

Cerritos students average six years to graduate

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Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent discussed the data that was given during the 2021-22 convocation.

The data shows that the average student that started in 2016 is taking almost six years to complete their goal of an associate degree.

A component of this large delay is the fact that students are averaging 95 units to earn their degree while the statewide average is 85 units.

“We still have some work to do,” said Fierro as he discussed the average number of units accumulated.

The average student profile, based on averages from Spring 2021, shows that students are attempting an average of nine units in the fall and spring semesters.

They also wait a year and a half to take their first English class and three years to take their first math class.

From 2015-16, there has been an increase of 385% in transfer-level math classes taken within the first year. In '15-16, 4.2% of transfer-level math classes were taken within the first year and in 2020-21, that number increased all the way to 20.4%.

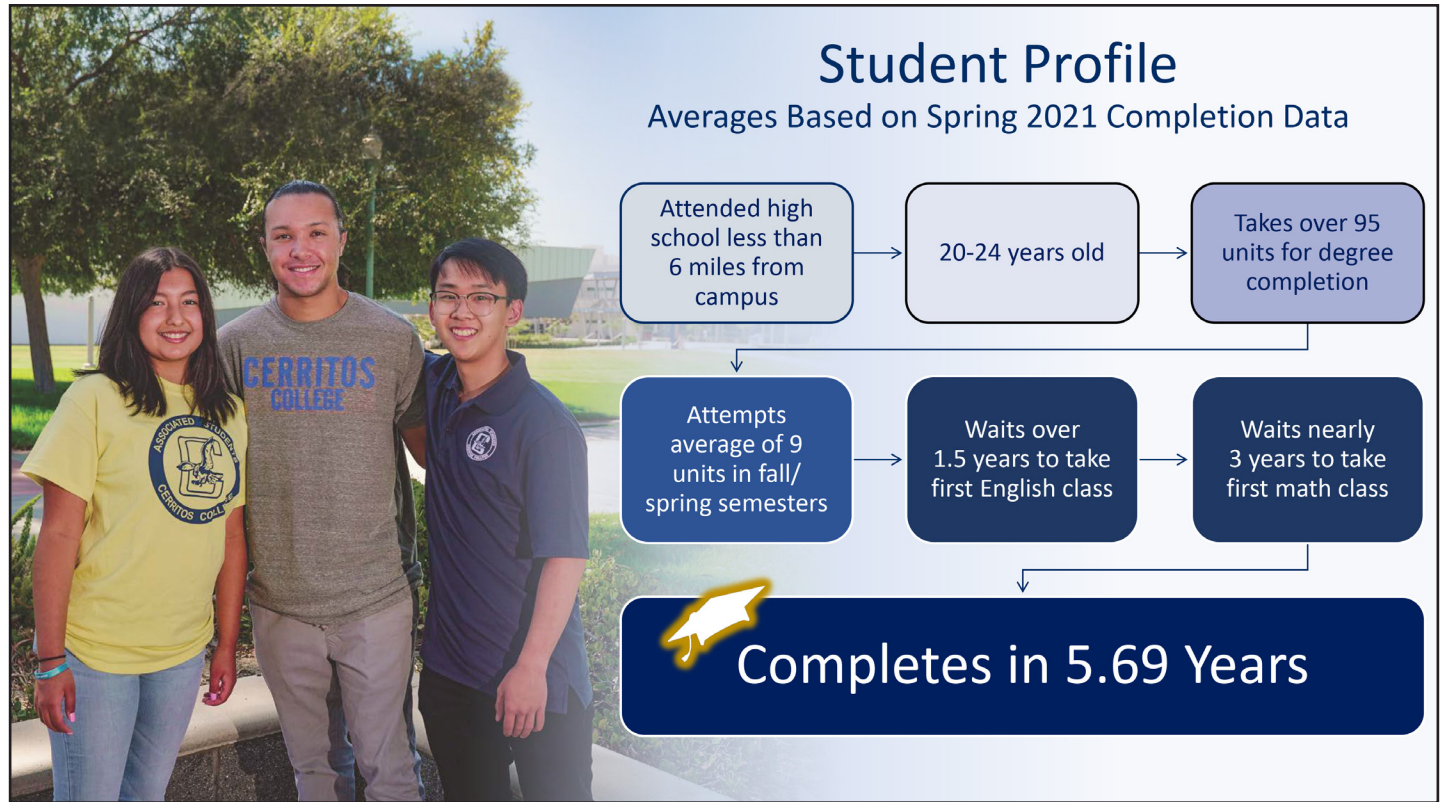
English classes saw a similar trend starting at 20.6% in 2015-16 and increasing by 106.8% in 6 years to 42.6%.

“We should do everything in our power to continue to increase these numbers,” said Fierro.

Although some of the numbers look bad, the number of degrees that the college has awarded increased approximately 86% in recent years.

Dr. Felipe Lopez, vice president of business services, reported on the bond measures the district has. Measure CC, which was a \$210 million bond was fully expended on Dec. 2018 and Measure G which was approved in 2012 from \$350 million has \$262 million expended as of June 2020.

This leaves about \$88 million left on the bond. \$46 million of that \$88 million is planned for the performing arts, currently open projects, and two currently in design phase projects for the renovation of the Health Science building and the demolition of the Student Services & Administration building.



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Time: A slide from the convocation presentation that shows the average amount of time for a student to complete their degree track. Students turn a two-year degree into a six-year degree graduating with 95 units.

Remaining is \$42 million left in un-committed money.

This money is planned for the new Student Services building and for soils improvement to allow for the building on the area.

This leaves a un-identified budget gap of \$16 million and will most likely lead to the district looking to put a bond measure on the 2022 ballot. Future phases of this project would include an addition to Student Services, Administration, and a new gateway to the campus.

These bond measures have helped Cerritos College building 17 new buildings, majorly renovate seven more buildings, and remodel seven additional building.

The college has a planned future budget, based on what they knew today, of \$440 million.

With the completion of the 2020 census, the board discussed local redistricting, which will affect the districts of students and who represents them within the board.

The district heard from the firm, Redistricting Partners, a firm that works under a master agreement with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to provide redistricting,

demographics and voting rights act analysis.

The trustees requested that the district hold more than one meeting to allow plenty of access for public comments and ideas for forming the new districts.

The board will vote on the revised trustee areas in February 2022 and the deadline to pass the new map is February 28th, 2022.

The board approved and adopted a “break free from plastic” pledge.

This pledge established a purchasing policy that eliminated campus and food vendor procurement of all non-essential, non-compostable, single-use disposable plastics, while keeping accessibility at the forefront of decision-making to ensure that accommodations are made for all users of the system.

The pledge also has the college committing to monitor plastic-free alternatives in future procurement decisions and policies regarding items that cannot currently be eliminated due to a lack of viable alternatives.

The college will also invest in education, resources, and infrastructure to assist in the plastic-free campus transition.

Dennis Falcon, president of the faculty senate, reported that Faculty Senate voted to continue to meet virtually and renew that decision every 30 days.

On Nov. 30, the Faculty Senate will host Stephanie Curry, ASCCC curriculum chair, to discuss the many issues regarding the new area F, Ethnic Studies requirement in the CSU and UC system.

On Nov. 23 from 5-6 p.m., Professor John Macias and Lazaro Arvizu, Jr. will be hosting an event for Native American history month titled, ‘Where do you fit: an assessment of settler colonialism’.

Dr. Fierro announced that the Classified Employee of the Month in Monica Chora, a certified medical assistant with the student health services department.

