



## PRINCIPAL'S SPRING NEWSLETTER June 2019

### What's ROCKing at Eagle Rock Jr./Sr. HS?

This newsletter summarizes some of the many highlights from the 2018-19 school year that have been sent via updates, weekly bulletins, Blackboard Connect, postal mail, Facebook, and/or Schoology.



In May, we welcomed our Class of 2025! School begins on August 20, 2019! New student orientations will be held the week before and further details will be posted on our erhs.la website.

**Respect our School & Community:** *How might we share our campus celebrations?*

#### **ACADEMICS**

- U.S. News ranks Eagle Rock Jr./Sr. High School with a score of 94.31/100, which is 20/249 (top 8%) in LAUSD, 148/2494 (top 6%) in California and 981/23,000 (top 4%) nationally. The LAUSD schools ranked above us are charter, full magnet, or much smaller than our comprehensive school ([U.S. News Top High Schools <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/districts/los-angeles-unified-school-district/eagle-rock-high-2526>](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/districts/los-angeles-unified-school-district/eagle-rock-high-2526))! Go Eagles!

Thank you to Magnet Coordinator Mr. Lord and AP Steinorth for submitting our 2018-2019 Annual Gifted and Talented Education Report. It has been reviewed and earned "Exemplary" status.

#### **ARTS**

- Our California Exemplary Arts Program had over a dozen Fine and/or Performing Arts events this year: Winter Arts Showcase in the North Gym, band performed at Oxy, Disney, and quad under the direction of Ms. Silverman and Dr. Gindin, ER Stage held shows in the Eagles Lodge and Rm 120, ER Dance company performed at LACC and ERES, and over 60 student-curated art shows throughout Los Angeles! Below is a mural of Eagle stories of family and home. Thank you to Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock for collaborating with our teachers and students!



#### **ATHLETICS**

- Volleyball won Northern League Championship for the 10th consecutive time for girls and 11<sup>th</sup> for boys!
- Girls Tennis repeated as Division 1 City Champs! Girls & Boys tennis were Northern League Champs!
- JV Football was undefeated as Northern League Champions. Varsity Football competed at the highest level in school history, with a win in the Open Division.
- Girls Cross Country was Div. 2 City Champions, James was Division 2 XC City Champion, and Mr. R. Martinez was named Cross Country Coach of the Year!
- Girls & Boys Wrestling were Northern League Champs! Karla & Jenny went to State!
- Our Special Olympics/Unified baseball team played well in our inaugural season!
- Girls & Boys basketball won Northern League! Boys Basketball team was Division 2 City Champions, with Mr. C. Dunbar named Coach of the Year and senior Mitchell named Player of the Year!
- In aquatics, City Champions are Johanna in the 500 freestyle and Kailee in the 50 and 100 freestyle. Girls & Boys swim won Northern League and Girls & Boys Water Polo won Eastern League.
- In softball, Nicolette earned back-to-back Player of the Year honors and is headed to play at Dayton!
- Girls and boys soccer had tremendous seasons; Goalie Veronica will be headed to play at UC Merced!
- Track City Champions include James in the 3200, John in the F/S Ling Jump and Julian in the F/S 400!

*Thank you to our athletes, fans, coaches, and Athletic Directors!*



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**Optimize effort:** *What might be some student data for us to share and create collective accountability?*



On June 5, 2019, **345** of our eighth graders were eligible for culmination! That is a **97%** culmination rate! Thank you to our ASB, middle school coach Mr. Elizondo, counselors, Ms. Cannata and Mr. Magana, and Latin Jazz Band for a lovely ceremony! Featured on the left are our guests and on the right are our IB Learner Profile awardees, as nominated by their teachers.



On June 6, 2019, **403** of our seniors graduated! That is a **98%** graduation rate! In our Magnet, the graduation rate was **100%**! Thank you to Senior AP Ms. Figueroa-Calderon, Counselor Ms. Amirouche, College Counselor Ms. Mena, and Sponsor Ms. Villegas! Thank you to our graduates, families and school, especially Mr. Christ, Ms. Gallegos, Mr. Laird, Mr. Lord, Ms. Manrique, Ms. Orellana, Mr. Oswald, and Ms. Silverman for an incredible ceremony! We are grateful with our partnership with Mr. Tranquada from Occidental College! More Basilians Class of 2019 highlights:

- **120** of our seniors earned the California State Seal for Bi-literacy for studying and excelling in more than one language (English and Spanish, French or German). Thank you to our Language & Literature (English) and Language Acquisition (Foreign Language) teachers!
- Many earned Golden State Merit Diploma awarded jointly by the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Student diplomas have a gold poppy seal for demonstrating mastery with high honors in at least six high school subject areas. Several earned a silver seal on their diplomas for a GPA of 3.0-3.49 or a gold seal on their diplomas for a GPA of 3.5 or above. Over 15% earned the LAUSD Superintendent's award for a GPA of 3.5 or above in A-G courses and wore a purple cord in honor of former LAUSD Superintendent Dr. Michelle King.
- Our top five students will be heading to Stanford, UCLA, or Yale in the Fall,
- Katie, Charles and Brandon had perfect attendance in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. Vanessa and Robert had perfect attendance from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>!
- Two of our Career and Technical Education pathways celebrated our seniors: 1) Thank you to Graphic Arts teacher Mr. Laird for designing and producing twenty senior commitment banners displayed on Yosemite Drive; it was a pilot project that we hope to expand next year. Thank you as well to Bronson Photography for donating the photos! 2) Congratulations to Video Production teacher Mr. Cohen and our ERHS video team for producing our live stream graduation ceremony! We had over 2,400 viewers, so far (<https://vimeo.com/339401894>)!!



