

# Senior Issue

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## Phantom of the Opera Prom: The Night of Nights



The night that everyone was waiting for was finally here! This year's prom theme was Phantom of the Opera.

Prom was held on May 10th, at the Floresville Event Center from 7-11 pm. Everyone waited weeks leading up to this moment. From finding the perfect dress, to finding the most fitted tux. Dressing up, eating out, and dancing the night away. Prom was a success.

At 9 pm, the Prom court was announced. Starting with Prince and Princess, Deion Fuentes was announced Prince, and Mariah Middlebrooks was announced Princess. Last announced was King and Queen. Frank Ford was announced Prom King, and Dai'ajah Jackson was announced Prom Queen.

A special thanks to the Junior class officers, Ms. Mize and Mrs. George for putting together the Prom. And thanks to the Culinary group for putting together a snack bar filled with candy, fruits, and refreshments during the prom.

By: Lorelei Salazar

## College Senior Listing

The following students are seniors who will be attending college: Carlos Avila - U.S. Navy, Emily Cano - TAMUCC, Sheldon Pruski - Texas Tech University, Mckenzy Johnson - TAMUSA, James Palmer - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Genevieve Rincon - Palo Alto College, Dylan Zayasbazan - UT, Lanece Carpenter - Hampton University, Dustin Bettice U.S. Navy, Airies Antu - University Of The Incarnate Word, Krista Palmer - Palo Alto College, Carolina Cardenas - TAMU, Maria Hernandez - Palo Alto College, Lareyna Trinidad - Sam Houston State University, Maria Monsivais - School Of The Art Institution Of Chicago, Kassandra Galvan - TAMUSA, Alexander Pluchinsky - SAC, Ellyzabeth Morales-Ledesma - ST. Edward's University, Christian Casanova - Texas A&M University of Kingsville, Juanita Medrano - Palo Alto College, Alyssa Dickerson - TAMUSA, Tiffanie Romero - OLLU, Nathan Mihalski - Trinity University, Brittney Elton - TLU, Austin Trainer - TAMU, Cynthia Cerrillo Anguiano, Haeley Tercek - TAMU, Galilea Luevanos - SAC, Lisa Barrera - UTSA, Joanna Rodriguez - TAMUSA, Luci Carpenter - North Carolina Agricultural And Technical State University, Gabriella Lowery - TAMUSA, Derek Hernandez - SAC, Keana Cunningham - Texas State University, Rebecka Barry - SAC, Cecilia Chinchay - TAMU, Joshua Tapia - SAC, Cameron Riedel - Blinn College, Faith Luensmann - Trinity University, Angelina Luna - UTSA, Brandon Lewis - Texas A&M University Commerce, Kaitlyn Real - UTSA, John Rodriguez - University of the Incarnate Word, Ethan Krueger - SAC, Cory Monahan - UTSA, Emily De La Rosa - SAC, Tianna Rock - TAMU, Isaac Valenzuela - U.S. Army, Sterling Johnstone - SAC, Madeline Aguilar - UNT, Anastasia Martinez - University Of The Incarnate Word, Ryan Wahne - Sam Houston State University, Christopher Alexander - SAC, Rebecka Benoy - Colorado State University, Kaitlyn Kempen - Blinn College, Jose Hernandez - Texas Lutheran University, Amelia Duplantis - University of the Incarnate Word, Antonio Villanueva - Trinity University, Frank Ford - Concordia University Chicago, Gabriella Ramirez - Palo Alto College, Erin Garcia - Baylor University, Preston Hickman - Lincoln College of Technology, Efen Dominguez - Marines, Estella Vargas - Palo Alto College, Jayson Villarreal - Sam Houston State University, Aria Metcalf - University of the Incarnate Word, Estrella Cardenas - SAC, Caitlin Dubay - UT, Doramadyson Tobias - St. Philip's College, Vianca Ortiz - SAC, Mariah Hinojosa - University of the Incarnate Word, Ariel Sandoval - Palo Alto College, Ashley James - TAMUCC, Jada Freitag - OLLU, Timothy Ramos - SAC, Marco Ale Nava - UT, Rene Fernandez - Marines, Tommy Namphong - UT, Briana Rios - Palo Alto College, Genesis Sanchez - UNT, Christian Ramos - Berkeley University of California, Sebastian Rodriguez - SAC, Kaylyn Martinez - TSU, Samantha Saenz - Palo Alto College, Meagan Kotara - TLU, Cristo Barboza - Marines, Cath-

