

SENIORS SPEAK UP learner agency club visits Los Angeles

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With quarter three coming to a close, the end-of-year events are picking up. For seniors, specifically this time of year is packed with fun activities. Senior breakfast, senior picnic and the clap out are just a few of the fun festivities all seniors get to participate in.

For some seniors, the semester has been even busier. In addition to senior activities, seven seniors got the opportunity to visit Los Angeles as a part of the Learner Agency Club.

The new club gave students the opportunity to speak about their learning experiences they have had throughout their academic career.

“The goal of the Learner Agency Club is to empower students to have a voice in conversations about education and to help improve the learning experience in school,” club member senior Meher Banta said.

The students went to Los Angeles to participate in the Student Power Summit, hosted by Learning InspirED.

“The student power summit was a conference that Learning InspirED was the non-profit sponsor of. It was a conference that had student agency at the center of it,” Vescelius said.

The summit gave students more opportunities to express their point of view of education to more people.

“The motive behind the trip was to give students a voice and to give them

a platform to share their ideas about how education should be changed,” Vescelius said.

Club members were not only able to be included but became the center of conversations regarding education policies.

“One of the benefits of attending the summit is that we were able to add a student perspective to conversations about education that have often excluded students. We also had the opportunity to meet and learn from teachers and students from around the country,” Banta said.

In addition to the summit, the club gave students the opportunity to discuss education with adults on a local level and understand the purpose behind decisions that were being made.

“The Ohio Department of Education came to talk to them and they were able to express their viewpoints on changes that Ohio should be examining,” Vescelius said.

This allowed students to examine the reasoning behind policies that affect students throughout their school day.

“We were able to meet with the leaders behind the phone policy implementation. Hearing their perspective helped me better understand why the policy is in place,” Banta said.

The first year of the Learner Agency Club was successful as the members who visited Los Angeles were asked to speak four additional times upon their return as well as write an article that will be read at a national level.

“The Learner Agency Club is new this year that the students and I created,” English Teacher and Club Adviser **Andrea Vescelius** said.



The group poses for a photo.



Teacher, Andrea V., and seniors, Gavin L., Suvir R., Ben W., Ella K., Brianna M. Meher B. and Gracelyn Q. stand by their presentation.



The conference group poses by a mural in Los Angeles, CA.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY excellence beyond the classroom

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National Honor Society has existed for over 100 years and multiple students attending the high school are involved in it. But what is NHS really about?

“National Honor Society is a recognized organization for high school students with the goal to ‘create enthusiasm for scholarship, a desire to render service, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools,” NHS supervisor Leslie Hosgood said.

Though NHS is popular and a plethora of students are involved, there are multiple requirements to be initiated into the esteemed society.

“In order to join NHS, applicants need to have a 3.5 GPA. Students

must document service hours performed during high school (48 is the current requirement for hours)” Hosgood said.

Students can build their volunteer hours throughout their freshman and sophomore years to apply. If a student gets accepted into NHS, the initiation occurs junior year.

“Throughout my freshman and sophomore years, I earned my volunteer hours through clubs mostly. I did Interact Club and earned most of my hours from there,” senior Olivia Rupp said.

Another requirement for NHS is acquiring four recommendations from adults throughout the community who can speak for your ability to lead.

“I had my teachers do two of mine, my manager and an old lacrosse coach did the other two,” Rupp said.



Junior Mason B. signs for National Honor Society

National Honors Society is considered a highly regarded group to be a part of. Though not a requirement of high school, it is a valuable achievement that can strengthen resumes and college apps to portray a student’s commitment to service.

PIONEER PRIDE TICKETS the school recognizes good behavior

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At Orange, students who demonstrate kindness, responsibility or helpful behavior might receive something small, but meaningful, from their teachers: a Pioneer Pride ticket. The Pioneer Pride tickets are designed to recognize students who go above and beyond in showing strong character throughout the school day.

“Students can get tickets when they show ‘exemplary character’ that a teacher chooses to recognize,” Science Teacher Kevin Jamieson said. When teachers notice students doing something positive, they can reward them with a ticket that allows them to gain a reward.

“When a student gets one, they are supposed to turn it into the main office for a chance to get a prize,” Jamieson said.

The prizes are small but are meant to be fun rewards for students who demonstrate positive behavior.

“Students might win small rewards like school merchandise or snacks,” Social Studies and Sociology Teacher Leslie Hosgood said.

Teachers see the program as a way to highlight students’ good behavior instead of focusing on discipline.

“Our admin is trying to promote positive behaviors as opposed to just penalizing bad behaviors,” Jamieson said.

The sole purpose of the program

is to encourage students to make good choices and acknowledge positive actions in the building. By recognizing students for doing the right thing, the school hopes to build a culture where kindness and responsibility are noticed and celebrated.

“A student receives one when a teacher notices them doing something responsible, respectful, kind or helpful,” Hosgood said.

