

New class officers elected

Recently, school-wide elections took place on March 8. Students from the Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 voted during W4 and Pride Time via Google Form.

During voting, seniors participated in a class breakfast where there were updates and announcements made regarding prom, graduation and the All Night Grad celebration.

Leading up to the elections, candidates vigorously campaigned in order to gain support and votes from classmates. Sophomore Jimmy Le, who was re-elected as the president of the Class of 2021 created wristbands with printed slogans and passed them out to other students.

“I ran for class president because I believed that I was qualified to make my class the best it could be,” Le said. “We deserve a great prom that reflects our great students, and we can only get there with a strong initiative.”

Key factors that are typically discussed amid class elections are fundraising and planning for different school events such as Prom or Homecoming. Fundraising was prominent in the Class of 2022 campaign for president where freshman Andrew Zurita was elected.

“I am planning on making more creative fundraisers such as a Qdoba night, a Lunar New Year celebration, a talent show and make more class spirit apparel,” Le said.

Another issue brought to the forefront in the Class of 2021 election was student mental health where Le discussed self-care and student stress.

“I want to use my platform to highlight and discuss mental health issues and talk about it during class meetings,” Le said. “I want to give students the opportunity to come to

occasional W4 sessions where they can do yoga one day or perhaps a relaxing painting.”

As for rising seniors, the Class of 2020, junior Tarik Darweish was selected as the next class president.

“For the remainder of this school year, I want to prep and get everything ready for next year,” Darweish said. “The main priority is for everyone in the Class of 2020 to have a memorable and fun senior year.”

New class officers plan on adding new events to AHS as part of their newly held positions.

“I definitely have some new ideas that haven’t been implemented in prior years,” Darweish said. “I want to add a lot more school spirit and fun activities and events that students can really benefit from.”

Class of 2021 adjusts to high school transition

School can be extremely daunting. Starting the school year with in a new building with significantly larger student population and more challenging classes, it is only normal to feel overwhelmed.

In order to help the incoming freshman class of 2021 become adjusted to their new environment, the annual freshmen orientation was held on August 23.

This event would allow the students to acclimate to their new school before the upperclassmen arrive on the first day.

The freshmen began their day by arriving at AHS with their schedules by 8:30 a.m. on respective bus routes. Upon arrival,

they were greeted by students of the Leadership class as well as members of the faculty.

Orientation would officially begin in the auditorium where the students were welcomed and received introductions from the counselors and members of the administrative staff.

The parents were instructed to go to the cafeteria for their own information session.

In the auditorium, the Leadership class also presented a video to the freshmen including tips and tricks for a year of success.

"The executive board talked a little about school spirit and Atom Pride," senior McKenzie Yi said. "We were then stationed in groups around the school."

After introductions in the auditorium, the freshmen were then instructed on beginning a mock day of school. The students navigated AHS with their schedules, going to all their classes.

The first portion of the simulation would allow students to find their red day classes, while the second portion was reserved for the white day schedule.

Even though each freshman was provided with a map of the building, the Leadership students were scattered around the halls to guide students if they were lost. Touring the school now prevented mass confusion on the actual first day of school.

"Now I know where all my classes are and it is less scary," freshman Iris Tran said.

Not only does this allow incoming students to get a sense of how the bell schedule works, but they were also given a chance to meet their new teachers.

The students stayed in each of their classes for roughly 10 minutes. In this time, teachers introduced themselves and provided a preview to their course or how the class is set up.

"Every teacher has a different thing to teach you about AHS," freshman Sarah Wheatly said. "So it is pretty easy to know the difference between middle and high school."

After the conclusion of the white day bell schedule, the

freshmen were then instructed to go to the gym. A pep rally was conducted to conclude the orientation with speeches from the leadership president, Rebecca Kindling, and Coach Derek Sweet.

The new class took a group picture together to commemorate the start of their four-year high school career.

The marching band also performed AHS' fight song

"I am looking forward to all the pep rallies this year," Tran said.