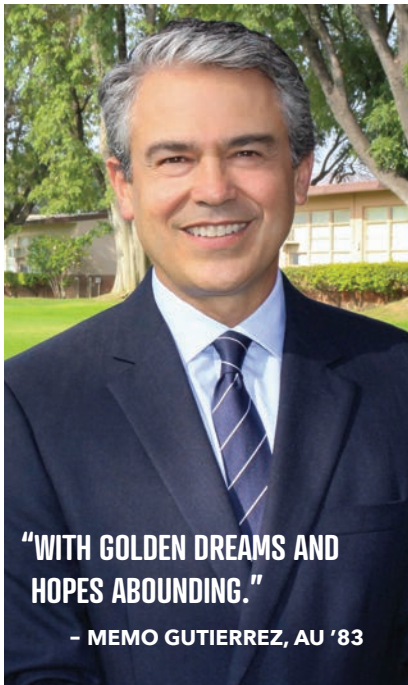


**DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

# A BRIEF UPDATE

*Once again, it's my privilege to update you, the Tech's most loyal supporters, on the school's consistent progress and noteworthy accomplishments. As the 2024-25 academic year comes to a close, we continue to focus on our Strength & Spirit Strategic Plan. Your ongoing confidence and investment in the Tech's unique and effective program have been pivotal in the progress made during this academic year. To summarize just a few achievements:*



**"WITH GOLDEN DREAMS AND HOPES ABOUNDING."**

- MEMO GUTIERREZ, AU '83

### Advancing Academics

- The school year began with the great news that the Tech earned Gold Level honors on the College Board's 2024 AP School Honor Roll, placing us among only 7% of all qualifying U.S. and Canadian schools.
- In the Fall semester, more than 70% of the student body made the honor roll; we anticipate the same high level of achievement when the Spring semester results are in.
- As the class of 2025 earns acceptances from colleges and universities across the country, 95% have already received at least one acceptance; many have earned several. We're confident that more good news will follow as the spring progresses.

### Expanding Our Mission

- Senior Luis Camacho-Castro not only earned the 2025 Archdiocese's Christian Service Award for exemplary community service, but he was selected to speak on behalf of all award recipients during the celebratory Mass. Luis was then featured on the website of Agenzia Info Salesiana, the international Salesian news agency for his award.
- Tech members of the National Honor Society regularly tutor elementary and middle school

students in math through the school's community-wide, bimonthly S.T.A.R. Tutoring program.

- More than 250 elementary and middle school students participated in a recent Tech-hosted LEGO Robotics event. Forty Tech Robotics team members organized and operated the popular competition. Another equally sized competition is planned for May.
- Widening the scope of our Admissions program, our team attended 20 high school fairs and visited 32 middle schools. This resulted in 134 'shadow' visits to campus and an increase in applications over past years.
- The Tech's first Girls' Info Session was a great success. Among the families in attendance were several alumni with elementary school-aged daughters. Our diligent coed transition task force continues to ready the campus community for a seamless and welcoming integration.

### Extracurricular Enhancements— Beyond the Classroom

- The American Foundry Society (AFS) recently hosted a casting competition that our MSET students swept. Securing first, second, and a tie for third

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place, the team also won Best in School against all university-level competitors!

- The Tech—still the only high school selected to participate—continues to collaborate with the City of Downey’s Columbia Science Learning Center on the extensive renovation of Inspiration, the full-scale Space Shuttle mock-up. Wrapping up their restoration of the Nose Gear Landing equipment, they are starting their next assignment soon: restoring the arm manipulator.
- Our student-led Math Club participated in MIT’s global Engineers Without Borders STEM competition.
- Our Red Cross Club was responsible for more than half of all hygiene items donated for the organization’s recent San Gabriel Valley/Pomona-wide holiday drive to aid homeless veterans.
- The City of Los Angeles honored senior Anthony Villeda for his many years of dedicated volunteer work with St. Cecilia Church’s food bank.
- Under the direction of our Music Program Director, Sam Hankins, our Royal Techmen Marching Band performed in the internationally televised Tournament of Roses Parade, alongside our brother schools, Bishop Mora Salesian and St. John Bosco high schools. A global Salesian News Agency also featured the collaborative band’s participation in this legendary New Year’s celebration.

### Campus Improvements

- Plans for a new Academic Facility are ongoing, as we have engaged contractors for pre-construction budgeting.

- In anticipation of our coed transition, a newly established girls’ restroom along the campus’ tech corridor has been fully renovated and the boys’ bathrooms will soon be updated.
- Also in the coed transition planning stages is the conversion of half of the athletic locker room under Tech Hall to create equal space for our future female athletes.

### Techmen Come Together

- Techmen raised more than \$25,000 for disaster-related tuition assistance. Because of you, we made sure that no student had to leave or pause a Tech education because of the fire.
- Later this Spring, we will be unveiling our new 1955 Society, which will recognize those members of the Tech community who have remembered the school in their estate planning. For more information, contact Phil Consuegra at pconsuegra@boscotech.edu.
- We took to the road again to meet alumni across the United States. Several hundred Techmen living in six states gathered at these popular get-togethers, including December’s San Gabriel Valley event, which boasted 65 alumni and guests.
- I’ve noticed that wherever I go, alumni are always interested in hearing about current campus events and plans for the future growth of their alma mater. It’s an invaluable opportunity for me to hear directly from alumni from all decades and to introduce them to their Tech brothers in the neighborhood. The shared sense of pride in our alma mater is a commonality, no matter the zip code!

- Closing the school year, at our May 31 commencement ceremonies, alumni will form the traditional reception line to congratulate the Class of ‘25 and officially welcome them into the group. Our keynote speaker will be Ed Morales (BT ‘81), the 2025 Tournament of Roses President. Please plan to join us for that celebration; festivities begin at 5 p.m.

*Your generous support makes all these highlights possible! If you haven’t already done so, please consider making a contribution to the Tech Society, our leadership giving program. Your gift helps keep the school in the position of a national leader in high school education. Thank you for your dedication to your alma mater; your support is greatly appreciated!*

*May God richly bless you,*

*Memo Gutierrez (AU ‘83)  
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