# 2023 Spring Edition

As we close the 2022-23 school year, it is time to reflect on our students' and teachers' outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements and our district's successes.

In this record-setting year, 92 Magnolia ISD students have been recognized with academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Program for excelling in their classrooms and on College Board assessments. Our 4th-grade advanced academic students hosted the 2nd Annual Cardboard Regatta; a project modeled after the MIT Annual Physics Cardboard Boat Race. We continue to have award-winning athletics, fine arts, career and technology, and NJROTC programs. We are proud of all of our students' achievements.

Thank you to the community for the passage of Proposition A in the November Bond as we are moving forward with building our three new campuses including Audubon Elementary which will open in August 2024.

MISD is proud of what we achieved this year! Thank you to the community for your support, and we wish our families a wonderful summer break!

Dr. Todd Stephens Superintendent



**CONGRATS!** 





**Justin Treichel** Magnolia High School

Magnolia High School Valedictorian, Justin Treichel is active in many activities and organizations including serving as a Superintendent Student Leadership Ambassador, President and member of the National Honor Society, participated in UIL Academics, and has been a member of the Wind Symphony Band for four years where he is President and Woodwind Captain.

He has earned many accolades including College Board AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Recognition. He has a passion for science and has volunteered more than 125 hours.

He will be attending Texas A&M University to study chemical engineering.



**Steve Fuentes** Magnolia West High School

Magnolia West High School Valedictorian, Steve Fuentes has attended Magnolia ISD schools since kindergarten and has appreciated that this allowed him to grow his education in a friendly and familiar environment. He is an AP

Scholar with Distinction and has earned College Board Rural and Small Town and Hispanic Recognition Awards. He is a member of the Magnolia West High School band and is a three-year Texas Music Education All-State Musician.

He will be attending Rice University on a full scholarship with plans to major in mechanical engineering.





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#### Salutatorians



#### **Ashlee Glover** Magnolia High School

Magnolia High School Salutatorian, Ashlee Glover, will be attending Rice University to study Aerospace Engineering.

Ashlee is a College Board AP Scholar with Distinction, National Rural & Small Town Scholar, and a National Hispanic

Scholar. Throughout her high school career, Ashlee has been a member of the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Math Honor Society, UIL Academics, and Interact Club. Ashlee has also earned approximately 200 volunteer hours.

Outside of her academics, Ashlee participated in varsity sports all four years of high school: tennis, cross country, and track. Ashlee also has a passion for reading, art, and theatre.



#### **Cole Schulmire** Magnolia West High School

Magnolia West High School Salutatorian, Cole Schulmire is the second oldest of five in his family who've all attended Magnolia ISD. Cole is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, National Rural & Small Town Scholar, member of the

National Honor Society, and has logged over

five-hundred service hours. He works part-time at Magnolia Pharmacy where he is also studying to obtain his license as a Pharmacy Technician.

He will be attending Utah State University in the fall and plans to obtain his Associate's Degree in December. In early 2024, he plans on deferring his acceptance to Brigham Young University for two years to serve and volunteer as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Upon completion of his mission, he will resume his studies at BYU, followed by medical school.



## **Senior Class Spotlight**

The graduating classes from Magnolia High and Magnolia West have earned many accolades and awards during their time in high school. Students have been offered over \$16 million in scholarships, have volunteered in their schools and communities for more than 30,000 hours, and on May 27 will take the next step toward their future.

Many students are preparing to attend college and universities across the country to continue their academic, athletic, and even fine art careers. A Magnolia High graduate is headed to the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Magnolia West graduate will attend King's College in London.





Additionally, several students will graduate with industry-level certifications that equip them to enter the workforce in several career trades such as cosmetology, and welding.

One other milestone that many of these graduating seniors have in common is that they have attended Magnolia ISD schools since kindergarten. Unique to this class of 2023, 159 Magnolia High School seniors and 180 Magnolia West seniors, including three of the valedictorians and salutatorians, have grown up in our school system and are graduating ready to pursue their dreams.

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### **District Teachers of the Year**



#### **Michella Seelye** Magnolia High School

Michella Seelye began her teaching career in Magnolia as a 7th-grade math teacher and currently teaches Algebra I at Magnolia High School. She firmly believes that relationships are the most important aspect of being an educator. Being a secondary grade level teacher, she focuses on being engaging in her classroom with unique and

interactive lessons but also works to be an advocate for her students who are at such a vital, young age so that they know they were created for a purpose and she is there to help them discover their full potential. Elementary



## **Kelly Hollier** Bear Branch Elementary

Kelly Hollier has 22 years of education experience and is a reading intervention teacher at Bear Branch Elementary. Throughout her many years in education, she has worked in several capacities and earned many prestigious awards. She believes that every child has a dream and that it is her job to do whatever it

takes to turn every child's dreams into reality. She does this by continually thinking outside the box and implementing engaging lessons in her classroom that allow students to appreciate things outside of the classroom walls like communities, cultures, and social skills.

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