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STAFF EDITORIAL

Who's Pat? You Tell Me...



Who was Pat Navolanic? And why do we hold him in such high esteem? The perfect student, star athlete, and full of charisma, Pat demonstrated admirable qualities that all students strive for.

After graduating from GHS in 1963, Pat went on to Stanford University, and during his sophomore year, he tragically died. His indelible legacy on Glendale High has inspired many. In his honor, the prestigious Pat Navolanic Memorial Award was established and is awarded to the one student who displays similar characteristics to Pat.

Each year, seniors decide they are appropriate candidates for the award. And each year, the representatives of every club, organization, and sport on campus meet to vote for a winner on Selection Saturday in April.

This process, as anyone whose been apart of it knows, is perhaps one of the most wrenching and teeth-clinching experiences ever.

Yes, it is true that this year, there have been several changes to the system. However, these minor changes were to ensure fairness. Those dedicated to the betterment of the award have given countless hours improving the process. And why? Because an honor of such prestige deserves it.

It is merely not enough to fill out an application with many hours of community service and pages of campus activities. There has to be passion. The desire to succeed comes from one's character, the intangible factor that embodies the spirit of Pat.

Some run for the fame and others for the fortune. But above all, PNMA is about the legacy. It is awarded to the student who has left the biggest mark on campus. The Pat Navolanic Memorial Award should go to the one who has passionately contributed much to GHS. PNMA goes to the athlete who has worn the Nitro jersey with pride. It goes to the student who excelled in the classroom and whom the school will miss and remember. PNMA is about passion and persistence, character and integrity.

This year's semi-finalists, Shaunt Attarian, Amy Bishop, Jon Harrison, Henrietta Movsessian, Gervea Ornopia, and Kristen Ward, have truly excelled in high school, and done so gracefully. The winner will be chosen on April 5. I wish them all the best of luck.

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GCC wants you...we want you more



Artwork by Shant Alvandyan

Many students enter high school with the idea that they can do whatever they want and start all over again at Glendale Community College. Some students don't try to get into a four-year university. Instead, they waste four years of their lives assuming they can easily attend GCC and transfer in just two simple years. These students should think again.

We all know the positive aspects of attending GCC. You can apply for the Scholars Program, have smaller classrooms unlike most four year universities, become accustomed to college life, save money, and most importantly, stay closer to home. Most students just look at these advantages

and are easily persuaded to take the "easy road" to success.

Yes, GCC is a great option, but why not try to go straight to a four-year university right after high school? GCC is ranked #11 in the state of California for transferring students to UC and CSU campuses. 25% of GCC students manage to transfer. Are you willing to take that chance?

Four year universities offer many great opportunities. Among other advantages, in universities, many undergraduate students are given the opportunity to do research, which is highly recommended for graduate schools.

Also, you have the opportunity to get to

know more teachers and get letters of recommendations for graduate schools, jobs, etc. On the contrary, if you go to a community college, you complete your general education and start at a new school all over again. Why not try hard in high school and try to get into a four-year university instead of wasting four years of your life and transferring to GCC to start again?

GCC is a great choice for those who don't get into a four-year university right out of high school. They should definitely take advantage of all the opportunities that GCC offers. But for students who are here to mess around expecting to transfer with ease from GCC, think again.

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