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POOL PARTY TIME! TREMENDOUS GAIN ON CST

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Although, only hoping for a 5 point gain; Pioneer Valley raised CST scores by 15 points! We raised our score to 736! Ms. Herrera thanks the teachers for helping raise awareness about the importance of testing. She believes that our pool party also encouraged us to do better and will keep rewarding us.

"I am very proud of my students. I love being at PV, and I believe we can be on top," said Ms. Herrera. A few years back, Principal Ringsted promised to dye her

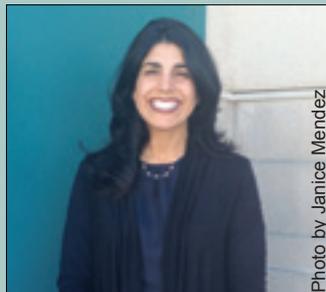


Photo by Janice Mendez

Herrera all smiles after results.

hair if we broke the 700 point barrier. We scored above Santa Maria, and we are just a few points away from Righetti.

Would you be willing to do something if we reached 750? "Definitely! I'll totally dye my hair teal if that's what it takes. Anything!"

UCSB STEM Conference of the Ages

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Mr. Magni gave three students a chance of a lifetime by taking them to UCSB to be a part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) conference this month.

Jonah Mau, Xavier Aguilar and Edith Camacho, the three lucky students, took part on Mr. Magni's summer science program and were taken to UCSB.

"Jeffrey O. Henely, the owner of Oracle, was the guest speaker at the conference," said Edith.

Aside from meeting multi-billionaires like the

owner of Oracle, the students were also allowed to present their science projects.

After they presented their projects, they were able to see the projects of

other guests at the STEM conference.

"There was a robot that shot basketballs," said Jonah, "and the only U.S. handicap telescope."

Only 500 people went to this STEM Conference, so having students from PVHS attend was a real honor.

"It is very powerful for the students to have this opportunity," said Mr. Magni.



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From left to right: Xavier, Jonah, Edith.

"After we spoke to everyone we set up our projects," said Jonah Mau, sophomore. "My project was testing the efficiency of solar panels with the accompaniment of dirt."

The Buzz on the Spelling Bee

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We caught up with Mr. Harmon and asked if he could spell the word "syzygy."

"Can you use it in a sentence?"

It was a word of scientific origin.

"Ahh... Scientists... A bunch of jerks," Mr. Harmon scoffed.

He attempted the word: "Z-X-Y-Z-R-G-Y."

Close, but so far off.

"I had the 'Y' right... But I put an 'X' in there, didn't I?" He back-pedaled.

This was the challenge that two seniors, Francesca Carillo-Diaz and Haylie Ruiz, faced as they represented our school at the 20th annual spelling bee at the Elks on September 16.

"I was anxious and wanted to get it over with," said Francesca.

Both students

were challenged with words such as "plebiscite" and "ecclesiastical." Francesca spelled up to six devilishly hard words while Haylie spelled nine.

"I died on the first word," said Haylie.

To prepare themselves, they endlessly looked over many words in the dictionary. Their hard work paid off as Francesca placed ninth out of 27, and Haylie placed fifth.



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Francesca and Haylie (left to right) prepare to spell "connoisseur."