

The Lariat

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL

Juniors and Seniors Embarking on their Future Careers

By Marc V Hernandez



A metal dog built by some of the workers at the center.

On November 21st, seniors and juniors got the chance to go on a field trip. This field trip was to the ABC center in Anaheim that went from 8:40am-1:16pm.

The ABC center was a very educational place to visit for a field trip. The ABC consists of plumbers, electricians, and construction workers. These workers explained what their jobs consisted of and how much they get paid. Once students graduate from high school and get their diploma, they can apply and wait to get approved.

"It was a nice trip, and I'll probably go to that trade school," said senior Manuel Zuniga. This trip was helpful for Zuniga, putting him more at ease with his future, knowing he doesn't need

to go to college to be successful.

"We need more plumbers and welders for school and work," said senior Jannelle Lemus. Lemus found this trip extremely helpful. She learned it was the home for future and present workers that are in the plumbing, construction, welding, or electrical business. Seeing these future and present workers at this trade school encouraged Lemus to try and apply after graduation.

"They provide free tuition, and you can earn while you work," said senior Jesus Rodriguez. After hearing that ABC pays for you to go to school there, Rodriguez was intrigued and wants to go and apply right after he graduates.

This trip will inspire a lot more to get started right after graduation.

Outcome of the 2024 Election

By Anthony A Alvarado

The winner of the 2024 Presidential Election is former president Donald J Trump beating vice president Kamala Harris. Trump's final vote was 312 in the electoral college while Kamala took 226 electoral college votes.

The 2024 election was on November 5th and was the final day to vote for candidates. The election took place all day and most of the night going into November 6th. That night they announced who won the election and how many votes each candidate had. The total votes didn't

all come in until two days later.

Representing the Republican Party were Donald J Trump for President and Vice President JD Vance. For the Democratic Party, it was Kamala Harris for President and Tim Walz for Vice President.

The election determined who will be president starting January. As we know, Donald J Trump will be inaugural on Monday Jan 20. Inauguration Day is when the president-elect and vice president-elect are sworn into office. Both

President Trump and Vice President Vance must take oaths, which have been in use since 1884.



Students Protest Over Controversial Classroom Incident

By Lizette Ruelas



Principal John Miller warns students about the consequences of protesting off campus. Students who left campus were at risk of truancy and citations. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Alva.

An intense divide swept through Chino High School as students took to the campus to protest following a controversial classroom incident. The incident, which involved a teacher's emotional outburst at a student wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat, has sparked debate about freedom of expression, the role of educators, and the boundaries of acceptable behavior in the classroom.

In a show of support for the teacher, a large group of students organized a protest, voicing their belief that the beloved educator should not face disciplinary action over the incident. The teacher, who has been a popular figure at Chino High for many years, was reportedly provoked by the student's choice of headwear, and supporters argue that the teacher's reaction was a natural response to what they see as an obvious attempt to incite a reaction.

"Everyone knows that he's an amazing teacher," said sophomore Alana Bell, one of the protest organizers. "He's done so much for this school, and for him to lose his job over something like this is just wrong. The student knew what he was doing wearing that hat, and it was clear he was trying to get a reaction out of him."

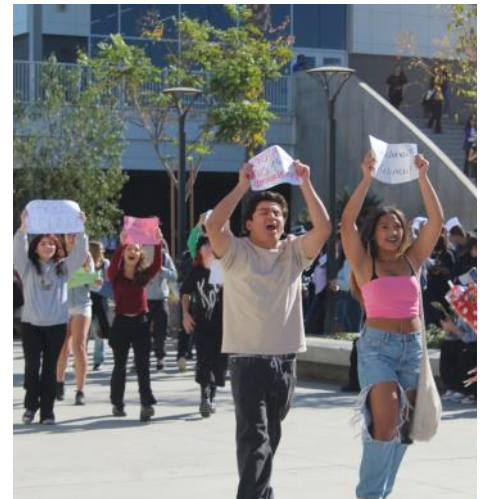
Protesters gathered near the school's entrance, holding signs that read "Free Colinco" and "Justice for Colinco." Many students spoke out about their admiration for the teacher, highlighting his positive impact on their education and school community. "He's been there for us through everything. We should stand by him," one student shared.

