

# THE TILLER NEWS

T-TOWN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, PRODUCED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS



## BRIEF HAPPENINGS

### WELCOME BACK, TILLERS!

The 2018-19 school year officially kicked off on Tuesday, August 14th— a full week earlier than last year! The Tillers are back to work and ready for another amazing school year in T-Town!

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

A new school year means our annual Back to School Night is just around the corner! Meet your student's new teachers and check out their classrooms on Thursday, September 6th from 6 - 8pm.

### THS VS FHS

New year. Same (friendly) Rivalry. The Tillers take on the Knights for the annual Crosstown football game next Friday, August 24th at 7pm on the Tustin Northrup Field! Let's go, big R.E.D.!

## FEATURED ARTICLES

### A TILLER WELCOME TO MR. TANARA!

Ryon Tanara joins the Tustin High School team this year as an assistant principal. Prior to joining the Tustin family, Mr. Tanara served as an English and journalism teacher at Beckman High School. Mr. Tanara started his teaching career in the Clark County School District after graduating from UC Irvine. In addition to teaching students, he supported teachers develop strategies to better meet the needs of their students learning English as a second language. He also had the pleasure of working with students in South Central Los Angeles as an English and reading intervention teacher. Mr. Tanara firmly believes that students possess a unique power to work collectively to transform their communities and he is thrilled to work alongside the Tiller family to help students release this power! Mr. Tanara holds a master's degree in English curriculum from UNLV and a master's in school leadership from Harvard University.



### T-TECH SUMMER INTERNS

By Ed Hernandez, T-Tech Academy Director



It has been another successful summer for T-Tech! In all, ten juniors (and one graduating senior) were selected to participate in this summer's T-Tech Internship Program. Working alongside professionals in engineering and computer science, an internship gives students an amazing opportunity to experience the "real world" of a technology workplace. Seven students worked at Boeing in Huntington Beach (Angelica Pelcastre, Max Flores, Cheyla Reyes, Eric Ledesma, Lexi Mitchell, Cesar Guzman, Umer Irshad), two in the IT department of the Orange County Sheriff (Ayushi Sharma, Giuliano Coria) and one at EON Reality, a virtual and AR firm in Irvine (Sishir Giri). Go Tillers!

"Change your life today.  
Don't gamble on the  
future, act now, without  
delay."

- Simone de Beauvoir

### WELCOME OUR NEW ASB ADVISORS!

By Sarah Markley, Co-Activities Director

Tustin High School is happy to have on board two new ASB advisors to help lead our school's events, activities and dances as well as provide the support needed to ASB students as they serve the school community. Chris Miguel has been at THS for 14 years teaching math and coaching golf. Sarah Markley is entering her third year as Drama and Film teacher. They are both bringing to the table a heart for students, leadership and a deep love for Tustin High School. Please welcome them as they step into this new role leading our students.



## FALL ATHLETIC PREVIEW: BUILDING STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

By Melissa Trout and Tom Giebe, Athletics Directors

As an Athletic Department, the Tustin Tillers are starting the 2018/19 school year strong. When you examine the number of athletes participating in fall sports, it is easy to see that all of our Programs are making giant strides toward success.

**Girls Tennis:** Our Tennis Program is the largest it has ever been with over 25 athletes participating-many of them being 9th graders. With young talent making up the majority of the Varsity roster, this Program will definitely see more success this year. Both the JV and Varsity squad will have numerous opportunities to grow as athletes as they participate in a full pre-league schedule this year before Empire play begins. The team is anxious to take on its Empire League rival (Kennedy) later in the season.

**Girls Volleyball:** After a large turnout at summer practices, the Program now has almost 50 girls participating. Although THS graduated many starters last season, the Varsity team is getting stronger every day. The squad is a strong mix of veteran seniors and talented newbies. The Tillers will put the team's "Good Vibes" mentality to the test on Thursday as they play Irvine.

**Football:** A tradition of hard work and dedication have made our Varsity team one of the finest in Orange County. With over 110 athletes participating, this is, by far, the largest Football Program Tustin has ever had. Tustin tested their grit and tenacity last week in a scrimmage. They will get their first opportunity to highlight their strength to the Tiller fans on Friday.

**Girls Golf:** Our Varsity golfers are building together off last season's success. The Program is growing in both numbers and level of competition. Two of our golfers qualified for CIF last year-a feat that the coaches hope to repeat this season. This program also has another big reason to celebrate: For the first time in almost ten years, one of our golfers has been offered a college scholarship!

**Boys Water Polo:** This Program did not only grow in numbers last season; it also produced more wins. They are now seeing one of the by-products of this success-more participants this year. With many seniors making up the Varsity roster, the team is geared up for some Empire wins. Our Tillers will have their first Home game next Thursday, August 31st.

