

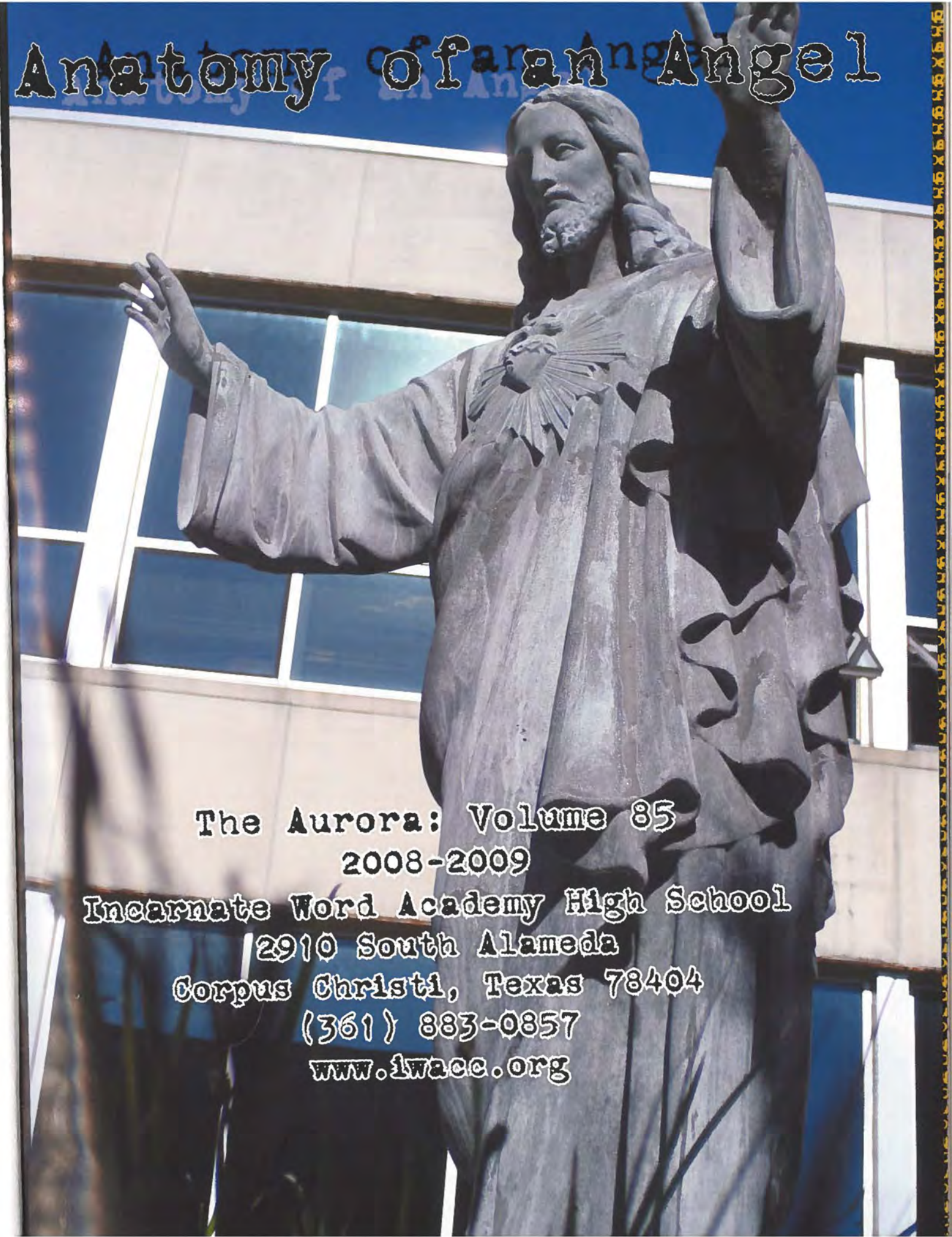
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In Recognition Of...

# Miss Mary Esther Espinosa



"As a student, she was diligent, studious, and organized. Now, as a teacher, she continues the same dedication and faithfulness as she serves her many students."

-Sister Catherine Brehony

Archangel Miss Mary Esther Espinosa began to pass on her knowledge to many generations of Incarnate Word Academy students beginning in 1974. She has served for thirteen years at the Middle Level, as well as twenty-one years at the High School, instructing Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry and Advanced Placement Geometry, and Theology. She has been an Angel thirty-eight years (including four years as a student), and has served the school in many different capacities. Currently, Miss Espinosa teaches Geometry and Pre-Advanced Placement Geometry, and also serves as a National Honor Society sponsor. Sister Catherine Brehony, who has known her for forty years, motivated her to become a mathematics teacher. Miss Espinosa's students are the most important part of her teaching experience. It is obvious that she receives great joy from them, especially when past students tell her that they have used the skills they learned in her class to succeed in their current endeavors. She is an encourager and motivator in every classroom, while continuing to build up confidence in Incarnate Word Academy students. With her loyalty and determination, she works hard to assist all Angels of the Anatomy.

"Her loving character and dedication to serving her students, truly makes her a joy to work with."

-Mrs. Joann Garcia

"The organizational and time management skills we learned in her class as students, are certainly paying off now that we're teachers."

-Mr. Korey Hardeman and Mr. Cody Martinez

# Administration

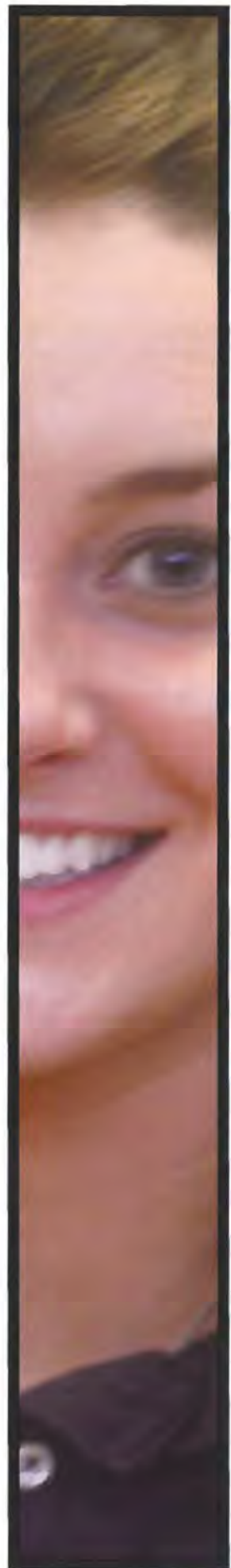
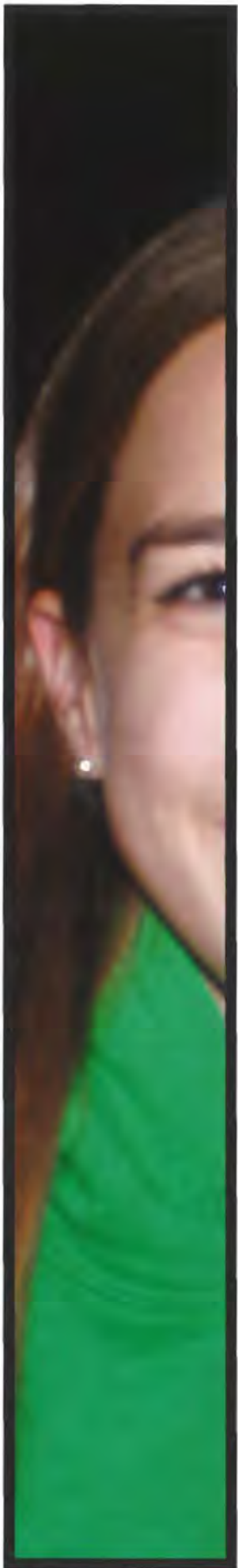


Sister Anna Marie Espinosa  
President  
Incarnate Word Academy

If one were to walk into the Development office, he or she would find that the people in it who were typing, planning, or calculating away are the devoted backbone of Incarnate Word Academy. These people are the administration. Not only do they keep track of records and manage finances, but they also keep the school running at a steady but growing pace. Their monumental efforts and innovative thinking keep Incarnate Word Academy at the top in education and spirit within the community. Their hard work continually gives students exceptional knowledge, growth within the school, and a better learning environment for all. Not only are the students and teachers working with and for a better purpose, but the administration of Incarnate Word Academy is included and truly brings a big portion of the expertise and structure that is utilized within the school.



2008-2009 Incarnate Word Academy School Board



# A Piece of the Anatomy

As Angels of Incarnate Word Academy High School, we are all united. The Anatomy of an Angel is made up of the voice, heart, backbone, mind, and wings. The Thrones, Powers, Cherubims, and Seraphims which make up the student body and the Archangels which are the faculty are known not only for their dedication to the school but also their dedication to each other as a family. Incarnate Word Academy angels set goals and standards of high academic excellence and continue as one body striving towards perfection in all that we do.

"For He will command His angels, to guard you in all of your ways."

Psalm 91:11

Mary Ellen, 9	J.D., 10	Sarah, 11	Adam, 12
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# Class of 2009 Seniors

Incarnate Word Academy

ser-a-phem [ser-uh-fim] -one of the celestial beings hovering above Gods throne in Isaiahs vision. a member of the highest order of angels.

sen-ior [seen-yer]-a person of higher rank or standing than another. of higher or the highest rank or standing.



Jacy Adams



"For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness."  
-Audrey Hepburn

Daniella Almaraz



"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but believe."  
-Anatole France

Ryan Barrera



"Kthxbai"

Sarena Barrera



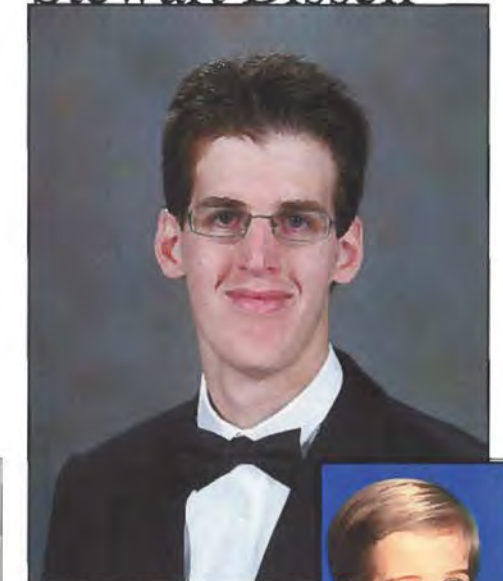
"Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections."

Doug Beauchamp



"Be the change you wish to see in the world."  
-Mahatma Gandhi

Stewart Bissell



"I got a FEVER! And the only prescription... is MORE COWBELL!"  
-Bruce Dickinson (Christopher Walken)

Annie Bright



"That's your prescription.  
I feel fine."  
-Coach Aguilar



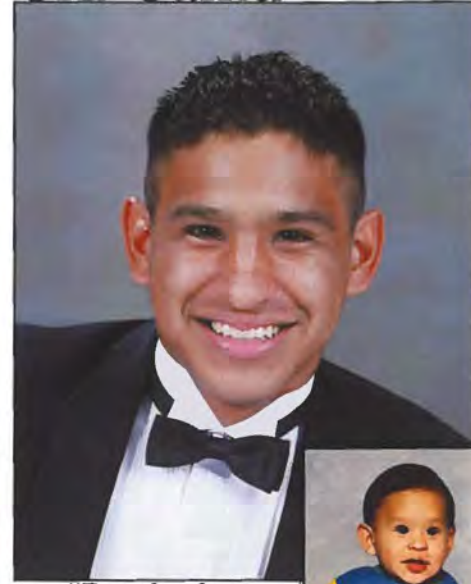
Matthew Busker



"Some people want it  
to happen, some wish  
it would happen, others  
make it happen."  
-Michael Jordan



Cid Cantu



"Be relentless  
in everything you do  
and do not stop  
until your mission  
is accomplished."



Sarah DeLaRosa



"Hold fast to dreams,  
for if dreams die, life  
is a broken winged  
bird that cannot fly."  
-Langston Hughes



Andrea DeLeon



"In the world, there is  
nothing more  
submissive and weak  
than water. Yet for  
attacking that which is  
hard and strong, nothing  
can surpass it."  
-Lao Tzu



Amy Duncan



"Let the days come  
easy and the moments  
pass slow."  
-Rascal Flatts



Stacy Cereceres



"Freedom is one of  
the deepest and  
noblest aspirations of  
the human spirit."



Will Cutbirth



"There's an old saying.  
'Fool me once, shame  
on you, fool me twice,  
shame on... shame on  
you, you're not gonna  
fool me a second time.'  
- President George W. Bush



Garrett Davis



"My lifes been a  
country song."  
-Chris Cagle

Timothy Franco



"We have one life;  
it soon will be past,  
what we do for God is  
all that will last."  
-Muhammad Ali



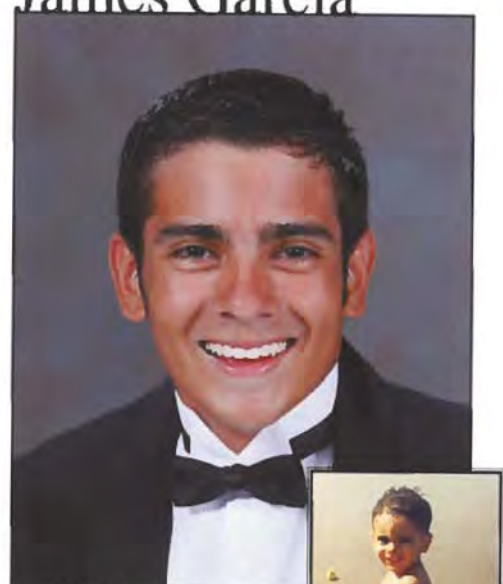
Sean Gallagher



"What is money; a man  
is a success if he wakes  
up in the morning and  
goes to sleep at night  
and does what he wants  
in between."  
-Bob Dylan



James Garcia



"C'mon guys...  
are you serious?"  
-Patrick Wayne Hoffman



Amanda Garza



"Great strength comes from faith in God."

Lawrence Garza



"We find no real satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to conquer and goals to achieve."  
-Maxwell Maltz

Amber Goins



Live, Laugh, and Love often.

James Habeeb



"Heroes are not braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer."  
-Ronald Reagan

Wahlth Harvey



"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."  
-Henry David Thoreau

David Heredia



"Success is to be measured, not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."  
-Booker T. Washington

Victoria Gonzalez



"I don't believe in guilt, I believe in living on impulse as long as you never intentionally hurt another person, and don't judge people in your life. I think you should live completely free."  
-Angelina Jolie

Courtney Guerra



"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."  
-Dale Carnegie

David Guerra



"Yo amo el futbol."

Robert Hickham



"A joke is a very serious thing."  
-Winston Churchill

David Hoffman



"No, but really."  
-Patrick Wayne Hoffman

Michael Knowles



"All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but we don't. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging, and filled with opportunity."  
-Robert Kennedy

“SEE SENIORS! SEE SENIORS! SEE SENIORS!”



Lauren Lara



"Life goes by fast, same as beauty. But the goodness of your heart stays forever."  
-Grandpa Leo

Tim Longoria



"If there's grass on the field, play ball!"

Katherine Lopez



"Live your life with arms wide open... today is where your book begins."  
-Unwritten:  
Natasha Bedingfield

Russell McElwee



"I'll try anything twice!"

James Milligan



John 3:16

Adriana Mora



"Impossible is nothing."

Jesse Lugo



"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to someone else."  
-Will Rogers

Austin Massad



"When all else fails, get down on your knees and cry. Then stand up and try again."

Kyndra McCarty



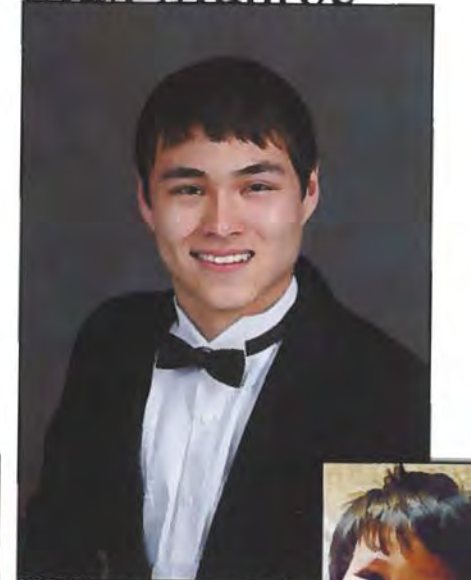
"No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path we must take."  
-Gandalf,  
The Lord of the Rings  
Return of the King

Benjamin Muhr



"It's not the cards you dealt, it's how you play them."

Max Munroe



"It's not the size of the day in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the day."

Adan Narvaez



"You might feel that way, that might happen."  
-Coach Aguilar

Jaclyn Ponish



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your said Explore. Dream. Discover."  
- Mark Twain



Lizzy Quinton



"I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't than live my life as if there isn't and die to find out there is."  
-Albert Camus



Lyndsey Reyna



"Honey, you couldn't even handle half of me!"  
-Sydney Schauer



Carlos Rodriguez



"The Dude abides."  
-The Big Lebowski



Noe Saldana



"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."  
-Malcolm X

Joshua Salinas



"Prove yourself worthy."  
-Kobe Bryant



Audrianna Rios



"Today you are you, that is truer than true, there is no one alive that is youer than you."  
-Dr. Suess



Rubina Rivera



"In silence man can most readily preserve his integrity."  
-The Father



James Rocha



"Morituri te salutamus."  
-"Emperor" by: Conn Iggulden



Sydney Schauer



"Honey, you couldn't even handle half of me!"  
-Lyndsey Reyna



Mitchell Smith



"Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence."  
-Pope John Paul II



Elizabeth Strong



"Everything is funny, when it's not happening to you."



Erin Timperlake



"Remember, you choose the destination, life chooses the journey. Learn to enjoy both. Happy Trails."  
-Roger Timperlake

Hunter Tower



"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits."  
-Albert Einstein

Steve Trevino



"Through every dark night there's a bright day after that. So no matter how hard it gets, stick your chest out, keep yo head up... and handle it."  
-Tupac

Mark Wanner



"All I can do is be me, whoever that is."  
-Bob Dylan

Kiki Williams



"Hakuna Matata, it means no worries!"  
-The Lion King

Jessica Wilmoth



"Love is all you need."  
-The Beatles

Alejandro Villamil



"I crashed in Government."



Class of 2009

# Incorporate World Academy Senior Favorites

Senior Favorites. What every Senior desires: to be known, to be recognized, to be remembered. From "Friendliest", to "Teacher's Pet", to "Most Likely to Succeed", a few Senior's are chosen by their peers and recognized for their personalities and accomplishments throughout their high school careers. Being a Senior Favorite expresses a person's character and creates an individual in the graduating class; this select few will receive a great title to their name and are remembered as people who embodied qualities worth being remembered. These Seraphim are the symbols of their own class and the entire student body, as they represent the diversity that builds the Anatomy of an Angel.

