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Spring 2013

## Mark Your Calendars

Future Cardinals are invited to attend our first annual **Future Freshman Fun Friday** scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2013. This opportunity will allow our future Cardinals, the Class of 2017, to enjoy a variety of activities especially planned with them in mind. The event will occur at the Glendale High School Football Stadium from 7-9 p.m. As a future Cardinal, one would not want to miss this exclusive one-night event. All attendees will be able to enjoy the activities sponsored by various Sports and Clubs on campus not to mention some delicious Food. Be sure to join us for Future Freshman Fun Friday!

**When: Friday, May 3, 2013**

**7 - 9 p.m.**

**Where: GHS Football Stadium**

**Who: Class of 2017 - Future Cardinals**

The Class of 2013 will be graduating on **May 29, 2013**, at **Grand Canyon University** in the **GCU Arena** which opened in 2011. The ceremony will begin promptly at **7 p.m.** Tickets are required for admission. All graduating members of the Class of 2013 will be receiving details regarding graduation and ticket distribution during April. For more information or if you have questions, please contact the front office at 623-435-6200.

### On the Schedule

May 1	Summer School Enrollment Begins
May 5	Future Freshman Fun Friday
May 23-24	Senior Finals
May 27	Memorial Day - No School
May 29	Graduation—Class of 2013
May 29-30	Final Exams (Half Day) - 12:00 Dismissal
June 10	Traditional Summer School Begins
July 18	Traditional Summer School Ends
August 12	2013-14 School Year Begins

Details regarding the beginning of the 2013-14 School Year will be mailed to Glendale High School students and parents/guardians in mid-July. PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!



The Glendale Union High School District has been named the nation's Advanced Placement (AP) District of the Year by the College Board. GUHSD earned this award for being the national leader in expanding AP courses and improving our AP Exam scores.

From an elite list of 539 school districts across the nation, GUHSD was chosen as the AP District of the Year.

From 2009 to 2012, GUHSD:

- Increased student participation in AP by 15 percent annually;
- Increased the percentage of AP students earning a 3 or above on at least one AP Exam by 14 percent annually, with 51% of AP students scoring 3 or above in 2012; and
- Increased the percentage of traditionally underserved minority AP students earning 3 or above on at least one AP Exam by 21 percent annually, an increase of 142 students last year.

This national recognition affirms that GUHSD is helping more students learn at a higher level and ensures they are prepared for college and careers. For more information about Glendale Union's Advanced Placement program visit [www.guhsdaz.org](http://www.guhsdaz.org).

## CREATIVE RECOGNITION

Our annual poetry contest revealed student talent from across the grade levels. More than four-hundred poems were submitted this year to be considered for the various awards at the different levels. Among those submitted, several received recognition from ranking 1st—3rd place in their respective category to receiving honorary mention as the Best of Glendale. The winners in each category are below along with the poems from our prestigious first place winners:

Foreign Language First Place – Bryanna Marie Johnson

Arco Iris  
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Brillante y vistoso  
sumergen el cielo en color  
iluminan los corazones de los pueblos  
espectro

Second Place – Beatrice Ingabire

Third Place – Jessyca Torres

Grade 9 First Place – Sunshine Victory

Lovers' Ends  
The shining star illuminates the shadowy night  
The budding red rose blossoms in its splendor  
The roaring fire warms as it burns ever bright  
The shining sun forces darkness to surrender  
The peaceful bluebird's song brings a smile  
The warm spring day carries a gentle breeze  
But even the shooting star crashes after awhile  
And the budding rose withers with disease  
The once roaring fire burns down to embers  
The burning sun at sunset will perish  
Come midnight the bluebird's song no one remembers  
The day will end no matter how much it we cherish  
And just as nature's wonders fade away  
So do two devoted lovers never stay

Grade 9 Second Place – Jasmine Aceves

Third Place – Sunshine Victory

Grade 10 First Place – Elizabeth Ferrendelli

The Zombie  
I walk around, everyday.  
The alive tend to run away.  
Maybe it's because of my eating habits.  
Human organs, and cute bunny rabbits.  
If I ate anything else, It would hurt.  
Moving down my organs, it would feel of dirt.  
I don't do this for fun,  
Please don't run..  
I have kids back home that need to feast  
they're wrapped up in blankets and warm sheets  
I'm sorry, but we can only eat-  
The alive and screaming type of meat  
It's either you  
Or me.

Grade 10 Second Place – Kaia Huff  
Third Place – Missy Sarah Marie O'Neil

Grade 11 First Place – Gerardo Sanchez Garcia

unlocking a fiery potential  
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Success is the thing with a cage, chains, and locks.  
Deep within lays a dormant power,  
No one seeks it until you flower.  
Life is a sharp knife, not every being can suit success.  
Sizzling, igniting deep inside crawls a fiery creature, flame, it blames none.  
It waits, waits, until the day of freedom, break the locks, chains, cage, to enlighten aluminate the body.  
Small amounts of energy leaks into the veins,  
pumping unimagined strength.  
Training, taming the beast is no easy task, it sparks uncontrollable wildness.  
Exploding havoc rage will damage the threshold,  
the vicious animal escapes imprisonment, its ability will become your prior energy.  
Righteous power never dying, tamer would achieve.  
The fallen on this world, living bad habits, and their fire devoured, dying without good essentials,  
surviving a cold freezing waste land becomes their life.

