



"Once A Warrior, Always A Warrior"

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Hi Everyone!!! WE HAVE BEEN BUSY!!! 2016/17 has been filled with all sorts of challenges, events and memories. During the summer of '16 a group of hard working "Senior Forever Warriors" (that's us) met at the High School Career Center and gave the walls a new coat of paint. The staff called us "heroes"; our muscles reminded us the next day that we are "NUTS"! But what a difference a new fresh coat of paint made to those tired old walls.



Shortly after that we delivered 65 backpack to Fallbrook and Ivy High Schools, edging today's total towards 1000. Our "Backpack Buddy Program" has proven to be truly worthwhile, and is greatly appreciated by the FHS Staff, but mostly by the students who benefit from your generosity.

The annual Alumni Picnic in October attracted nearly 300 "Forever Warriors" from classes going back as far as 1936. Five celebrated reunions, seeing not only their own classmates, but old friends from many different years. This seems to be a surprise of "showing up"...one never knows just who will be at the picnic. As usual our own FHS Ag students served a delicious tri-tip lunch. A skill they have perfected. The opportunity drawing presented an amazing variety of gifts from plants to fashion hats, avocados, hand-made gifts, collectables and more....all donated by friends of our Fallbrook Alumni Association and our local extremely generous merchants.



At Christmas time, we met for an old-fashioned farm house Christmas Potluck and brought gifts for the "Toys For Tots" program. The next day meant a trip to a downtown collection spot to deliver the gifts. It was a nice way to celebrate the end of 2016.

Shortly after the New Year we began working with the Career Center staff to make plans for the 2017 Awards (presented in May) including our Alumni Association scholarships given in the pursuit of the following: Elementary Education; Fine Arts; Vocational Studies, & Agriculture.

Our graduating seniors earned over \$2,000,000 in scholarships. Our **"The Heart Of The Warrior"** award was given to a senior who had displayed exemplary drive and strength, and who had overcome extreme odds to graduate from Fallbrook High School. This award, in my opinion, is by far the most rewarding to present. The stories are amazing. Members of the Class of 2017 will attend colleges all over the country from California to the East Coast, and our United States Military will get to meet many of our newest Fallbrook Warrior Alumni. Our thanks goes out to these brave and giving young Americans who will strive to protect us from harm.