through a cycle of inquiry and action. The project encourages students to reflect on their learning and the outcomes of their work – key skills that prepare them for success in further study, the workplace and the community. This event is not only the showcase of months of hard work on their projects, but also a celebration of years of academic, social, and personal development as IB MYP students.

6. **PCC's outreach program** will be here on campus on **Thursday, March 25**, during lunch in the quad. Come and get all your admission questions answered and more!



7. The deadline for the next down payment for your **prom ticket** is **March 25th**. By March 25th you need to have at least \$60 towards your Prom Ticket. Seniors, if you are planning to attend prom you **MUST** pay on or before this deadline. It is in your best interest to buy one now as there is a limited amount of tickets for the yacht.



8. Come Join Us for **STARBOOKS, THE NEXT CHAPTER**. Blair will be hosting a book fair **March 28 through May 30 and April 1**. The book fair will be open daily from 7:15am-4pm. On March 30th there will be extended hours of 4-9pm as the book fair will be combined with the 3rd Annual Stargazing Night!! We will also have food trucks!
9. The Pasadena One City, One Story book for this year is **Orphan Train**, by Christina Baker Kline. Ms. Kline will be visiting Blair on **Friday, April 1st**, during fourth period. If you would like to meet her, and have her sign your book, see your English teacher or Ms. Reyes in room BE10. English teachers, Ms. Reyes has about 12-15 (possibly double that in the next day or two) copies of the book if any of your students are interested in reading the book before the author, Ms. Kline comes to visit Blair. It is an awesome book; we know you will love it.



10. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in collaboration with PCC, PUSD & other Community Partners presents the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Young African American Women's Conference Your Life Matters**. Save the date: **Saturday, April 2, 2016** at PCC from 7:30-3pm. For more information go to [Pasadena.yaawc@gmail.com](mailto:Pasadena.yaawc@gmail.com) or call 323-228-3037.
11. Are You Tech Savvy? You will be, after a day of hands-on fun with science, mathematics, engineering, and technology! **Saturday, April 9, 2016** from 8:30am - 3:30pm. All 6th-9th Grade Girls & their parents or guardians are invited. There is a \$5\* per girl fee that includes food, workshops, a t-shirt for the girls. **Tech Savvy** is a day of fun in technology, science, engineering and math. Special sessions for your parents/guardians will show them how to help you on your path to college and a career. For more information and registration: go to [pasadena-ca.aauw.net/tech-savvy-2016](http://pasadena-ca.aauw.net/tech-savvy-2016).
12. Registration is open now for a great community service opportunity! This April come down to the River for **Friends of the Los Angeles River's 27th annual Great LA River CleanUp: La Gran Limpieza!** This year there is an urgent need for the 27th Annual Great Los Angeles River CleanUp. April is Earth Month you have three **Saturdays - April 16th**,

**23rd, and 30th** - and fifteen sites to choose from along the entire course of the LA River. Go to the Blair website for more information.

13. All students are invited to participate in this year's **Mic Slam Poetry** event on **Saturday, April 23** (3-5pm) at the Pasadena Public Library. Last year, our line-up was incredible, inspiring and tear-jerking. The instructions for signing up to participate are as follows: Submit a 3-minute maximum poem with minimal swearing. Your poem does not need to be a "slam poem," any kind of poetry (haiku, free verse etc.) is welcomed. Submit it at [hspoetryslam2@gmail.com](mailto:hspoetryslam2@gmail.com) with your name and high school. **Due date: April 18.**



14. Attention all Blair students! Take the **Million Word Challenge!** Starting **February 16 - May 6, 2016**. Grade Level Winner will get a \$30 Vroman's Gift Card. Second Place, Grade Level winner will get a \$15 Vroman's Gift Card. Grand Prize Winner will get a \$60 Vroman's Gift Card and books from Families in Schools at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books held at USC. See your English teacher or Miss McLaughlin for more information. Gift cards provided by the Blair PTSA!

### Summer Opportunities:



1. As a result of **Chevron's** continual commitment in education and STEM, they will be selecting 20 outstanding high school students (rising juniors and rising seniors are eligible to apply) from across the U.S. to attend the Chevron sponsored summer educational camp, "*Frontiers of Energy Resources*", hosted at the University of Southern California and scheduled for July 10 – 15, 2016. Applicants should visit <http://cisoft.usc.edu/uscchevron-summercamp/> to access the online application. The application **deadline is April 8, 2016.**
2. **IEA's EXPLORE** summer program provides unique opportunities for high school students to receive mentorship from a distinguished professional, gain hands-on experience in a professional environment. Students are able to participate in challenging, interactive learning experiences with mentors from major academic fields such as, but not limited to, computer science, health/medicine, architecture, mathematics, arts, and more! The program will run for three, 2-week sessions beginning in June: **Session 1: June 13- 24** **Session 2: June 27- July 8** (with July 4<sup>th</sup> off) **Session 3: July 11- 22.** A few sites are offering extended externships for well-qualified applicants. During this time, externs will spend their weekdays shadowing their mentors and immersing themselves in advanced intellectual work on prearranged research projects and/or lab work. For an application visit [EXPLORE@educationaladvancement.org](mailto:EXPLORE@educationaladvancement.org)

