

# What's "News" in Alvord?

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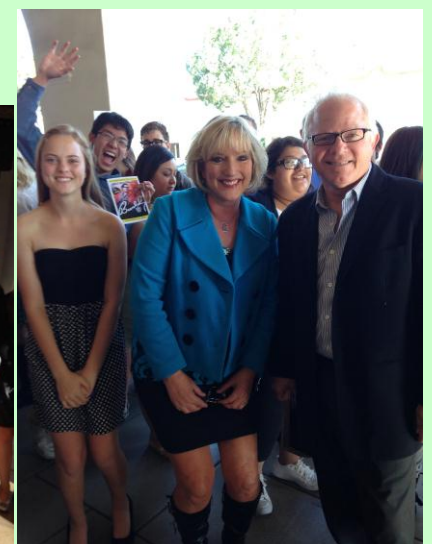
## Thank you Fox Theater – Students At Broadway Program!

The Hillcrest and Villegas Show Choirs were fortunate to see two Broadway Shows this fall at the beautiful Fox Theater in downtown Riverside, as part of the "STUDENTS AT BROADWAY" program.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, they saw STOMP, an electrifying, interactive percussive feast that exposed them to ingenious ways of making sounds. Next was The Buddy Holly Story on November 19<sup>th</sup>, which highlighted the music and the message of the late great Buddy Holly.

Thanks to their dedication to the arts, their determination to expose students, and their generosity of spirit through financial giving, the Fox Riverside Theater Foundation enabled over 120 Hillcrest and Villegas Show Choir students and family members to share in this exciting opportunity together.

"STUDENTS AT BROADWAY" program, the Foundation's signature outreach program, makes it possible for students to view these Broadway shows at no cost. Visionaries Duane Roberts and Mayor Rusty Bailey have spearheaded this program, with support from the benefactors of Suverkrup/Mundy and Johnson, as well as the Carpenter Company and AT&T. Executive Director Cynthia Wright, and her amazing colleague Anne Marie Acosta warmly welcomed our students, and our students had the chance to write a blog entry to share what they learned through the theatric experience!





## La Sierra Business Academy

The La Sierra Business Academy has had a bright start to the 2013-2014 school year! Members have participated in numerous study trips and community events, including:

- Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Walk at the Park fundraiser
- Working Wardrobes, a non-profit organization in Costa Mesa that helps people get back on their feet and re-enter the professional world
- Goodwill, where they toured the headquarters and saw day-to-day operations
- California State University, Fullerton
- Hosting a very successful Mentor Activity with over 30 Community Business Affiliates
- Inland Empire's Largest Mixer
- Los Angeles Small Business Expo



## Student of the Month

Hillcrest High School is proud to recognize **Tommy Robinson** as the Alvord Unified School District Student of the Month for November 2013.



Tommy is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Hillcrest High School. As an AP and honor student, Tommy is constantly working towards academic excellence. He is involved in Choir, Christian Club, Volleyball and ASB. He is an excellent leader and a valuable member of Hillcrest's Associated Student Body. His initiative and drive in ASB is benefiting all students at Hillcrest by bringing new and invigorating ideas forward. His positive energy and spirit are valued and appreciated.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Tommy Robinson** as the Alvord Unified School District Student of the Month for November 2013.

## Certificated Employee of the Month

Hillcrest High School is proud to recognize **Rebecca Cook** as the Alvord Unified School District Certificated Employee of the Month for November 2013.

Ms. Cook has gracefully stepped into the leadership role as ASB Director this year. She has done a phenomenal job with organizing and supporting the Associated Student Body. Thanks to Ms. Cook, Hillcrest celebrated its first pep rally and club rush carnival. Ms. Cook and her students have big plans for creating a wonderful school culture that supports student success at Hillcrest. In addition to all of her work with ASB, Ms. Cook teaches two classes in mathematics. Her energy and enthusiasm make school fun for staff and students.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Rebecca Cook** as the Alvord Unified School District Certificated Employee of the Month for November 2013.





## *Classified Employee of the Month*

Hillcrest High School is proud to recognize **Sheila Barta** as the Alvord Unified School District Classified Employee of the Month for November 2013.

Sheila greets staff and students with a smile every day. She always responds to students with respect and dignity. She is a natural leader. As a campus supervisor, she works very hard to ensure that students are where they need to be. Additionally, she is always willing to help out in other capacities whenever she is asked. Sheila is continually a team player. Hillcrest is very fortunate to have Sheila at Hillcrest High School.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Sheila Barta** as the Alvord Unified School District Classified Employee of the Month for November 2013.

## *Volunteer of the Month*

Hillcrest High School is proud to recognize **Tina Williams** as the Alvord Unified School District Volunteer of the Month for November 2013.



Tina is a parent volunteer who serves on Hillcrest's PTSA and School Site Council. She works hard to support students and staff. Along with other parents, she has started the "Copy Cats" program at Hillcrest to assist teachers with organizing and printing copies. She strives to increase parent participation and communication within Hillcrest. Her efforts with both groups have built a strong support group for students and staff. Hillcrest High School appreciates the time and energy Tina has dedicated to Hillcrest's success.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Tina Williams** as the Alvord Unified School District Volunteer of the Month for November 2013.