

# Common Senior Experience

Olympian High School's Common Senior Experience is a project during which all seniors read and analyze the themes of a common book. Yearlong efforts are made to engage students in curriculum that encompasses all of Olympian's College Readiness Skills and community outreach to raise awareness of the obstacles and hardships around the book's specific themes.

This year, the Senior Class of 2016 read *Thank You for Your Service* by David Finkel. The nonfiction narrative depicts the life of Adam Schumman, and other soldiers connected to him that are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The efforts of this year's CSE focused on raising awareness about veterans, like Adam Schumman and their families who are struggling with the effects of PTSD and fighting what David Finkel refers to as the "after war". The goal was to raise awareness about society's responsibility in caring for its veterans and to raise funds to support our chosen charities, Freedom Dogs and Semper Fi Fund.



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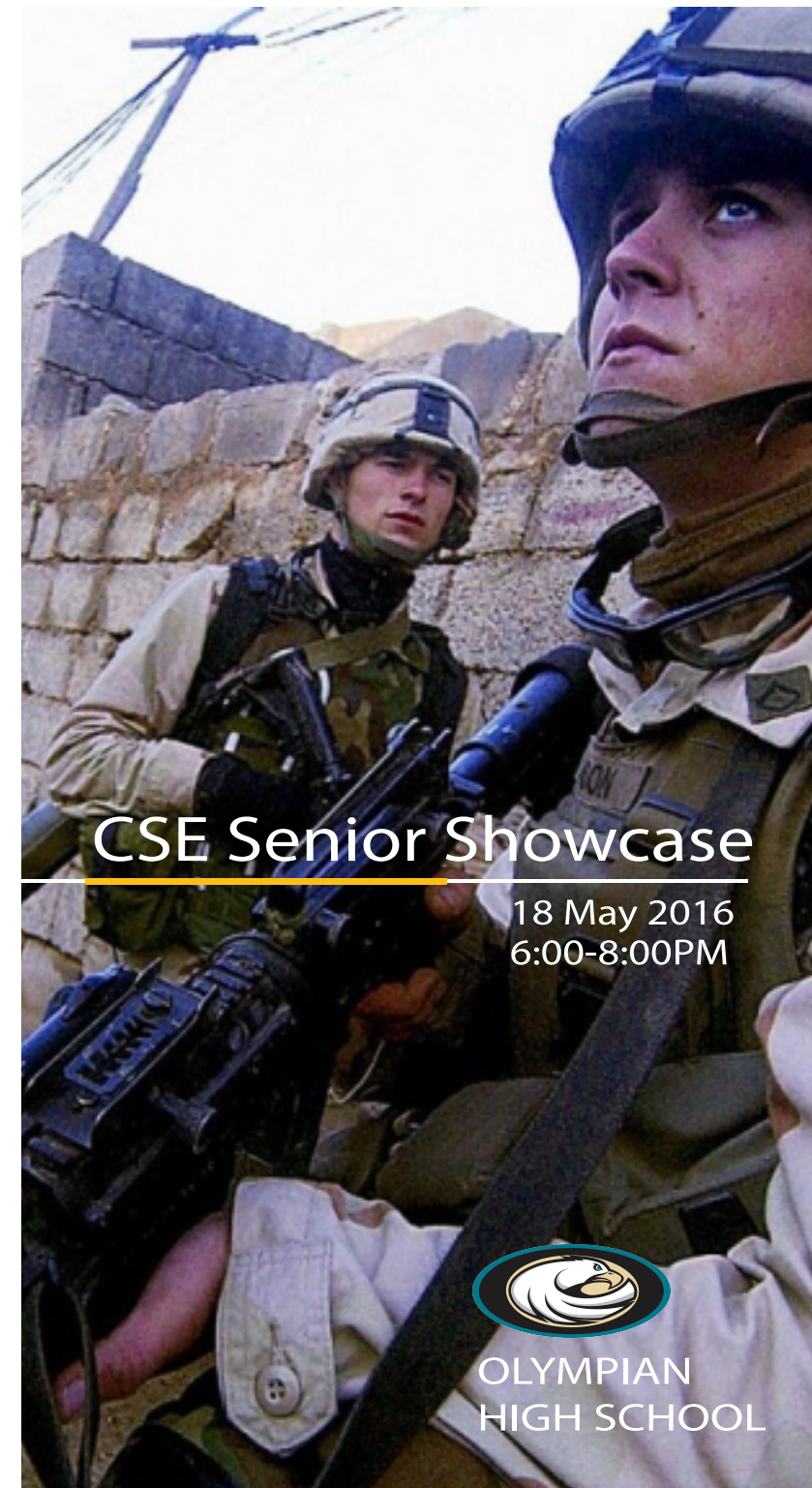
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marital or parental status, physical or mental disability,

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such characteristics. **SUHSD Board Policy 0410**

Tonight's program designed by Elyssa Tuscano  
AP Graphic Design Student



## CSE Senior Showcase

18 May 2016  
6:00-8:00PM



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# Foundations

## Freedom Dogs

<http://www.freedomdogs.org>



Mission: Speeding the recovery and enhancing the lives of wounded military heroes through the use of specialty-trained service dogs.

## Semper Fi Fund

<https://semperfifund.org>



Mission: Provide immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to post-9/11 wounded, critically ill and injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, ensuring that they have the resources they need during their recovery and transition back to their communities.

# Program

**Opening Remarks** Ernesto Zamudio

**Partnership with SDSU** Dr. Vitaliano Figueroa: Vice President of Student Affairs

**CSE History** Mark Patterson

**Thank You For Your Service Overview** Steve Rodriguez

**Expressive Dance** Vanessa Sholty

**The Common English Experience** Michelle Clark-Cadwell

**The Dramatic Experience** Jennifer Schaeffer  
Henry Act V, Scene III

**The Common Government Experience** Gary Scowden

**Expression Through Song** Jennifer Opdahl  
"You'll Never Walk Alone:  
A Tribute Medley"

**Expression Through Art** Abigail Serafin

**Presentation of Funds Raised** Tonie Salinas

**Documentary** Steve Exum

**Passing On The Tradition** Mark Patterson

**Musical Performance** Eric Mabrey

**Closing Remarks** Ernesto Zamudio



## 2016 Dance Choreography

This year's CSE Dance Project centered on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and how it effects the relationships of war veterans and their loved ones. This dance focuses on

the shared resilience of veterans and their family members in their struggle to help each other through the detrimental effects of PTSD.

## Our mission

The mission of Olympian High School, a leading school in the State of California, is that every graduate of Olympian High School will qualify and be academically ready for success in a four year college or university through a coherent system of learning.