Most Athletic



Matt Busker & Annie Bright

Most Spirited



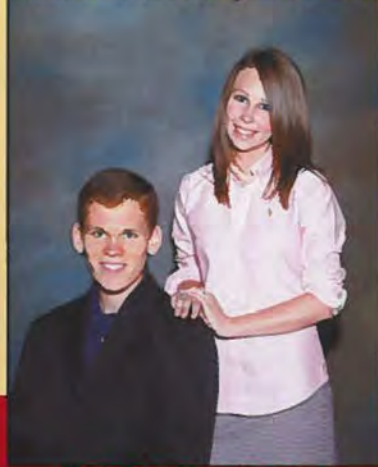
Russell McElwee & Jacy Adams

Best Dancer



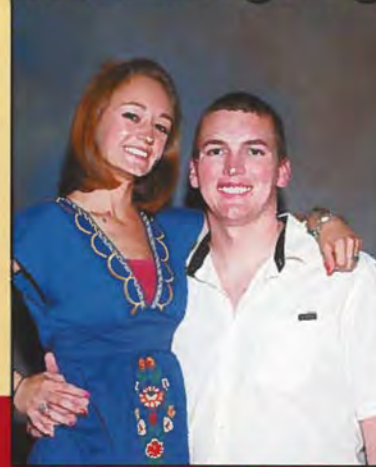
Matt Busker & Lyndsey Reyna

Most Likely to Succeed



Wahit Harvey & Sydney Schauer

Most Outgoing



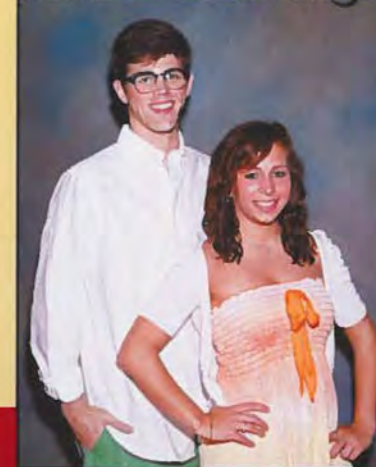
Russell McElwee & Annie Bright

Always Late



Timmy Franco & Jessice Wilmoth

Best Looking



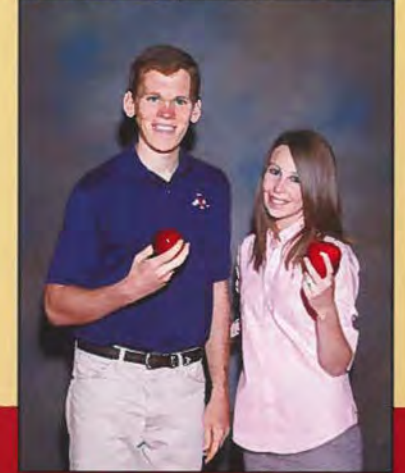
Doug Beauchamp & Amy Duncan

Best Physique



Steve Trvino & Annie Bright

Teacher's Pet



Wahit Harvey & Sydney Schauer

Most Spiritual



Mitchell Smith & Lyndsey Reyna

Shyest



Max Munroe & Andrea De Leon

Best Personality



Adan Narveaz & Sarah De La Rosa

Class Clown



David Hoffman & Kiki Williams

Best Smile



Matt Busker & Sarah De La Rosa

Most Popular



Adan Narveaz & Annie Bright

It is undeniable that the Senior Class of 2009 has named Incarnate Word Academy as one of their favorite schools that they have attended in past years. However, this is only one of the many things that they hold to be most beloved in their hearts.

## Favorite Thing About Being a Senior: *Graduation!*



Favorite Place to Eat Off-Campus Lunch:  
The Way Inn

Favorite Place to Shop: <i>Academy</i>	Favorite Movie of the Year: <i>Pineapple Express</i>	Favorite Hangout: <i>Friend's house</i>	Favorite Band: <i>Rascal Flatts</i>	Favorite Song: <i>Stanky Leg</i>
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## Seniors' Favorites!



Favorite Teacher:  
**Mrs. Coan**

Favorite Num:  
**Sr. Pat**

Favorite Coach:  
**Coach Dreyer**

Favorite Subject:  
**Art**



Favorite Place to Study:  
**At home**

Favorite Part of the School Day:  
**Off-campus lunch**

Favorite College:  
**The University of Texas**

Favorite Thing About High School:  
**Friends**



Seniors have expressed what they find most enjoyable from their favorite place to hang out to their favorite thing about High School. While answers to the many questions that were asked are different, it is clearly apparent that what Seniors at Incarnate Word Academy find best about the school's close community is the continual sharing of Christ's spirit and common love of living out the faith in its entirety.



Favorite Uniform Combination:  
**Jeans and Spirit Shirt**

Favorite TV Show: <i>That 70's Show</i>	Favorite Sports Team: <i>San Antonio Spurs</i>	Favorite Piece of Technology: <i>Cell phone</i>	Favorite Fashion Necessity: <i>Shoes</i>	Favorite Celebrity: <i>Seth Rogen</i>
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# Juniors



Scaring drugs away during Red Ribbon Week, Juniors Elani Duzich, Marianne Medina, Marissa Fernandez, Anna Camarena, Andrea Ramos, Emily Nye, Taylor Van Leeuwen, and Kayla Jones show their diversity on Halloween.



Preparing to read at the Ash Wednesday School-wide Mass, Juniors Frank McMillan, Mary Allman, and Hillary Pena show their enthusiasm by smiling for the camera.

"The priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place beneath the wings of the cherubim in the sanctuary, the holy of holies of the temple. The cherubim had their wings spread out over the place of the ark, sheltering the ark and its poles from above..." 1 Kings 8:6-7. As the Juniors continue on their journey through High School, they learn to protect God's word and covenant. The word "Cherubim" means the Seat of God, and the Juniors work together to carry Him and keep Him high in their lives, putting Him before all. From the top of the Junior class, Francisco Hernalz, to our own technological genius- Kevin Plaivech and Korean exchange student Minji An, the juniors have a diverse group. Included in this class is three sport athlete Anthony Gibson, and our own Mia Hamm, Ronika Cavazos, and finally our star musician Javier

Cantu, who not only relies on his fingers, but his voice, which God blessed him with. The Junior class is made of many diverse Cherubim, but they come together as one to inherit the role of the Seraphim. Throughout the school year the Juniors strive to exceed in academics and prepare to take on the roll of leading the school. Although the year is stressful, it is one of growing and developing. As the school year progresses, they mature and prepare themselves to become the highest Angels of the Anatomy.



During the most intense game of the season against San Antonio Christian, Junior Brian Smith is caught in the spirit of the crowd and cheers on the Varsity Boys Basketball team.

Jordan Allison  
Mary Allman  
Victoria Alvarado  
Jeremy Alvarez  
Minji An  
Alex Baysinger  
Shelby Blair



Jeff Bomer  
Trey Buhidar  
Rebecca Bustamante  
Jordan Cadena  
Ana Camarena  
Javier Cantu  
Ronika Cavazos



Sarah Cooper  
Curtis Corley  
J.D. Cortez  
Briana Cox  
Cullen Cutbirth  
Trevor Davidson  
Elani Duzich



Rhonnie Embres  
James Fergie  
Marissa Fernandez  
Taylor Gallagher  
Brittany Garcia  
Anthony Gibson  
Kevin Green



Jonathan Groesbeck  
Gladys Gutierrez  
Lauren Hansen  
Francisco Hernalz  
Joshua Hernandez  
Meressa Herrman  
Brianna Holden

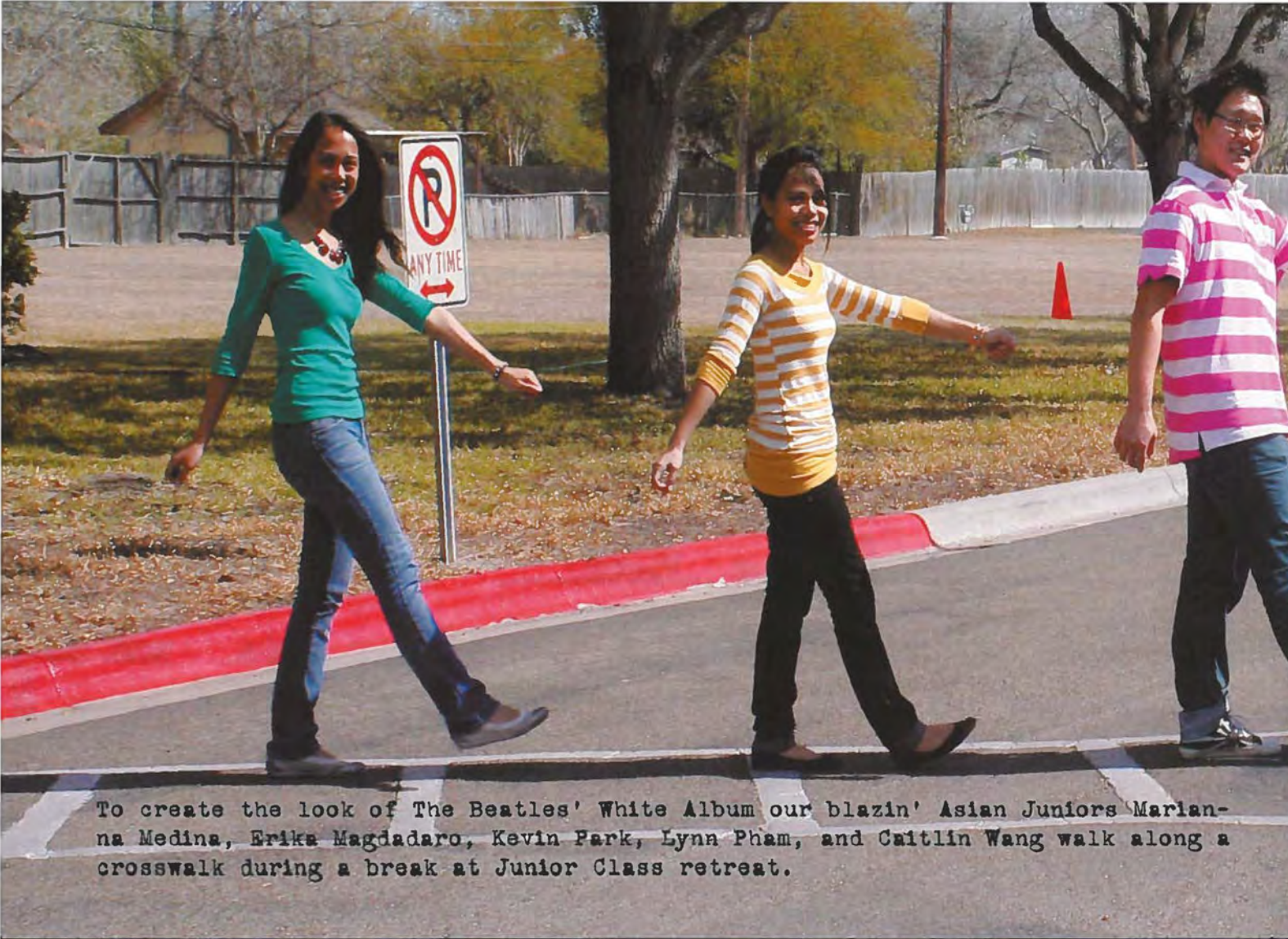


Jerry Hunsaker  
Hannah Jarrell  
Kayla Jones  
Kate Kainer  
Erich Kerr  
Michael Kozlowski  
Eric Krause

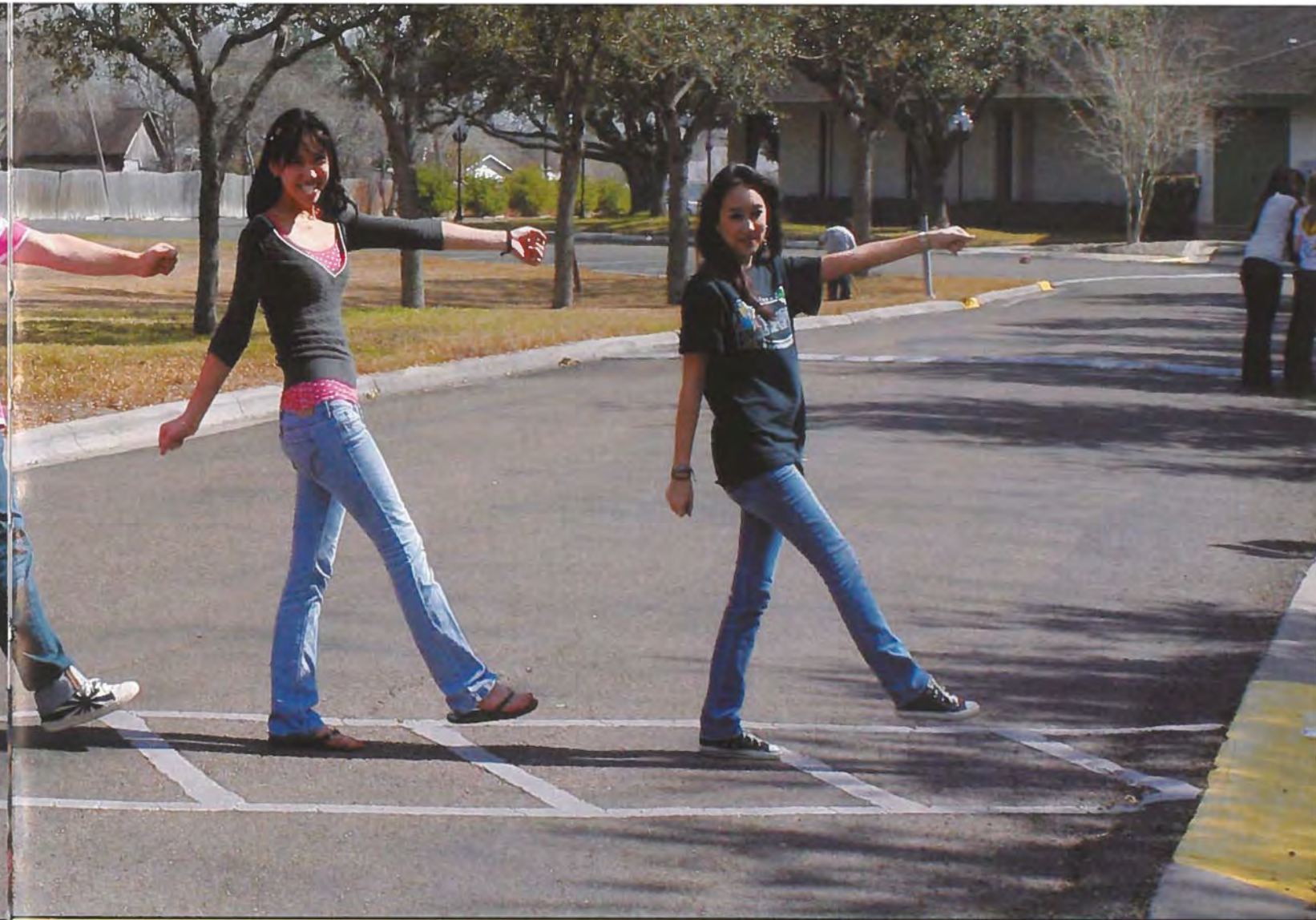


Bethany Kroeger  
Brendan Langan  
Aideth Leon  
Jaime Leon  
Jonathan Lopez  
Krista Lopez  
Erika Magdadaro





To create the look of The Beatles' White Album our blazin' Asian Juniors Mariana Medina, Erika Magdadaro, Kevin Park, Lynn Pham, and Caitlin Wang walk along a crosswalk during a break at Junior Class retreat.



**"Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends..."**

**"A Little Help From My Friends"**

**-The Beatles**

The students at Incarnate Word Academy truly define the meaning of diversity. The classmates of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman class come together as one in the Anatomy of an Angel

## Ben Sheinberg



Favorite Animal: Liger!

Religion: Jewish

Hidden Talent:  
Black-Belt in  
Tae Kwon Do

Best Achievement:  
Getting run-over by a  
skateboard

Best Feature: My cast

## Juniors



Favorite Teacher:  
Mr. Screws

Idol: Al Pacino

Personality:  
Genuine

Favorite Food: Italian

Hobby: Playing guitar  
and watching movies

C.J. Martinez

Favorite Subject:  
Quantum Physics

Idol: Jesus

Religion: Roman Catholic

Your Personality: Mix a  
megalomonal god-emperor  
with a robot puppy, boiling  
at 212 degrees Celeius for 3  
hours...and that's me!

Favorite Quote: "kthxbar"

Hidden Talent: If I had a  
hidden talent, I would not  
reveal it now!

Austin Massad

## Seniors



Favorite T.V. show:  
That 70's Show

Favorite Item in Closet:  
Gray Kellogg's shirt

Hidden Talent:  
I can touch my nose  
with my tongue

Best Achievement:  
Moving from last to  
fourth chair in orchestra

Krista Lopez

## Sarah DeLaRosa



Best Feature: Auburn Hair

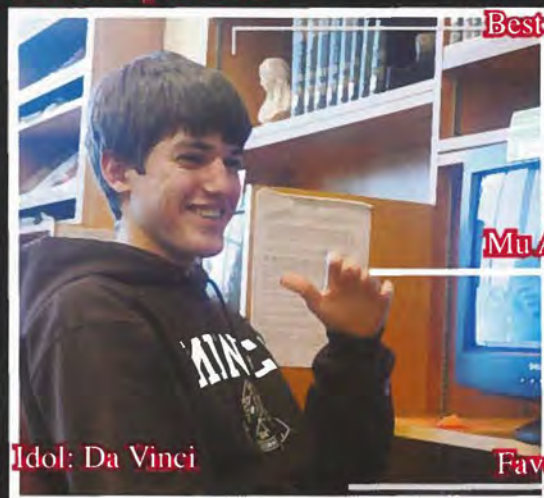
Best Achievement:  
Honor Roll

Hidden Talent: Drawing  
and Painting

Most Embarrassing Moment:  
Fell down the bleachers.

Best IWA Moment:  
Missions

Favorite Sport: Golf



Best Feature: My Brain

Best Achievement:  
Mu Alpha Theta and Getting  
into College

Favorite Item in Closet:  
Paintball Gun

Idol: Da Vinci

Robert Hickham

# Sophomores



Clad in red, the color assigned to Sophomores during Homecoming Week, twin Sophomores Sam and Steele Schauer are attentive during Mrs. Coan's English II class.



In anticipation of another great Cross Country season, Sophomores Alex Rossi, Madeleine Lu, Mary Jane Shea, and Rita Acebo wait for the first pep rally of the year to begin.



During a moment of prayer, Sophomores Travis Sanchez and Sammy Koury kneel in prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Having survived "the fish fry", the Sophomores are fully adjusted to high school, and are developing their independence. These diligent students not only have to maintain high standards, but also have to concentrate on preparing for the hardest year of high school. As Powers, the Sophomores are given the responsibility to radiate the light of God, and to carry out and fulfill the divine justice of the Lord.



Acebo, Rita  
Alanis, Lauryn  
Aleman, Aaron  
Arizmendi, J. J.  
Ayala, Lydia



Baker, Charles  
Benavides, Dania  
Bissell, Emily  
Bright, Brantly  
Camacho, Ryan



Campbell, Hallie  
Chavarria, Christopher  
Connor, Stephanie  
Cook, Craig  
Cotten, Alec



Daugherty, Richard  
Elizondo, Georgina  
Fernandez, Jose  
Gentry, Tyler  
Gonzalez, Thomas



Gover, Christopher  
Haag, Morgan  
Hall, Hudson  
Hall, John  
Hammock, Joey



Hart, Caitlin  
Herbst, Monica  
Hinojosa, Anyssa  
Hoffman, Patrick  
Hunsaker, Lori

Hynes, Doris  
Koury, Samuel  
Kudlicki, Jordan  
Leon, Jorge



Lira, Brenda  
Longoria, James  
Lu, Madeleine  
Lugo, Maria



Manzano, Christian  
Marruffo, Sarah  
Martin, Kristen  
McCarty, Kylene



Medary, John  
Mora, Amber  
Morales, Patrick  
Nash, Joseph



Novack, Edward  
Ochoa, Chloe  
Parra, Christopher  
Powers, John



Ramon, Rodolfo  
Riojas, Roy  
Rodriguez, Gilbert  
Rodriguez, Kourtney



Rossi, Alexandra  
Salloum, Liza  
Samaniego, Simon  
Sanchez, Travis



Schauer, Samuel  
Schauer, Steele  
Schecter, Oscar  
Shea, Mary



Sirmanotham, Allison  
Suarez, Alora  
Thomas, Kyle  
Travis, Mark



Trevino, Kayla  
Ysassi, Epi



With a smile, Sophomores  
Jennifer McCarty and  
Allison Sirimanotham enjoy  
each others company at a  
pep rally.