“Monica has gone above and beyond in her role as a certified medical assistant. She has been working the front lines for Cerritos for the last 15 years and is the first face students see when walking into the department.”

The board went into a closed session to conference with labor negotiators and with no further business being in front of the board, declared that there would be no read out and the meeting was adjourned.



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Veterans discuss campus resources in virtual mixer

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The kickoff to Cerritos College veterans week was the Veterans Past and Present Virtual Mixer attended by Cerritos College faculty and former students who got together via zoom on Nov. 8, to share their experiences in education as veterans.

The event was hosted by Cerritos College counselor Felipe Salazar. He and many of the other participants encouraged students to seek out resources on campus at the Veteran Resource Center, to form an education plan while attending the college. The veteran resource center is located between the bookstore and student center.

"We want more student veterans to become aware that Cerritos is a destination location," said Dr. Lui Amador Dean of student equity and success. "If you have any kind of positive experience by all accounts, our

Vets: Cerritos Community College is currently offering college police veterans appreciation patches to individuals that make a donation. All donations will be donated to the Veteran Resource Center's Student Scholarship Fund.

student veterans seem to have that with the VRC [veteran resource center] and Cerritos we would love for you to encourage prospective students to come."

The VRC is currently undergoing a small renovation. Plans for it will be finished sometime next-year.

Students from all over the

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state tuned in for the event and were excited to catch up with one another, meet other veterans and tell their story.

"The best thing I probably ever did was go to Cerritos because that's where I ended up meeting a lot of you on the call and I was able to build a lot of close friendships," said former student Raul Villasenor.

Many of the individuals attending the meeting shared similar feelings towards their peers.

A majority of students chose

this college over others due to location once they had left their branches of service.

"What I did find at Cerritos was a great environment and a great community, that even to this day it's been six years since I was here but I still get around with some of the guys that I met there and went to school there with," said a former student business administration major and veteran.

Former student and veteran Brandon Childers shared information with his peers on financial fitness along with resources for them to learn how to manage their money. Freelance Corporal is a website designed to help veterans using a cognitive-behavioral approach to improve money management.

Advice was shared throughout the meeting. Students suggested to their peers that they create a LinkedIn account. There is a special link to receive a special one-year premium for veterans.

Former students shared their gratitude for the camaraderie they experienced and how they periodically always had mental health counselors available to students for one-on-one help whether it be with academic or personal distress. Former students were especially grateful for their tutors as well.

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Automotive program accepts \$10,000 donation for student scholarships

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The Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCD) generously donated \$10,000 to aid the Cerritos College Automotive Technology Program here on campus.

The Cerritos College Automotive Technology Program is one of the most successful programs on campus and in the country. The program offers brand specific training focused on some of the best companies in motor vehicles.

Over the past 30 years, the program has built many partnerships that support the program and constantly offer support. GLANCD's recent donation will aid students with scholarships and cover other financial expenses the program may need.

The partnership between GLANCD and the Cerritos College programs' purpose is to lend both professional and financial help as they are invested in the future of the automotive industry.

Bob Smith, the executive director of GLANCD, was accompanied by foundation board member and the general manager of Norm Reeves Hyundai on October 12th. Both presented a novelty check for the donation to program chair Joe Mulleary along with other faculty and staff members that have made the program what it is today.

"We are excited for the opportunity to support future talent and leaders of our industry," said Smith. "The automotive program at Cerritos College is one of the best in the region and needs skilled technicians and



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Donation: Joe Mulleary (left) and Jared Betanzos (right) holding up a sign of gratitude in the automotive lab. October 27, 2021. They look forward to continuing their work motivated more than ever by the support of GLANCD.

automotive professionals,"

Mulleary said that GLANCD extends its work beyond college students by reaching out and helping high school students, enabling them to put on their own events and competitions.

Mulleary added the organization sends 50 of the automotive program students to the LA Auto Show free of charge to further gauge the students interest in the field. This networking opportunity serves as an employment opportunity for both high schoolers and the college students in attendance; enabling them access to over 30 different car dealers.

The auto show also holds competition, Mulleary said it gages the interest in companies as they look at their potential candidates for employment.

Mulleary has yet to know the

technicalities of how the program will be allowed to use the money they have received but is grateful that this recent donation will further inspire his students to reach their dreams in the industry.

Jared Betanzos, a student in the automotive program and also shared gratitude to GLANCD for their donation. Jared is currently an employee working at Penske Chevrolet while enrolling in the automotive program here at Cerritos College.

He said, this is great for the program and for future students that want to be in the program. It is welcoming to know that not only the program but an organization is behind you in wanting to help you succeed and thrive to help you reach your goals.

Jared also said that these new students will be of great help in a dying industry

College receives recognition for Latino representation

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Cerritos College's community has gone above and beyond in representing the Latino community. The college is ranked seventh in the entire nation among the top 100 community colleges for Latino students.

The college's website claims the college is ranked 38th in handing out associate degrees earned by Latino students.

In 2020, Cerritos College was ranked eighth among the top 100 schools in the nation with the highest Latino enrollment.

Cerritos College was also ranked second in the state for Latino transfers to the California State University system in 2015.

Cerritos College has roughly a 70% Latino student population. The community at this college thrives of the diversity provided by the different cultures on campus.

Freshman student athlete Angel Hernandez has had a smooth adjustment to college thanks to the accepting environment of Cerritos College.

"I love Cerritos. From what I have experienced everyone is

super cool," said Hernandez.

Hernandez plays on the football team for the Cerritos Falcons.

"There are a lot of Latinos on our team and what I really like is how the coaches treat everyone the same. They do not care what you look like, what matters to them is how good you can play football," said Hernandez.

Hernandez said that throughout his life a lot of coaches have not paid a lot of attention or given a lot of respect to Latino players.

"Cerritos has had a lot of Latino players go D1 from their program. As long as you can play the game and take care of school Cerritos will do it's best to get you out."

In the short time Hernandez has been here he has already gained a lot of respect for the program and the Cerritos College community.

Sophomore Grecia Sanchez is also very fond of the Cerritos College community.

"There's been a continuous amount of support and the professors do a good job of making everything collaborative for all students."

Sanchez says that Cerritos College does a really good job of making her feel comfortable...

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Fire: Extra Space Storage facility bellows out black smoke from a massive fire in the facility. Bystanders watch firefighters attack the flames on Nov. 9, 2021.

Massive fire in Bellflower storage space

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An Extra Space Storage facility caught fire in Bellflower on Nov. 9, sending enormous amounts of smoke into the air that could be seen from miles away.

LA County fire department was called at 2:30 p.m. and they are still working to contain the blaze four hours later.

LA County fire department public information officer Jonathan Matheny described the fire crews' obstacles as they battle the flames.

"This is a multi-unit storage facility with a center hallway, which makes it difficult for access points," said Matheny.

"With only one entrance and exit, it's very narrow."