ryn Cabrito - Palo Alto College, Grant Koenning - Blinn College, Lourdes Ayala Garcia - TAMUSA, Dylan Zayasbazan - U.S. Army, Braelynn Barborka - UT, Shelby Ortiz - Blinn College, Angel Ramos - U.S. Navy, Adrian Zapata - TSU, Madisyn Garza - SAC, Jason Kjar - U. S. Air Force, Massi Sowder - Blinn College, Kyle Bryant - UTSA, Rebecca Garcia - SAC, Shelby Rios - Colorado Mesa University, Daniel Marquez - Palo Alto College, Zai Cane - UTSA, Dai'ajah Jackson - Texas Southern University, Alyssa Lewis - TAMU, Isaiah Trevino - University of the Incarnate Word, Sydney Taylor - Blinn College, Sonora Mata - St. Mary's University, Daniel Chase - OLLU, Darrell McClinton - University of the Incarnate Word, Madison Halbardier - TAMU, Alfred Urias - TAMUCC, Samantha Lowman - Blinn College, Savanna Gooch - UTSA, Kaitlin Dzierzanowski - TAMUSA, Angelica Hernandez - Abilene Christian University, Salomon De Los Santos - Dallas Christian College, Callen Williams - UTSA, Heather Luna - TAMUSA, Jewelina Del Bosque - UTSA, Cruz Nunez - Marines, Jacquelyn Urias - Palo Alto College, Ava Nast - Prairie View A&M University, Jovani Vazquez Ibarra - U.S. Army, Carlos Lopez - UTSA, Marisol Ortiz - U.S. Air Force, Natalia Aguilar - University of the Incarnate Word, Alexandria Reeves - ST. Edward's University, Carley Cavazos - SAC, Vincent De Leon - TAMU, Cameron Monteith - Carnegie Mellon University, Aubry Latka - Schriener University, Michael Stapleton - Marines, Daniel Rojas Nunez - Palo Alto College, Abigail Escobar - TAMUCC, Celestino Neaves - Marines, Alexia Medina - Palo Alto College, Celeste Weaver - University Of The Incarnate Word, Jayanne Ortegon - Palo Alto College, Cesar Ramirez - U.S. Navy, Gizelle Guerrero - Texas Lutheran University, Cade Davis - TAMU, Isabella Saldivar - St. Mary's University, Kayla Ramirez - SAC, Evian Thompson - Southern Nazarene University, Allison Medina - TSU, Aaron Rivera - Palo Alto College, Christopher Mata - Texas Lutheran University, Braden McGhee - Tarleton State University, Sabrina Moreno - UTSA, Victor Roper - OLLU, Kevin Villa Landeros - Palo Alto College, Meghan Myers - Blinn College, Caroline Carrizales - St. Philip's College, Damon Davis - University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Kristin Upshaw-Mendoza - Kentucky Christian University, Annabelle Aguirre - SAC, Natalie Rodriguez - UT, Eddie Ybarbo - Palo Alto College.

By: Laylani DeLeon





## Adios EC Seniors

Seniors the final week of school and graduation is right around the corner. Here is the rundown of events happening from June 3-8.

**Senior Trip** at Fiesta Texas will be on Monday, June 3. Seniors who are not attending the senior trip, must go to school. Seniors who are attending the senior trip must provide transportation between home and school. The buses leave school at 9:15 am and will return at approximately 6:00 pm.