**Cross-Country:** What a difference a strong commitment to a summer program makes! The cross-country had the largest number of athletes training in the hot summer months in recent history, and it will undoubtedly make a large impact on Tustin's season this year. Even our top, experienced runners have shed minutes off their PRs from last year. There are currently over 100 athletes running daily for this Program.

# THE COUNSELORS' CHAT

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN COUNSELING, BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR THS COUNSELORS



## WELCOME TO THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!

Whether this is your first semester at Tustin High, or you are a returning Tiller, starting a new school year can be exciting and nerve wracking. Counselors will be an integral part of your students' support at school. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events, deadlines, tips, and information that support students' college and career readiness.

Not sure who your counselor is? See the directory below:

## COLLEGE VISITS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK [NAVIANCE](#) AND RSVP.

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### THIS WEEK'S UP-DATES

#### CLASS OF 2018



**College Tip of the Week:** Create your accounts for college applications! If you are applying to UC's, the application platform is [HERE](#). Apply to CSU's [HERE](#). You can apply to most private universities through the [common app](#). This is an important step to...getting started!

**College Visits:** Did you know that we already have more than 30 universities and colleges who are scheduled to come talk to Tillers? We encourage students to sign up for these invaluable visits to get more information about colleges AND ask questions. We encourage students to keep an open mind and attend as many of these opportunities as possible.

**Still need to take the SAT/ACT?** It's not too late! Colleges will typically accept scores from exams taken up until December of Senior year. If you are in need of fee waivers, please come to the counseling office.

#### CLASS OF 2022

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#### ALL CLASSES

*It's the first week of school and students may have some schedule change requests. The counseling department uses the following forms for students to submit requests:*

**Challenge Cards:** A challenge card is used when a student wishes to take a more rigorous course above and beyond what they are recommended for by the teacher. Students who submit a challenge card and are granted the request must stay in the course for the entire semester, regardless of performance in the class. Challenge cards are available in the Counseling Office.

**Counselors will do their best to respond to requests in a timely fashion so please be patient as we work through the requests.**



Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

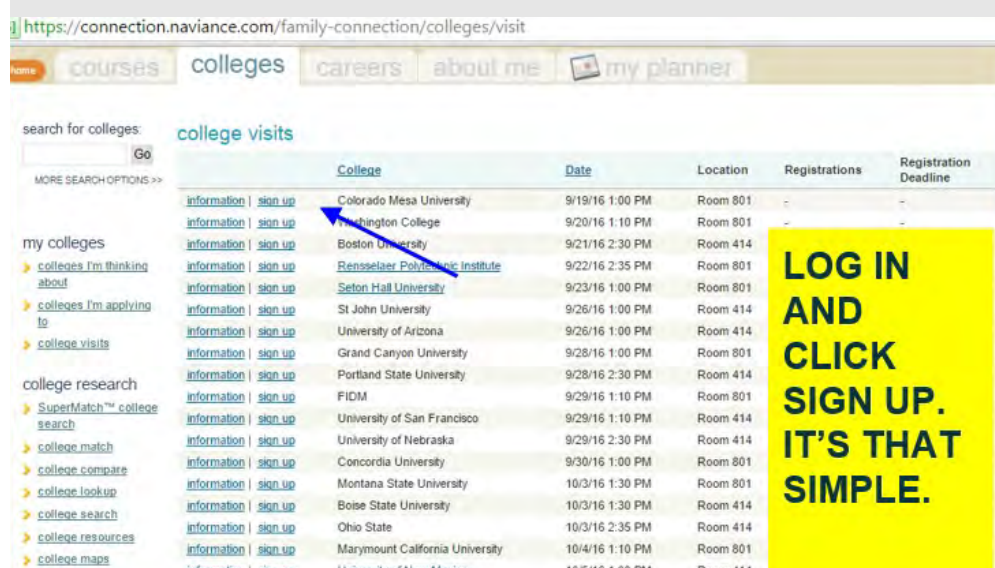
### UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

\*Sign up for ALL upcoming visits on Naviance

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University- Prescott	Thu, Sept 6th	1:10 PM
Irvine Valley College	Thu, Sept 6th	1:10 PM
Soka University of America	Mon, Sept 10th	1:10 PM
Azusa Pacific University	Tue, Sept 11th	1:10 PM
Santiago Canyon College	Tue, Sept 11th	1:10 PM

#### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A COLLEGE VISIT?

Log in and click "sign up". It's that simple!



#### What college should I go to?

Narrow down your college search [HERE](#).

The latest versions of "Presenting Yourself on the UC Application" for both freshman and transfer applicants are also available. These will provide you and your students with guidance on how applicants can maximize opportunities to represent themselves on the application. Students can access the freshman presentation [HERE](#).