# Student Anatomy

## SOPHOMORES

Sam Novak



**Religion:** Methodist  
**Hobby:** Swimming  
**Best Achievement:** Making state in swimming my Freshman year.  
**Best Feature:** My eyes  
**Hidden Talent:** I am a good writer

**Music:** Alternative  
**Favorite Food:** Ice Cream (Sweet Cream)  
**Favorite Color:** Yellow  
**Favorite Movie:** Wedding Crashers  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:** When I hurt my ankle in a volleyball game!  
**Best IWA Moment:** Seeing Coach Dreyer do a cartwheel.  
**Hidden Talent:** Playing soccer



Brantly Bright

**Religion:** Greek Catholic  
**Hobby:** Reading, knitting  
**Favorite Subject:** Math  
**Favorite food:** Suhsi  
**Idols:** Oprah Winfrey  
**Hidden Talent:** Writing



Liza Salloum

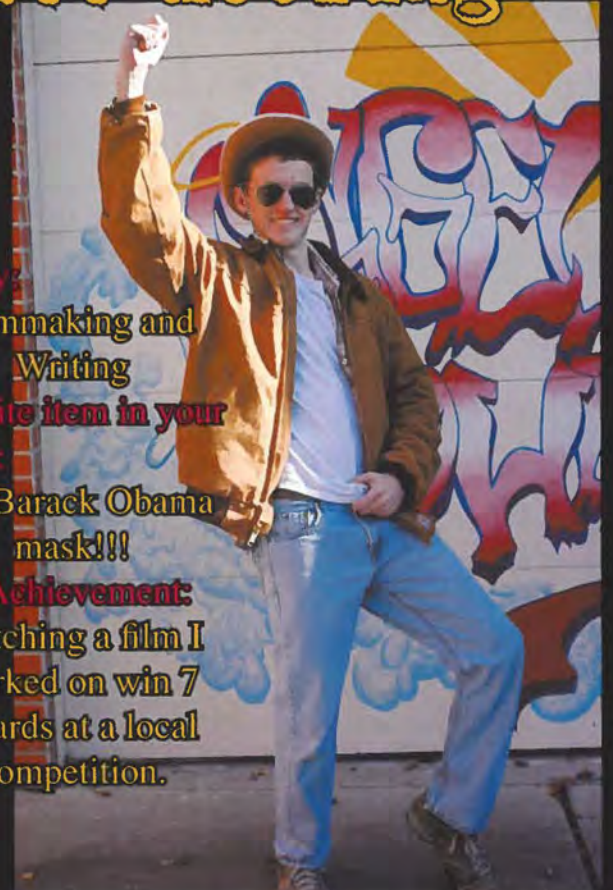
## FRESHMEN



Sarah Green

**Religion:** Catholic  
**Music:** Jack Johnson  
**Favorite Color:** Yellow  
**Favorite Teacher:** My MOM!  
**Idol:** Jesus  
**Best Feature:** My Personality  
**Favorite Sport:** Ballet, Running, Tennis  
**Favorite Animal:** Seahorse

Matt McClung



**Hobby:** Filmmaking and Writing  
**Favorite item in your closet:** My Barack Obama mask!!!  
**Best Achievement:** Watching a film I worked on win 7 awards at a local competition.

Marissa Carreon



**Hobby:** Watching YouTube  
**Favorite Sport:** Basketball  
**Best Achievement:** Being selected as altar server of the year.  
**Best Feature:** My contagious laugh.

# Freshmen

One of the scariest moments of your life... Going from being on top and respected to being at the very bottom in a new place. The transition from Middle School to High School is exciting, nerve wrecking, and altogether scary for new coming students. These new students bring with them their fears, dreams, hopes, and inspiration for their future which earns them the title of the Throne Angels. Throne Angels are the protectors of the powers of divinity; this responsibility has been passed down from each freshmen class in the Incarnate Word Academy family from the very beginning in 1871. Along with taking on harder classes, longer lunch lines, and intimidating teachers, freshman had the opportunity to partake in retreats, dances, games, different clubs, and also academic competitions, such as TAPPS; Making this an amazing and unforgettable year full of memories they will keep with them throughout high school and the rest of their lives.

Dylan Alaniz  
JeanEva Alvarez  
Alexandra Armstrong  
Julia Baker  
Lacey Beal  
Michelle Beck  
Parixit Bhakta



Alyssa Biggins  
Christina Bilka  
Brianna Bostick  
Emma Camarena  
Marissa Carreon  
Claudia Casas  
Amris Chacon



Haley Chang  
Camilla Childs  
Clay Cobbs  
Danielle Compian  
Frederick Cook  
Garrett Cox  
Caroline Outbirth



Hannah Dodson  
Matthew Droppa  
Jackson Duncan  
John Dunne  
Megan Duyongco  
Catherine Fergie  
Shelby Fincher



Amidst the cafeteria racket Freshmen James Gonzalez and Trey Turner show their spirit on Color War day during Homecoming week.



Taking advantage of the opportunity to work in groups Freshmen Christina Bilka, Caroline Outbirth, and Catherine Fergie come to a solution during world Geography class.



With steady hands, Freshmen Hannah Grisemer and Mary Ellen Flood attempt to complete their art work for the day.



Annie Flanigan  
Mary Ellen Flood  
Kelsey Flores  
Laura Flores  
Brett Garcia  
Gabriela Garcia  
Robert Garza



Janie Gifford  
Amelia Gonzalez  
James Gonzalez  
Trevor Gonzalez  
Sarah Green  
Hannah Grisemer  
Hannah Grunwald



Cody Hammond  
Alexandra Harrel  
Kara Hays  
Remy Huston  
Tara Jonasdottir  
Raquel Kasprzyk  
Corey Kerr



Maria Kroeger  
Lauren Kuffel  
Kristine Madrid  
Clara Marti  
Matthew Matl  
Matthew McClung  
Danielle Mladenka



Ariana Mohsenzadeh  
Joseph Morrison  
Miles Novack  
Alexander Oliveira  
Zach Pekar  
Teresa Perez  
Thomas Pesek

Karissa Rangel  
Christina Rivas  
Carolina Rivera  
Maria Rivera  
Christina Robertson  
Adrian Rodriguez



Bitu Salamat  
Regina Salinas  
Nathan Sears  
Meredith Sico  
Samantha Skurka  
Carlos Sonka



Clara Tamez  
Victoria Torres  
Miranda Trevino  
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Corina Villarreal  
LaJoya Williams



Jessica Yang



Danielle Mladenka, Gabby Garcia, and Danielle Compian share a laugh during lunch in the cafeteria.



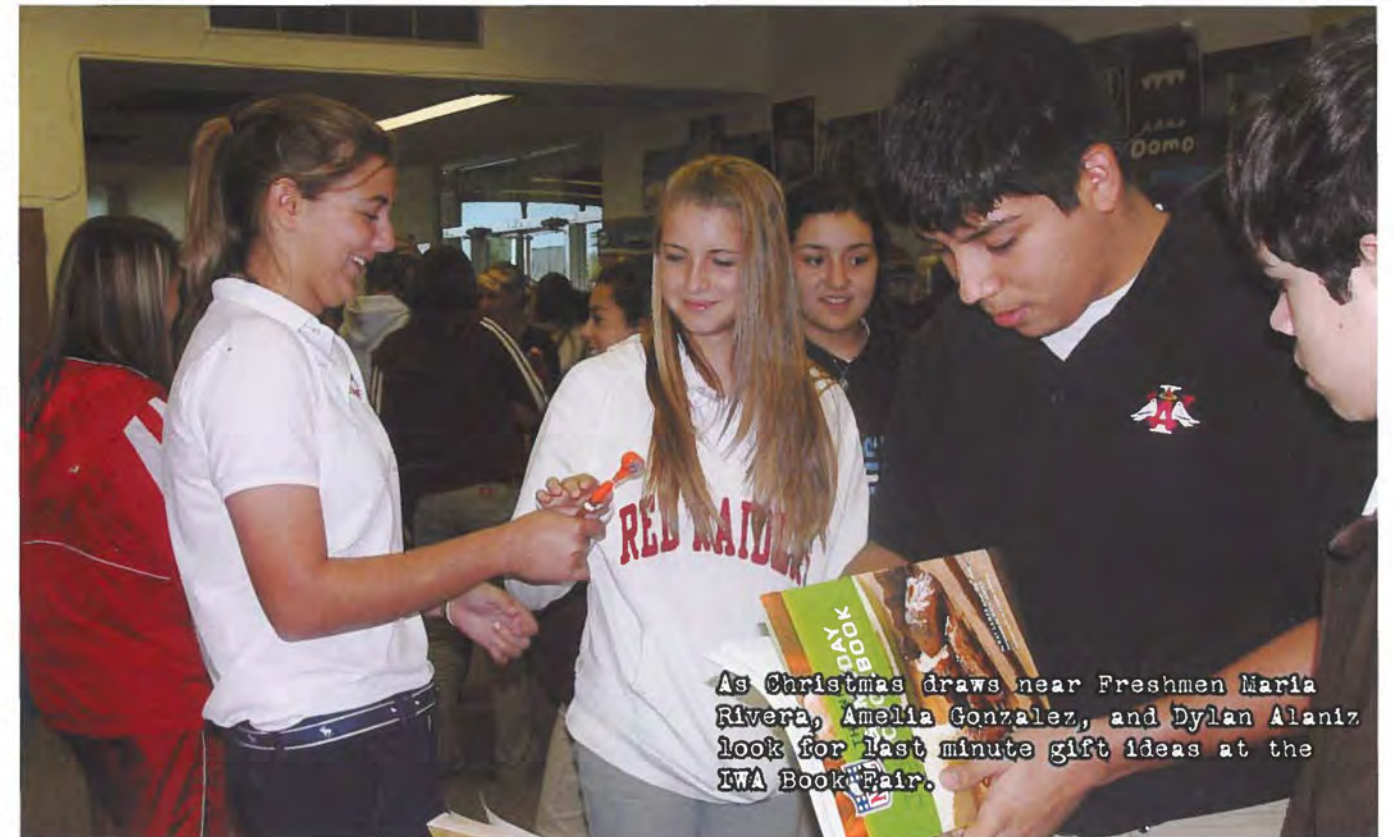
**"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me."  
- Henry Ford**



Trying to concentrate during a pep assembly, Freshmen Robby Saenz pounds his bass drum.



The two "Catherines" Freshmen Catherine Fergie and Sister Catherine Brehony reverently participate in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

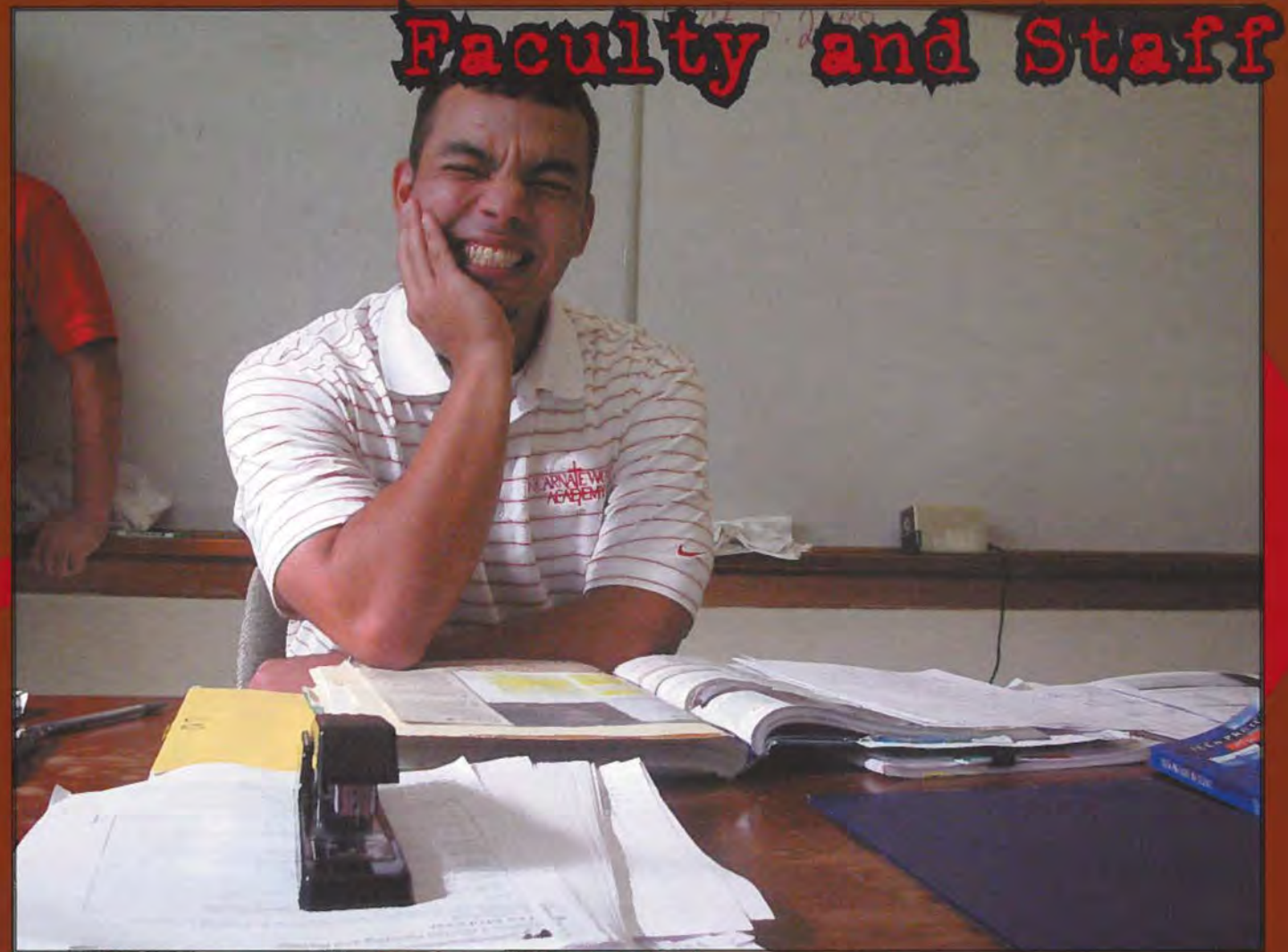


As Christmas draws near Freshmen Maria Rivera, Amelia Gonzalez, and Dylan Alaniz look for last minute gift ideas at the IWA Book Fair.

Archangels



While standing in as the model of a human skeleton, Coach Dreyer gives parents and future students of IWA a smile at Open House.



Faculty and Staff

Listening to yet another excuse of missing homework, World Geography teacher Cody Martinez winces and prays for patience.



School librarian Susan Edwards gazes joyfully at her surprisingly quiet library.

Gazing at the rapidly growing lunch line, Mrs. Saenz hurries to finish the last batch of chicken tenders for hungry students.



The faculty and staff of Incarnate Word Academy, also known as the "Archangels," make up the head of the school's Anatomy. Through guidance and protection in everything they teach and do, the faculty and staff give students spiritual direction and life lessons that they will not soon forget. An old Chinese proverb says, "Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself." While this holds true, the faculty and staff give students the extra push they need in order to excel in education and morale. Although students may think that their work load is incomparably harder than that of their advisors, faculty and staff alike carry the same everyday stresses and workloads of even the most academically dedicated student.



Putting the finishing touches on his document, Mr. Aguilar goes over a health science test that is sure to challenge his students.



Surrounded by enthusiastic students, Madame Collins explains the complexity of the French language.



Instead of explaining by words alone, Journalism teacher Mr. Hardeman dynamically draws where the best pictures are to be taken during Mass.

# Faculty & Staff



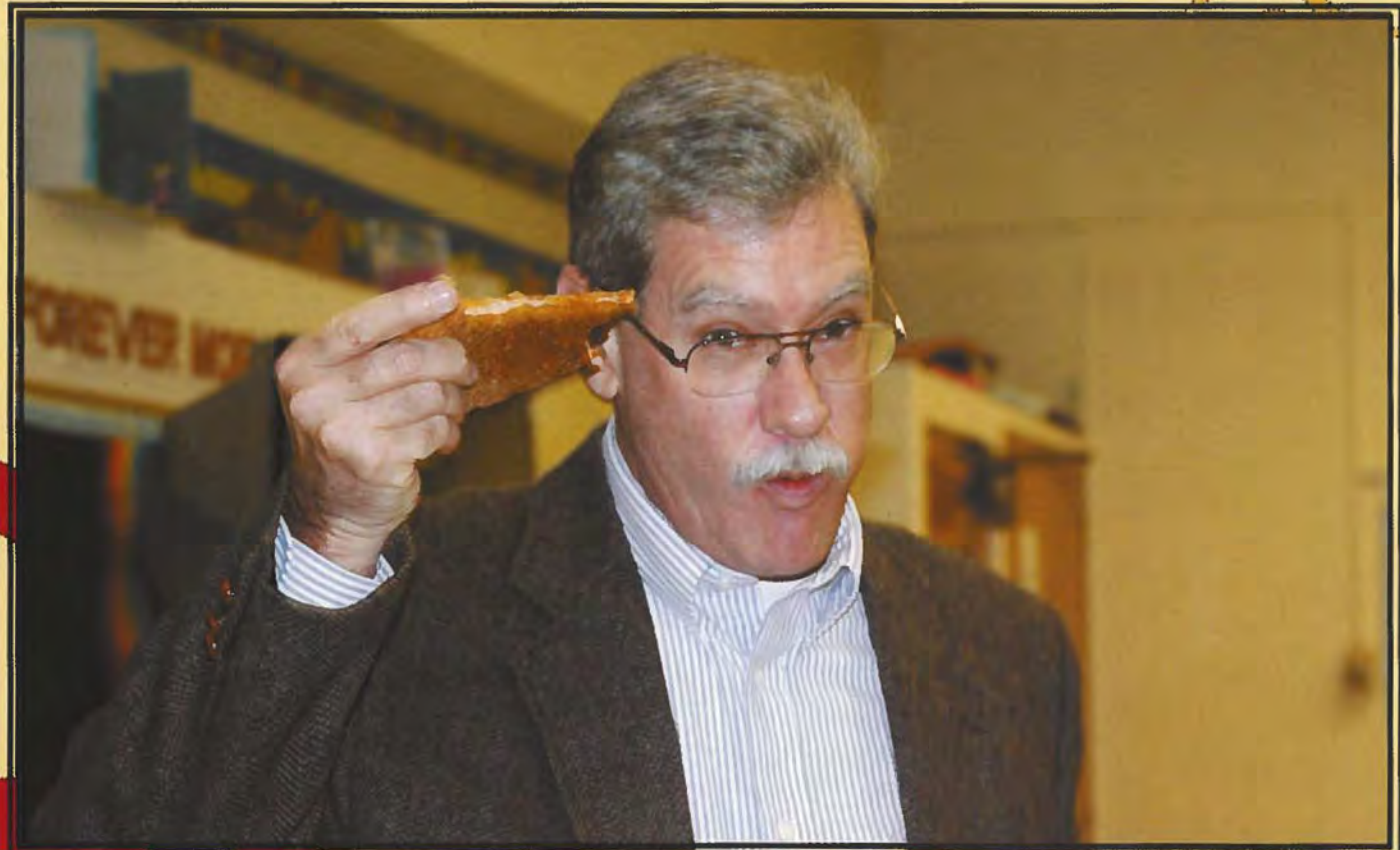
Making the most of having a new SMART board, Biology teacher Debra Hernandez thoroughly explains the life and functions of bacteria.



Before class begins, English teacher Sandra Coan greets students with a smile and warm salutation.



Spanish teacher Juan Martinez may be light-hearted in spirit, but he is serious about the education of his Spanish III students.



While on break from the busy classroom, Mr. Penley takes time to enjoy a piece of delicious pizza.