On the other side of the protest, a group of students staged a counter-protest, calling for the teacher to be held accountable for

his outburst. These students argued that while the teacher has the right to feel strongly about his beliefs, his behavior was inappropriate and unprofessional.

"No matter what, a teacher shouldn't snap at a student like that," said Gabriel Gonzalez, a freshman and member of the counter-protest group. Aiden Blevins, another ninth grader, said "We're supposed to feel safe expressing ourselves at school, not afraid that someone is going to lash out because of our opinions."

The controversy first came when a video surfaced showing the teacher confronting a student who had worn a "Make America Great Again" hat in class. In the video, the teacher is heard angrily denouncing Trump, claiming



Protest organizers lead students in support of teacher. Photo courtesy of Deja Hernandez.

that he would not tolerate a student supporting such a figure. The incident quickly sparked widespread debate online, with some defending

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the teacher's actions, while others criticized the outburst.

In response to the protests, school administrators have maintained a cautious stance, refusing to comment on potential disciplinary actions until a thorough investigation has been completed. However, the protests have made it clear that students are deeply divided over how the situation should be handled.

The question now is whether Chino High School, or other schools around the nation, will implement clearer guidelines for managing politically charged situations in the classroom to prevent any future altercations.



Freshmen Gabriel Gonzalez and Aiden Blevins voice their opposing views on the conflict. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Alva.

There's A New Cowboy On Campus

By Deja Hernandez



Sandra Lawrence has been a Spanish teacher for over twenty years. She originally taught in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District and has recently come to teach at Chino. Lawrence graduated from La Puente High School in 1999. Before making her way here, she taught at Los Altos High School and La Puente High School.

Lawrence is very excited to be here and ready to take on teaching and learn many things. Lawrence explains, "My first days have

been so much better than anything I could have imagined. I absolutely love my job. The students are amazing! The staff has been so welcoming and kind, not to brag but I really think my department has to be the best one on campus!"

"It has been amazing to be welcomed by everyone in such a great way. Being in a brand-new school is the icing on the cake. I hope everyone appreciates what it is to be at a school and district that really puts back into the students and their learning environment. The technology and facilities are so nice!" Lawrence said.

Students and staff are very grateful to have Lawrence to be here for us at Chino. Lawrence stated, "I am really excited to be Cowboy! I have been around the school and community for many years, and I am so happy to be here."

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Senior's Ready for the Next Step This College Season

By Samantha Sandoval

On Wednesday, November 13th, AVID held an Application Day in the gym for all seniors ready to turn in their applications or if stu-

able to walk down a red carpet to get congratulated on turning in their applications. On the red carpet, students got a certificate and a

This Application Day was a major success with many seniors turning in multiple college applications, with a total of over 350 applications turned in that day. Many seniors felt accomplished and relieved about turning in their applications and getting the stressful part out of the way.



Seniors working on submitting their college applications with the help of AVID seniors, and counselors.

dents need help during this vigorous application process.

As AVIDs main purpose is to help its students travel through the stressful transition into college, this event was a great opportunity for students to get the help that they need with their college applications.

Throughout the day, students were able to come to the gym in their Econ/Gov and English classes to get the help that they need. AVID seniors, teachers, and counselors were all present to help students who need assistance through their applications.

Once students were finished with their applications, they were

shirt and got their photo taken holding up their certificate and various props.

One way that got students encouraged to submit their applications was the raffle opportunities that students could participate in, which included many baskets with dorm and school supplies that will help them in college.

Senior Joesph Juarez, who turned in twelve applications says, "It felt very rewarding and was proud of myself for taking the next step into my future." Juarez also won one of the raffle gift baskets as well, which included a mini fridge, adidas bag, and Domino's Pizza Gift Card.



Senior Joesph Juarez who won one of the raffle gift baskets which included a mini fridge and a Domino's Pizza gift card!

Theatre Students Inspiring the New Generation

By Jasmine Garavito

Throughout the middle of November, the theatre club put on a presentation of "Little Mermaid Jr" for all students and their families. The club had performed four evening shows, along with two matinée

performances for elementary school students. On November 18th and 20th students came to see the musical for a fun field trip day. For some of these kids, this was their first time watching a play, let alone

a whole musical performance of a well-known movie that most of these kids have watched multiple times.