Senior Assembly and The **Senior Walk** at the elementaries will be held on Tuesday, June 4. The Senior Assembly will present The Class of 2019 **Senior Video**. The Senior Walk at the elementary schools is mandatory, Seniors must bring their caps and gowns.

On Wednesday, June 5, **Graduation Rehearsal** at the Freeman Coliseum will start at 7:30 am. You must attend the rehearsal in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. At the rehearsal you must wear a black EC shirt or your senior graduation shirt.

**Graduation** will be held on Saturday, June 8, at the Freeman Coliseum. Seniors should arrive two hours early through the West Gate (Gate A) of the Coliseum and take their places in line as soon as possible. The Freeman Coliseum will be operating at a full capacity and families should arrive at least one hour early. Live streaming of the event will be available in the high school cafeteria and at [www.ecisd.net/Domain/4](http://www.ecisd.net/Domain/4). Seniors will report at 7:30 two hours earlier. The graduation ceremony will begin at 9:30 am and will run to 11:30 am. After the ceremony, graduates will exit the coliseum in a orderly recessional. Students and parents must vacate the premises by 12:00 pm in order for the next school to get ready.

By: Jacob Pattillo

## Golden Star Officers 19-20

Colonel- Blaney Stuart  
Lt. Colonel- Isabella Gonzalez  
Major- Charity Goode  
1st. Lt.- Anna Miller  
2nd. Lt.- Baylee Homeier  
3rd. Lt.- Lilia Oxford



## 2019 Summa Graduates

Dylan Zayasbazan, James Palmer, Alexandria Reeves, Braelynn Barborka, Mckenzy Johnson, Kaitlyn Kempen, Faith Luensmann, Cynthia Cerrillo Anguiano, Sonora Mata, Nathan Mihalski, Tommy Namphong and Austin Trainer.

## Honeybee Officers 19-20

Colonel- Brianna Sheely  
Lt. Colonel- Zahely Maldonado  
Major- Kathryn Britz  
1st. Lt.- Julianna Moreno  
2nd. Lt.- Ariana Ramirez



## Honeybee Socials 19-20

President- Miranda Nunez  
Vice President- Isabella Alvarado  
Parliamentarian- Janae Perez  
Secretary- Ximena Portillo  
Historian/Photographer- Lauren Snider

## A Night to be Recognized

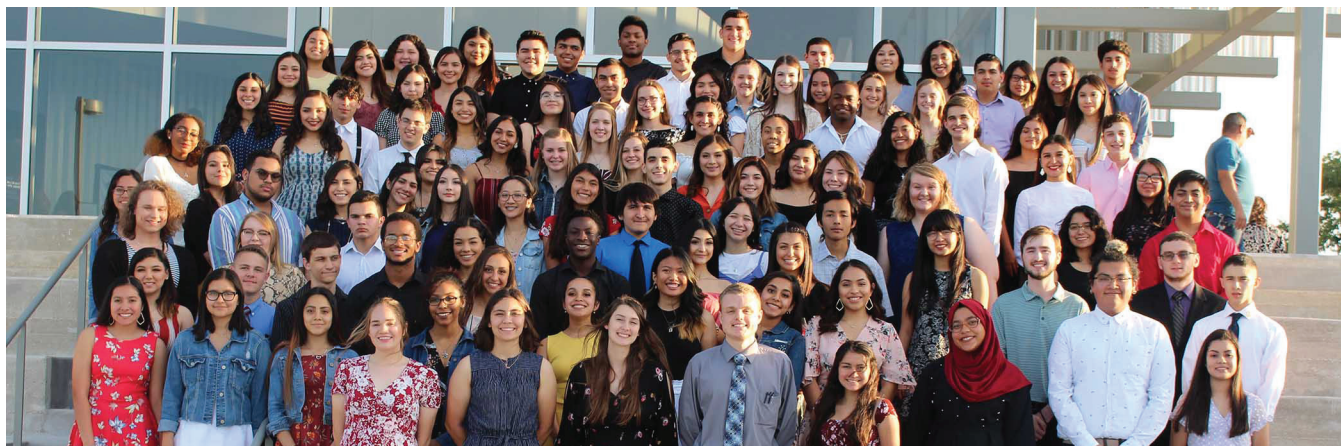
The National Honor Society induction and recognition ceremony was held Monday, April 15th at 6:30 PM, in the PAC Center.

