

## Lacrosse champions undergo rigorous training and aim for further success

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As the sun went down, they took to the field for practice. They strapped on their pads and laced up their cleats. They equipped their sticks and prepared themselves. From there, it was just hard work, a little more hard work, and then more hard work.

The Lacrosse team practices two hours a day, four days a week. They work from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Any member of the team will describe practice as some of the hardest physical activity they have ever participated in. Junior Matthew Graves, who plays attack for the lacrosse team, described the sport of lacrosse and the preparation that leads up to it, along with a comparison to preparation for other sports he played.

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Cradle to the Graves: Junior Matthew Graves cradles a perfect catch on the field during an intense game against the opposing team from Lamar High School.

## Fashionistas seek work opportunities at clothing stores

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Junior Thomas Manuel laughed and sported a wide grin when asked about his favorite part of working in retail.

"Meeting celebrities," Manuel said. "I've met celebrities pretty often. I've met James Harden, LeBron James and Gabrielle Union."

Meeting celebrities was just one of

many perks Manuel received working at clothing store Zara in the Galleria. Zara is a popular department store that carries professional attire for men and women as well as clothing for children. Aside from meeting celebrities and receiving employee discounts, Manuel connected with his coworkers to create a fun work environment.

"I love hanging out with all of my coworkers because everyone who works at

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Zara is between the ages of 20 and 27 so we all get along really well," Manuel said.

Similarly, sophomore Sophia Thai enjoyed developing a bond with coworkers when she worked at PacSun in the Galleria during winter break. PacSun sells California-inspired tank tops and board shorts in addition to Brandy Melville and other brands targeted at adolescents.

## Exchange Students



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## Wild Photography



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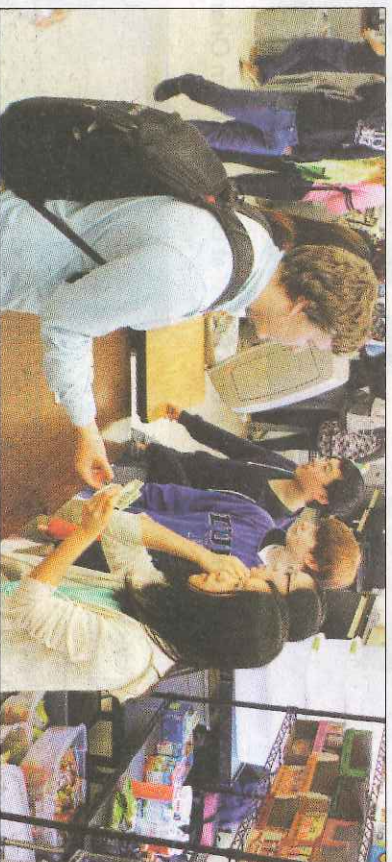
## "The Duff"



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## Business entrepreneurs fund entire competition trip to Dallas



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Soup for sale: Club members volunteer to sell snacks during lunch period.

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Dressed in business formal attire, carrying printers, projectors and heavy binders, 30 Business Professionals of America (BPA) students rolled out of a coach bus. They have spent the last few months preparing presentations and reviewing test materials over topics such as computer literacy, personal finance, accounting, marketing and administrative support. If these competitors place in their respective events, they have the opportunity of going to Anaheim, CA, the home of the famous Disneyland, to compete against other students from around the nation.

From Mar. 4 to 7, members of BPA traveled to Dallas for the state-wide conference. By the end of the competition,

the results revealed that eight students qualified for nationals. Senior Kevin Nguyen placed first in Database Fundamentals. Senior Tonya Chen placed first in Personal Finance.

Senior Kenneth Yu placed second in Personal Finance. Senior Esther Liao placed third in Administrative Support Concepts, third in Management, Marketing, Human Resources Concepts and sixth in Personal Finance.

Senior Jennifer Wang placed fourth in Business Meeting Management Concepts and fifth in Payroll Accounting. Senior Sophia Cen placed seventh in Business Meeting Management Concepts. Junior Amy Fan placed third in Financial Math and Analysis. Junior Antony Yun placed seventh in Business Meeting Management Concepts.



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Fulfilling duties: Junior Thomas Manuel performs one of his daily responsibilities while working at Zara.

## Tragedy occurs over life-changing call

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You can ask anyone who was over the age of 5 on Sept. 11, 2001, and they can tell you exactly where they were and what happened with every detail. On March 28, 2014, I received the most unexpected and tragic phone call I could have ever imagined. Receiving that phone call was the exact same experience. I can tell you everything that happened that day from what I was wearing to what I ate for dinner.

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