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Editors-in-chief Alisha Ahmed, pictured, and Meghan Bedi led the yearbook team at Presentation High School to produce a publication that won the Jostens 2021 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award at the gold level. (Courtesy photo)



Presentation gets yearbook gold

Presentation High School received the Jostens 2021 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award at the gold level, an achievement made more noteworthy by the fact that students at the Willow Glen private school had to work remotely to produce this year's yearbook.

The award recognizes engaging yearbook programs that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st-century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies literacy.

Jostens produces yearbooks for 15,000 schools nationwide, only 127 of which achieved the gold level. Presentation is one of only eight schools in California to receive the award.

Presentation's yearbook program was led by student editors-in-chief Meghan Bedi and Alisha Ahmed, along with section editors Erin Peters and Asma Aslam, under the direction of digital arts teacher Nancy Ingersoll.

Mitty students pass quiz bowl

A quiz bowl team from Archbishop Mitty High School made it to the playoffs in the 2021 High School National Championship Tournament, held May 29 via Zoom.

The Mitty team finished 49th among 224 teams from four countries and 32 states. The A team was captained by Advait Modali, who was joined by Ryan Ngai, Anuttam Ramji, and Sameer Rao.

Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture.

Another team from Mitty competed but didn't make the playoffs. That team was captained by Aarav Billore, who was joined by Rayan Das, Arya Deshmukh, and Riley Kong.

The teams were coached by Sathyabodha Belur and Prashant Billore, who was assisted by Thomson Ngai.

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