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Watching a musical of a movie is a lot different than watching a movie and listening to songs. This field trip gives these students an amazing opportunity to hear music not only through the screen but also in real life. Children's eyes lit up to see a live performance of their favorite Disney character and songs.

When talking about the elementary school students, Junior theater student Gwen Gelbert said, "They are more alive." She believes that the kids are more interactive and alive than the normal high school crowd. Not only Gelbert but multiple theatre students enjoyed performing for kids because of how much you can see the joy on their faces to watch a musical full of colors and characters straight out of the movie screen.

These kids will remember this field trip for years to come, and the high schooler will never understand the impact that they had on these kids. We will never know if these plays inspired kids to want to perform once they become high-schoolers, or if they get inspired to watch more musicals because of this performance. The play offered a way to keep joy in these kids' lives and gave the high schoolers the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd that gives them nothing but positivity.



Liberty Elementary students walk to the theater to watch the Little Mermaid Jr.

The Seniors last Rodeo in CIF Football Playoffs

Rachelle Alvarez

Despite having a great season, varsity football's CIF campaign has ended. Chino did well by winning 5 out of their 6 CIF games in the playoffs.

Chino won their last CIF game against San Marcos 14-13, which took place on November 12, but lost their most recent game against Silverado High School 35-32 on November 19. This bumped Silverado High Schools record to 7-5.

The game against Silverado High School ended their three-game winning streak and Chino dropped to 5-7.

Now that that season has ended Jair Davis, 12th grade "I'm glad to play the last season with my teammates and go all the way to the second round."



Photo courtesy of Isaiah Cardenas

The Rise of the Girls Basketball Team

By Vanneil Borders

The Chino Girls basketball team is preparing themselves for their 2024-2025 basketball season with a new roster and a new mindset.

On November 18 Girls basketball played Fontana and won 66 to 17. Even though this was a no league game, this shows the determination and spirit that the girls basketball team must have to take it all the way to CIF.

With a mix of returning players and fresh talent, the team is focused on building a cohesive unit that can compete at a prominent level.

The Varsity coach VanEmbricqs said, "we have a lot of talent on the team and learned from our mistakes last season and will sharpen our players to take us all the way."

The leadership of the senior players and the main point guard of the girls' basketball team have

added a significant factor in the team's preseason progress. The team has been working on shooting accuracy, ball handling, and court awareness.

The players have shown great dedication in honoring their skills, As the season approaches the girls basketball team is poised to make a strong impact driven by their hard work during their pre-season.

London Gibbs Junior said, "As my third year playing for the team it feels good that we are winning our preseason games, and I feel confident that we will go 10-0 again in season."

One of the key goals the team wants to focus on right now is to develop good defensive and offensive coordination between the team. The girls and the coaching staff have great confidence that they will go far with this team, they have the tools and mindset to really take off and be the best of the best.

Baseball Shows their Support to People with Special Needs

By Marc V Hernandez

Chino baseball played in a three-day tournament November from 9th through 11th to show their support to all people with special needs. This tournament was known as The Autism Tournament.

This three-day tournament was huge. Chino played against three different teams. The first game was against South Hills, Alta Loma, and Arcadia High School.

"I felt good on the mound, it felt good to be there for my teammates to keep us in the game for five innings, I really enjoyed the experience" senior Logen Edgell said. Even though they lost 9-5, they battled and Edgell pitched the best he could to keep them in the game.

"The second game was much

better than the first game" said junior Thomas Liu. Liu and the rest of the team were used to the atmosphere for the second game of the tournament. After winning the second game against Alta Loma with a score of 4-1, it put them in the running for third place.

"It was an exciting factor" said junior Giovanni Tazza. It was an exciting feeling to play in a tournament for Tazza, especially one that honors the people that have special needs. They battled to the end against Arcadia but ended up losing 5-3.

Even though they lost their chance of getting third place, the players had fun playing in the Autism tournament.



Chino's top performing pitcher in the tournament pitched until the 6th inning in a close scoring game against South Hills.

Favorite Thanksgiving Food To "Gobble Gobble"?

By Evelyn Alva



Saiiang Serreno (12) "My favorite meal on Thanksgiving would have to be the turkey, I'd say turkey because I really hate the ham on Thanksgiving, I think ham is salty and it makes me feel sick when eating it, but when I eat turkey I don't feel sick after because it's not salty like ham and it has better taste in my opinion."