Systems like Pioneer Pride tickets show that even small gestures can make a difference. At Orange, those positive moments can earn students recognition for contributing to a supportive school community.

SIBLINGS IN SPORTS

Izzy and Maverick Scholvin

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At the high school, siblings Maverick and Izzy Scholvin are both making their mark in school sports. Both athletes made the varsity teams their freshman year and have continued to play hard throughout their high school careers.

Senior Izzy Scholvin started on the volleyball team for all four years of her high school career. During her time on the court, Izzy set multiple school records. She set the single set assist record, gaining 52 assists in one match. She also finished with 865 career assists, breaking the program's previous record. As the senior setter, Izzy earned major awards like First Team All-State, First Team Central District and First Team OCC. She is committed to play college volleyball at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

Izzy's Brother, junior Maverick Scholvin plays varsity hockey and baseball. On the ice, Maverick plays forward and is one of the top defensive players on the team and a key contributor. This season, Maverick had 16 goals, 19 assists and 35 total points. He also earned All-Conference recognition. On the field, Maverick is a right handed pitcher and infielder. He has both experience in the field and on the mound, making him a very versatile player; he also bats right handed and is a contact and power hitter.

"I'm always trying to be as consistent as possible," Maverick said.

Talent runs deep in the Scholvin family. Izzy and Maverick's brothers, Tate and Charlie Scholvin, were both standout athletes during their high school years. Their oldest brother Tate played baseball at the high school

and graduated in 2022. Tate earned recognition playing in all star events like the Central District All-Star Game. Their other brother Charlie, also played baseball at Orange where he was an infielder. Charlie graduated in 2023 and now plays baseball at Division I University of Toledo, where he has a strong college career.

Izzy began playing volleyball in fourth grade and has excelled greatly since then. Off the court and away from school, Izzy loves to spend time with her family and friends.

Maverick has been playing hockey since he was 6, and baseball since he was 4. Outside of school and sports, he enjoys golfing and playing video games.

One big challenge the siblings both face as student athletes is time management. Trying to balance sports and school is hard enough, and trying to find free time to spend time with friends and family is even more difficult. Another factor of time management is being able to attend each other's games. The Scholvin family always try to make time to watch each other play whenever they can; knowing they are both busy athletes, it means a lot when they show up for each other.

"It's fun to be able to go and support him and watch him succeed," Izzy said.

Maverick said having a sibling in another sport at the high school is cool because he gets to watch more than just the sport he plays and learn more about being a leader.

"She's very good at being a vocal leader," Maverick said.

Throughout attending games, Izzy has noticed how similar her work ethic is to her brother's.

"Our work ethic and mindset are very similar when it comes to our sports," Izzy said.

Izzy and Maverick share a special bond that some other siblings may not. They understand the athletic struggles that the other may be going through, creating a deeper connection. They also support each other simply just by showing up and being there for each other whenever they can.



Senior Izzy S. at Orange Sports Live media day



Junior Maverick S. at Orange Sports Live media day

SPRING MUSICAL 'mean girls' entertains the audience

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"Mean Girls", the Broadway Musical, is a stage adaptation of the 2004 film "Mean Girls". The show opened on Broadway in 2018 and was an immediate hit.

The musical follows Cady Heron, a teen who grew up homeschooled in Africa, moving to an American high school. Heron quickly learns about social hierarchy and must learn to find her place in society.

The high school's production opened on March 19, and played through March 22. The main character, Cady Heron, is played by senior Olivia Pazak, and the love interest of the show, Aaron Samuels, is played by junior Jack Sturm. Regina George is played by junior Grace Hardjono.

Karen Smith and Grentchen Weiners are played by senior Sarah Benua and sophomore Emmerson Pierce.

"I'm always very proud of how they push themselves," Theater Teacher Cathy Swain-Abrams said.

The behind the scenes aspect of putting on such an amazing show is the part that the audience doesn't see. Many factors go into choosing a production. Swain-Abrams wanted to do a production that highlights real issues in the cast's age group. She had to make sure they had the right voices and the right people for the characters and even took time out of rehearsals to bring in professionals to speak to the students about these issues.

"Community members and students should come see the show because of the high entertainment value and talent," Sturm said.

The process helped many students

grow and take risks during rehearsals and the production. The cast spent months memorizing lines, learning choreography, and practicing songs, while the crew worked on lighting, sound, costumes, props and the set. It took a lot of time and teamwork from everyone involved to make the show successful.



Oranagelight Productions performs during a lunch period before the opening day. Senior Olivia P. sits down and sings.

ICDC

DECA travels to national competition

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DECA students finished their state competition in February, so they now will move on to the International Career Development Conference, also referred to as ICDC. The conference is held April 25-28 in Atlanta, Georgia and brings together over 20,000 students and gives them the opportunity to compete, learn through workshops and advance their networking.

ICDC is a great way to get students experience in the business field and work on a national level with other students not in their area.