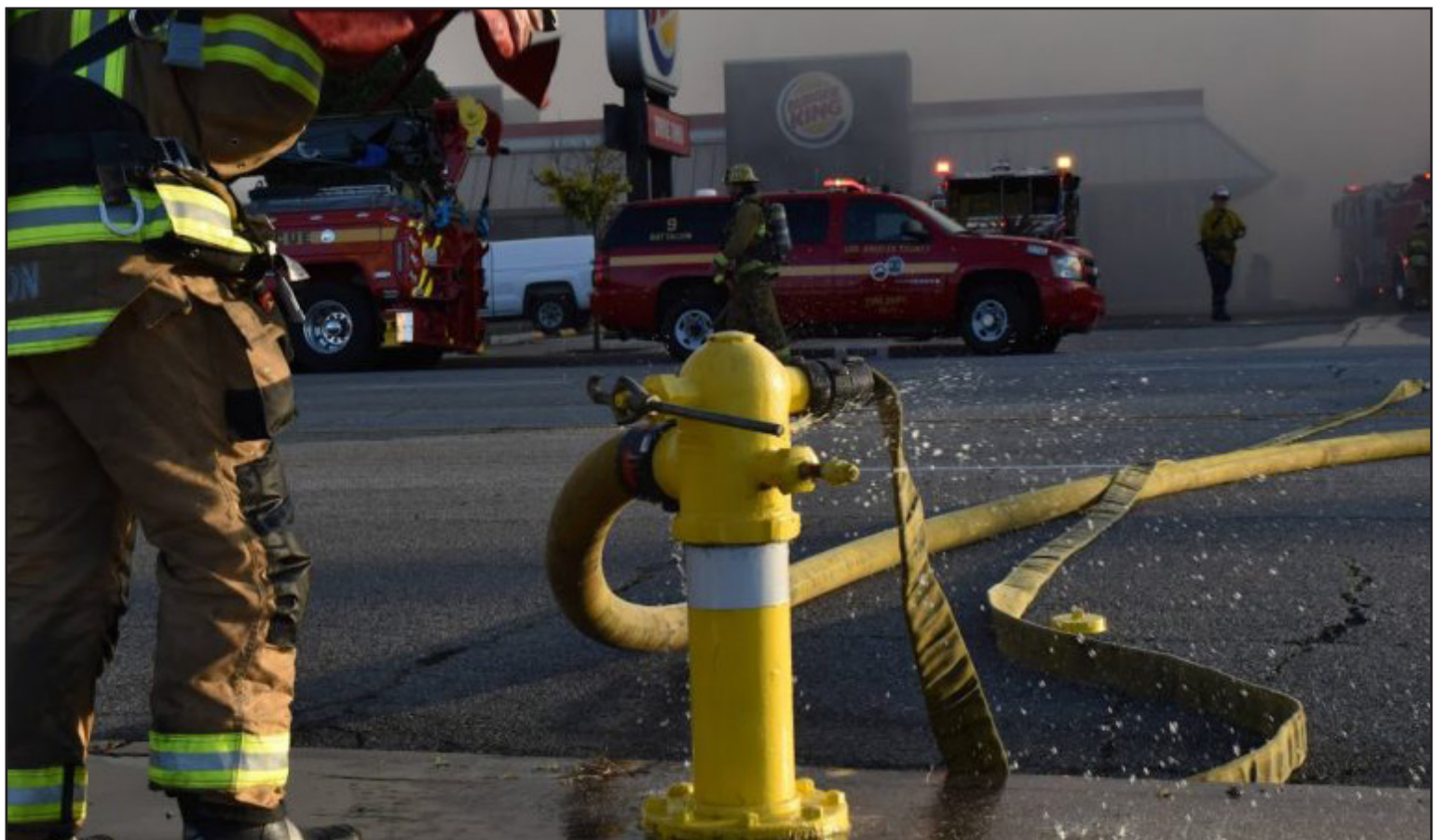
He continued to say the building's attic is allowing the fire to spread throughout the building.

The public information officer says firefighters are in a "defensive fire attack."

They stay outside and pour water into the building. They believe there is a high risk for a roof collapse.

"We initially started with an offensive attack, where our units went into the building to aggressively fight the fire until they realized conditions were too dangerous," Matheny described.

He said the fire is a "second-alarm fire," meaning that over 80 firefighters are called to extinguish



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Firefighter: Fire hydrant feeds water into the hoses to eliminate the blaze in Bellflower. Fire crews work and coordinate to extinguish the flames on Nov. 9, 2021.

the blaze.

Officer Matheny says the cause of the fire cannot be determined until it is put out.

"Our main concern is extinguishing it in a safe and effective manner," he said.

"With this being a second-alarm fire, a commercial building and having difficult access issues, I imagine we are going to be here for a few hours."

The LA County fire

department later tweeted at 4 p.m. that the fire was upgraded to a third-alarm fire.

There are no reported injuries, but the fire is threatening nearby businesses.

Dwayne Lofton's hair product business, Expose, is next to the storage facility.

He watched anxiously as the smoke poured over his shop

Lofton was relieved that the fire did not spread.

"My partner and I were coming back from the grocery store, and we saw the smoke," said Lofton.

"She thought it was our business because we have all of these hair products."

The store owner was able to run into the building to retrieve his dog, who was stuck inside when their neighbor caught fire.

Residential areas were also nearby the fire and crews had to

evacuate civilians from the area.

Antonio Soto and his wife live next door to the storage unit.

He and his wife were called out of their house by the fire departmen when the fire started.

"I was scared we would lose our house when [the fire] started," said Soto that evening as the fire was nearly extinguished.

"I'm glad everything looks okay."

Benton distributes COVID-19 vaccine to kids

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Benton Middle School provided the COVID-19 vaccine to the community and to kids under 11 years old on Nov. 13. The site is part of Norwalk La – Mirada Unified School District's next series of free COVID vaccine clinics.

The district is partnering with the LA County Department of Public Health and Albertsons to host vaccine sites at middle schools in the district.

The CDC and the FDA authorized Pfizer to distribute the vaccine to children older than five years old earlier this month.

Parents in the community took advantage of the free clinic and immunized their children against the virus.

Most kids at the clinic were not eager to get the shot, but they understood that getting vaccinated was important.

US Army veteran and Cerritos College alumna Eden Samms brought her two children to receive their first dose and her sister and mother to receive the booster.

"When I was in Iraq, I received the anthrax vaccine, and I didn't want to get it, but at the end of the day it was for my protection," said Samms. "The vaccine mandates



Vaccines: Ellie Samms, 6, shows no fear as she "glares at the camera" and receives her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. NLMUSD hosted a vaccine clinic at Benton Middle School on Nov. 13, 2021.

are here to protect people, like with the measles and chickenpox."

While children contracting COVID is uncommon, Samms did not want to take the risk.

"They're going to get older. It may be uncommon in kids now, but why put them at risk when they get older?" said the mother of two. "While it's rare, it's not unheard of, they can still get the virus."

While most of the younger kids were nervous as they sat

down to get the shot, Samms' daughter Ellie, six, showed no fear as she was vaccinated.

"It was just a little pinch," Ellie said.

Vivian Grace, 11, sixth-grader at Benton, and her sister also received their first dose of the vaccine.

"It hurt a little bit," said the sixth-grader. "Some of my friends are vaccinated, and my Mom tells me about the pandemic."

As the nurse placed the band-

aid on her injection site and recommended drinking fluids, Grace suggested Starbucks to her mother.

"The pandemic isn't political, it's science," said Carol Grace, Vivian's mother.

Grace says her family is "living low" during the pandemic, only interacting with a small group of people.

"Now that they're vaccinated, I feel more comfortable with opening our bubble a bit more,"

said Grace. "We've had family members pass, and the illnesses are still big risks."

Governor Gavin Newsom announced in October that COVID-19 vaccines will be required for all students in the state after it receives full FDA approval.

However, public information officer Chris Hargraves emphasized that the vaccine was voluntary for students in the district.

"The Governor's order probably won't take effect until July. We are just offering the vaccine to people if they wish," said the public information officer. "These clinics are not tied to any mandate. It's completely voluntary."

He says it was important for the district to help get kids vaccinated before winter.

"We wanted to give the community another chance to get vaccinated, especially with the holidays coming up," said Hargraves.