The following is criteria to be a member of NHS according to their official website: Students in grades 10–12 who meet the requirements for membership outlined by their school's chapter are eligible to be invited for membership. Each chapter is required to publish its qualifications for membership, which is based on the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Students must maintain an average of 90 or above.

The following students were inducted included Nuur Al-Hudaa Abdallah, Diandra Aguileta, Audrey Aguileta, Annabelle Aguirre, Mauro Antonio, Kyra Isabelle Arguelles, Timothy Armstrong, Tiana Baca, Lourdes Bacon, Daniel Barboza, Daiana Barraza, Brenda Botello, Jessette Calzoncit, Chole Canales, Raven Castillo, Brandy Castillo, Colton Cavazos, Bethany Cobb, Emmanuel Collingwood, Alexandra Contreras, Damon Davis, Laura De La Garza, Brandon Deleon-Martinez, Brooke De Leon, Kattie Diaz, Alexis Donjuan, Avery Douglas, Johanna Durham, Courtney Dury, Brittney Elton, Elescia

Esparza, Mikayla Esqueda, Miranda Esquivel, Ernesto Flores, Ronald Garcia, Angelina Garza, Sarah Garza, Evangeline Gonzales, Magdalene Gonzales Intharakhumha, Edwin Gonzalez Jr, Cierra Gutierrez, Ashanti Haley, Jose Herrada, Dean Jimenez Jr, Terryn Kelly, Jenny Lam, Candace Landrum, Katlyn Le, Morgan Lee, Emily Lopez, Sabian Lopez, Valerie Lopez, Luke Lua, Maria Martinez, Sabrina Martinez, Michael Mathis Jr, Alfonso Melendez, Adbieel Melendez-Concepcion, Bianca Menchaca, Malachi Mercado, Maria Monsivais, Alyssa Mora, Jorge Moreno-Acosta, Zoe Paz, Molly Polasek, Delaynie Pollok, Vanessa Pridgen, Codi Pruett, Arline Ramirez, Cooper Rayl, Lizeth Razo-Robledo, Rebecca Richardson, Iris Rodriguez, Kevin Rodriguez, Pamela Rodriguez-Hernandez, Mirissa Salazar, Jonathan Salazar, Lena Sanchez, Abigail Sanchez, Christopher Sandoval Jr, Daniel Santallana-Fonseca, Matthew Santos, Junior Segura-Ontiveros, Shaydale Serrano, Samantha Sierra, Lauren Snider, Alexis Toney, Jazmine Torres, Jasmine Ulloa, Sara Valdez, Jacob Valdez, Victoria Viesca, Tyler Vivier and George Zurita II.

By: Jacob Pattillo



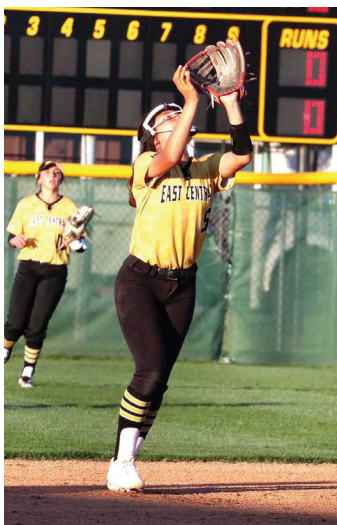


## One Final Swing

The Varsity softball team made the Bi-District playoffs with an overall record 17-5. They lost to Hays High School in the first round. Hays was the first place team District 25 6A.