"[It stands for] International

Career Development Conference. It's a conference for students to get business experience and network with people across the nation. They compete and do workshops," junior ICDC qualifier Jenna Frase said.

In order for students to qualify for the competition, students must compete at the district or state level. However, there are additional spots available for students who are leaders of other school enterprises.

"You have to qualify at state to qualify for your events. However, there are additional spots for leaders of the school based enterprises like Orange apparel, Fort Orange and Pioneer Pit Stop," Frase said.

According to DECA.org, there

are about 25,000 students who attend ICDC. From the high school, there are 15 students attending including.

Those who qualified through district/state include: Samarah Nazzal, Shresthi Senthil, Jenna Frase, Logan Moorhead, Path Shah, Roman Wagner, Suvir Reddy, Aaria Gala.

Students at the high school can prepare differently because they are all in different prepared events, so they prepare based on their rubrics.

"We are all preparing for ICDC differently, because some of us are doing prepared events and then some are doing role plays. My partner (Saran) and I have been focusing on making our visuals," junior ICDC participant Lainey Paoletta said.

PROM SEASON

the importance of a fun night with friends

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Although opinions on prom vary, I argue that prom is a vital milestone because it signifies both the culmination of high school and the transition into adulthood.

Prom is a significant milestone for high schoolers, and many people may not realize it, considering they may waste all of their time and energy on the somewhat stressful part, the preparation. As picking out outfits and paying for certain fees, including the tickets, dresses, tuxes and dining, can be a handful, in the long run, it is definitely worth it considering that it is most likely your last chance to do these things with the closest connections you have. Prom is arguably one of the

most important dates throughout all 12 years of elementary school, middle school and high school.

Next, prom creates lasting memories with the people you love most. Prom can additionally form new connections with people you may not interact with, passing them in the hallway. Last year, prom brought hundreds of students together for a night of dancing, photos and celebration, and this year's event is expected to be just as memorable.

Lastly, prom is a way for students to express themselves and their creativity, whether that be in dresses, posters or even hairstyles. For many, it is a way to show what they love most and include important elements of their lives into one, single night. In doing so, it becomes more than just

a dance; it transforms into a lasting memory that reflects who they are at this moment in their lives.

As the countdown to prom night continues, students may stress about all of the tedious preparation before prom, but many agree the details aren't what will matter the most; instead, it's the laughter, photos and time spent together that will turn one night into a lifelong memory. Ultimately, prom stands out as a significant event that celebrates the culmination of high school years and the beginning of new adventures, making it far from nonessential for those who attend the dance.

This year the theme is A Tale As Old As Time. Prom will be held at Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center on April 11.

LATE GRADUATION schedule shift creates conflict

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The high school graduation is on May 30 and begins at 6 p.m. for the 2026 high school seniors. Although the date and time may not seem like a big deal, there are many factors that change due to the graduation date changes.

The 2025 high school graduation began at 9 a.m. This time allowed students to have graduation activities throughout the day after graduation and interferes less with meal times.

The late time change of the 2026 graduation is also interfering with many dinner times and plans of high school seniors and their families. Many seniors enjoy going out to a celebratory dinner, but with the late

graduation time it will be difficult to arrange plans around this time.

With the 2026 seniors, they are graduating after all of the underclassmen get out of school with the final day of school being May 28 and graduation being on May 30.

The end of school for seniors is typically a little over a week before graduation, but this year it is six days before the end of the school year and eight before graduation day.

Along with getting out later than underclassmen, another issue with the time and date of graduation this year is the track and field regional finals meet is the same day as graduation.

Although the timeline of the track seniors and participating in the track meet is not set, those who are meet and can not make it to the ceremony in



Peyton Johnson poses wearing her cap and gown after pick up on April 7.

time after the meet will be celebrated at the track meet by being handed their diploma from their coach.

Although there are some downsides to late graduation, there are also some pros. The time allows plenty of time to get ready, along with a day full of time for pre-graduation activities with family and friends.

The Frontier

SPRING BREAK spring break plans

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Senior Abi Curry

"I was gonna go to Maui, Hawaii, but it flooded due to natural disasters so now I'm going to Ana Maria Island.

Freshman Gabrielle
Krajewski

"I am going to Florida to my grandparents' house. I am so excited, my cousins are also going."

Intervention Specialist
Susan Hardman

"I am staying home with my chickens and relaxing all break."

Kam Hammond

"Yeah, I'm going to stay home and go to a lot of wrestling practices"



An endangered Monk Seal laying out in the sand sleeping.



A rainbow shining through the clouds over the marina.

Sophomore Hannah
Ross

"I have three softball games on the first three days of break."

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- Mason Poulter
- Jayna Woodard
- Amal Said
- Seipati Mile
- Jarred Hickman
- MC Walker
- Stella Sharp
- Victoria Urbaez
- Sawyer Natalie
- Rayan Mohamud

Senior Lexie Riley

"I will be going to Hawaii with my family to Oahu. I am very excited and I'm going to get a good tan."