Another vaccine site was held the same day at Waite Middle School.

Both vaccine clinics will return on Dec. 4, so patients can receive their second dose.

Corvallis, Los Alisos, and Hutchinson Middle Schools will host vaccine clinics on Dec. 11.

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Amazon Fresh opening attracts crowd in Cerritos

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Amazon Fresh grocery store opened in Cerritos on Nov. 18, drawing hundreds of residents.

They were eager to save money on grand-opening deals ahead of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Rudy Lozano was determined to be the first person in line.

He went as far as to wait overnight and brave the 52-degree weather.

"I have been out here since 6 p.m. last night," said Lozano. "I'm not working right now, and I'm helping my Mom and Dad out with Thanksgiving."

As the first person to enter the store, he received a \$250 gift card from Amazon and a special shout-out from the store manager Sandra Chavez.

"I want to thank our associates and team members, and especially our customers," said Chavez as she cut the grand ribbon. "We are so excited to join your community."

Amazon Fresh tries to provide convenience to their customers by allowing them to skip the checkout line with their feature "just walk out."

"[Just walk out] gives customers the option to skip the checkout line by scanning their Amazon app on their phone," said Jondolon Bush, Amazon Fresh district manager for California.

When customers are done

shopping, they scan their Amazon app or credit card at the exit gate.

Lozano was familiar with the unique aspect of the grocery stores.

"I've gone to the Amazon Fresh in La Habra. The items are scanned as you put them in the basket, and if you change your mind it's un-scanned," said Lozano.

Store associates went through the line before the store opened

They assisted customers who were unfamiliar with the new procedures.

Amazon Fresh also provides a traditional checkout option.

Customers can wait in line for a checkout person to scan their items.

Jessica Ojeda was the second customer in the store and was waiting in line with Lozano since 8 p.m.

"With COVID-19 and prices are so high, I needed some help with groceries so I wanted to get a gift card," said Ojeda.

Along with their reusable tote bag, customers received a gift card ranging from \$5 – \$100.

"I'm having Thanksgiving with my siblings and extended family," said Ojeda.

"I have Amazon Prime, but I've never gone to their stores. Rudy was telling me how they work and it sounds awesome."

Lozano completed some of his shopping in the morning, and plans to return later today to



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Amazon: Hundreds of people wait in line to get the grand-opening day savings at Amazon Fresh in Cerritos. The ninth Amazon grocery store in California opened on Nov. 18, 2021.

purchase the rest of the items on his grocery list.

Concerns were raised that the "Just walk out" feature would take jobs away from young workers.

However, the district manager says Amazon Fresh found a way to resolve the issue.

"We want to have more associates in our customer-

facing roles, like our service departments. We also have some employees who pick online orders," said Bush.

"This store employees hundreds of associates."

Amazon Fresh also prepares some food in their bakery and has an outdoor patio for customers to enjoy the food from the cafe.

The store makes its own pizza, bread and other baked goods for customers.

Bush mentioned that the store was still hiring employees.

People who are interested can apply online for a full or part-time position.

Amazon Fresh in Cerritos is located at 11340 South St.

Maze of direct & implied meanings: Cortez' art

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The artist, Xavier Cázares Cortéz, did a great job when making his work and you should check out his art in the Art Gallery. When looking at the art, it's a mixed bag of interesting drawings and quote drawings.

One of the better drawings was the drawing "Fin," which is linked in this article. The drawing had "Fin" in fancy text while having some sort of traffic in the background. The next design was a close-up of an eye that looks amazing. Not only was he able to have an interesting picture to look at but the style is great, which was one of the best pieces on display.

Another drawing that was great was the "YES|NO" drawing that had a "Nike" style font while also having a clean look to it. The issue I had with this drawing was the background because the majority of the art had the same background color.

However, the issue was that the majority of the drawings was quotes like "Where The Fuck Did Monday Go?" The reason I had an issue with these quotes was that these catchy quotes were used in the majority of his work, with slight changes in background color or font.

One drawing that also piqued my interest, that was sort of in the genre, was the drawing "Once Upon A Fucking Time..." where it looks like it was from the 1800s or 1900s with style, which was interesting. The drawing had a mix of a cool aesthetic and has a background that is compelling to look at. This would be more interesting than the background that he used on the majority of his art (which is either white or one singular color) and had a different style than the majority of the catchy art he had.

The positive about these drawings is that it wouldn't be surprising that anyone would hang this up on their wall and would pay money to buy a drawing like this. This art is not only sleek looking but it's perfect to hang on your wall. The problem is that the majority of the art uses catchy phrases and only two deviated from that method.

The negative about the art, as a whole, was the use of the same background (in most of the drawings) and the use of writing quotes on the majority of the drawings as well...

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Heimir Björgúlfsson's unique habitat



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Taxidermy: Icelandic artist Björgúlfsson displays his masterpiece called "Arctics Are Not For Everyone." This display represents various themes such as evolution, nature and humanity. The exhibit runs from Oct. 24 - Nov. 6 at Cerritos College in the fine arts building.

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Heimir Björgúlfsson's exhibition called "Arctics Are Not For Everyone," represents the effects of urbanization and climate change in a natural environment.

His art is displayed in the Cerritos College fine arts building and is available for viewing until Nov. 6.

The exhibition contains surrealist sculptures in front of a hand-drawn paper with bright, gaudy pink neon signs.

Björgúlfsson created a masterpiece that is confusing at first, but incredible once the depth to his art is understood. There are clearly awkward yet interesting sketches of bird feet on the wallpaper that allow a viewer to interpret the meaning.

According to Björgúlfsson, the sketches of the bird's feet represent a pseudo-Darwinian evolutionary classification system.

Viewers interested in evolution within nature would be very intrigued by Björgúlfsson's exhibit.

The Bachelor's degree holder from both Amsterdam and the Netherlands displayed a gorgeous, bright pink neon light that says "Arctics Are Not For Everyone," which reminds viewers of the unique title.

Björgúlfsson represented in his exhibition how animal species are made to adapt to the changes within the environment such as climate change and urbanization.

There are several different three-dimensional assemblages of rogue taxidermy spectacles that cause a shocked feeling because of their large size.

When looking at the unique arrangement of the hand-drawn backdrop and three-dimensional figures, it raises curiosity within the viewer's mind. The unique idea shown in window dressing can be seen in the fine arts building at Cerritos College.

Björgúlfsson was aware of how humanity and the natural environment can have an awkward connection, which is what the exhibit shows since there is a variety of narratives within it.

It's extremely interesting to see the way Björgúlfsson combined nature and humanity in the window dressing.

Björgúlfsson mentions that the scientific stringency of the illustrations are undermined from the neon overlay of a giant pink talon that casted its eerie glow.

It's evident that there was a lot of passion and effort put into the exhibit by Björgúlfsson because of how many details were put forth in the window dressing.

Björgúlfsson has been exhibited in various group and solo exhibitions throughout Europe and the United States, such as the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery and the German Stenersen Museum.

People who find evolution within nature and human interaction interesting, should definitely stop by and appreciate Björgúlfsson's beautiful work.

Although this was the last one for the semester there will be more to come for next semester. Stay tuned.

Do not miss out on the next opportunity to view a very intricate art gallery.



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The backdrop by Björgúlfsson is hand-drawn and consists of complex designs of bird's feet. Each side has a different view of the neon sign which reads "Arctics Are Not For Everyone."

Sledgehammer Games delivers good Call of Duty



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Map: Vanguard came out with a throwback too. Map is called Castle with a gun STG44.

