

# Northview Valhalla

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## NHS French Program Produces National Champions

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This year over 90,000 students from numerous schools nationwide participated in Le Grand Concours 2005. Le Grand Concours is a national french competition in which students are tested on their french language skills. Twenty nine students from NHS participated in the in the competition and two very proud students placed nationally. Vianny Harro and Jessica Rueda are national champions. Vianny who is a 3rd year french students placed 8th in the nation! Jessica who is a 2nd year french student also placed 8th in the nation. Both students were nationally recognized with certificates and attended an honorary recognition ceremony. Northview's French Program produces national champions. Ms. Monica Vasquez who is the teacher and advisor of the French Program, was very proud and honored. This was a prestigious honor that the girls received. Especially because they beat out high ranking private schools.



## 5 Seniors Chosen to be Valle Vista Five

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This year's Valle Vista Five consists of Jessica Valenzuela, Joel Gonzalez, Sean Houston, Anushri Vyas, and Tiana Leung. These students have displayed excellence in academics as well as extra-curricular sports. These students were nominated by various faculty members and ultimately chosen by the NHS faculty. Jessica Valenzuela has been involved in many clubs such as; The Scene, GALS, JSA, CSF, and the

Environmental Club. She is also a tutor in the After School Library Use Program. When asked her initial reaction to the news of Valle Vista Five, she replied, "I was happy that I had been accepted and the teachers had recognized my hard work to achieve academic excellence and at the same time be involved in other activities." Joel Gonzalez believes he was chosen due to being himself-being friendly and working hard in the classroom.

Gonzalez has been involved in a assortment of activities such as football, baseball, and AP Spanish Club Treasurer. The news of being chosen came as a surprise to Gonzalez. "I was in Quincy's but the intercom doesn't work, so I found out because everybody congratulated me at lunch," Gonzalez stated. Another student recognized for her extra-curricular as well as academic excellence is Tiana Leung.