Though the season had some ups and downs, Coach Shelly Hayes and the EC softball team qualified for the playoffs April 18 by defeating the Steele Knights 11-3 on Senior Night. The Bi-District round began on April 25 with a best of three series with game 1 being played at East Central where they lost 0-1 in a close game and game 2 they played at Hays High School and lost 1-7.

By: Lee Cortez



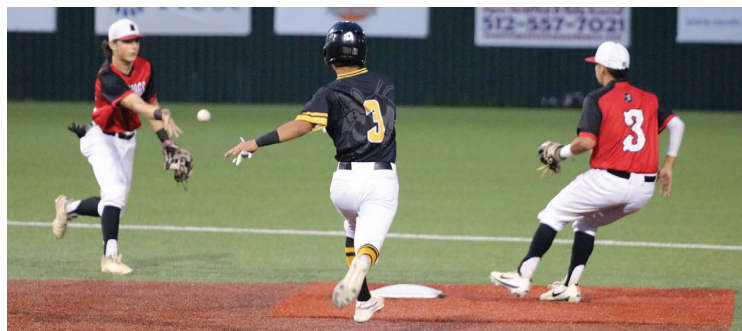
## The Last Inning

The varsity baseball team had a 24-7-1 overall record. The baseball team secured the District title against San Marcos in what would be the District 26-6A season final. April 23 marked the end of the regular season and the Hornets qualified for the playoffs for the second consecutive year.

May 2, the Hornets took on the Bulldogs to kick off their playoff season with Game 1 of the Bi-District round in San Marcos.

Game 2 was also played in San Marcos on Friday night at 7:00 pm. They played for the Area Championship against Johnson and won game 1 in a close game 6-4. At the first game of the area EC took on the Johnson Jaguars. The first pitch was scheduled for 4:30 pm, but Mother Nature would say no and forced a rain delay and popped a few lightening bolts during the delay. The first pitch was thrown at 5:45 pm. The Hornets wasted no time getting the offense started the first four batters reached base and scored two runs. The Hornets would look toward their left hand pitcher Matthew Luna in game one. Luna was striking out players left and right for five innings, dominating the Jaguars offense and holding them to only two runs. In the sixth inning the Jaguars caught Luna off guard and took a 4-3 lead.

By: Lee Cortez



## Lazy Days of Summer

Now that you find yourself with all this free time, and you have money to spend. There is great movies coming out in the summer! Movies that you could watch with a friend and have a wonderful time in our nearest cinematic places in City Base Entertainment, Cinemark Theaters.

*Dark Phoenix* - This movie is after X-men: Apocalypse where Jane has powers such as Dr. Charles Xavier, they can control or trick objects and people into doing or thinking something else. In this movie Jane has been in an accident, Smith a lady that finds her tells Jane to use her powers for bad, all of her closest friends try and stop her before she destroys the world.

*Men in Black: International* - a secret society where people from earth save the world from aliens while having the whole world not know.

*Child's Play* - the movie starts with Andy's mother buying him a Buddy doll that suddenly takes on a life and brings havoc to Andy. Andy and others from his neighborhood try and stop the sinister toy.

*Toy Story 4* - Woody, Buzz and the gang go on a road trip with Bonnie and her new toy Forky, an unexpected detour becomes a reunion with one of Woody's friends, Bo Peep.

*Yesterday* - A struggling singer-songwriter has a freak bus accident during a global blackout, he wakes up to discover no one knows what and who are The Beatles, they have never existed. He becomes an overnight sensation.

*Spider-Man: Far From Home* - After Tony Stark's death, Peter had a difficult time. He tries and have a relaxing field trip to Europe later finds Nick Fury in his hotel. Nick comes to tell Peter to suit up and stop evil Mysterio wreaking havoc across the continent.

