

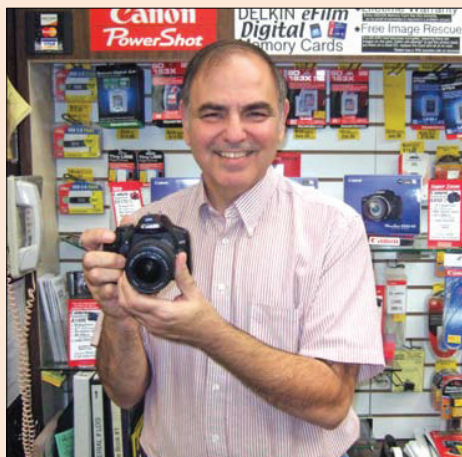
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The 25th annual Rose Queen and Court Luncheon will take place at noon at Almansor Court in the Lakeview Room. Members of the 2014 Royal Court and Rose Queen are, from left: Rose Princess Jamie Kwong, Rose Princess Sarah Hansen, Rose Princess Katie Lipp, Rose Queen Ana Acosta, Rose Princess Elyssia Widjaja, Rose Princess Elizabeth Woolf, and Rose Princess Kayla Johnson-Granberry.

Rose Queen, Court to visit Almansor Court's Lakeview Room Dec. 3

The 25th annual Rose Queen and Court Luncheon, hosted by the Alhambra Tournament of Roses Committee and the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, will take place at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Everyone is invited to meet the 96th Rose Queen and her court in the Lakeview Room of Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St., Alhambra.

Members of the royal court are Rose Queen Marie Acosta, 17, Polytechnic School, and Rose

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Cal State L.A. honors Supt. Laura Tellez-Gagliano as Distinguished Educator

For their major contributions to teaching and learning, three educational leaders — Angel Barrett, Laura Tellez-Gagliano, and Susan Wang — were honored as Distinguished Educators at Cal State L.A.'s 24th Annual Distinguished Educator Award Dinner on Nov. 1.

With a 35-year stellar career in education, Dr. Tellez-Gagliano, Ed.D, serves as superintendent of the Alhambra Unified School District. She began her career as a teacher in



From left: Award recipients Dr. Mary A. Falvey and Dr. Angel Barrett; Becky Cheng, aide to Rep. Judy Chu; award recipients Dr. Laura Tellez-Gagliano and Susan Wang; and Dr. Eunsook Hyun, dean, CSULA Charter College of Education at Cal State LAs 24th Annual Distinguished Educator Award Dinner on Nov. 1.

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College, university, and military representatives from around the country convened at the 6th Annual AUSD College Fair at San Gabriel High School to reach out to students and their developing aspirations.

Photo courtesy of Yibei Liu, junior; photos editor; *The Moor Weekly*, Alhambra High School.

Realizing the college dream: AUSD hosts College Fair

By DIANA LI

The 6th Annual AUSD College Fair, which took place Oct. 17 at San Gabriel High School (SGHS), welcomed high school students to explore a variety of post-graduation options. The fair hosted more than 60 colleges and universities, vocational schools, and military services. The variety of schools allowed high school students to find their niche and decide which institution was best for their futures.

"The College Fair is beneficial for students because the one-on-one interaction with an actual representative brings students one step closer to realizing their dream of actually being able to attend college," said College Fair Coordinator Monica Marquez.

On the night of College Fair, the Matador Arena and gyms were packed with students and parents from Alhambra, Mark Keppel, and San Gabriel High schools. Some of these students, such as AHS senior Aaron Robles, sought information regarding community colleges.

"My grades throughout high school were mediocre, so I don't qualify at the UCs and privates, which have the programs that I desire, so I'd rather go to a community college," Aaron said.

Aside from higher education institutions and military services, the College Fair also offered non-college booths, such as the Alhambra Educational Foundation and the Princeton Review. The Alhambra Latino Association (ALA), which is an expanding non-profit organization com-

mitted to promoting cultural awareness, was also present at the fair.

"We're here to promote college education and to let students know that there is a way to get financial aid and for them to apply for scholarships," ALA President Teresa Ybarra said.

In the small gym, several showcases took place, including SGHS Culinary Arts, Medical Careers Academy, and Wood Working. These showcases highlighted students' work in their respective fields; for example, several students worked with machinery during the fair to demonstrate their woodshop skills.

Ms. Marquez spent close to a year planning the event, with assistance from the Career Center staff from each of the high schools on the actual day. "I do have to give a big thanks to Esther Alcaraz [Academics Clerk] and Monica Ochoa [Career Education Technician] from Century High School who did a great job assisting me prior to that evening as well," Ms. Marquez said. "In my opinion, the College Fair went great. We had the most representatives this year and the largest turnout of students and parents."

College Fair is there for students to learn more about colleges and whether they should pursue higher education or consider alternate paths in life.

"There [are] a lot of colleges and a lot of opportunities," SGHS freshman Marilyn Nguyen said.

Diana Li is a senior and a news editor at "The Moor Weekly," Alhambra High School.

SGHS drama department presents Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*

Days after closing its chilling play *The Woman in Black* in November, the San Gabriel High School Drama Department was already hard at work on its next production, Agatha Christie's detective tale *And Then There Were None*.

Play director and drama teacher Patrick Posada gave this preview of the classic whodunit: "Ten people are invited to an Indian island to spend the evening. One by one they expire, and the audience must try to figure out who's responsible for their demise."

Mr. Posada explained the choices of these two plays for the school: "We wanted to take the plays of two English playwrights who have had long running plays in London and bring a little bit of

London to San Gabriel."

The large cast includes Jonathan Hurtado, Andy Tran, Angelica Morquecho, Simon Yung, Emmanuel Maresca, Rigoberto Saldivar, David Pham, Rayanh Gutierrez, Nathan Andrade, Stephanie Martinez, and Eric Thai.

And Then There Were None opens at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 with a "talk back" after the performance. Performances continue at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, and 7. All shows will be in San Gabriel High School's Little Theatre, 801 S. Ramona St., San Gabriel.

Tickets are available at SGHS's student bank: \$7; \$6, with ASB, and \$8 at the door.

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the LAUSD, then she joined the Garvey School District in 1987 after receiving a master's degree in education and an administrative credential at CSULA.

In her 17-year tenure within the Garvey district, she worked in several capacities, including as a resource teacher, intermediate school assistant principal, elementary school principal, director of curriculum, and assistant superintendent of human resources.

In 1994, Dr. Tellez-Gagliano was awarded Manager of the Year for her outstanding service as a school principal. In 2003, Dr. Tellez-Gagliano joined the Alhambra Unified School District as assistant superintendent of Human Resources. She has been trained in interest-based bargaining methods and attended the ACSA Personnel Academy and Personnel Institute.

A CSULA alumna, she is also involved in the Alhambra Rotary Club,

Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of California School Administrators. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (International Society for Key Women Educators).

The other two awardees are from the Los Angeles Unified School District, where Dr. Barrett serves as a lead instructional director and Ms. Wang as a principal. Additionally, a Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mary Falvey, former dean of the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A., the event took place at the Golden Eagle Ballroom on the Cal State L.A. campus, beginning with a reception and silent auction at 5 p.m. and followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. All proceeds from the awards dinner will support the Friends' Scholarship Endowment and Faculty Development funds.

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