Luke Aguilar  
Sister Catherine Brachony  
Sister Patricia Burns  
Connie Cadena  
Ruben Cavazos  
Lina Cisneros  
Sandra Coan



Caroline Collins  
JoAnn Davila  
Debito Diegel  
Darren Dreyer  
Susan Edwards  
Mary Esther Espinosa  
Joe Fish



Hilda Garcia  
Joann Garcia  
Reynaldo Garcia  
Jelene Guerra  
Korey Hardeeman  
Debra Hernandez  
Joe Hernandez



Paul Jimenez  
Sr. Michelle Marie Kuntzner  
Gerald Lugaresi  
Cody Martinez  
Juan Martinez  
Dick McClure  
Karen Morrow



Sister Raquel Newman  
Mary Ouf  
Sister Martha O'Garra  
Stephen Penley  
Ray Perrone  
Daniel Quintero  
Sandra Quintero



Erica Rangel  
David Rodriguez  
Desiree Rodriguez  
Sr. Judith Marie Saenz  
David Serews  
Sr. Martha Ann Snapska  
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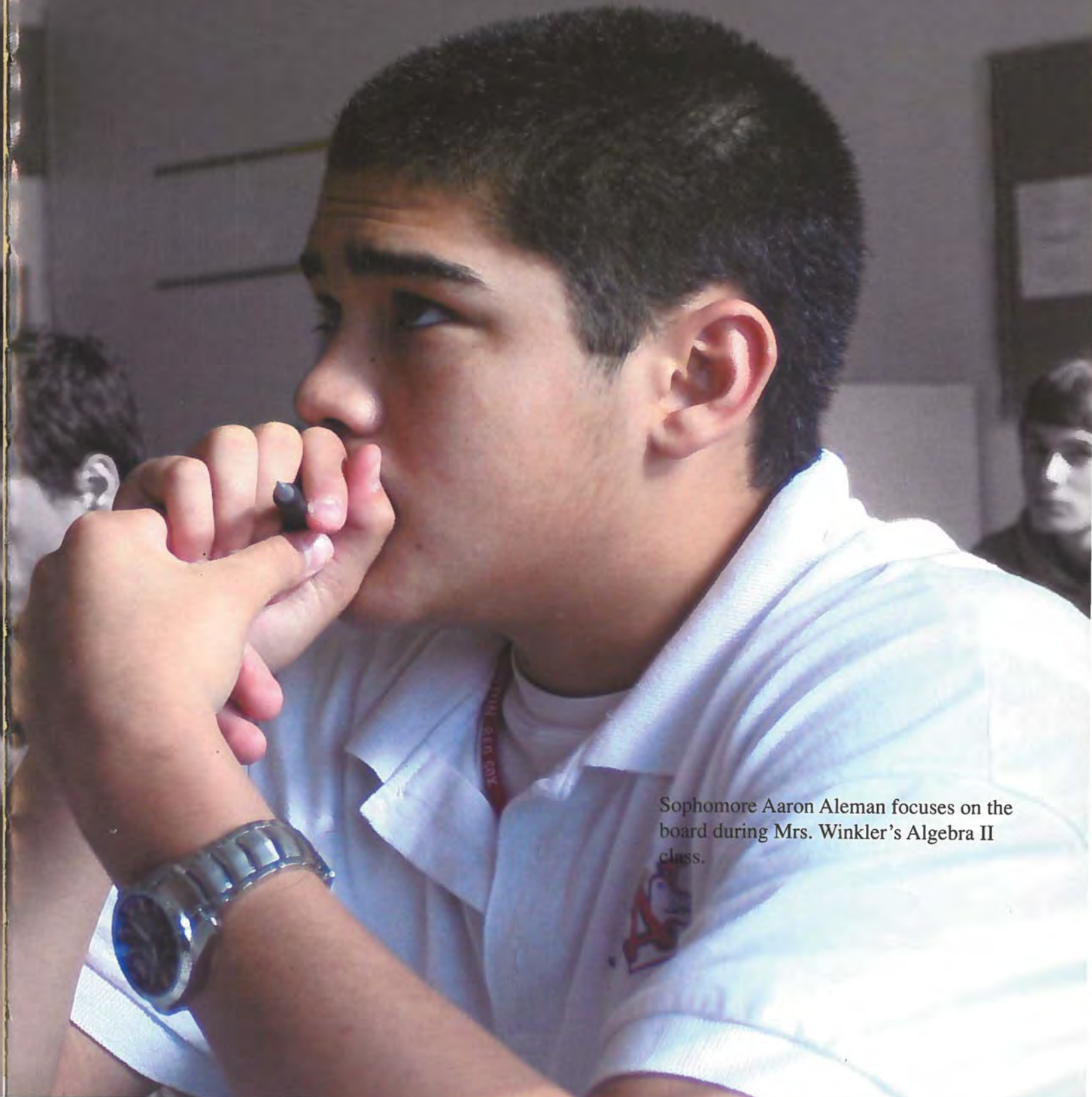
Diane Whitworth  
Miriam Winkler  
Mitzl Witt



# Mind



The element, the part, or the substance of a person that reasons, thinks, perceives, and wills. The central element of every human being is easily defined in one simple sentence, but the mind is in actuality much greater than its definition. The mind is the exact component that forms and characterizes each student and teacher alike. In every classroom at Incarnate Word Academy, there is a strong desire for learning. The hallways are filled with students not only searching for knowledge, but also for wisdom. Whether in Algebra or Anatomy there is a mind ready to be molded. The ability to grow in faith and understanding, the longing to learn new things, and the realization of the need to grow in wisdom is what makes up the Mind of an Angel.



Sophomore Aaron Aleman focuses on the board during Mrs. Winkler's Algebra II class.



Former Prime Minister of The United Kingdom, Winston Churchill once said, "Ending a sentence with a preposition which I will not put up with." The English Department is dedicated to teaching students on how to write interesting and innovating essays that will make readers crave more. The Archangels of the Anatomy within the English department help students understand several genres of literature and what words mean using vocabulary books. This year, students were pushed to their limits by completing several vocabulary quizzes, literary projects and tests. Archangels also required as well as encouraged students to read many books and poems by a variety of authors to understand the different writing styles of certain times. The Thrones concentrated on learning skills of the writing process, grammar, and mechanics on how to write. Popular poems and plays of the Romeo and Juliet era were also a big focal point of the class. The Powers learned to write poetry and personal narratives, studied Shakespearean drama and practiced PSAT daily. American Literature was the curriculum studied throughout the Cherubim classes, and skills needed to write research papers were constantly introduced to the Cherubim. They were also responsible for reading notable classics such as The Crucible, The Scarlet Letter, and The Grapes of Wrath. The elders of the anatomy, the learned about English Literature and poetry from Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, and they also enhanced their mind by reading books such as Jane Eyre, Frankenstein, and Beowulf.

# English



In an effort to distract "Sista Pat" during English IV, Seniors Elizabeth Strong and Russel McElwee point out photos of teachers in a 1968 volume of the Aurora.



Discussing a review on Lord of the Flies Sandra Coan explains the character flaws to Sophomore Christian Manzano.



Taking advantage of extra class time, Junior JD Cortez finishes his questions for a short story, Everyday Use by Alice Walker, in his Literature book.

In preparation for an upcoming essay Junior Brendan Langan looks up facts for his persuasive essay by use of the internet with the supervision of Ms. Rangel.



"Practice makes perfect" says Freshman English teacher Lisa Cisneros while Freshman Alex Olivera corrects sentences on the board.



To pass the time Sophomores Oscar Schechter and Sam Novack intensely discuss foreshadowing in The Illustrated Man.



Fighting the urge to procrastinate Freshmen Hannah Griseimer and Joya Williams work on their persuasive essays.



Lab partners, Senior Andrea De Leon and Junior Bethany Kroeger work to succeed on their PH balance tests.

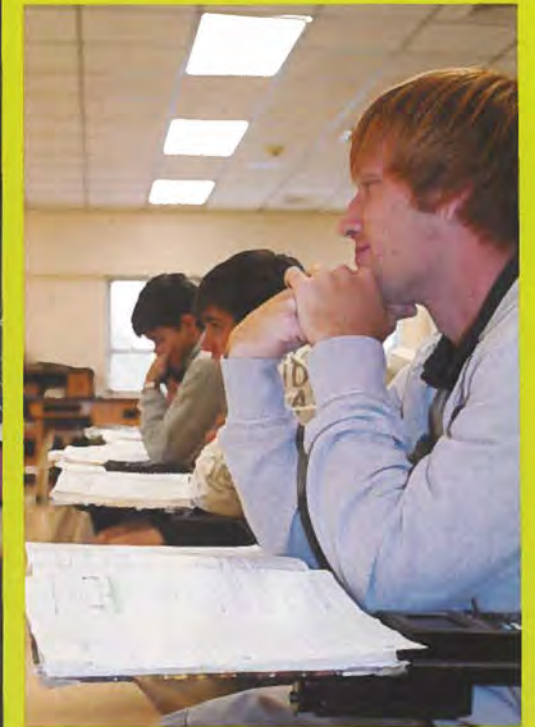
Junior Christina Zuniga, quietly completes her Chemistry II paper in Mrs. Quintero's classroom.



Always on task, Senior Andrea De Leon works diligently on her Biology II assignment.



Taking it all in, Senior James Milligan listens intently to Mr. Perrone's Physics lecture.



# Science

... a close look in the world of Science

Sir William Bragg once said, "The important thing in science is not so much to obtain new facts as to discover new ways of thinking about them." Bragg made many important contributions to the world of science. He is most remembered for his discovery of the analysis of crystal structure by means of x-rays. The Science Department at Incarnate Word Academy strongly encourages students to use their minds to better their knowledge in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. From dissecting cats in Mrs. Hernandez's class or Mr. Wenzel's Biology labs to measuring the pH balances in Mrs. Quintero's Chemistry labs, they do it all. Students also get the opportunity to see how the world really works in the Physics rooms of Mr. Perrone and Mr. Quintero. The Angels at Incarnate Word Academy use their minds to explore the world of science. The

word science comes from the Latin word "scientia", meaning knowledge. The students at Incarnate Word learned that through the world of Science, there is always something new to learn about the anatomy of an angel. Scientist Joseph Henry said with passion, "Seeds of great discoveries are constantly floating around us, but they only take root in minds well prepared to receive them." Without science, everyone would see the world through a different perception.



Focusing on their Biology data results, Freshmen Annie Flanagan, Caroline Cutbirth, and Janie Gifford work diligently to find the correct units of their experiment.

# THEOLOGY

provides an opportunity to grow in our faith alongside our peers. Sr. Judith Marie Saenz helps us to better understand the meaning of scripture and the bible during the duration of her Freshmen class. Sr. Pat Burns, Sr. Eileen Doherty, Sr. Judith and Sr. Rachel Newman go in depth to explain the Church's Seven Sacraments to their sophomore classes. Church History is discussed during Junior year by Sr. Rachel Newman and Mr. Korey Hardeman. With the start of our Senior year the topic shifts to Catholicism and social justice taught by Sr. Pat and Mr. Hardeman.



Carefully considering the readings from mass Sr. Pat Burns and Sophomore Christopher Chavarría take time to discuss their class mass.



Lecturing on the Bible, Sr. Judith Marie Saenz explains its significance to one of her Freshman classes.



In the midst of meditating on the Feast Day Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Sophomore Jorge Leon and Junior Araceli Mireles explain the feast to their classmates.



Sophomores Travis Sanchez and Samuel Koury reverently kneel before Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Overall, through courses of Theology, we learn and accomplish a new sense of understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No year of school is complete without Theology. Theology is not just hard work with a bible and textbook, but also a time to learn through group projects, special events and class masses. It is such a blessing to be able to pray before each class, discuss our faith with the entire Anatomy and even celebrate mass at school.



Bewilderment fills the face of Allison Sirimanotham as she attempts to pass a Morality quiz in her Theology II class.



During Advent, Freshman Theology classes decorated the front lobby of the school with a symbolic Jesse Tree, Advent Wreath, and a depiction of the night Jesus was born; shown above.



All for HIM! Junior Theology students Ana Camarena and Christina Zuniga bring up the gifts during the offertory procession as Michael Kozlowski leads with the cross.

Sounds of stomping feet are heard as Sophomores Liza Salloum, Anyssa Himojosa, and Amber Mora walk back to class after mass.

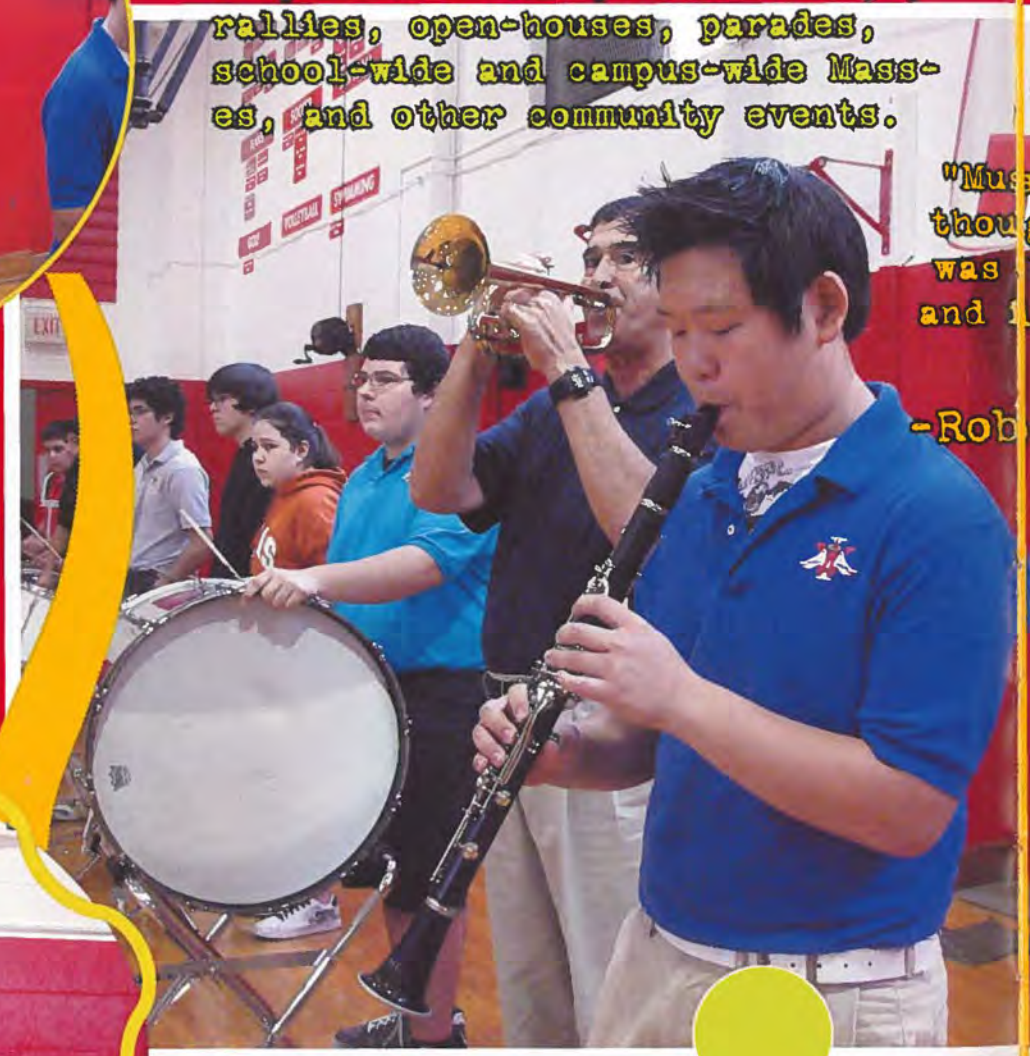


# Band

The Incarnate Word Academy Band uses the sounds of the Brass Family, Percussion Group, and the Woodwind Family to create heavenly and often energizing music. Band Director Joe Hernandez directs his students to dedicate themselves to their chosen instrument. The band members apply themselves to making the beautiful music that is heard throughout the Incarnate Word Academy campus. The band performs at pep rallies, open-houses, parades, school-wide and campus-wide Masses, and other community events.



Above: Capturing the attention of the crowd, Archangel Joe Hernandez plays his trumpet to energize the student body during a meeting of the student body before an interscholastic athletic convention.



"Music expresses feeling and thought, without language; it was below and before speech, and it is above and beyond all words."  
 -Robert G. Ingersoll



Left: Senior Carlos Rodriguez utilizes his trumpet with his mind-boggling talent to stimulate group enthusiasm by rousing songs.

Right: In an intense moment of their musical ability, Sophomore Christian Manzano, Freshmen Janie Gifford and Junior Kevin Park show off their talent to the future Angels at Open House.



"Music is the mediator between the spiritual and sensual life."  
 -Ludwig van Beethoven



Left: Senior Robert Barrera and Freshman Corina Villareal play their drums on the drumline to ignite the student body at a pep rally.



# Foreign Languages

The German playwright Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was once quoted "Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own." This year, the students of Incarnate Word Academy gained more insight on their own languages through their required studies of the cultures of many Spanish and French-speaking countries. French teacher, Monsieur Alain Carriere, and Spanish teachers, Senora Laura Ibarra, Senora Desire Rodriguez, and Senor Juan Martinez worked to enlighten the student body of the common elements shared by the English, French, and Spanish languages. Throughout the year, the Angels realized the similarities in customs between foreign countries and their own, leading them to the discovery of the Anatomy of their own language.

Freshmen Raquel Kasprzyk and Jean Eva Alvarez present their Spanish Review poster-board to their 3rd period Spanish I class.



French teacher Madame Collins reads aloud to her 5th period French II class.



After distributing the weekly quizzes to his French III class, French teacher Monsieur Alain Carriere returns to his desk to grade the tests from the last period.

Junior Ronika Cavazos rechecks her first answer before turning in her Dual Credit Spanish Test.



Sophomores Lori Hunsaker and Sammy Koury take advantage of the time after a lecture by Monsieur Carriere to catch up on schoolwork.

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Maintaining a steady hand, Freshman Hannah Griseimer shades in her "still life" snowmen drawing.

# ART CLASS

Art is a form of expression beyond what words can convey. With skills beyond those of a mere mortal, students took it to the next level through making collages, relief sculptures, rolled paper, watercolor paintings, and paper mache. Mrs. Towers, the Archangel of this department of creative minds, encourages



students every imaginative step of the way as she makes true the quote, "if one looks closely enough, one can see angels in every piece of art." -Adeline Cullen Ray. With open minds and talent embedded in their souls, incarnate Word Angels strive to glorify not only the entire school, but also their maker through placing well in TAPPS, VASE, and Visionarios competitions.



Juniors Cullen Cutbirth and Jordan Cadena create the look of serenity in their scenic watercolor paintings but do not carry it out in the classroom.



Determined to make the best newspaper action figures, Seniors Amanda Garza, Kiki Williams, and Adri Mora put their best foot forward in their creative efforts.



"If I had a nickel for every time I've heard someone say that..."

Freshman,  
John Dunne



"Oh Sweetie, that's fantastic!"

Sophomore,  
J.D. Longoria



"No sniveling!"

Junior,  
Sarah Martin



"Now if we had a SMART Board..."

Senior,  
Amanda Garza

"What is your favorite phrase by Mrs. Towers?"

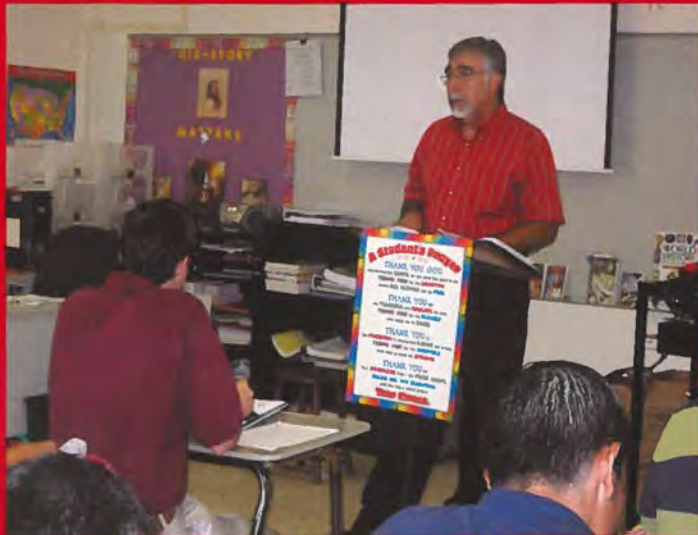


Intently observing her subject, Junior Claudia Casas sketches her own setup while helping the art department at IWA's Open House.