*The Lion King* - The King Mufasa has a newborn cub that everyone in the kingdom is very excited to have except Mufasa's brother, Scar. Scar was furious because he would've been the rightful owner of the throne if Mufasa died but then Mufasa had a son. Scar has plans of his own, ravaged with tragedy and drama. Simba, along with friends he grows up, with fight for what is rightfully his and for the freedom of the kingdom.

By: Jessenya Ortiz

## Fun in The Sun

During The Summer Break, June to August, there are so many active places you can go like The San Antonio Zoo, at SplashTown, Sea World and the Alamo.

The San Antonio Zoo will host Jungle Boogie Nights when the sun goes down. The zoo will transform into a good time every Saturday night from June 22- August 10. The party begins at 6pm so you can enjoy the cooler temperatures along the way with the live music and happy hour specials with your family and friends. There will be food trucks and fun games!

"I can't wait to go to the Zoo at night to see all the fun games and live music with my family," Isaiah Martinez said.

Splashtown is having a Concert in the Wave-pool listen to some of your favorite music performed by local artists. On Friday, July 15, Captain Marvel Dive in Movie on Friday, July 28, at Sunset in Wave pool or rent a private cabana.

Sea World is having Electric Ocean when the sun goes down the night will come to life at Sea World's Electric Ocean Spectacular June 14 to August 11.

"At Sea World this summer I'll be enjoying my time there for the Electric Ocean, and I can't wait for it to be amazing with my family and friends," Hermione Zapata said.

The Alamo is having a Big River Rally event on Saturday, July 20, from 6:15pm-10:15pm. It's a scavenger hunt in downtown San Antonio and also a trivia game anyone is welcome to this event in the summer.

By: Alyssa Mendez





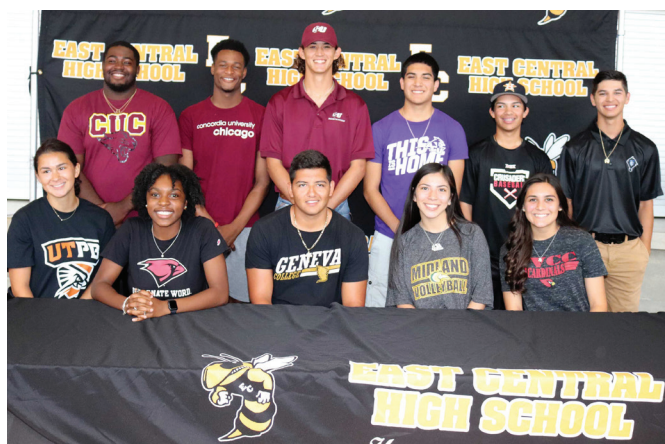
## Getting My Head in the Game!

Heading to college is a big step for students. College is the big gateway for their future that includes their favorite sport and heading for success is their goal.

The following seniors signed to colleges to also play their sport: Volleyball - Kristin Upshaw-Mendoza, Kentucky Christian University and Modesti Vargas - Midland College; Softball - Nicolette Hernandez and Bella Saldivar, St. Mary's University and Cierra Gutierrez - Trinity Valley Community College; Boys Soccer - Aiden Mata, Texas Lutheran University; Boys Basketball - Daniel Chase and Victor Roper, Our Lady Of The Lake University; Football - Damon Davis, Mary Hardin-Baylor University; Evian Thompson-Southern Nazarene University; Aubry Latka - Schreiner University; Jordan Perry and Frank Ford, Concordia University in Chicago; Jonathan Garcia, Geneva College Pittsburgh; Girls Track - Ashlan Cannon University of the Incarnate Word

"I feel super excited and confident in this next chapter in my life and blessed to have this opportunity. What excites me for my college is being able to experience a new atmosphere with new people and friends and just getting to play at the next level," Kristin Upshaw-Mendoza said.