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Call of Duty: Vanguard is out and is the best COD game to come out in the last three years.

Everything from the game play movement, maps, game modes, and guns makes this game enjoyable to play.

Starting the game up is the main theme “Precept” that gives the tension that this game is going to be different from the rest. It has that similar “Game of Thrones” theme and not the same old copy and paste soundtrack that developers put into CODs.

The engine that this game is based off is the Modern Warfare movement that fans enjoyed playing in. That engine made it to be realistic and were able to run and mantle over obstacles faster compared to the originals.

For a long while what seem to be taking the joy out of the COD games were the maps, and finally with the launch of the game are maps that are enjoyable to play in multiplayer.

Instead of just making six or eight maps, Vanguard came out with 16 maps that play astonishing. The graphics are top of the notch making it appealing to the players eyes.

It gives you different ways to play and makes it suitable to different playstyles. You can be that players that likes to rush into the enemies side or are the ones that play slow and hold down the lanes.

A thing that developers added was you can break down doors or walls in certain areas of the map. Giving a Rainbow six type of play which is something that has not been in a COD game. It is fun to do it to the enemy team, but if it happens to you then it could be overwhelming.

Game modes are the same like every game, but the twist is it gives you a format of 12v12, 8v8, or 6v6. You cannot choose the amount of players you play with but is fun nonetheless.

You won't be able to tell the difference or even care since you can level up faster then before with all the XP you get.

A new feature that this game has is ‘MVP’ which mean three players who had the highest KD, most multi-kills, or captures get to be voted MVP. The players on your team can choose one player, and whoever has the most votes wins a bunch of XP that can help you level up.

The guns in this game are fun and not one is overpowered or weak when starting out.

You are able to have 10 attachments added to the guns, and are up to level 70. Their is a variety of ways to customize your classes making the game not favor one gun over the other.

The camos are better then the last two games making it worth to get all diamond and eventually finishing all the camos for every weapon.

Along with the guns, score streaks are still the same, but brining back the attack dogs was a long time in the making.

Bethesda should stop re-releasing Skyrim



MATTHEW ESPINOSA/TM

Gaming: Unchanged by its re-releases, Skyrim still has quirks to it that makes it endearing. Guards forming a straight line are the least of it; you're like to find a few floating animals while walking around

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So far Bethesda has released Skyrim six times in the past decade, but with its latest re-release Skyrim: Anniversary Edition on Nov. 11 it is now seven, and it's ridiculous the way Bethesda is milking the game by now.

Similar to Rockstar's GTA V, the only significant additions to Skyrim are yet another set of quests, difficulty, and fishing, as well as new items like armor, weapons, and spells.

These items number in the hundreds only available through Creation Club, which is essentially a microtransaction service that deals in mods, a feature that most players can obtain by using reliable third-party websites like Nexus Mods.

At least Rockstar's additions are more justified for the reason that each one is an effort to improve the game by optimizing, fixing bugs, as well as long action-packed heists.

Whereas Bethesda installs minor graphical updates and quests—despite being rich in lore—distracts from the fact that a full decade has passed without

an actual follow-up game to Skyrim, which has been put on hold for Bethesda's 2022 Starfield.

It is understandable for long-time fans to be frustrated by Bethesda's efforts; for some, it's a bit amusing because the aforementioned fishing addition seems like the most defining feature.

Such a mechanic had already been created as a mod three years prior to the seventh Skyrim, although now fans can purchase a version where fishing is an official part of the game, and not...

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Rittenhouse evidence proves intent

Justice will only be served if the jury votes Kyle Rittenhouse guilty.

EDITORIAL

Kyle Rittenhouse is a killer. The then 17-year-old boy shot Anthony Huber and Joseph Rosenbaum to death and injured Gaige Grosskreutz during a protest in Kenosha, Wisconsin last year.

The protests were in response to the police shooting unarmed resident Jacob Blake in the back.

Rittenhouse is on trial and facing six charges including first-degree reckless homicide, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, first-degree intentional homicide, attempted first-degree intentional homicide, possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under 18 and failure to comply with an emergency order from state or local government.

Rittenhouse cries that he acted in self-defense and should not be charged for murder.

The now 18-year-old young man should be found guilty and held accountable for shooting two people to death.

The jury must consider the obvious bias from Judge Bruce Schroeder.

He refuses to allow crucial evidence of intentional homicide into the courtroom. Specifically,



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Kyle Rittenhouse has been charged with fatally shooting two men and injuring a third during protest in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in August 2020.

a video of Rittenhouse saying he wanted to shoot shoplifters at a CVS two weeks before he killed the two men.

The judge is also ordering the prosecution not to call the three men who were shot "victims" or "alleged victims." By refusing to call them "victims," Schroeder is influencing the verdict.

Schroeder is manipulating the jury by restricting crucial evidence and by helping the defense with their arguments.

The jury needs to consider only the evidence in the case and exclude the judge's favoritism in

their decision.

The trial is not heading in the direction of justice, as the gun possession charge was dropped on Monday.

Judge Schroeder dropped this charge because he felt "Rittenhouse did not violate the state statute in question because of his age and length of the barrel of his semiautomatic rifle."

Schroeder's argument is for dropping the charge is absurd.

Rittenhouse was in control of the gun and he carried the weapon through the streets; so by definition, he possessed a gun.

Rittenhouse's parents are at fault for allowing their immature son to play with a firearm.

The child's parents allowed him to play around with the gun as if it were a toy instead of treating this gun as a dangerous object.

They also did not object to their son carrying the firearm into the protest.

As a minor at the time, his parents are responsible for his actions. They allowed their son to bring a semi-automatic gun to a protest.

The stupid boy was being irresponsible and reckless in handling a firearm.

A detail that stands out in the trial is Rittenhouse's defense that the killings were in self-defense when the evidence shows the opposite.

Rittenhouse claims that the night of the shooting, he was there to keep the peace, protect property and provide medical attention.

The boy does not reside in Kenosha or the surrounding area, so he had no business being there with an assault rifle.

Rittenhouse intended to raise hostility towards himself. He knew the protests were potentially violent, and that the demonstrators would be threatened and aggravated by his weapon.

By putting himself in that situation, Rittenhouse wanted others to feel threatened. He knew people would attack him and he could claim self-defense and appear innocent.

When the 18-year-old boy attempted to describe the events that took place went viral as he tried to cry in an attempt to gain sympathy from the jury.

His performance was obvious, as he shed no tears and looks back at the judge to see if he is buying it.

Rittenhouse shows no genuine remorse for his actions.

The jury needs to exclude the judge's clear bias from their decision and consider only the facts in the case.

Kyle Rittenhouse brought an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle to a protest, in an area he did not reside.

He ran with the gun through the streets, intending to raise hostility so he could claim self-defense and play the victim.

All the evidence shows Rittenhouse's true intentions.

The jury needs to deliver a guilty verdict, so Rittenhouse is punished for his crimes and to show that playing the victim will not work when a person's intentions are obvious.

Rittenhouse must be found not guilty to protect the right of self defense

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Kyle Rittenhouse is not a killer and should be found not guilty of all the charges that are stacked against him.

Rittenhouse is facing five felony charges including first degree intentional homicide, first degree reckless homicide, attempted first degree intentional homicide, and two counts of reckless endangering safety in the first degree.

These charges stem from a shooting in August of 2020 after the police shot Jacob Blake, a resident armed with a knife and with an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Rittenhouse traveled from his home in Antioch, Illinois to Kenosha, Wisconsin to provide medical attention to injured persons and to protect buildings and property.