### Scholarships:



1. Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Pasadena Chapter is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the **2016 Julia Scotton "Jack and Jill Scholarship" Awards**. The scholarships are available for African American seniors attending a high school in the San Gabriel Valley. Funds will be awarded to students in amounts up to

\$2,000. Scholarships are intended to be used for tuition, room and board, books and other fees for students attending, beginning in the fall of 2016, at an accredited two-year or four-year trade school, college or university, in the U.S. Interested students must submit a completed application to: Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Pasadena Chapter, P.O. Box 93522, Pasadena, CA. 91109-2178. Applications must be received **by March 31, 2016.**


2. The **Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund** is now available in the Student Center. If you are hard-working, positive and community spirited come to the student center for an application and see if you meet the criteria. There will be three to five scholarships awarded for the amount of \$2,500 each. Deadline to apply is **Thursday, March 31, 2016.**




3. The **Pasadena Police Officers Association** seeks out qualified candidates for our Community Scholarship Awards Program. This year they are offering (1) PPOA Community Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 and (2) \$500 Lloyd M. Birby Memorial Community Scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to major in the law enforcement/criminal justice field. Awards are also being offered to dependents of current/retired Pasadena Police Department officers. Come to the Student Center for an application. Completed applications must be submitted to the Pasadena Police Officers Association Scholarship Committee **by March 31, 2016.**




4. The **Pasadena Bar Association** will again award \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 scholarships to the top three contestants. Also, the top two schools in the team competition will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500. **The Pasadena Bar Association's Annual Speech Scholarship Contest** has become a great opportunity for students to obtain scholarships and to further their public speaking skills. Submit applications to [info@pasadenabar.org](mailto:info@pasadenabar.org) by no later than **April 1, 2016.** The Pasadena Bar Association will only accept the first 150 qualified applications.
5. Each year **COPA** (Community Organization of Pasadena for Advancement in Education) provides scholarships to deserving young women entering college. COPA is encouraging young women of Mexican descent to apply to **The Lupe Hernandez/Quetzalcoatl Scholarship**. Many of the decisions by the Scholarship Committee are not based on academics but also need. Scholarships are presented to students in each of the five high schools in the Pasadena Unified School District. Come to the counseling office for an application. The **deadline to apply is April 1, 2016.** We give \$1,000 scholarship award to one young lady from each of the five PUSD schools. If you have any questions you can contact them at [president@copapasadena.org](mailto:president@copapasadena.org)

6. The Pasadena NAACP  **Maurice Morse Scholarship** is now available. The purpose of the Maurice Morse Scholarship is to provide post high school financial assistance to African-American students who reside in Pasadena or South Pasadena, or who will graduate within the Pasadena Unified School District. Come see your counselor for an application. Applications must be received at the Pasadena NAACP office by 5:00pm on **Friday, April 1, 2016**. Come to the student center to see if you meet the criteria.

7. We are excited to announce that the **Brandon Jackson Memorial scholarship** will be awarded again this year to deserving, college-bound students. Since 2011, we have given over \$50,000 in scholarships to area students. We look forward to receiving applications from Blair candidates by **April 1, 2016 deadline**. If you have any questions come to the counseling office or email: Debra Williams at: [debrawilliams626@yahoo.com](mailto:debrawilliams626@yahoo.com).

8.  The **Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors Charitable Foundation** is pleased to inform you that they once again are awarding a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to seniors graduating from a public high school this year. Ideally we would like to award one \$1000 scholarship per school. All students are encouraged to apply for these awards. All applications must be received **by Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Come to the counseling office for an application.

9.  **Zumper** knows that school is expensive, so they want to help you out with a \$1,000 scholarship. They're looking for outstanding students who have helped their classmates or community in a tremendous way. Maybe you started a club that raised money for charity, or championed recycling and sustainable practices across campus. Whatever it is, we'd love to hear about it! **Spring Deadline · April 15, 2016** for more information go to <https://www.zumper.com/apartments-scholarship>

10.  The Taiwanese-American Citizens League, Los Angeles Chapter (TACL-LA), is pleased to announce its **2016 Taiwanese-American Community Scholarship Program**. Each award will be in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) along with a commemorative plaque. We will offer a total of at least 10 awards for Los Angeles County students. The scholarship is open to all seniors. Applicants must be college-bound seniors in the graduating classes of 2016. We would like the recipients to be well-rounded students who have demonstrated leadership skills, extracurricular activity involvement, community service, and academic achievement. The application package can be downloaded from [www.tacl.org](http://www.tacl.org). The application **deadline is Friday April 15, 2016**. We will announce the award winners by June 25, 2016.

11. St. Barnabas Church is offering two **Leon Conerly Scholarships**. These scholarships are being offered to students that are residing in the Pasadena/Altadena area and are \$500



each. These awards are in recognition of community service and are designed to provide financial assistance to college bound students. Completed scholarship application need to be postmarked no later than **April 18, 2016**. Come to the counseling office for an application and for more information.



**12. Pasadena Water& Power**

would like to honor two outstanding Pasadena Unified School District high school students with an educational scholarship for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year. They will be awarding a first place \$5,000 scholarship and a second place \$2,500 scholarship. Submit completed application no later than **April 29, 2016** to [wdeleon@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:wdeleon@cityofpasadena.net). Awards will be made at the discretion of the PWP scholarship committee and awardees will be chosen accordingly. For more information come to the Student Center.