# Social Studies

Throughout the annals of time, many important dates stand out. This year, another momentous occasion has occurred: through trouble and turmoil, the young scholars at Incarnate Word Academy have made their way through another year of learning about History and Economics. Led by faculty members Mr. Cody Martinez, Mr. Steve Penley, Mr. David Screws, and Mr. Jose Torres, the students

of this school gain their knowledge of Economics, Geography, History, and the Government. The accrument of all of this important information is an important step in the lives of these students. With this knowledge, the students of Incarnate Word Academy will learn not to make the mistakes of their ancestors and learn how to get along in today's dog eat dog world.



Capturing the attention of his Senior class, Mr. Torres talks money and college finances in his Economics class.



Senior students pay special attention to Mr. Torres' lecture during Government.



World History teacher, David Screws takes a break during his lecture on the Civil War. Mr. Screws uses detailed maps and timelines to impliment the lesson to his students.



With pens in hand, Sophomores John Medary, Ryan Camacho, Joey Hammock, and Monica Herbst take their fourth page of notes during U.S. History class.



While looking at her notes, Freshman Catherine Fergie explains the importance of NAFTA during her World Geography class.



Engulfed in her work, Freshman Camilla Childs effortlessly completes her World Geography assignment.

# CHOIR

The members of our school choir never fail to grace the stage with their presence, every time they open their mouths to sing, in sync and in harmony with one another. With the help of Archangel Christopher Stephenson they convey during each of their performances, that they truly do possess the voice of an angel. The choir's performances are always something that The Anatomy looks forward to, whenever a school-wide Mass or any other of their concerts are held. For the students participating, they each are given the chance to train their blooming voices, learn more about music and get some extra time to sing to God.



2008-2009 IWA Choir

With the aid of Mr. Stephenson, the Choir is perfectly synchronized and in tune.



While listening to the Band's beautiful melody, Junior Marianne Medina carries a tune during a school-wide Mass.



Focusing on the inspiring lyrics, the Choir members perform a song.



Accompanied by student musicians at a school-wide Mass, Freshman choir member LaJoya Williams raises her voice in song.



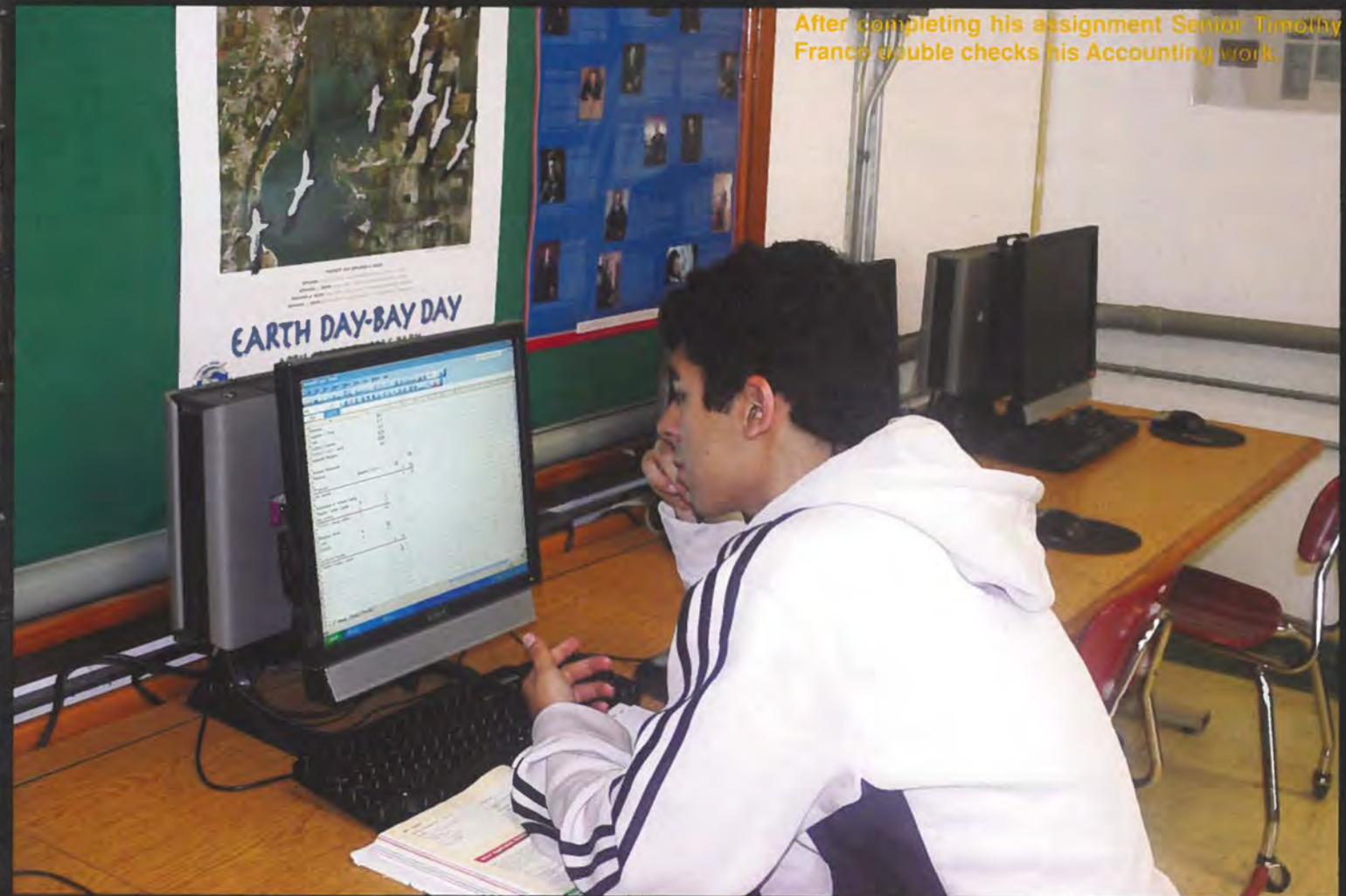
In Preparation for School wide mass, Sophomores Jane Morris and Brenda Lira, practice the arrangement of the songs.

# Technology

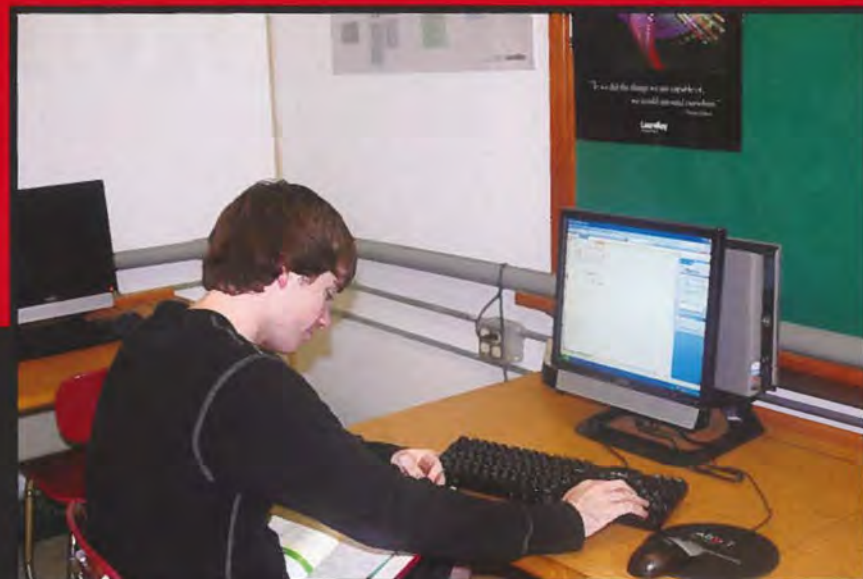
advancing minds

Technology these days has a big influence in the way we live. It has advanced throughout the years and those watching over the Anatomy, constantly provide the best equipment available. Technological pioneer Bill Gates constantly reminds us that computers are the most empowering tool ever created. They are not only tools of communication, but tools of creativity, but they are shaped by whoever uses them.

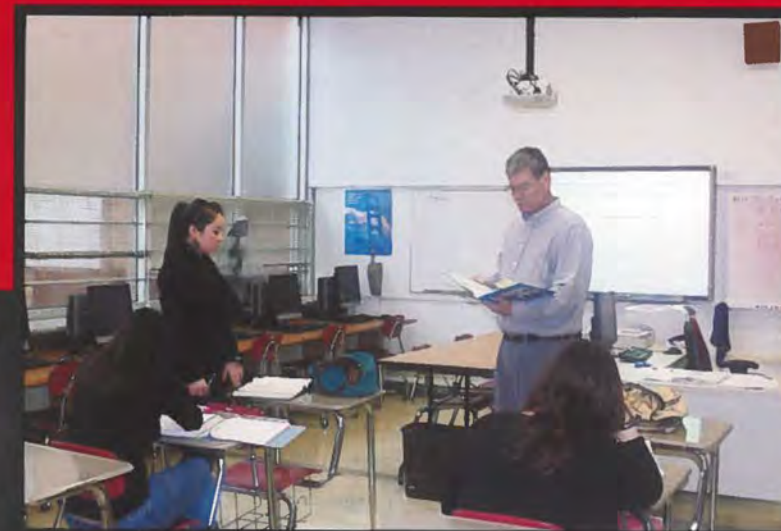
They are not only tools of communication, tools of creativity, but they are shaped by whoever uses them. Technology teachers at IWA make Business Technology and Technology Applications classes more enjoyable for every student. Sister Raquel Newman, Mr. Steve Penley and Mr. David Rodriguez are examples of those Archangels who not only embrace Technology, but enhance computer labs by using their comical ways of teaching.



After completing his assignment Senior Timothy Franco double checks his Accounting work.



Double checking his options, Junior Cody Randall seems ready to print his BCIS assignment.



BCIS teacher, Steve Penley keeps his students involved during class by allowing them to work with the interactive SmartBoard.



Completing the task, Senior Mitchell Smith utilizes the help from Mr. Penley.

# Health

The department of Health Education, Health Science Technology, and Physical Education is a big opportunity to learn about diet, fitness, mind, mood, diseases, and drugs to all those who make up the Angel Anatomy. Mr. Casper Wenzel is the "chief messenger" that teaches Anatomy & Physiology, and Health Science Technology. Anatomy is the study of dealing with the maintenance of health, and the prevention and treatment of disease; Physiology on the other hand is the study of functions and activities of living organisms and their parts. Archangel, Mr. Luke Aguilar is responsible for Health Science Technology I & II, Physical Education, and Dual Credit Fitness Conditioning and Kinesiology in partnership with Del Mar College. The Kinesiology curriculum allows the Anatomy to learn about the human body and its movements. The department's Health and Advanced Health classes are covered by Mr. Darren Dreyer. Common functions of the body, bone awareness, and infant/adult CPR are a few lessons taught each day. These Archangels teach us the basic and advanced concepts of health that can help us prevent an accident from occurring, and the knowledge to know what to do in case we are on the scene of one.



Holding the fruit of their labor, Freshmen Matthew McClung and Garrett Cox show their project on eating disorders.

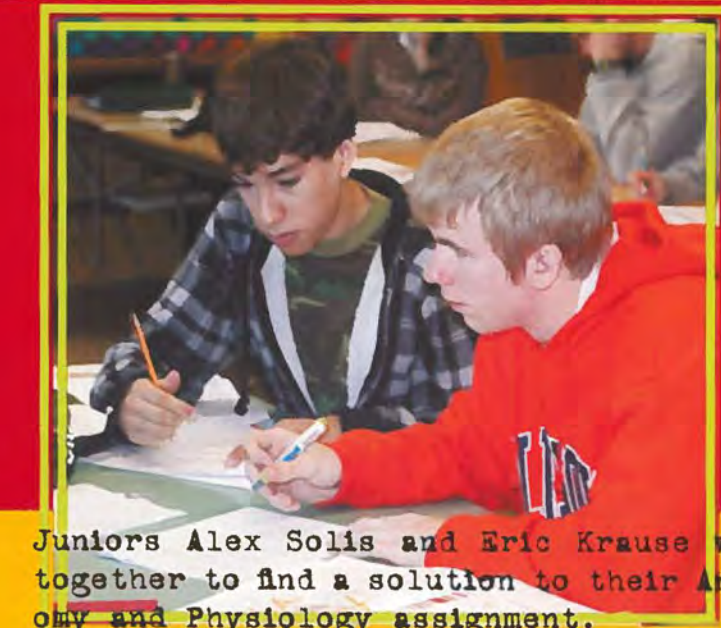
Senior Erin Timperlake, listens to one of Coach Wenzel's popular lectures with a smile.



Determined to get an "A" on her exam, Junior, Ana Camarena tries to collect information as she prepares for finals.



In an intense moment of discussion, all eyes are on Coach Dreyer in his Health I class.



Juniors Alex Solis and Eric Krause work together to find a solution to their Anatomy and Physiology assignment.

Intent on finishing his worksheet before the bell rings, Senior James Habeeb double checks his answers.

# Mathematics



In preparation for final exams, Ms. Mary Esther Espinosa reviews the semester's work with her Geometry students.



Utilizing the silence of the Library, Pre-Cal and Calculus teacher Paul Trotter prepares his lesson for the day.

Mathematics is the academic discipline, and its supporting body of knowledge, that involves the study of such concepts as quantity, structure, space and change. At Incarnate Word Academy, mathematics is an important make-up of the students' minds. From Algebra to Calculus, these scholars enhance their minds learning the many functions taught by Mrs. Winkler, Ms. Espinosa, Sr. Catherine, and Mr. Trotter. As students bring their pencils, calculators, and graph paper, teachers prepare to develop their students' minds. Returnees Sr. Catherine and Ms. Espinosa stick to their strict schedules and teach their students the best mathematic techniques. Newcomers Mr. Trotter and Mrs. Winkler ask these experienced women for tips and reference points as they teach new concepts to students. This group of archangels comes together to teach the entire student body and hand down their knowledge to expand their horizons.



To factor or not to factor... Miriam Winkler uses her overhead projector to explain the problem of the day in her Algebra II class.



Even while teaching her Pre-AP Algebra II students, Sister Catherine Brehony always keeps a smile.

## Students at Work



Sophomore Jordan Kudlicki ponders whether to factor as he listens to Mrs. Winkler explain the problem.



Freshman Carlos Sonka and Sophomore Lauryn Alanis lead by example when working in groups during their Algebra II class.



Junior Minji An and Sophomore John Hall work to complete a quiz in PAP Algebra II.



Sophomores EJ Ysassi and Aaron Fernandez attempt to follow Mrs. Winkler's instructions during Algebra II class.



Junior Trevor Davidson crunches numbers trying to graph his problem in Pre-Calculus.

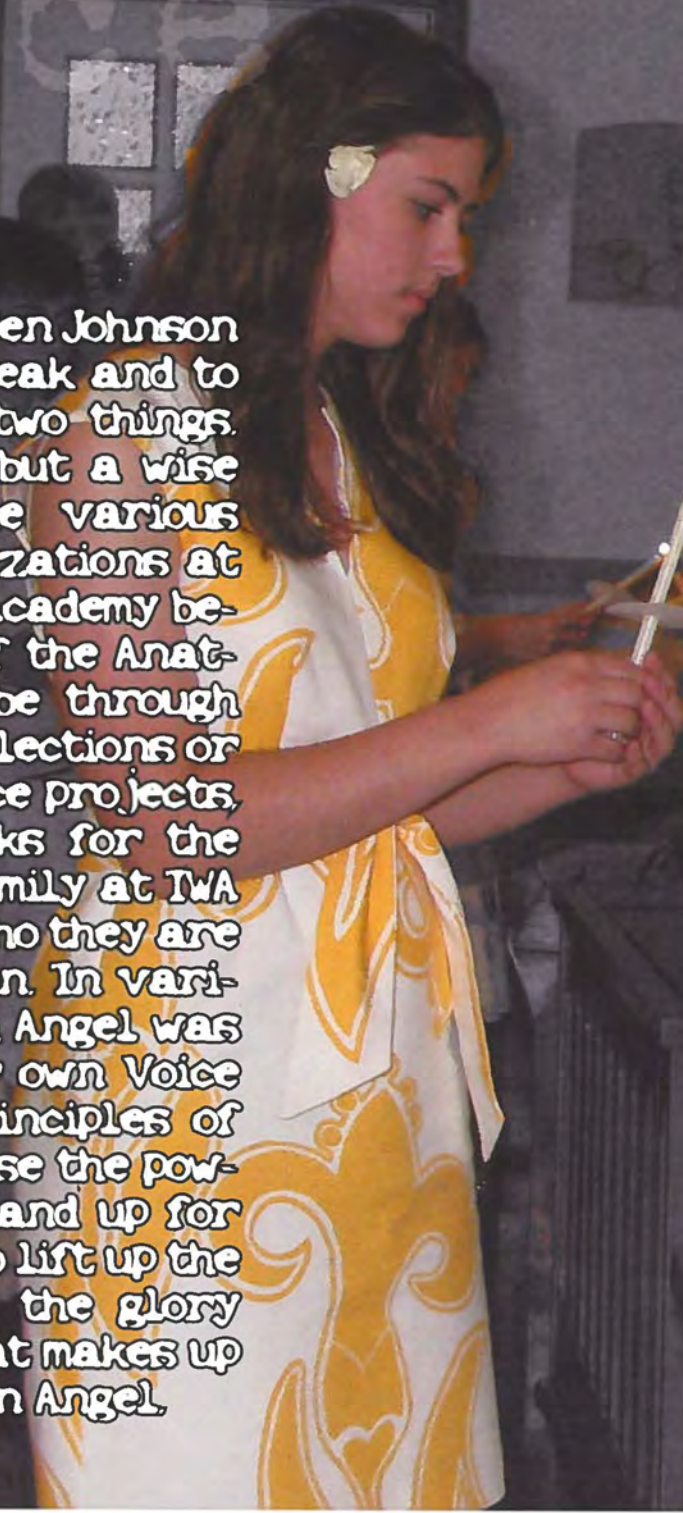


Freshmen Matt McClung and Miranda Trevino, along with Junior Ana Camarena listen to problem solving in their Geometry class.

# Voice

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Philosopher Ben Johnson once said, "To speak and to speak well are two things. A fool may talk but a wise man speaks." The various clubs and organizations at Incarnate Word Academy became the voice of the Anatomy. Whether it be through Student Council elections or Spirit Club service projects, each group speaks for the community and family at IWA to demonstrate who they are as an institution. In various aspects, each Angel was able to use their own Voice to uphold the principles of the Anatomy. To use the power of voice to stand up for each other and to lift up the same speech for the glory of the Lord is what makes up the Voice of an Angel.