The opposite side claims that Rittenhouse crossed state lines with his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, but evidence presented at trial contradicts that. Rittenhouse's friend, Dominick Black, testified that he bought the gun that was used in shooting,

Another misconception from this trial is that just because Rittenhouse had his rifle, meant that he went to that area with murder and dangerous intent on his mind.

Rittenhouse had the gun with him for one reason and one reason only, to defend himself and the property he was there to protect.

Rittenhouse opponents also state that his parents should be held responsible for his actions and that his mother drove him across state lines, but in fact, his mother told the Chicago Tribune in November 2020 that she would have tried to stop her son, but did not know where he was or what he was doing.

Dominick Black testified that they brought the rifle in hopes that it might deter others from damaging the business.

Rittenhouse was later called to a Car Source car lot a few blocks from where Rittenhouse's group set up shop. When responding to that call, Rittenhouse got a fire extinguisher from a gas station and traveled to the second car lot where he encountered Joseph Rosenbaum.

Rosenbaum had been attempting to provoke people all night long. In a video on Twitter,

Rosenbaum is seen telling others in the area to "shoot me, n*ggas, shoot me!"

The erratic behavior from Rosenbaum did not end with that video. Rosenbaum had been engaging in riot activities prior to his encounter with Rittenhouse.

The prosecutor, Thomas Binger, tells the jury that Rosenbaum stumbles into town in the middle of civil unrest, but then proceeds to tell us everything that he did that night. "What does he do that night, let me tell you all the awful things he did that night," Binger said. "He tipped over a porta-potty with no one in it, he swung a chain, he lit a metal garbage system...dumpster on fire, oh and there's this empty wooden flatbed trailer that they pulled out in the middle of the road and tipped it over to stop some bearcats and lit it on fire."

The acts that the prosecutor tells about are all acts of rioting,

In addition, during the trial, it is revealed that Rosenbaum had just been released from the hospital and was on antidepressants and other medication, which could have led to the threats against Rittenhouse and the encounter between the two men where Rosenbaum reached for Rittenhouse's rifle.



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Kyle Rittenhouse at the start of the day's proceedings in his trial in Kenosha Circuit Court Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 in Wisconsin. Rittenhouse faces seven charges. The trial was halted for the day on Wednesday by the judge.

Once Rosenbaum reached for the rifle, Rittenhouse had concerns that Rosenbaum would undoubtedly use the AR-15 to kill not only him, but others around them.

After the shooting of Rosenbaum, Rittenhouse leaves the scene and jogs down the street toward the police line. A mob chases him down shouting that he just shot someone.

He is then struck from behind in the head and falls to the ground. A protester attempts to stomp on his head and misses and that is when Anthony Huber, the second victim, swings his skateboard at Rittenhouse and is shot.

The third victim Gaige Grosskreutz, who is a convicted felony and not allowed to be in

possession of a firearm, moves towards Rittenhouse with pistol in hand, and is shot in the arm.

In every turn of this case, Kyle Rittenhouse was simply just trying to defend himself from someone that was attacking him.

The prosecution failed to do what it set out to do and prove that he was provoking a response and that he was not in any physical danger.

Self-defense is not a right that is given when the person attacking you has the same weapon as you. Just because you have a gun, does not mean that a person with no gun is powerless.

In the case of Rosenbaum, it is clear that he was attempting to take Rittenhouse's gun from him. **See NOT GUILTY on page 8**

Mental health doesn't care about gender

Men's mental health isn't a joke or make them seem "feminine", it's important to advocate for everyone's mental state.

EDITORIAL

The idea that all men should "Man Up" and "Stop acting like a girl" is not a healthy mentality for a progressive society looking forward to bringing equality.

We're all human, we deserve to be treated as one fairly regardless of gender, religion, and race.

On Oct. 31, Atlanta Falcons Star wide receiver Calvin Ridley announced that he will step down from playing football in the NFL to focus on his mental health.

The announcement was received with mixed emotions but some of the comments under his tweet are people judging him saying "if you cant handle the pressure of being a #1, ask for a trade," or "what a wus. There used to be a time when athletes were warriors....now they do load management and take mental health breaks....and they get paid millions?".

These comments just reinforce

the belief that men need to be strong and not show emotion or they aren't "real men".

Times have greatly changed due to the pandemic, the importance of mental health has increase greatly and is being treated with the importance it deserves.

November is men's mental health month, it is important to recognize the issues all men deal with mentally in their lives. No more of that "men don't cry" saying, men shouldn't be seen as weak for expressing their emotions.

It is not "feminine" it is being human to break down to others you can trust and explain what issues are mentally bothering you such as anxiety, depression, and discomfoting thoughts.

Those who are fortunate enough to not be struggling with mental health should do the right thing and be there for someone who is struggling.

Bottling up your emotional problems won't get you anywhere but in a deeper hole making those feel more lonely and even suicidal. It can lead to blow outs and in some really bad cases someone can get hurt.



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Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Calvin Ridley (18) gets past Detroit Lions safety Duron Harmon for a touchdown during the second quarter on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

Actor Will Smith was interviewed in 2020 over Jada Pinkett Smith revealing an "entanglement" in which Smith was memed by the internet and seen as a joke.

The meme and interview trended all over the internet and failed to realize how broken Smith looked.

Men dealt with hard times and didn't have a choice but to face them head-on when times of war and depression came along. Those groups of men in our history

deserve respect for helping pave the way to see better days in today's population of mankind.

However, today's population of men has had to live with the idea that no matter how much we are struggling we can not show weakness amongst our peers, a generational belief passed down from men who weren't allowed to feel to get through the tough times.

That should not be the case today. Although some people don't struggle with their mental

health the same as others, men shouldn't feel ashamed of asking for help and the time needed for themselves to get their mental health in order.

Advocating for mental health days from employers and being allowed time off to avoid increased anxiety, depression and burn outs is something everyone should do.

Better mental health means happier workers and increases morale at work. It is worth advocating for.

Everyone has feelings and it is important to listen to them when your body is trying to tell you that you need help.

We must take this month to focus on men's mental health. It is a serious issue in our generation, showing your feelings isn't going to make you less masculine.

Everyone goes through things and being able to process emotions in a healthy way the first time around will prevent future trauma.

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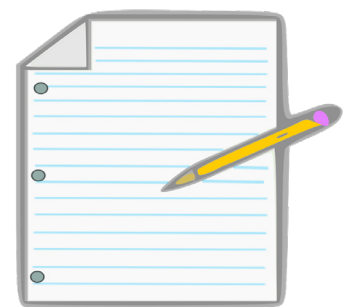
and Rittenhouse felt he was in danger at that point.

Huber and Grosskreutz both had weapons that they attempted to use on Rittenhouse.

Huber attempted to do damage with his skateboard and Grosskreutz attempted to use his handgun.

Kyle Rittenhouse only shot when he had no other choice left then to defend his life.

The jury has no choice but to find Kyle Rittenhouse not guilty on all charges simply because he was defending himself from violent attacks of rioters.



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Letters to the Editor

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Title IX ignored by Christian Valley Academy

EDITORIAL

The discrimination faced by Sonya Herrera's daughter, E.H., at the hands of Christian Valley Academy as a female football player is an injustice that should be resolved by allowing E.H. and those in the future to play against male competition.

Initially, the Herrereras had thought that the private Christian school wouldn't have an issue playing against a girl until the school canceled the upcoming March match because of the E.H.'s sex.

Pastor Joel Mikkelson of Christian Valley claims that it is by the "authority of the Bible" that the Warriors refuse to play Cuyama Valley High School, a public school that does not follow such outdated ideals.