Butler English 12 teacher "It's hard to choose one but, If I had to choose my favorite thanksgiving food I would have to say barbecue turkey, although I really like it all like mashed potatoes, gravy, I love gravy, stuffing, and definitely different types of pie."



Amory Alpizar (12) "I wouldn't call it a main dish its more of a side, but my favorite thanksgiving food would have to be Mac n cheese, I love mac n cheese it's so good, but it needs be the home made Mac n cheese, like the type you put in the oven and it has to have that nice crispy stuff on the top."

Black Ops 6 Zombies: The Nightmare Returns with New Maps, Weapons, and Easter Eggs

By CorDea Hamilton

One of the most highly anticipated features in Call of Duty: Black Ops 6 is the return of Zombies. Since its debut in 2009, the mode has become a cornerstone of Treyarch's Call of Duty titles. With new maps, weapons, easter eggs, and enhanced mechanics, players can expect an even more thrilling and immersive experience in this latest iteration.

Zombies is a game mode that started in 2009 as a reward for players who completed the 'Call of Duty: World at War' campaign. The zombie enemy came from a flawed enemy AI that would endlessly chase the player, and the developers thought it would be fun to build a survival game around it. In this mode, players along with their friends can fight an endless horde of zombies with the goal of surviving as many rounds as possible. Zombies instantly became a classic for fans and have now had multiple iterations since, with each building having more features and hidden story lines that had players digging through every nook and cranny of the maps to uncover its secrets. Thanks to the efforts of the community, the Zombies timeline can be broken up into three narratives: The Ether Story, the Chaos Story, and now The Dark Ether Story.

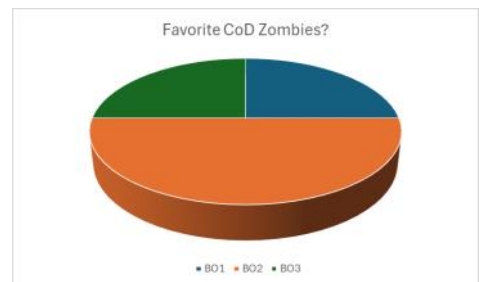
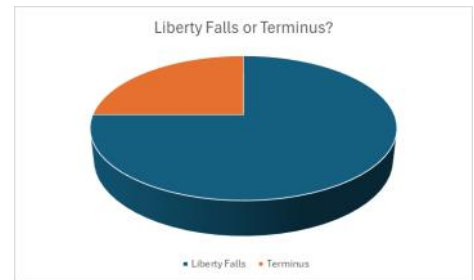
The first new map takes the player to the city of Liberty Falls, West Virginia. The town had suffered an outbreak and the players step into the roles of Team Alpha, a private military group tasked with finding the remaining survivors and researchers of Project Janus in the hopes of containing the threat. The map offers a more traditional zombie experience akin to the 'Left 4

Dead' games, where players will wander the streets of a city while zombies jump out of doors and alleys, really capturing the realism and horrors of an outbreak. Like any map, the player can expect to find secrets throughout the town. The big one for Liberty Falls involves finding the schematics and pieces of a wonder weapon called the 'Jet Gun', that when built will strike the hoard with a devastating vortex. The map is enjoyable because it is the easier of the two new additions and it feels more like the Modern Warfare (2019) mode. However, the new spider enemy type is annoying to deal with due to its size and speed.

The second new map takes the player off the coast of the Philippine Sea to the prison island of Terminus. Here, you and your friends play as former operatives and after being freed you are attacked by the horde. This is one of the largest maps ever made for Zombies and allows players to zipline and ride a boat to different locations on the island. The secret for this map tasks the players with activating events scattered across the island to trigger a boss fight against Patient 13, a large zombified octopus creature. This is a challenging fight and will require the players to collect upgrades and perks along the map to exterminate the threat. Upon completion, the player will be able to discover the secret of the map and will be rewarded with cosmetics and experience points. The best part about Terminus is how it feels more like a traditional Zombies map with its eerie night time setting and unlockable areas. Unfor-

tunately, the map and secrets can feel too big and challenging especially for players who prefer to try it solo.