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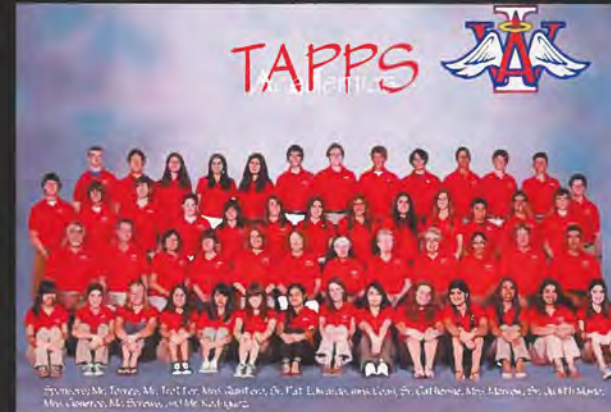
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Back Row: Ryan Barrera, Will Cutbirth, Jonathan Lopez, Austin Massad, Stewart Bissell Sitting: Mrs. Kathy Towers, Krista Lopez, Kristin Rincon, Andrea DeLeon

# MISSIONS



Back Row: Georgi Elizondo, James Fergie, Lynn Pham, Andrea DeLeon, Austin Massad, Carlos Rodriguez, Taylor Gallagher, Wahl Harvey, Cody Randall 4th Row: Erika Magdalaro, Taylor Vanleeuwen, Sarena Barrera, Christina Zuniga, Chloe Ochoa, Liza Salloum, Emily Nye, Kevin Park, Jacy Adams, Jackie Ponish 3rd Row: Mr. Marc Ortiz, Sarah De La Rosa, Elani Duzich, Mary Jane Shea, Maddie Lu, Doris Hynes, Alora Suarez, Anyssa Hinojosa, Lyndsey Reyna, Kyndra McCarty, Brenda Lira 2nd Row: Sr. Judith Marie Saenz, Marianne Medina, JD Longoria, Mary Allman, Marissa Fernandez, Monica Herbst, Sammy Koury, Chris Parra, Hudson Hall, Ryan Camacho, Lauryn Alaniz 1st Row: Sr. Martha O'Gara, Jordan Allison, Brianna Holden, Kyle Thomas, Alec Cotten, Brantly Bright, Annie Bright, Adan Narvaez, Alex Rossi, Katherine Lopez, Lydia Ayala, Courtney Guerra

# HEALTH CAREER CLUB



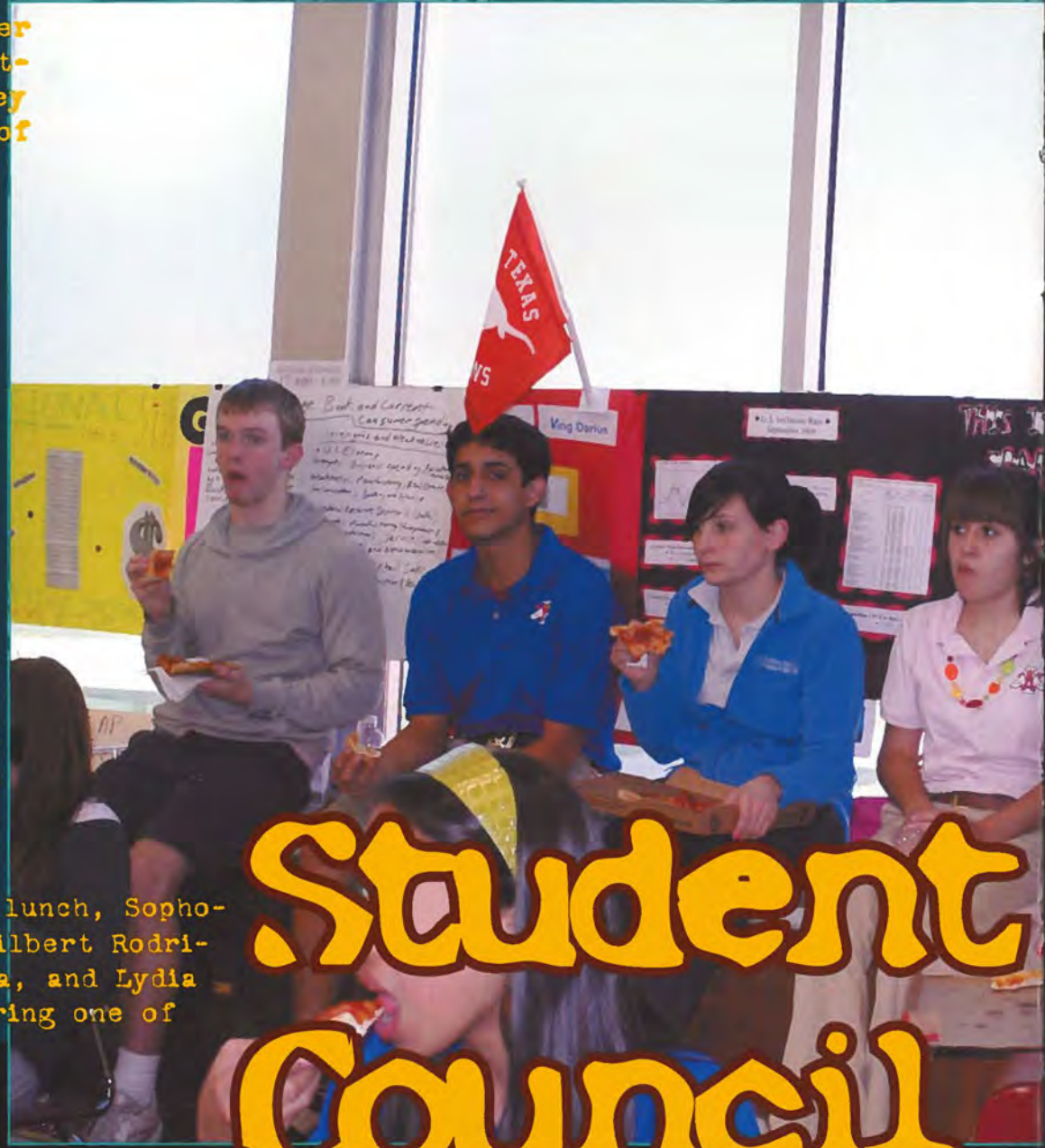
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Behind the scenes after a Student Council meeting, Senior Walt Harvey tallies up the profit of the pizza sale.



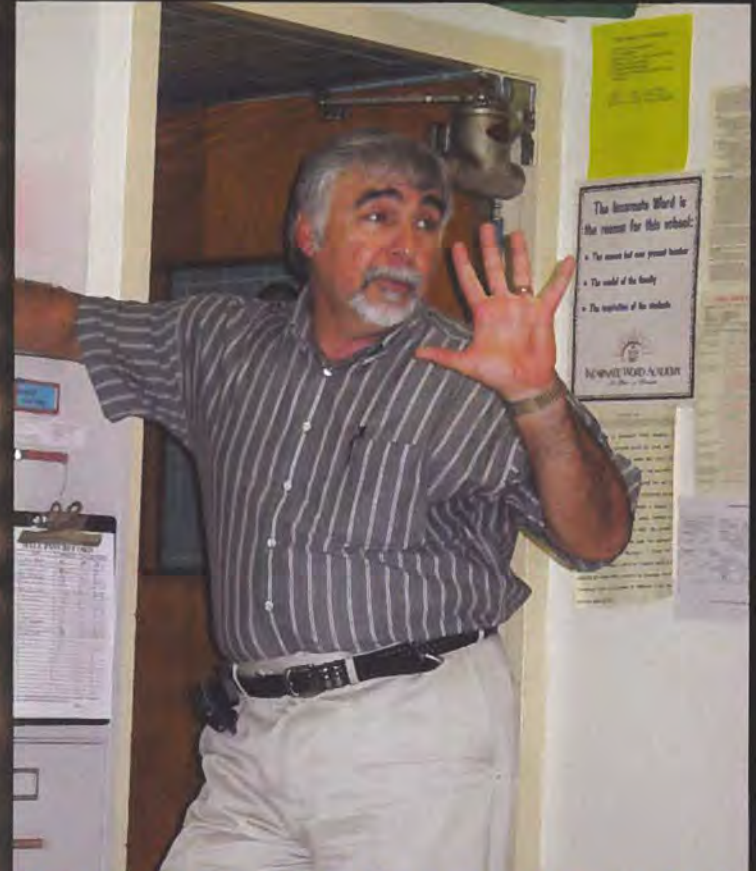
Senior Lizzy Quinton brings joy to others as she lends a hand at Harbor Lights.

Taking time out for lunch, Sophomore Sam Novack, Gilbert Rodriguez, Mary Jane Shea, and Lydia Ayala, eat pizza during one of their meetings.



# Student Council

The true anatomy of Incarnate Word lies among each student. Each individual is a significant element that completes the student body and makes it one whole. The 2008-2009 Student Council took on the responsibility of representing each grade level among the council as well as in campus-wide events. The members of this student entity took time throughout the year to dedicate their time and talents to demonstrate what Incarnate Word is all about. Planning multiple service projects, such as the Christmas Food Drive and participating and Harbor Lights, planning school dances, and conducting many fundraising events that contributed to TAPPS as well as school gifts. Members present new and innovative ideas that dealt and concerned with the betterment of the student body. The student council most adequately exhibits the heart and soul of the Incarnate Word by giving of themselves to others.



Stressed out over the upcoming project, Mr. Torres explains what needs to be done.

After finishing with Harbor Lights, Senior Walt Harvey and Sophomore Sam Novack start the clean-up effort.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”  
 — Mahatma Gandhi ”



Caught in the spirit of giving Junior Mary Ann Medina, Sophomore Alex Rossi, and Freshmen Carolina Rivera, Julia Baker, and Catherine Fergie create a memory together during the Christmas Season.



Sophomore Joe Nash enjoys the last French Club meeting of the year as he spends his lunch period in Room 204.



Freshman club members Hannah Griseiner, Raquel Kasprzyk, Megan Duyongco and Carolina Rivera pose for a quick picture before a Friday meeting.



# French Club

Every other Friday, as students raced to the lunchline and scattered across the cafeteria patio, a spark of Parisian romance illuminated the hallway outside of room 204. Whether it was their passion for the French language, or just the scent of Madame Collins' famous quiches, the French Club brought a variety of students together to provide Incarnate Word Academy with its own personal branch of the French "amour." Though the members waved a tearful goodbye to their favorite French teacher, Madame Caroline Collins, her parting proved bittersweet as her replacement Monsier Alain Carriere brought new, original ideas for activities during meetings. Aside from the usual French Scrabble and Chocolate Strawberries, the French Club members also attended a "Crepe Soiree" organized by the French Alliance of Corpus Christi, and participated in Pen Pal letter exchanges to English Students in France. This year's French Club both strengthened and nurtured the heart of Incarnate Word Academy, bringing a unique, foreign element to the already diverse Anatomy of the student body.



At the final French Club meeting, Sophomore Allison Sirimanotham shuffles a deck of cards before beginning a game of "Aluette."

After first serving the members of French Club, President Elani Duzich and Vice President Marianne Medina open a fresh box of pasta to finally serve themselves.

“Whenever I hear French spoken, I find myself quietly falling in love.”  
 — Edward G. Butler-Lytton

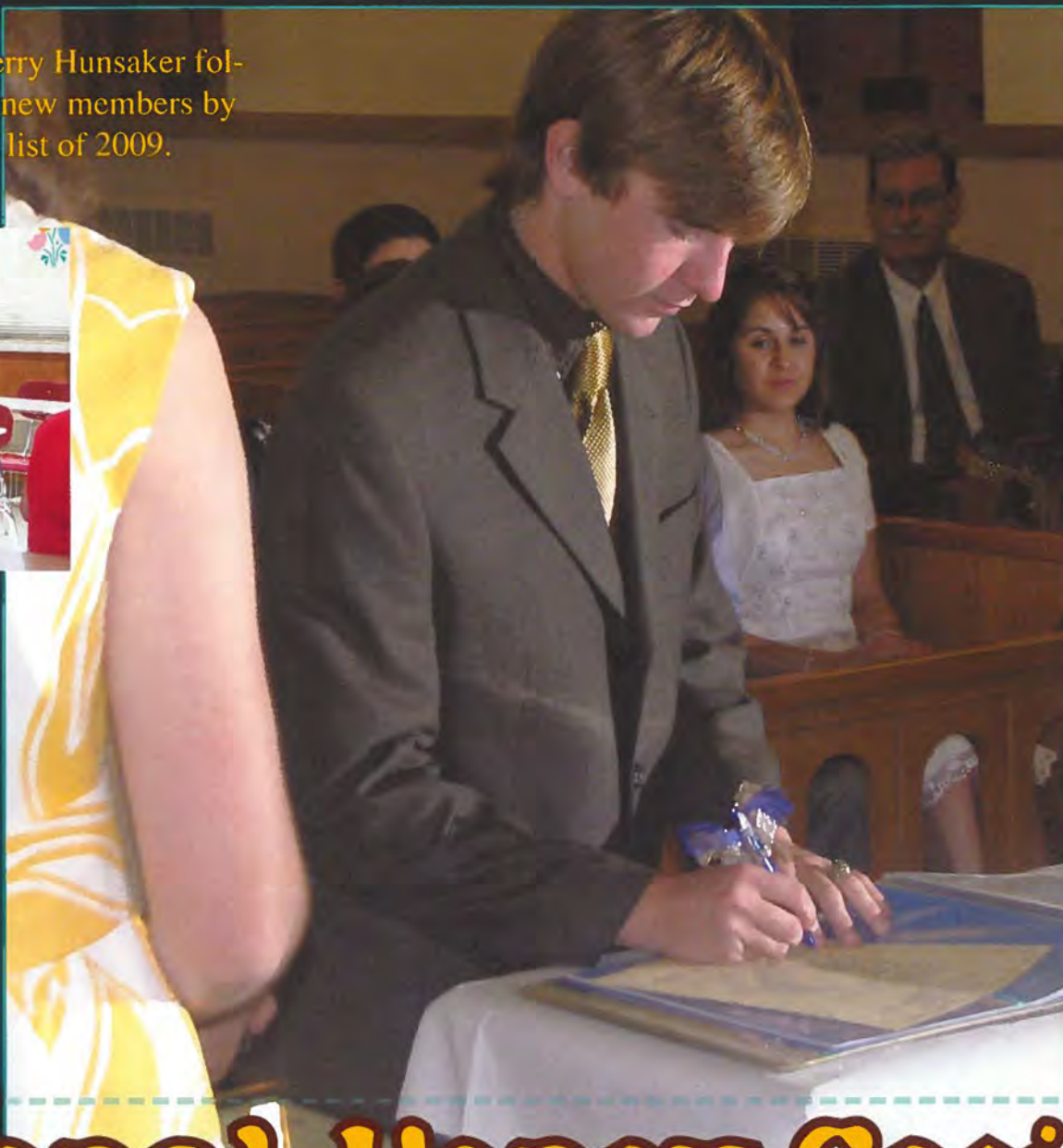


After unfurling the French Flag, Freshman Megan Duyonco, and Junior Erika Magdagdaro pose with half of the French Club members and their sponsor, Monsier Alain Carriere.

Junior NHS inductee Jerry Hunsaker follows in the tradition of new members by signing his name to the list of 2009.



Junior NHS members Anthony Gibson and Brian Smith look over notes during their usual lunchtime meeting.



As the Induction Ceremony commences, Senior NHS members David Heredia and Wahlt Harvey lead the way as they carry the NHS banner to the front of the chapel.

Faculty sponsor Mary Espinosa gives her input during a weekly meeting.

“  
The energy of the mind  
is the essence of life.  
”  
-Aristotle



# National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization meant for the country's brightest students. Students who are inducted into it have a large burden placed upon them: They have to take on the role of student leaders. It may just seem like another ordinary club on the surface, but the NHS is anything but that. Each member has to have an overall spectacular grade point average and have exemplary conduct. According to the NHS Constitution, the purpose of it is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. The members of the Incarnate Word Academy LaSalle chapter of NHS take those objectives to heart and relentlessly try to ingrain them into the students of the school. Their overall concern for success is shown in their generous contributions to the school. Led by Senior President Stacy Cereceres and Junior Vice President Emily Nye, along with faculty sponsors Mary Espinosa and Steve Penley, the NHS make their presence known with their activities. Members are responsible for the Honor-Roll Breakfast, giving out rewards to students with exemplary conduct, tutoring, fundraisers, the pot of gold, as well as the induction ceremony for new NHS members held at the end of the year. They are not only generous to the school, but to their community as well.



In her final major task as President of NHS, Senior Stacy Cereceres welcomes the new members during the 2009 Induction Ceremony. st

# MU ALPHA Theta



Trying to concentrate on pronunciation, Senior Sydney Schauer introduces the newly inducted Mu Alpha Theta members.

Mu Alpha Theta is a national high school and junior college mathematics club. Archangel, Sister Catherine Brehony is the sponsor for this mind-boggling institute which helps students develop enhanced mathematical skills for their future. "If people do not believe that mathematics is simple, it is only because they do not realize how complicated life is," stated John Louis von Neumann, a Hungarian mathematician. There are currently thirty-one members, seventeen of which were inducted in November. These gifted and talented mathematicians offer tutoring in Math to the Anatomy and participate on the Math academics team. To be qualified for induction, a student must be enrolled in Pre-Advanced or Advanced mathematics courses, maintain satisfactory conduct in all classes, and have a minimum of a ninety percent average for four semesters before being considered. Mu Alpha Theta members hold fundraisers in which the proceeds earned go toward supplying calculators for mathematics classrooms, donating to the IWA Missions Program, as well as helping the Anatomy in several other charitable endeavors.



In a bittersweet moment, Senior Mu Alpha Theta members Wahlit Harvey, James Rocha, Jackie Ponish, and Sydney Schauer graciously welcome the newest members to their elite Mathematics club.



With a smile, Sr. Catherine Brehony awards Junior Elani Duzich with her Mu Alpha Theta induction certificate.



Newly inducted Juniors to Mu Alpha Theta enjoy a reception following their induction.

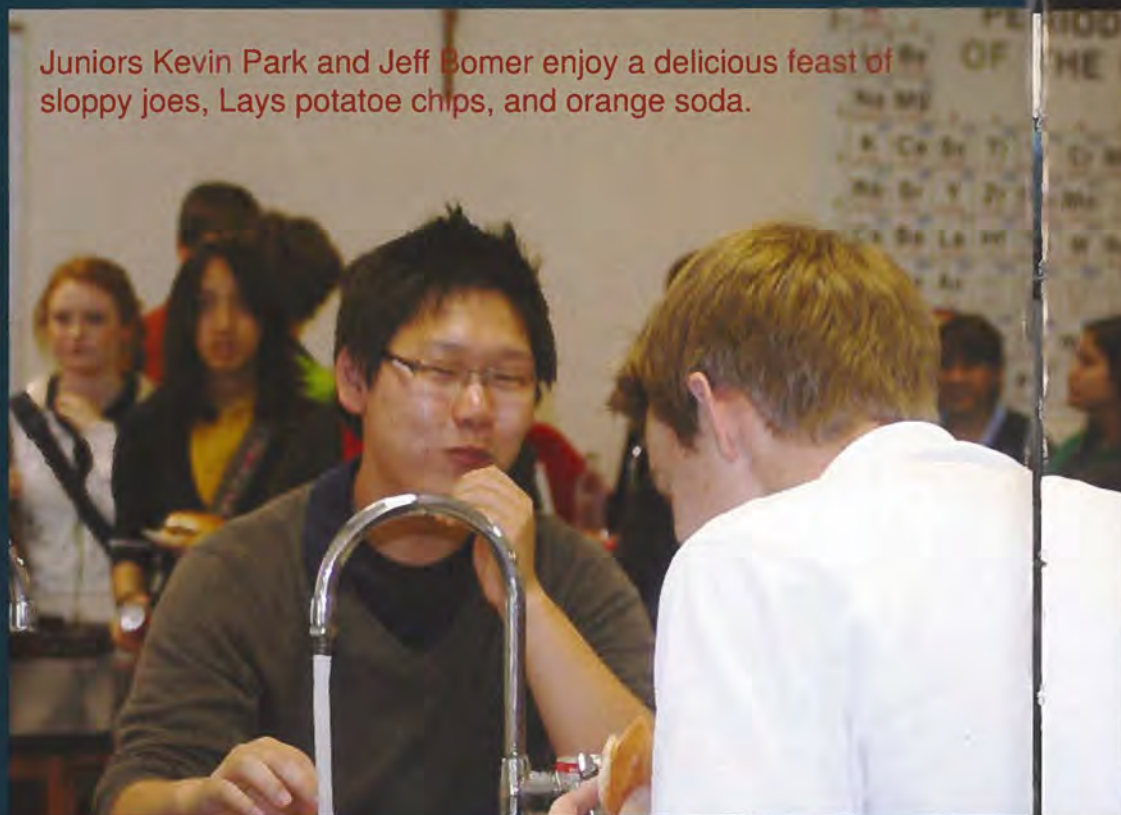
"Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas."  
-Albert Einstein

The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple.  
-S. Gudder

James fergie performs an experiment that demonstrates the bipolar characteristics of milk.