Had E.H. attended Mikkelson's school, maybe then his argument would hold more credibility, but since she does not it doesn't and even then, it is a misogynistic mindset that fails to act according to the rules of the California Interscholastic Federation.

To clarify, the California Interscholastic Federation is the governing body for high school sports—both private and public—and one of the rules it outlines is that every member school must abide by Title IX.

This title is what keeps discrimination from ruining sports and also, coincidentally, is what is working in favor of Andrew Miltenberg, the Herrereras' legal representative on the topic as well as one of the most prominent attorneys involved with Title IX.

For religion to bar students from enjoying simple activities like sports is yet another

example of why it is sometimes assailed by more progressive folks in online discourse.

It is the case of E.H. that allows Cerritos an opportunity to think on the moral and legal lessons it holds for everyone: that discrimination of such degree in this day and age is inexcusable, even if it doesn't compare to the injustice suffered by the opposite sex in the eras such as the 50s.

Although laws like the First Amendment might enable discrimination to an extent, it is more effective when the actions of the citizens it protects don't directly affect other people.

This case could set the precedent for similar situations in the future as compared with Mahoney Area School District v. B.L., where it was decided that a student's off-campus speech was protected by the Constitution.

That being said, it might impact inclusion in sports in a more positive fashion in which private schools will have to permit students to participate in whichever extracurricular activity they want.

One point that should be said is that even the Bible doesn't authorize discrimination; in fact, texts like Genesis say that both male and female are equal in stature and as such, are to be respected without question.

So in truth, Christian Valley is only half-listening to the Scripture, with the other half flirting with Old World concepts that disregard the fact that standards can and will change.

Religions like Christianity should provide reasons to hold oneself to a more ethically upstanding position not only as a person of faith but also as a human being.

Aside from religious purpose, it is not for other people to decide which risks that other people should take; such thinking can only spell future discrimination based on one's own reservations.

People are more than capable of putting effort into realizing what they wish to do regardless of whatever possibilities are involved.

To be sure, football is a dangerous sport, but that is a risk that each and every player takes because it's fun and, for some, it is a passion.

Being one of those football players, E.H. has recognized that she must work hard to minimize the risk inherent to the sport.

However, what Christian Valley has failed to recognize in turn is that it is a risk she is taking for herself, not God.

It being a risk E.H. is willing to take means that it should be no different than the ones that every other male player took before; it should mean that she and other non-male competitors should be treated as just another football player.

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Riverside Tigers maul Falcons, fight breaks out after game ends

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The Cerritos College Falcons football team loses another game in the final seconds of the fourth quarter on the road against Riverside City College Tigers 40 – 38 and a fight broke out on the field after the final whistle on Nov. 6.

Riverside scored a rushing touchdown on their first offensive possession on a first and goal on the 1-yard line on a 94-yard drive for the Tigers putting them up early in this ball game 7 – 0 after their point after an attempt on the kick was good.

The Falcons scored on their first offensive drive on a 35-yard touchdown pass thrown by Freshman quarterback No. 11 Cade McConnell who connected with Sophomore wide receiver No. 10 Bailey Torres on a 10-play, 75-yard drive.

On Riverside's first possession in the third quarter, the Tigers drove 67-yards to score another touchdown putting them ahead of the Falcons 24 – 21 after Cerritos failed to score on their opening drive to start the 2nd half.

Freshman kicker No. 19 Moz Bojorquez went on to kick the field goal for Cerritos putting three points on the board making it 31 – 24 to cut the large deficit.

But the Tigers weren't done yet as they drove another 81-yards on to score a rushing touchdown that



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Football: Sophomore wide receiver No. 10, Bailey Torres takes the handoff on an outside zone sweep on the Falcon's second offensive possession. Torres takes the ball to the 1-yard line as he is stopped by a Tigers defender on Nov. 6.

put Riverside up 37 – 24 early in the fourth quarter.

Things weren't looking so good for the Falcons at that point.

The Falcons defense responded as Sophomore defensive-back No. 5 Bijon Harris made the tackle stopping the Tigers on third down forcing Riverside to punt after a three-and-out drive.

The most crucial play of this game came on a 4th and 13, Simpson connected with Sophomore wide receiver DeJour Smith No. 3, Smith broke a tackle and ran after the catch for 36-yards where he had originally

scored if it weren't for his helmet being ripped off on the play on the 7-yard line.

Smith recalls teammates telling him to "make a play". "Everybody just looked at me and was like make a play and I just made a play." on Smith's clutch catch on 4th and 13 that gave the Falcons the first down.

Simpson would go on to find Freshman wide receiver No. 7, Luca Caldarella open in the endzone for the 7-yard game-tying touchdown catch.

The Falcon's point-after attempt was successful putting

them up by 38-37 with a minute left in the 4th quarter. The most controversial event in this ball game occurred after Riverside converted on fourth and sixth on a 34-yard pass caught by a Tigers wide receiver on the Cerritos 19-yard line. The receiver made the catch picking up the first down with nineteen seconds left on the game clock as the clock ran down to thirteen seconds and stopped although the catch was made in bounds with no timeouts remaining from both teams.

Freshman quarterback No. 5 Jordan Simpson believed the

officials at the time were nervous when finalizing a call on the spike that was halted by officials. "From my view on the sideline, it was sad cause it was out of my control, nothing I could do about it, but it'll only make us better," said Simpson.

A wide receiver for the Tigers then limped off the field and substituted for another player which should've kept the clock running or forced the Tigers to take an injury timeout causing a ten-second runoff on a clock that should have been played with less than thirteen seconds left.

Whistles were blown as players and coaches were told to get back to the sideline by officials who then decided to leave six seconds on the game clock.

Riverside quickly sent out the field goal unit to kick the game-winner with six seconds left on the officials' whistle that blew as the Tigers got set. The kick was up and good for 36-yards for the Tigers. The Riverside Tigers cleared out to take to the field to celebrate near the Falcons sideline.

Both teams confronted each other midfield on what looked to be several disputes going on. Coaches from both sides pulled their players back to prevent fighting however the commotion was too large to contain as it took a couple of minutes to settle all the players down.

Punches were thrown and foul language was exchanged until players were escorted back to their lockers and busses. Falcons head to 2-2.

Off The Field: Clayton Kershaw should reunite with Dodgers

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Clayton Kershaw must return to the Dodgers when he sees fit.

Starting pitcher and current free agent Clayton Kershaw is now a free agent heading into this off-season.

The 33-year-old left-hander from Texas reached the end of his contract signed in 2019 and is currently at home recovering from his arm injury suffered this season in late September.

"We've made it very clear that if Kershaw wants to come back, he will always have a spot with what he's meant to this organization, not just looking back but with what we think he can do for us next year." President of baseball operations for the Los Angeles Dodgers Andrew Friedman said

when asked about the Dodgers not offering a qualifying offer to the Dodgers ace.

Friedman is aware that Kershaw is still recovering from his injury and allowing the longtime Dodger to take his time with the decision on the future of his playing time whether that be with Los Angeles or his hometown ballclub the Texas Rangers.

Multiple reports have said that the Texas Rangers are aggressively going to pursue Clayton Kershaw in the free agency window.

The Rangers can offer him a chance to play for the team that is right near his home in Texas while offering him the money he is looking for.

For any free agent, this is definitely enticing playing for a team in which your family lives and making money doing what you love playing close to home.

The Rangers are looking for veteran pitchers for their rotation and having a Cy Young-winning arm with tons of playoff experience certainly fits the bill.