Students were asked which of the two new maps they liked more. Overall, 75% preferred Liberty Falls over Terminus. Additionally, students were asked what Call of Duty game they thought had the best Zombies maps. 50% stated that they liked Black Ops 2's maps the most, with Black Ops 1 and Black Ops 3 tying at 25%.



The two new maps showcase the growth of the Zombies game mode that originally started from a fun extra to a full-blown series. Treyarch, the game's developers, have already confirmed that a third map is in the works and should be releasing by early next year. Furthermore, they plan on implementing new perks, weapons, and easy easter egg mode to the current maps. We rate BO6 Zombies an 8/10 but look forward to the updates.

'The Penguin' on Max: A Somber and Sorrowful Series

By Ivan Pedraza

The Penguin on streaming platforms like HBO and Max continues the dark tone of Gotham that was established in Matt Reeves' *The Batman* (2022).

The series focuses on the aftermath of the Riddler flooding the city and the fight for power over Gotham after the assassination of prominent crime boss, Carmine Falcone, in the film's third act.

Some fans might become lose interest due to Batman not being included anywhere in the show, but the intense story and amazing performances by Colin Farrell as Oswald Cobb, and Christin Millioti as Sofia Falcone more than make up for the hero's absence by following the individuality of the two criminals who could be seen as misguided due to their actions throughout the series.

Much of the show borrows from Penguin's previous iteration in the show *Gotham* (2014). Where Oswald acts upon his impulses and seeks approval from his mentally unwell mother for his criminal lifestyle, along with him being an enemy to other Batman characters such as Salvatore Maroni and Sofia Falcone.

Every episode keeps you on the edge of your seat with a constant question as to what's to happen next, leaving a huge demand for an answer and allowing your mind to run wild with speculation for the future of Reeves' universe.

I absolutely loved the way that Oswald was initially introduced as a sympathetic momma's boy who wants to help the downtrodden people of Gotham. Only to expose himself for the twisted psychopath he had always been to those who confided in him.

Bits of my attention were turned to characters like his protege, Victor Aguilar, and Oswald's elderly mother, Francis Cobb, who I believe are used perfectly to show the turmoil caused by a world that takes from people and leaves them empty.

Scenes throughout the show make it no mystery as to why he's called Penguin, a name he hates enough to kill people who make fun of him.

His moniker is a result of a clubbed foot that causes him to waddle heavily and his manner of presenting himself as a smooth talker who gets out of situations swiftly, kind of like a penguin shooting out of the way of danger.

One thing I felt to be strange was the complete lack of law enforcement during large fights or explosions, which realistically would attract the same amounts of attention the flood in the film got. There were parts of the show where I felt things were getting slow and inconsistent, up until the next episode proved me wrong by using flashbacks to have multiple perspectives on events.

The story of Sofia Falcone is pivotal to the series by having her story and Oswald's be connected through a tale of allegiance to betrayal of each other. The two are opposites of each other.

Sofia is a mob boss's daughter who wants to be normal and left alone, while Oswald is a poor man who seeks to be luxurious by any means and socializes with many.

Much of the conflict in the show seemed rooted in the fact that Oswald is petty and selfish, always picking a fight to prove something to everyone but never

really satisfying himself.

I would rewatch this whole thing as soon as I could, there is just so much of the show that would be better understood by simply watching. At 8 episodes with each at an hour long, every second is worth it and something those who enjoyed *The Batman* (2022) or are hyped for its sequel need to see for themselves.

77th Calvary Hosts 52nd Annual Band Invitational

By Bellissima Becerra

On Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, Chino High School's 77th Calvary hosted their 52nd annual band review and field show tournament which featured different middle and high schools from multiple parts of SoCal.



Schools from local areas like Pomona, Ontario, and Anaheim came to perform and got scored for their field and marching shows. But the invitational even got some schools from farther areas like Lake Elsinore, Pico Rivera, and Calexico.

According to the 2024 52nd Annual Band Invitational information

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sheet, the Band Review featured junior high and high school bands and began their shows at 9:47a.m and ending at 1:10p.m. The Field Show Tournament featured 19 bands who performed from 3:30p.m all the way until 9:45p.m.

Each school was graded as well as awarded for their excellent efforts and amazing showmanship in their shows. Band Review awards were passed out to the bands around 2:05p.m in the Stadium. The Field Show Tournament was split with 1A-3A awards presented at 6:45p.m and 4A-6A awards presented at 10:00p.m.