Juniors Kevin Park and Jeff Bomer enjoy a delicious feast of sloppy joes, Lays potatoe chips, and orange soda.



“ Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure of Science, ~Edwin Powell Hubble ”

Campus Minister Mark Ortiz and Senior Sydney Schauer enjoy the delicious sloppy joes Science Club Sponsor Mrs. Sandra Quintero prepared.



# Science Club

In the 1984 classic Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Harrison Ford's character Indiana Jones says "Nothing shocks me. I am a scientist." At Incarnate Word students are very passionate about exploring the world of science, and the Science Club provides a venue for acquiring knowledge about the many different aspects of the scientific field. Every Thursday at 12:26, students from all four grade levels head straight to room 212 where Mrs. Sandra Quintero prepares sloppy joes, and Science Club President Wahl Harvey has announcements about various science club issues, then Science Club Vice President James Fergie has an interesting demonstration waiting for them. Whether James is demonstrating freezing points by making ice cream or testing the PH level with cabbage and litmus paper, there is always something interesting. The science club is not just fun and games, though. They also hold many charities in efforts to raise money to help pay for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics AP exams. The science club members are by far some of the most enthusiastic scientific minds in the school and it is clear that they will go on to do great things in the field of science.

Science Club Vice President Junior James Ferge gives a brief explanation before performing his demonstration



# Backbone

There are hundreds of parts that make up the Anatomy, each unique and important in its own way. But there is one particular component that lifts up the body, the Backbone. In any anatomy the backbone serves as a stabilizer, the element that keeps one balanced and up-right. The same holds true in the Incarnate Word Anatomy. Our Backbone is our Spiritual Life, the key branch that holds the family together in faith and fellowship. Whether through school-wide liturgies or mission work the ever-present faith alive at Incarnate Word is what keeps the Anatomy moving and functioning. A faithful spirit is what makes up the Backbone of an Angel.

During retreat the Junior class surrounds the altar as Father Pete Elizardo consecrates the host during mass.

# A Family of Faith

What's SWM?

Incarinate Word Academy is a very tight knit faith community, and it was never more evident than when we gathered as a school once a month for the celebration of the Liturgy. Students from all four grade levels participated in this celebration of the mass by altar serving, lecturing, planning, and using their talents as music ministers. School-Wide Masses allowed our school to invite, meet, and fellowship with priests from around the diocese who gave up their time to celebrate mass for us. Most masses were celebrated on Wednesday, but several times during the year we upheld our call to faith by observing Holy Days of Obligation. The season of Lent led to another school-wide call to faith, when we celebrated our annual Reconciliation Service. Several priests from the diocese came to offer guidance and absolution of our sins. This year was truly a great year and as a school we bonded as a faith community.

Father James Stembler creates the look of divinity when presenting the hosts of Christ and His people.



Setting a true example of christian service, Coach Casper Wenzel participates in mass as a Eucharistic Minister blessing Ms.Cisneros and Ms. Guerra.



Actively praising the Lord, Father Eduardo Montemayor and Junior Kevin Park sing the recessional hymn at a Campus Wide Liturgy.



Ready to bring Christ to all of the students of faith, Sophomores Lydia Ayala, Sammy Koury, and Lauryn Alanis present the gifts of bread and wine with reverent care.

Partaking in the fellowship at school wide mass, Seniors Carlos Rodriguez, Alejandro Villamil, Wahlr Harvey, and Austin Massad offer each other a sign of peace.

In anticipation of a joyful celebration of Holy Mass, Senior altar servers Adan Narvaez, Lauren Lara, and Adriana Mora eagerly await for Father Stembler.

In receiving gifts of the presentation, Freshman Catherine Fergie serves with a look of reflection.



Capturing the attention of the congregation, band and choir members play upbeat music while students sing along in praise.

Constructive criticism is used wisely as Junior Erica Magdalaro speaks with a keynote speaker about her thoughts concerning the girls' talk at the Junior retreat.

“Life giving words bring meaning to who we are as a Christian people.”

Campus Minister Marc Ortiz speaks to students in a lively manner about the love of Christ and how he's influencing their High School careers everyday.



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# on God's Time! Junior and Senior Retreats



Taking advantage of one of their last chances to bond with each other, Senior girls listen attentively and with smiling faces to one of the guest speakers while on their retreat.

“Loving someone because of their love for Christ is forever true.”



With a watchful eye, Juniors look on as Fr. Pete Elizardo blesses the hosts for mass at their retreat.



Senior Carlos Rodriguez contemplates the inspirational ideas brought about during the keynote speeches.

With a grateful heart, Senior Tim Longoria receives his underclassmen gift of a Holy Bible.



Enjoying the music that was played with song and dance, Seniors Lizzy Quinton and Lauren Lara share a laugh and a smile.

# Missions 2009

As violence raged along the border, tensions mounted among the entire Incarnate Word Missions Team. The missionaries' destination of Tula, Mexico was beginning to seem more and more dangerous as the date of departure grew closer. Though the disappointing news that the program would not include a trip to Mexico was met with much despair, the turn of events proved to be a blessing. The decision to bring the missionary spirit to Galveston, Texas as the team helped with badly needed Hurricane Ike relief lead to the discovery of a new home in a city crumbling with devastation. Residents opened their homes to the Angels, sharing eye opening stories of loss and brokenness which had occurred in their own country, a place they had assumed was impervious to the desolation they had been prepared to face abroad. As the days flew by in Galveston and each brought a new friendship or spiritual encounter, the missionaries became less of a "team" and more of a "family." Though the Family was divided into four smaller groups, the division pulled the missionaries closer together as each group contributed its own originality to the bundle of services transported from Incarnate Word Academy to Galveston, Texas. The unique encounters that the missionaries experienced in Galveston this year confirmed the French novelist Victor Hugo's observation: "It is by suffering that human beings become Angels".



Mission Team 2009 poses and smiles on the steps of a local Galveston home as they share one last memory of their unforgettable trip.

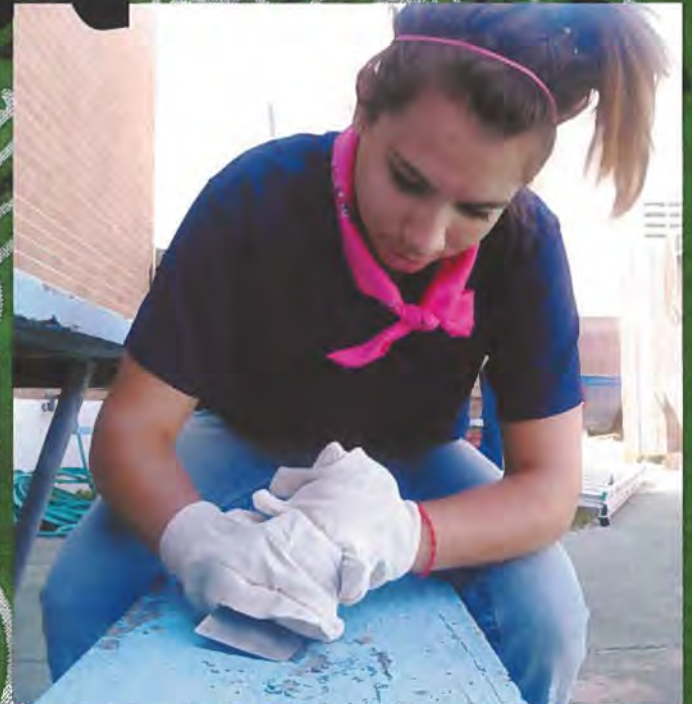


Marc Ortiz, Campus Minister & Mission Team Director

# GREEN



Green Team members, Senior Carlos Rodríguez and Junior Fransico Hernaiz, clear the garden of the Knights of Columbus Hall before planting a new bed of flowers.



Sophomore Anyssa Hinojosa scrapes off the old paint of a picnic bench.



Working diligently at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Sophomore Kyle Thomas wrestles with weeds.

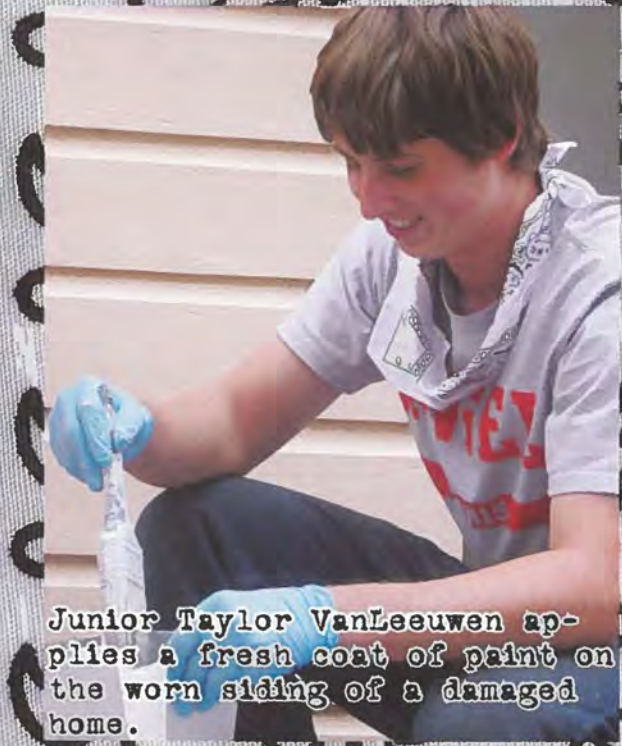


The girls of the Green Team take a quick break from their dedicated work at the Castro's home to create a heart warming memory with the elderly couple.

# WHITE



After a long day of painting, Seniors Wahlt Harvey and Adan Narvaez still have energy to smile for the camera.



Junior Taylor VanLeeuwen applies a fresh coat of paint on the worn siding of a damaged home.



Ladies of the white group Katherine Lopez, Lydia Ayala, Elani Duzich, and Emily Nye pose with two adult leaders after returning from a hard day of work.



Sophomore JD Longoria paints the roof of a house after climbing the ladder to reach the top.



Junior Erika Magdagaro spares a smile for the camera as she paints a house for a citizen.

# PURPLE



Returning from their worksite, the Purple Team save the moment standing on the damaged shores of Galveston.



Sophomore Alec Cotten watches the landscape grow smaller as he prepares to see the worst of the devastation on the Island of Bolivar.



After breaking a sweat gardening and weeding, Sophomores Chris Parra and Mary Jane Shea smile together at their progress.

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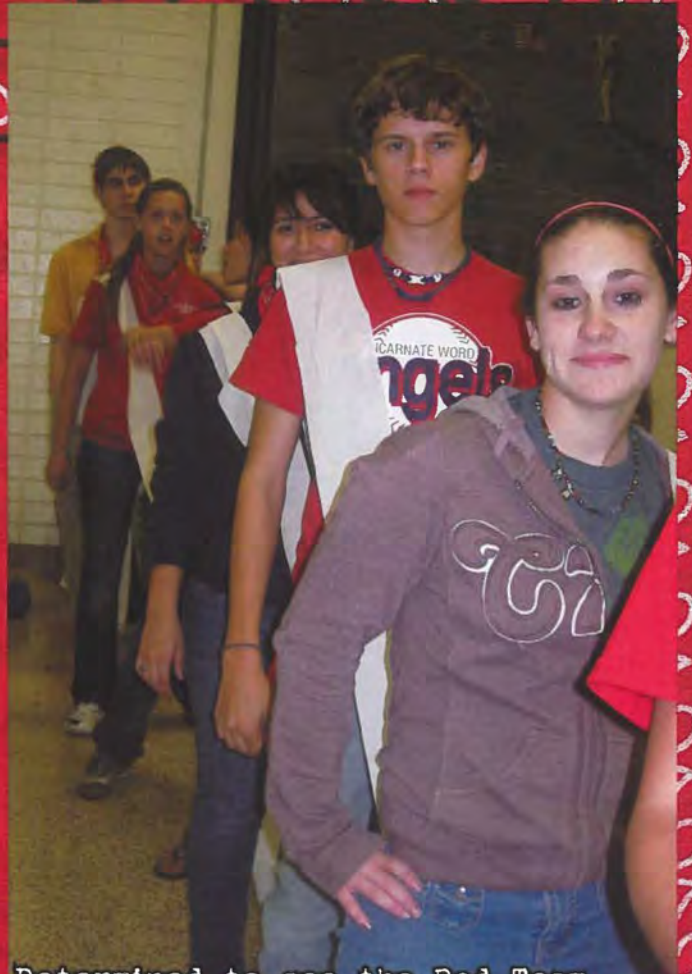
After hours of hard work, the Red Group enjoys their lunch and lounges on the site as they enjoy group bonding.



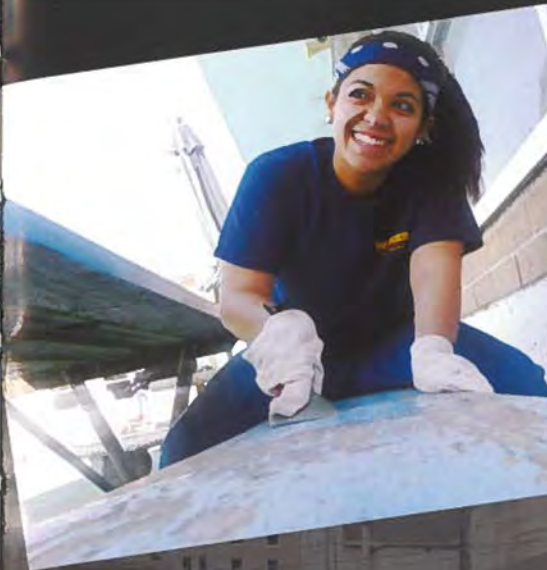
Junior and Red Team leader Javier Cantu works his hardest to set an example for the rest of his group.



While waiting to be picked up from their worksite, the Red Team poses on the steps of a citizens home.



Determined to see the Red Team win, Senior Courtney Guerra and Sophomore Hudson Hall set a competitive edge to the nightly Missions Games.



# Student Life

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The Human Body is not complete without a spirit. A body without a spirit would be lifeless, drab, and empty. The Students at Incarnate Word Academy come together to form a spirit that completes the Anatomy of an Angel. You can see this spirit come alive during Homecoming week and annual Pep Rallies such as the Burning of the 'A'. No high school experience would be fulfilled without the sense of life and enthusiasm that occurs throughout the school year. The spirit lives through the student body as they achieve more and more each year in academics and extracurriculars. Every year a new class moves forward to new things, but the spirit will forever remain within the hearts of these angels.



# ANGEL SPIRIT!



Sponsor JoAnn Garcia

Back row:

## Awesome Angels!

Strength. Sportsmanship. Determination. All of these characteristics are found in the mighty Angels. The Spirit club frequently displays generosity by supplying the cheerleaders with their needs, and plan various school activities such as the Veterans Day Ceremony and the Open House. The Spirit club strives to better and unite the school. Angels are always supportive of their peers and participating in the events held that strengthen Angel spirit. Angels are constantly filled with support when it comes to succeeding in athletics and academics, and they make sure to share their support with others. Angels are set on their goals and are continually filled with consideration for their fellow Angels. The heart of an Angel is made up of its spirit.



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below Surrounded by his fellow classmates, Senior Russell McElwee proclaims his devotion to the school enthusiastically.

bottom After completing their newest cheer, Junior Elizabeth Robertson, along with her fellow cheerleaders, take a break after their dancing.



Sporting their new getup, Freshmen Carolina Rivera and Matthew McClung roam the halls disguised as Republican candidate for Vice President Sarah Palin and Democratic candidate for President Barack Obama.





Junior girls Mary Allman, Ebonnie Embres, and Jordan Ailleon cheer on the cross country team at an exciting pep rally.



Band member Audrianna Fios shows school spirit by performing in an ensemble at the Fall Open House.



Seniors Amy Duncan, David Guerra, and Adri Mora joke around while wearing matching red outfits for Red Ribbon week.



Bringing a smile to all, Freshman cheerleader Danielle Compa energetically performs a routine dance.



Members of the Spirit Club hold a banner that the Cross Country team excitedly waits behind before running through in glory.



With hair flying, Senior Jacy Adams, along with the other cheerleaders, pump up the crowd at a gathering of the student body before an athletic event.

Incarinate word cheerleaders can be heard throughout the halls giving words of encouragement to fellow students, however when in the gym during pep rallies, they are heard proclaiming,

Let's go ANGELS!

# Senior Hall of Fame

Out of 61 Seniors, the Incarnate Word Academy Faculty and Staff chose 6 students for a spot in our first annual Senior Hall of Fame. Seniors earned this recognition by displaying outstanding qualities such as Leadership, Character, Individuality, Service, Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Citizenship, and General Excellence.

ANDREA LORENA DE LEON



Baylor University--Advanced Recommended Diploma--Class of 2009 Top 10-- TAPPS Academic Team--Missions Team--Asian Club--Merit Scholarship, Baylor University--Academic Award, Baylor University--Gerard Manley Hopkins Award (IWA Alumna)

JAMES SIDNEY HABEEB



Texas A&M University-Galveston--Recommended Diploma--Varsity Swim Team--Student Asst. (Cross Country, Boys Basketball, Track)--IWA Convent volunteer--Theology IV Award--Schoolwide Mass Award

JACY LANE ADAMS



Texas A&M University--Advanced Recommended Diploma--National Honor Society--Mission Team Leader--Student Council--Captain Varsity Cheerleader--Dean's Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word--SAT Incentive Award 1, University of the Incarnate Word--President's Award, St. Mary's University--Rotary Club Youth Leadership Award--Homecoming Queen

MATTHEW ROSS BUSKER



Texas A&M University-Kingsville--Recommended Diploma--Student Council--Coach Casper Wenzel Scholarship--All-State Cross Country--All-State Basketball--District 3-4A Basketball MVP--Member of 2008 4A Cross Country State Championship Team--Member of 2009 District Track Champions--Member of 2009 District 3-4A & 4A South Regional 1600m Track Relay Team--2009 IWA Athletic Wall of Fame (Cross Country, Basketball)--Homecoming King

SYDNEY MICHELLE SCHAUER



Georgetown University--Jeanne De Matel Laureate Diploma--Class of 2009 Valedictorian--Principal's Leadership Award--Student Council, Student Body President--National Honors Society--Mu Alpha Theta--Science Club--TAPPS Academic Team--TAPPS Art Team--President Award, King's College--Wendy's Heisman State Finalist Award--National Association of Secondary Principal's Scholarship--National Merit Commended Scholar--Varsity Soccer--Varsity Tennis

LYNDSEY RANETTE REYNA



University of the Incarnate Word--Advanced Recommended Diploma--Dean's Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word--President's Scholarship, St. Mary's University--LULAC Scholarship--Student Council, Student Body Vice President--Missions Team Leader--Science Club--TAPPS Academic Team--TAPPS Art Team--Student Asst. (Girls Basketball)

Senior Band Member Ryan Barrera receives an award from Band Instructor Mr. Joe Hernandez



## Academic Achievement Ceremony

Awards...Awards...and more awards! The competitive fire of the IWA Anatomy is not just exposed during athletic competition. That fire burns strong and long throughout the academic schoolday. Each and every Angel working hard on their studies would like a "pat on the back" from time to time, and that recognition came at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony. Students received medals, plaques, and ribbons for their dedication to academics throughout the 2008-09 school year. Seniors at the ceremony also received graduation cords for their Big Day!