The Los Angeles Dodgers are aware that Texas has a shot at winning Kershaw over but he has built so much in Los Angeles, it would be hard to imagine him in any other uniform other than the Dodger white and blue.

In his 13 years with the club, he has won three Cy Youngs, thrown one no-hitter, and won a World Series with the team creating everlasting memories here L.A.

While getting the other key members of this Dodgers team is the story of this off-season, Kershaw should be at the top of the list.

It is not everyday that a dominant lefty hander like Kershaw enters the league and



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Starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw (22) of the Los Angeles Dodgers throws against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first inning at Dodger Stadium on Sept. 13, 2021, in Los Angeles.

especially with a dominant off-speed pitch he can go to often.

This refers to his 12-6 curveball which was knighted with the nickname of "the Cooperstown curveball."

It is not completely out of the blue that Kershaw would be willing to take the hometown discount and join the Texas

Rangers but with what he has accomplished in Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw is a Dodger for life.

Kershaw left everything out on the field for the fans and it would only be right he hangs up his cleats in the city of angels.

Falcons lose to game-winning kick by Palomar

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The Cerritos College Falcons football team lost 36 – 34 in a heartbreaking, game-winning field goal kick by Palomar College in the final seconds of the fourth quarter in their third conference matchup in the league.

Coach Grosfeld said, “we have been a great defensive team all year, they really let down today.”

“Really proud of the offense, the offense came to play today, anytime you score 34 points you gotta win the football game, the offense played to their potential, we kinda flipped the script today, the defense has been carrying us this whole year and tonight they couldn’t get it done.” When asked about the team’s offensive performance.

The Falcons kicked off at 6 p.m. at Falcon Stadium on Oct. 30.

Lately, the strength of the Cerritos Falcons football team has come from their defensive side of the ball.

The Falcons struggled on the defensive side of the ball early on as Palomar scored 14 points in the first quarter.

The Falcon’s first touchdown was punched in on the goal line by Sophomore running back No.8 J’lon Manning early on in the second quarter putting the Falcon’s first points up on the board as the point after was successful by Freshman kicker

No.16 Abraham Delgadillo.

The Falcons received the ball to start the second half led by an offensive drive led by quarterback No.11 Cade McConnell who drove the Falcons downfield with a series of runs led by running back No.6 Davon Booth.

On fourth and goal on the Palomar 2-yard line running back, No. 25 Penieli Lauago rushed in for the Falcon’s second touchdown of the game, making it a 21 – 14 ballgame after the point after attempt was successful.

On Palomar’s next offensive drive the Falcons defense pulled through and held the Comets to a field goal after a sack on third and nine by Cerritos.

The Falcon’s started to regain momentum as quarterback #5 Jordan Simpson rolled out to his right and found wide receiver No.7 Luca Caldarella on a 10-yard jump ball grab in the endzone for the Falcons third touchdown of the game, making it a 24 – 21 ball game.

Things were starting to heat up in this ball game as the Falcons defense held the Comets to another field goal making it a manageable ball game for Cerritos as the Palomar bumped up 27 – 21.

Despite the Falcons picking up the intensity in the second half, the Palomar run game was a backbreaker on the Cerritos defense as the Comets scored another rushing touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter making it 33 – 21.

However, the Comets point after attempt hit the uprights of the field goal and missed for Palomar keeping it at 33 – 21.



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Falcons: Freshman Quarterback No.11 Cade McConnell rolls out to his right to avoid the Palomar defender. McConnell finds a Cerritos receiver down the field after having just thrown the ball to avoid the sack on Oct. 30, 2021.

On the next offensive drive for the Falcons quarterback No.5, Simpson found Sophomore wide receiver No.3, DeJour Smith in the endzone for the 32-yard touchdown for the Falcons as the point after attempt was good with 13 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Falcons fast-flying defense made a great play on third down on a quarterback run by the Comets, as the Comets quarterback tried to get the first down he was met by Falcons defenders who swarmed him.

On the hit, the Comets quarterback lied on the ground injured after failing to pick up the first, forcing Palomar to punt on

fourth and one.

With three minutes left on the game clock for the Falcons offense needed a touchdown being down five points, on first and ten on the Cerritos 41-yard line, Quarterback No.5, Simpson threw the deep ball to wide receiver #10, Bailey Torres on a streak route for the 59-yard touchdown catch.

The Falcons attempted a two-point conversion but failed, in hopes of putting Cerritos up by three to force

Palomar to tie the game on a field goal if they were to attempt a last-minute comeback with 1:47 seconds left on the game clock.

The score would be 34-33 as Cerritos kicked off with hopes

of a defensive stop by their experienced defense.

But the Comets drove down the field with a series of runs that the Falcons defense failed to stop, with two seconds left on the game clock Cerritos called a timeout to ice the Palomar kicker.

The Falcon’s home side made some noise to force the Comets kicker to miss the game-winning field goal.

The kick was up and good for the Comets as they walked away with a 36 – 34 victory bumping the Falcons to a 2 – 1 record in their conference respectively.

Off The Field: Dodgers’ failure result of Roberts’ stupidity

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It is time for the Dodgers to move on from Dave Roberts.

There is too much talent and money spent every year on the Dodgers roster to be losing as much as they do.

Looking at their past rosters it is hard to believe that the Dodgers have only one World Series win since Roberts has been the manager.

A lot of the poor decisions Roberts has made as manager have either been ignored by fans or made up for by the players.

The Dodgers have the highest payroll in baseball yet cannot get it done year after year.

Dodger fans should not be satisfied with their 2020



STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES/TNS

Manager Dave Roberts (30) of the Los Angeles Dodgers argues a call with umpire Angel Hernandez (5) during the eighth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers at American Family Field on April 30, 2021 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Stacy Revere/Getty Images/TNS)

championship. A shortened year with no fans does not count in my book.

Until the Dodgers can get it done in a real year with fans in the stands and the pressure on, the 2020 championship isn’t enough.

There is no one else to blame besides Dave Roberts. Year after year he constantly puts the Dodgers in bad situations.

This year during the NLCS against the Atlanta Braves another blunder occurred.

All throughout the season Roberts was changing his lineup game after game. This trend continued into the NLCS.

There are certain spots in a lineup that certain players should be in and Roberts does not seem to understand that. It is difficult to catch a rhythm as a hitter when you are constantly getting moved around in the lineup.

Poor pitching decisions were also vital during the series.

Instead of starting Tony

Gonsolin, who is a starter and pitched multiple times throughout 2020’s World Series run, he started reliever Cory Knebel.

Knebel struggled and Roberts decided to bring Gonsolin in the fourth and he got hammered an eventual loss.

Game 2 was single-handedly lost by Dave Roberts.

Max Scherzer started instead of Walker Buehler, who was a lot more rested than Scherzer.

To no one’s surprise, Scherzer struggled and had to be removed in the fourth due to arm issues.

Due to this, Max Scherzer’s postseason run was cut short due to fatigue.

The Dodgers were up by two in the eighth when Roberts decided to bring another starter in relief.

Instead of keeping in the dominant Black Treinen who had just cruised through the seventh, Roberts went with Julio Urias who is a 20 win starter and had not relieved all year.

Although Urias had a career year, he had not come in relief at all throughout the season. So why would he be put in that situation now?

It was evident that this pitching performance took a toll on Urias. He started game four and looked terrible. The Dodgers lost that game as well.

He did not look like the Urias Dodger fans had seen all year. Urias lacked confidence in all of his pitches.

Roberts made questionable decisions series after series. The 2021 NLCS is just one example of his mistakes throughout the years.

He is to blame for the lack of playoff success wins and something must be done.