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**Challenge Learning:** *What, why, and how are students learning on campus? How are students using the IB Design Cycle of investigating, planning, designing, and evaluating?*



Every year since we became an IB World School, our seventh graders have had a logo design contest. This year's winning logo came from Ms. Ramos-Lopez' Class of 2024 students: Alexander, Gianna, Kimberly and Nathalia!



Our Horticulture Program is blossoming! CTE teacher Mr. Mailes and his Class of 2023 students have been building lending libraries and water features, and producing "Music in the Garden," which featured student performances.

Our Anti-Bullying Club received a Human Relations Award from LAUSD for their work with the Be-A-Friend Project (<http://www.seethewish.com/beafriend.html>)! The award was accepted in a ceremony in May 14<sup>th</sup> by Co-President Roberto (class of '19) and art teacher Mr. Oliveros. Ninth grader (class of '22) Co-President Keily was interviewed on Univision (<http://uni.vi/bRVm101B9qh>) about our coast to coast efforts.



Our incredible 10<sup>th</sup> graders (Class of 2021) completed their IB Personal Projects with topics ranging from CPR to Zero waste cooking! Visit our on-line exhibition: <https://erhs.la/ib-exhibition> Thank you to IB MYP Coordinator Mr. Cohen and Personal Project Coordinator Ms. Simonian.

In our first year as an Empowered Learner 1:1 technology device school, we have expanded our learning platforms. Featured on the right are students from the Classes of '20 and '22 who focused on IB Global Contexts in their health class with Mr. Pierce. Also shown is our K-12 PTSA Robotics/STEM night with Mt. Washington ES, Franklin HS, and our Eagles.



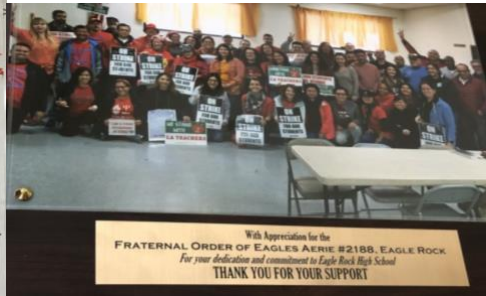
These are just a few examples of teaching and learning on our campus! Visit our website for more examples and be sure to join Parent Portal for access to Schoology next year!

Visit our website at [erhs.la](http://erhs.la), Eagle Rock High School Facebook, @ERHighSchool Twitter, and/or asberhs Instagram for updates about our school!

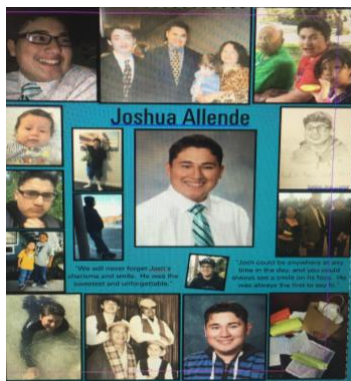


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**Kindness Matters**-What might be some of the work that you are doing to make our school, community, and world a better place for you and others?



When UTLA came back from the strike in January, our stakeholders showed kindness by focusing on unity, community, duty, and loyalty.



In April, we lost one of our seniors, Joshua. Our Anti-Bullying Club, ASB, Noteworthy Choir, and Allende Family held an uplifting memorial for Joshua. His best friend James said it best, "Your life was a blessing/Your memory a treasure/You are loved beyond words/And missed beyond Measure."



On June 10, we celebrated the next chapter and adventures of our Eagle alumnus Mr. Phil Christ who will be retiring! He left a unique legacy of passion and dedication as a teacher in our Special Education and Horticulture departments! Thank you being a rock star, mentor, and beloved member of our community!

Best wishes to Mr. Aguila, Mr. Magana, Ms. Mackenzie, and alumnus Mr. Nuno as they begin new adventures. Our school will miss each of you and your passion for our students. As of today, June 10, 2019, the administrative team will remain in place for next year. We welcome Mr. Oswald as the new college and career advisor and Mr. Malmel as the new IB DP coordinator.

Thank you for your collaboration throughout the year. We submitted our community school application on May 31 and will update you on our status. We look forward to hearing about your summer reading and adventures when school returns for faculty on **8/19/19** & students on **8/20/19!**