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Nearing The End Of The First Half

Since my last entry I've seen the waves crashing down. I started off the year doing pretty well. I've fallen behind in Econ which is stressing me out knowing we only have a semester to complete the course. My Spanish 3 class has been tough, I've taken on a lot with Honors, and I think I just need a break, but right now is not the time. I've been busy performing with the Honor Group. Since my last entry we've performed quite a lot. It's hard work but amounts of fun. Our first gig of the year we got to meet and listen to the "Diaz" Brothers from the first ever McFarland High School track team. We performed at the Edison Center in Tulare and we got to listen to them give a motivational speech about dedication and perseverance, a lot of people were in attendance including them. We later went out to eat then soon headed home. We've also performed at Three Rivers, and at the Lindsay Art Museum for Dia De Los Muertos.

As of now I'm passing 5/7 classes and those classes need minimal work in order to be on pace. My Econ class has been the toughest of all, although it's not really hard, it's a lot of work and it begins to wear you down. I'm really concerned about finishing the class because next semester I'll be in Government, so I must finish Econ this semester. I began the year quite well actually, I stayed on top of my work in that class and was looking to finish early. Soon after I began procrastinating, I didn't think much of it since it wasn't so bad, now I can see that I might've done it a little too much. I'm nervous but I'm not so nervous, I believe I can overcome it and I will see myself finishing Econ this semester and beginning Government next semester. My Spanish 3 class hasn't been so bad, even though I'm behind I need minimal work to catch up. Mrs. Cabrera and I made a plan to get me back on pace and I'm sticking to it and by the end of the semester I should be back on pace.

Other than performing and stressing about school, this year so far has been great. The LHS Honor Group and I went to go watch “Paco Pena” live at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. It was an amazing experience. Paco Pena is a flamenco guitar legend, one of my idols, I play his music so it was really quite an honor to watch him play. I was so amazed by his technique and tone, of course he has been playing since he was a child, but even though to watch someone of his caliber is really an honor in its own way. He inspired me so much, I am currently working on a piece by him and hope to finish it soon. Later after the concert, we met up with the Spanish Professor from Cal Poly, we talked about the concert and she was really intrigued by the fact that we were guitar players. After leaving Cal Poly we headed home. It was an incredible experience and truly one of the best moments of my life.

I’ve had an amounts of fun this year so far and also amounts of stress, but I believe that anything can be overcome, I’m not so happy where I stand right now academically but in the near future this will be a learning experience, I’m quite excited to take on the challenge of finishing my behind pace classes, it should be a grind but a satisfaction once accomplished.