Calvary Takes Highest Honors in Riverside

On November 23rd in Riverside, the 77th Cavalry won several awards at the Arcadia Festival of Bands, and later in the day Band and Pageantry won the (Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Field Championships. 77th Cavalry is a ten-time gold medal champion of the SCSBOA Field Championships, one of the highest honors for Southern California marching band competition.

The 77th Cavalry finished with the sweepstakes award in Color Guard, High Visual, High General Effect, as well the Overall Championship.



The Little Mermaid Debut Continues Delightful Disney Series

By Sophia Jimenez

The Little Mermaid Jr. play officially opened November 14th and closed November 19th. This marked the second performance of

the semester and the sixth production on the new campus. Without a doubt every member of the theatre company worked incredibly hard to create this spectacular rendition of an already delightful production.

The Little Mermaid Jr. contained about 16 different musical numbers with extraordinary choreography, which added to the colorful collection of various Disney productions the theatre company has done

over the past few years. It was exceptionally well received to boot!

Not just the audience adored the show, but the cast too. Junior cast member Angeline Penaloza said, "I've done theater and most other productions, and I think being a part of The Little Mermaid has been such a new experience."

However, this show turned out to be a bit more challenging than the others. Junior in tech Savannah Soria said, "Working on this production was a challenge, building all the props and the costuming was definitely more of a task than our usual musicals." The performance just wouldn't be the same without the outstanding tech crew!



Ariel and Ursula fighting for Ariel's voice. Photo Courtesy of Evelyn Alva

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"The projection, the sound, the mics, no matter what you're seeing Tech's hard work," said Soria.

For that reason, those who had the pleasure of witnessing the performance in all its glory, and the theatre company who made it possible, were out of sorts when it came time to part with this show. "I'm sad to see this production go, but I know we'll have more productions as the next semester comes," said Penaloza.

"All the seniors, meeting everyone, the new freshman, they're really making themselves known. I'm so proud of everybody, they were amazing," added Soria.

The viewing experience is unique to this and every other show to come, mere description doesn't do it justice, you just had to see it for yourself. But they'll be back with a new production next semester! Which will be Disney's Mary Poppins, auditions starting in January. Penaloza said, "You should audition, it's going to be a really fun musical with lots of singing and choreography. We'll need a lot of people to bring it to life!"



The Little Mermaid cast receives their final applause. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Alva.

Finding Support and Community

By Nikayli Watts

For many, finding a space where they feel safe and supported is crucial. That's exactly what the Gay-Stright Alliance (GSA) says they've discovered in this inclusive and empowering group. A cornerstone of schools' efforts to foster acceptance, GSA has been changing lives and providing a platform for students to connect, learn, and advocate.

For two years, one student by the name of Charisma Cano, a senior, has been part of the GSA and describes it as a "good community" where members uplift one another. "It's a supportive environment where everyone feels like they belong," Cano said. GSA provides a space where students openly express themselves, knowing they'll be met with understanding and respect.

GSA meetings are more than social gatherings—they're opportunities to collaborate and grow. Members often participate in group discussions, sharing ideas on how to gain support from the wider community and brainstorm plans for upcoming events. These gatherings foster creativity and teamwork while addressing key issues.

In addition to discussions, the meetings serve as a platform for learning. Members dive into research and uncover new information they didn't know before joining. Whether it's about LGBTQ+ history, current advocacy efforts, or resources for allies, the knowledge gained in these sessions is invaluable.

Regret is something GSA members don't associate with their involvement in the club. "Being surrounded by people

similar to me is amazing" Rose Fraiser said. "It's nice to have a safe place" Cano said. For many, GSA provides a rare opportunity to connect with peers who share their



Senior Charisma Cano, GSA club president.

similar experiences, creating a sense of belonging that extends beyond the walls of the meeting room.

As GSA continues to grow, members have high hopes for its future. "I just hope the club continues after I graduate," said Cano. The positive impact of GSA on its members and school community speaks volumes, and the group's existence serves as a reminder of the importance of inclusivity and understanding.

For anyone considering joining, the message from the current members is clear: GSA is more than just a club—it's a community that inspires, educates, and supports.

Kickin' Off the Fall Season with an Academic Rally

By Jose Meza and Nikayli Watts