Grade 11 Second Place - Jessyca Torres

Third Place - Samantha Johnson

Grade 12 First Place –  
Nelida De Jesus Grajales Gomez

I Am  
I am erasers, Pentel and Purell.  
I am immense blue skies, boisterously silent  
creeks, a place where pots of bright Chrysanthemums perch on window sills and front steps,  
where shallow bowls of valleys cling to the blistering heat of an enormous sun.  
I am the Buddleia bush growing near the walkway,  
the feathery Crape Myrtle stretching its white blossoms to the early morning rays of sun.  
I am chocolate milk, a Cardinal's jersey, homemade C.D's, a puppy named Benjamin, and crinkly-eyed smiles.  
I am October 11, July 8, April, Grajales and Jasso.

I am endless talkers, loud flamboyant laughs,  
blank stares, and nick-name givers.  
I am wandering spirits, the angel statue in the front yard that came alive at night.  
I am silent conversations with the heavens, I am aimless drivers, I am visits to church AFTER mass, I am a wire and tape statue.  
I am Valle D'Aosta, Arizona, Piadina and Ciacino.

I am the boys who threw pool balls at each other and made holes in the plastered walls of their rooms, the kids who taunted the mean old neighborhood dog for fun, the girl with the old porcelain doll passed down from mother to daughter for many a generations.  
I am a myriad of photo albums, a fridge door covered in school notices and kindergarten artwork from 10 years ago, a Popsicle stick picture frame, late night insomnia, broken baby charms in a redwood box, home videos hiding under my parent's bed.

What more could a girl like me ask to be?

Grade 12 Second Place & Third Place – Patience Briggs

Best of Glendale High School  
Miroslava Gaitan

## Need Credits?

Summer is just around the corner and many students find themselves searching for a solution to make up credits from previous years. In order to successfully graduate on time and to avoid taking classes with underclassmen during your junior and senior year, why not consider enrolling in Summer School?

Glendale Union High School District offers students two choices for Summer School—traditional class and GU Online. Registration for both options begin on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. For details and the registration forms, see your school counselor!

For 2013, Traditional Summer School will be held at Apollo High School, 8045 N 47th Ave, Glendale, AZ, with transportation being provided from Glendale for each session. School will begin on June 10, 2013, and conclude on July 18, 2013. GU Online offers students a more flexible approach since the course is taken online; however, computer labs are available during specified time periods at some schools. The cost for either option is \$150 per semester course.

*See your school counselor for details!*

## Counselor's Corner CREDITS COUNT!

Students who attend the Glendale Union High School District have options concerning the type of diploma they seek, but with each specific option certain courses are mandated and the number of credits ensure that **EVERY CREDIT COUNTS, EVERY YEAR!** In an attempt to better prepare parents, guardians, and students to make informed decisions about which one best suits their needs, the details regarding each type of diploma as well as the specific requirements are outlined below.

The **Standard Diploma** is best designed for students who most likely will attend a Maricopa Community College or a career/technical school after graduation; while the **Advanced and Honors Diploma** indicated the student has met the prerequisites for entering any one of Arizona's three state universities. All three diplomas require 4 years of both English and Math, 3 years of Social Studies, and 1 year of Physical Education. The major differences exist in the number of years required for Science—the Standard and Advanced Diplomas require only 3 years, and the Honors Diploma requires students to take 4 years of Science. The Standard Diploma also offers students a choice of either taking a Fine Arts accredited course or a course focused on Career or Technical Education. The Advanced and Honors Diploma on the other hand mandates that students not only take a Fine Arts accredited course but also a minimum of two years of a Foreign Language prior to graduation. These requirements obviously impact the number of elective choices students have depending on their chosen diploma but only by 1 year—a fairly inexpensive price to pay when considering the doors the additional credits and courses open. One additional difference is the total amount of credits needed for each type of diploma: Standard-22; Advanced-23; Honors-24.

The differences are additionally highlighted by the student's grade point average or class rank and success in all areas of the state mandated AIMS examination. The Advanced Diploma requires students to maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or rank in the upper 25% of their class at the end of seven semesters. The Honors Diploma in comparison is more demanding and requires students to successfully complete a minimum of 6 Honors/AP credits with 4 of the 6 credits taken during their junior and senior year, maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or rank in the top 25% of their class at the end of seven semesters. In addition to meeting all the diploma requirements, students must obtain a score of **MEETS** in all areas for the **Standard and Advanced Diploma** options; students must obtain a score of **EXCEEDS** in at least two of the state mandated AIMS examination to earn an **Honors Diploma**.

For more information regarding graduation requirements, different diplomas, and which one is best suited for your student, please contact our counseling department at 623-435-6273, or your student's counselor directly.