By: Velencia DeAnda



The Lady Hornets made their 2nd consecutive visit to the UIL State Track and Field in the 800m relay (4x200m) of Jayla Henderson, Ashlan Cannon, Jai Thomas, Kiana Cleveland and Deja Jones placing 9th in the state of Texas.

What is believed to be East Central's first time having a Lady Hornet represent the school in the open 200m dash at the State UIL Track and Field meet, was Ashlan Cannon. She placed 8th out of 9 girls at the state meet.

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## Floral Design Certifications Earned

Congratulations to the Floral Design students that earn Level 1 Hands On Certification: Shelby Rios, Krista Palmer, Krista St. Cyr, Alejandro Tinajera, Reese Gonzalez.

They also earned State Certification in Written Knowledge from the Texas State Floral Association.

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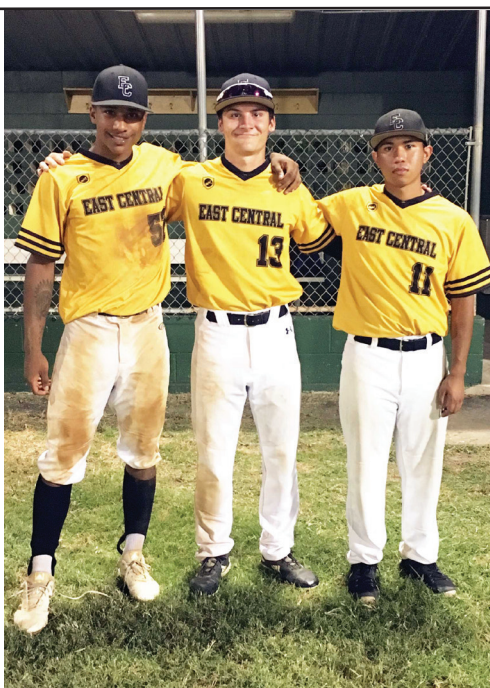
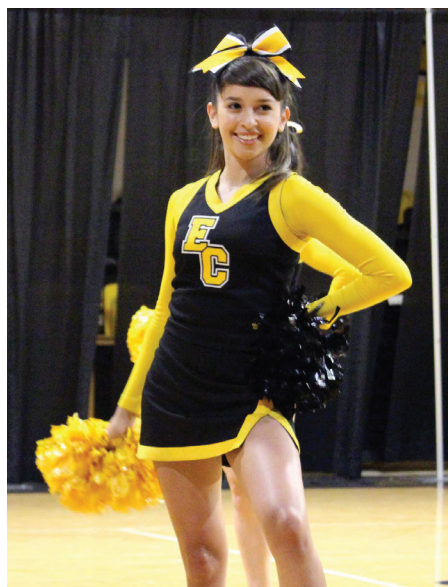
## Fire Cadets

Congratulations to the all the fire cadets for being the first class in the program to complete the San Antonio College Fire Academy, passing their final exams and graduating.

Christopher Alexander  
Emily De La Rosa  
Derek Hernandez  
Ethan Krueger  
Galilea Luevanos  
Alexander Pluchinsky  
Joanna Rodriguez  
Joshua Tapia



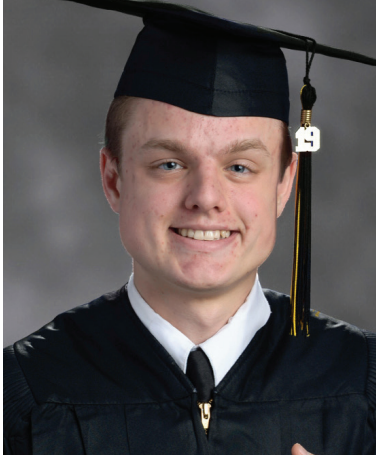
## Dance/Cheer Spring Show



Three Hornet baseball players were selected to play in the 36th annual Valley-Hi Optimists All-Star Game on June 1 at Frank Tejada Sports Complex. Pictured left to right are Jason Mascorro, Taylor Neil and Jeremy Tello. Jeremy Tello was selected as the MVP for Defense and Taylor Neil was selected as the MVP for Offense. Taylor went 3-3, 2 singles and a double, 3 RBIs, 2 stolen bases and scored twice. Jeremy Tello had two scoreless innings and struck out 4. Jason Mascorro went 1-3 and had a stolen base and scored twice. The team won 14-4.



