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applied knowledge is power"



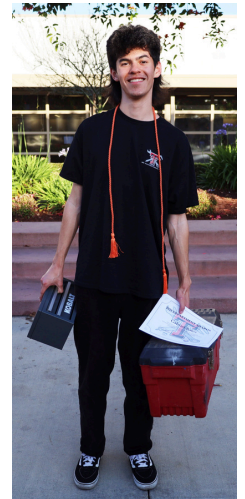
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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING TUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL'S TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING PROGRAM

T-Tech Showcase!

Thank you to all that attended our T-Tech showcase. This year's event included a wide range of amazing projects ranging from electric guitars, sonar equipped stoplight, combination lock breaker, electric vehicles, carboard creations, CO2 racers and more! Most of our seniors who participated in all four years of the program have logged over 800 hours of technical education! Special congratulations to Jeremy Evans and Ben Lopez, our 2025 outstanding seniors.



Shop Update

Progress continues! Hard to believe, but after 18 months we are scheduled to have construction in the shop finished by mid June. The new shop will boast a clean, modern look and a number of new features including dual electric rollup doors and full-shop AC! A lot of work will remain to set up the interior with furniture, machines, tools, etc. but we should be ready to go in time for the start of upcoming school year. Be on the lookout for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Fall. Once again, a big thank you to Dr. Bojorquez, Dr. Litfin, Mr. Giebe, Harold Sullins, John Parra, Sal Sanchez and the rest of their M&O team.



Contractors Finishing Air Conditioning Installation



2025 EV Challenge

2025 marks our tenth consecutive year of participating in the EV Challenge. T-Tech had a strong comeback after a tough 2024, bringing four vehicles to the competition, each one different from the others! As it often happens in racing, we lost two cars to mechanical breakdowns early in the competition. However, car 77 and Car 66 both finished strong, with #77 earning a 5th place overall in a field of 22 cars. A special shout out to our all-female group of drivers. Go Lady Tillers!

Alumni Spotlight

This quarter, we highlight Sona Karun, T-Tech class of 2018. While at Tustin High, Sona was a top student who excelled in both MUN and T-Tech, where she was selected as a Boeing intern. Sona began her college career at UCLA and finished it with a Bachelors degree in Biology from Cal State Long Beach. Now she is at UC Irvine finishing up her Masters in Education and a science teaching credential. Oh, and along the way, she was crowned Miss Tustin 2023! For the past few months, we've been lucky to have Sona as a student teacher here at THS! We wish her all the best as she embarks on a career in education. We are very proud of you. Go Tillers!



Sona Karun, Science Student Teacher

Thank You

Lastly, we close out the year with big thanks to Christian Ambriz and Asher Thompson, T-Tech class of 2023. Both are currently enrolled at IVC and for the past two years they have been our T-Tech aides, helping Mr. Hernandez and his students with all our machines, tools, 3D printers, and other equipment logistics. We wish them the best as they continue their educational journey and beyond.

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