## Top Graduating Senior



Dylan Zayabazan is the top ranking senior of the graduating class of 2019 at East Central High School. He will be attending the Cockrell School of Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin this fall to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. He was born in Chicago, Illinois in

2000, and moved to San Antonio, Texas in 2009. Dylan attended school at ECISD for a total of four and a half years; four at East Central HS, and one semester at Highland Forest Elementary. He will be graduating distinguished under the STEM endorsement for Mathematics, as well as an AP scholar.

During his high school career, Dylan participated in events such as the Nation Honors Society, the Art Club, the Green Team, the Envirothon Team, and teams for UIL Academics. Furthermore, he served as Vice President of NHS in his senior

year, as well as Treasurer for the Art Club during his junior year. He competed for East Central at UIL Academics for District on the Science team for his senior year, and on the Mathematics, Number Sense, and Calculator Applications teams during his junior and senior years. Dylan received two Academic Achievement Awards in 2018 from the English and Computer/ Technology Departments, as well as a nomination for the Princeton Book Award in the same year. He also received numerous Science Fair Awards and karate medals throughout middle school. Dylan played on his school's football team in 6th and 8th grade, as well as playing for a basketball team in 7th grade.

Outside of school, Dylan actively participates in serving God and his community through his church of Baptist Temple. In his spare time, he practices classical piano, in which he competed in the 2017 East Central Talent Show. Dylan is currently enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves as an E-2 (Private) for the 288th Combat Support Hospital out of Ft. Sam Houston. He enlisted in April 2018 and attended Basic Combat Training that following summer. He also works part-time at Chick-fil-A as well as at his church's nursery on the weekend. Dylan previously worked as a math tutor, as well as for a hiker hostel in Maine during previous summers.

## Senior Walks



## **NHS 2019-2020 Officers**

President: Kevin Rodriguez  
Vice-President: Eddie Bankston, Jr.  
Secretary: Corbin Lubianski  
Treasurer: Jorge Moreno-Acosta  
Historian: Nuur Al-Hudaa Abdallah

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## **Senior Officers Class of 2020**

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Jorge Moreno-Acosta - Vice President  
Jahaira Pena-Ortiz - Treasurer  
Lena Sanchez - Secretary  
Katelyn Canales - Reporter  
Citlaly Pina - Historian

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## **Junior Class Officers**

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Alexandria Licea - Vice President  
Reese Gonzalez - Secretary  
Ivan Salazar - Treasurer  
Mackinzie Whitlock - Historian  
Christian Luensmann - Reporter

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## **26-6A All-District Softball**

### **Honors for East Central**

1st Team – Catcher – Cierra Gutierrez – Senior  
1st Team – Infield – Kayla Gonzales – Junior  
1st Team – Outfield – Lourdes Bacon – Junior  
2nd Team – Pitcher – Bella Saldivar – Senior  
2nd Team – Infield – Jazmine Torres – Junior  
2nd Team – Infield – Marisol Vargas – Sophomore  
Honorable Mention: Nikkolette Hernandez – Senior  
Holly Ayala – Freshman Veronica Garcia - Sophomore.

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## Military Ball

Our 48th annual military ball was an event planned, coordinated, and executed by our cadets. It was an evening full of happiness, joy, and celebration of our great achievements in our 2018-2019 school year. This brought together closer not only as a corps but as a family.



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