Left: Seniors Stacy Cerecerres, Annie Bright, Sarena Barrera, and Jacy Adams cheerfully receive their awards for service to the Mission Team program. Right: Band Members Christian Manzano, Carlos Rodriguez, Kevin Park, Janie Gifford, Corina Villarreal, Ryan Barrera, and Robby Saenz are applauded for their outstanding performances in the TAPPS competition.



Left: Jaclyn Ponish receives an Outstanding Scholar Award from City Tax Collector and guest speaker, Mr. Ronnie Canales. Right: Sr. Judith Marie Saenz and Sr. Raquel Newman present Theology awards.



# Heart

A swimmer wearing a red and black cap is captured in a dynamic pose, splashing water. The swimmer's arms are extended forward, and their body is partially submerged. The background is a blurred pool setting with lane lines visible at the bottom. The word 'Heart' is written in a large, white, stylized font in the upper left corner, with a reflection effect below it.

Sometimes, the greatest sense of comradeship and fellowship emerges from a passion. The Incarnate Word Academy Angel athletics program has certainly proved to be that passion for athletes, coaches, and fans alike. This sports program has become the heart of the school. Whether it's the first dive at a 5 a.m. swim practice or the last sprint in the evening on the track, there is a drive in each athlete to go above and beyond what is expected of them. Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of; inspiring words of legendary Coach John Wooden truly captivates the spirit of athleticism among IWA students. Hard work, determination, and perseverance make up the Heart of an Angel.

## CHEERLEADING



Back Row: Teresa Perez, Danielle Mladenka, Rebecca Bustamante, Danielle Compian Middle Row: Annie Flanigan, Jacy Adams, Catherine Fergie Sitting: Hillary Pena, Elizabeth Robertson

## GIRLS SOCCER



Back Row: Head Coach Bill Cleavlin, Arielle McGillis, Kara Hayes, Lauren Kuffel, Georgina Elizondo, Hallie Campbell-Student Asst., Asst. Coach Darren Dreyer Middle Row: Laura Flores, Caroline Cutbirth, Lauren Smithwick Bottom Row: Chloe Ochoa, Sarena Barrera, Ronika Cavazos, Sydney Schauer, Allie Moore, Brantly Bright, Sarah Martin, Annie Bright, Amy Duncan

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Top Row: Head Coach Korey Hardeman, Maria Kroeger, Meredith Sico, Alora Suarez, Christina Zuniga, Rhonnie Embres, Kyndra McCarty-Student Asst. Middle Row: Hallie Campbell, Andrea Ramos Bottom Row: Jordan Allison, Amy Duncan, Courtney Guerra, Annie Bright, Brantly Bright

## GOLF



Back Row: Jeff Bomer, Head Coach Keno Aleman, Alejandro Villamil, Remy Huston Front Row: Brian Smith, James Milligan



Clara Marti, Head Coach Keno Aleman, Kara Hayes

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



Back Row: Coach Ruben Cavazos, Head Coach Luke Aguilar, Joe Nash, Tim Franco, Matt Busker, Lawrence Garza, Michael Kozlowski, David Heredia, Coach David Rodriguez Front Row: Epi Ysassi, Alec Cotton, John Medary, Jeremy Alvarez, Cody Randall, Anthony Gibson, Rudy Ramon, Thomas Gonzalez

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



Top Row: Megan Duyongco, Georgina Elizondo, Brantly Bright, Doris Hynes, Regina Salinas, Head Coach Luke Aguilar, Coach David Rodriguez, Coach Ruben Cavazos Middle Row: Alex Rossi, Annie Bright, Allie Moore, Raquel Kasprzyk Bottom Row: Lauren Kuffel, Lauren Smithwick, Angela Trevino, Chloe Ochoa, Hannah Jarrell

## JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL



Top Row: Tommy Pesck, J.L. Bronold, Trey Turner, Frank McNiff, Craig Cook, Patrick Hoffman, Head Coach Roby Robles Bottom Row: Nathan Sears, Hudson Hall, Kevin Smith, Patrick Hickham, James Gonzales, Samuel Schauer, Matt Droppa, Kyle Thomas

## VARSITY BASEBALL



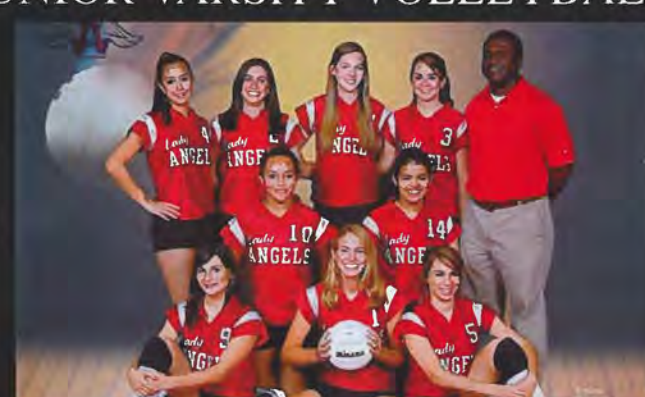
Top Row: Asst. Coach Cody Martinez, David Hoffman, Joey Hammock, Doug Beauchamp, Tim Longoria, Craig Cook, Patrick Hoffman, Head Coach Darren Dreyer Bottom Row: Samuel Koury, Jesse Lugo, James Garcia, James Gonzales, Aaron Aleman, Roger Saenz, Grant Seger

## FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL



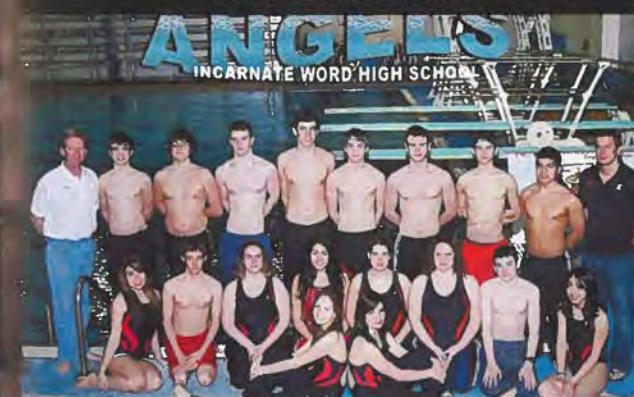
Top Row: Lauren Kuffel, Amris Chacon, Chelsea Bueno, Head Coach Korey Hardeman Middle Row: Christina Bilka Bottom Row: Hannah Dodson, Christina Robertson

## JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Top Row: Leandra Lugo, Meredith Sico, Monica Herbst, Rhonnie Embres, Head Coach Korey Hardeman Middle Row: Maria Kroeger, Christina Zuniga Bottom Row: Mary Jane Shea, Caitlin Hart, Anyssa Hinojosa

## SWIMMING



Top Row: Head Coach Dan Shea, Matt Matl, Jordan Kudlicki, Sam Novaek, Joe Nash, Steele Schauer, James Habeeb, Hudson Hall, James Rocha, Asst. Coach Adam Scott Middle Row: Danielle Mladenka, Sam Schauer, Kyndra McCarty, Meressa Herrman, Emily Bissell, Kylene McCarty, Miles Novack, Allison Sirimatham Bottom Row: Sarah Maruffo, Mary Jane Shea

## DIVING



Top Row: Hudson Hall, Sam Schauer Bottom Row: Mary Jane Shea, Steele Schauer

## JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS ANGELS



Back Row: Carlos Sonka, Jerry Hunsaker, Taylor VanLeeuwen, Head Coach Cory Brooks, J.D. Longoria, Cody Hammond, Kevin Park, Richard Dougherty Kneeling: Allie Moore, Joya Williams, Brantly Bright, Sitting: Marissa Fernandez, Alex Armstrong, Samantha Skurka, Kristine Madrid

## JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL



Top Row: Gilbert Rodriguez, Trey Turner, Jonathan Lopez, Tyler Gentry, EJ Ysassi, JJ Arizmendi, Parixit Bhakta Bottom Row: Patrick Morales, Thomas Gonzalez, Ryan Camacho, Christopher Gover, Dylan Alaniz, Alec Cotten

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



Top Row: Head Coach Corey Hardeman, Jessica Yang, Julia Baker, Amelia Gonzalez, Lyndsey Reyna-Student Asst., Asst. Coach Jolene Guerra Middle Row: Regina Salinas, Leandra Lugo, Alora Suarez, Meredith Sico Bottom Row: Anyssa Hinojosa, Amanda Garza, Christina Zuniga

## VARSVITY TENNIS



Back Row: Head Coach Cory Brooks, Ben Muhr, Steven Aleman, Francisco Hernaiz, Daniel Martinez, Charles Baker Kneeling: Josh Mathews, Camilla Childs, Andrea Ramos, Caitlin Hart, Sydney Schauer, Monica Herbst, Oscar Schechter Sitting: Jordan Allsion, Rhonnie Embres

## FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL



Front Row: Dylan Alaniz, Trey Turner, Fritz Cook, Corey Kerr, Tommy Pesek Bottom Row: Matt Droppa, Bobby Garza, James Gonzales, Zach Pekar, Parixit Bhakta

## VARSVITY BOYS BASKETBALL



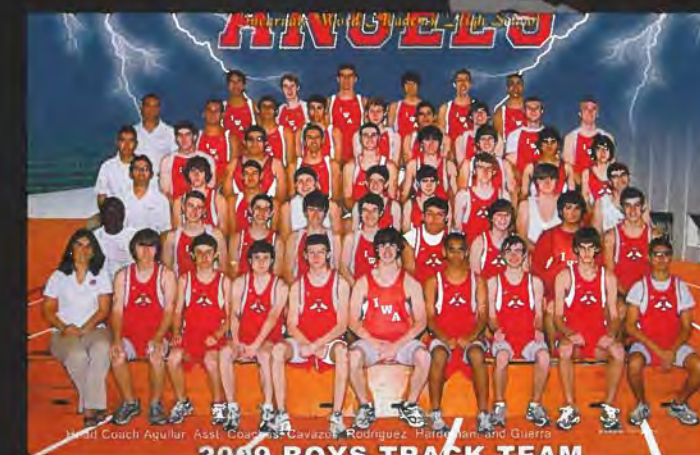
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# Cross Country



## 2008 TAPPS Class 4A Boys & Girls State Champs

TRADITION NEVER GRADUATES



Soaked with sweat Sophomores John Medary and Joe Nash keep their pace at the first cross country meet of the year.



With victory so close, Sophomore Alex Rossi eyes the finish line at the District meet.

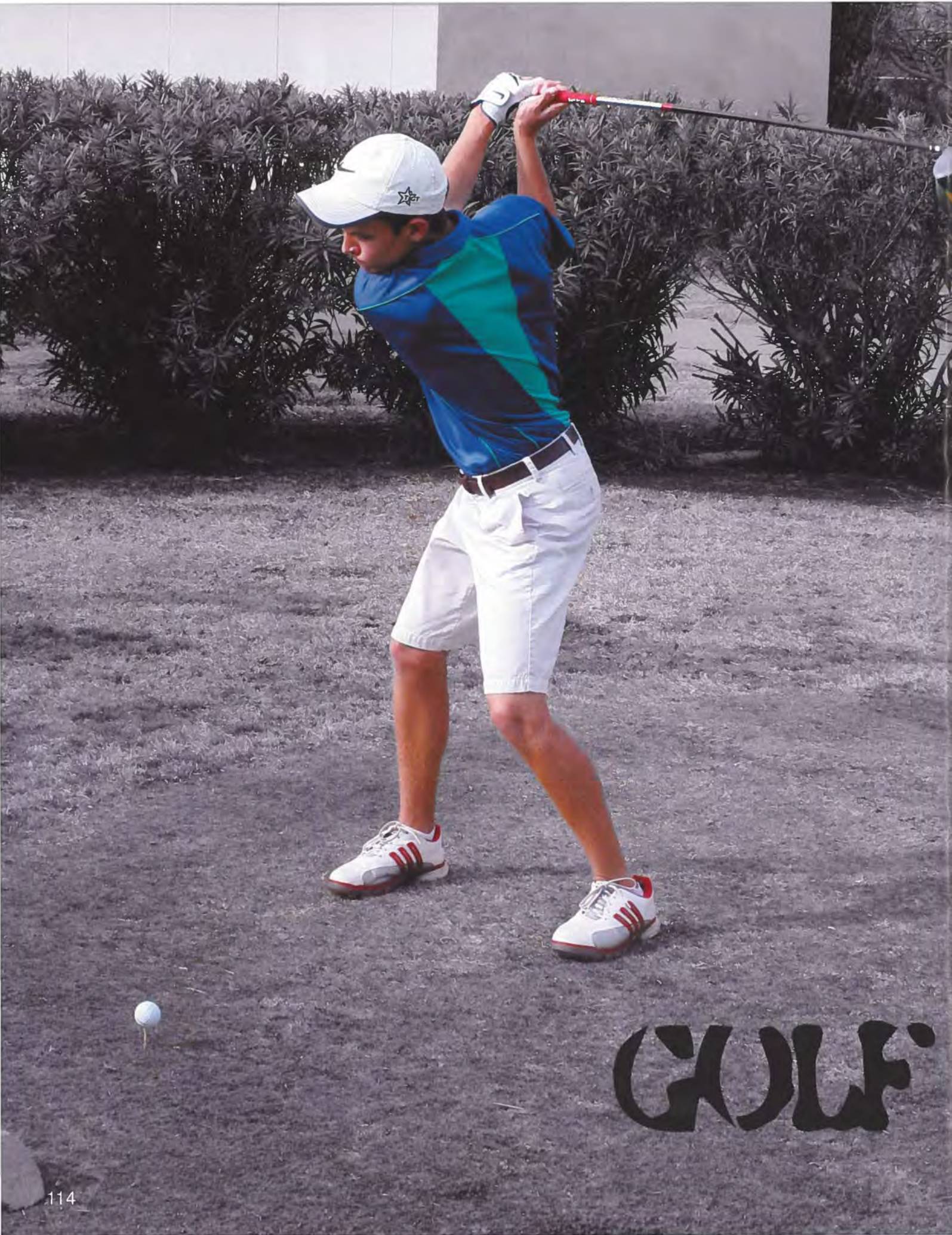


Senior Lawrence Garza uses the down slope of the sidewalk to catch his opponent.

"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift" was the quote the Incarnate Word Academy Cross Country Team used as inspiration during the 2008 season. That quote was not only a word of motivation, but it was also put into action as both the boys and girls Varsity teams finished the season as State Champions of TAPPS Class 4A. Practice runs led by Asst. Coach David Rodriguez, motivational speeches and strength/conditioning workouts with Coach Ruben Cavazos, along with Head Coach Luke Aguilar putting all the pieces of the puzzle together, Archangel Aguilar



suggests the Cherubim's and Seraphim's of the Anatomy are more than capable of duplicating the achievements of this year. "The reason I feel we came out victorious both boys and girls is that we had team unity. And for the years to come, if they keep working hard I believe we will continue to do well." The boys completed the 2008 season as champions of Texas for the third straight year ('06, '07 Class 5A), while the girls raised the championship trophy for the first time since the early 1990's. Highlighting the boys three-peat were All-State performers Seniors Matt Busker (2nd Overall) and David Heredia (3rd Overall). Leading the way for the girls team included Freshman Regina Salinas (3rd Overall) and Sophomore Alex Rossi (7th Overall).



# GOLF

Professional golfer Tiger Woods once said, "My focus is always on my game." Everyday during 8th period Athletics the Incarnate Word Boys Golf team takes this message to heart when they hit the greens of Pharaoh Valley Golf Course. Whether chipping out of the rough or placing a shot with an iron, their mission to win a TAPPS state title in golf under the guidance of Coach Keno Aleman, the Angels work to sharpen their skills with their Callaways and Ping-Pongs. Returning Juniors Jeff Bomer and Brian Smith, along with Freshman Remy Houston and Freshman Clara Marti, the only female on the team, look to Seniors James Milligan and Alejandro

Villamil for leadership to make a formidable force in the TAPPS golf scene. The general perception of golf is that it is not a sport that requires any athletic ability or intensity. The team's hard work and dedication to excellence is best portrayed by the students that partake in this activity. The Angels drive and determination is best illustrated by the success that they experienced at the TAPPS 4A District Meet, James Milligan shot a 76 and finished 1st, and the team shot a 311 to take home first place in their district. At Regionals the Angels experienced similar results Bryan Smith finished second with an 81 and led the team to another Regional title.



Freshman Clara Marti hits the driving range before her practice round with the team begins.



Senior Alejandro Villamil and Freshman Remy Houston look on as fellow teammate Senior James Milligan hits drive after drive on the practice range.

Searching for his ball down the fairway, Freshman Remy Houston holds his follow thru just as the pros do.



The buzzer sounds and sheets of icy water sail through the air as eight bodies knife through the Natatorium pool's surface. The building is overflowing with swimmers, some practicing their flipturns, others competing in the synchronized diving competition. Hundreds are crowding the numerous bleachers, cheering their friends on in the current heat as they wait for their next event to begin. The Incarnate Word Academy swim team of 2008-2009 served as a model for every aspiring sports team. Not only did the team possess talent, it also encompassed a rare element that may have attributed to their many successes: A sense of family. This trait, kindled by the amount of siblings on the team, may have been sparked by the fact that Sophomore team member Mary Jane Shea's father, Dan Shea was head swim coach. This year, he had the opportunity not only to pass on his knowledge of the sport to his team, but also to spend more time with his daughter. The amount of sibling team mates this year also contributed to the team's unity. Senior Kyndra McCarty swam with her younger sister, Sophomore Kylene; Freshman Miles Novack joined his brother, Sophomore Sam Novack's relay team; and twin Sophomores Sam and Steele Schauer became two of the first to join the newly formed Incarnate Word Academy Diving Team. There is no doubt that this factor added to the amount of knowledge passed onto the younger members of the team. Freshman Miles Novack experienced this event firsthand, "Having a brother who already knew how the system worked definitely helped me adapt quicker. Sam has always given me advice to help improve my strokes, and now he pushes me even when I feel I can swim no longer." This year, the Incarnate Word Academy swim team was composed of a tightly woven patchwork of unique people. Each swimmer brought a different element and valuable asset to the team, adding to the talented Angel Anatomy of the swim team family.

Above:  
Sophomores Steele Schauer, Joe Nash, Sam Novack, and Sam Schauer finish their lunchables provided by Coach Shea and rest on the steps of the Tuloso-Midway Aquatic Center with their Freshmen teammates, Miles Novack and Matt Matl.



Freshman Danielle Mladenka, cascades pool water behind her as she completes the final lap of her relay.



Taking advantage of the break before her next event, Senior Kyndra McCarty obtains some helpful tips from her coach, Dan Shea.



As water rains down over his lane, Freshman Matt Matl backstrokes through the choppy pool.

# Baseball



A new coaching staff, new uniforms, and a new field, but Junior Grant Seger shows that fundamentals were still the recipe for success on the diamond.

When the word "baseball" comes to mind, many people think of popcorn, peanuts, chants, freshly cut green grass and red dirt. However, "baseball" meant so much more to the Varsity team during the 2009 season. "Baseball" meant not only 7:30 a.m. practices to condition, but after school practices to work on fielding and batting that did not end until six. Though the members of the baseball team may seem like pranksters, the Angels knew when it was time to discipline themselves and get to work. Led by six Seraphim of the Anatomy, Doug Beauchamp, James Garcia, David Hoffman, Tim Longoria, and Jesse Lugo, the team came together to use their hearts to cooperate and work as one.



These Seniors made sure to be an example to the underclassmen by showing pure dedication and determination. The team showed us how they became a family not only by working together on the diamond, but off as well. The laughs they shared at lunch and the inside jokes that were made on the lengthy bus rides truly embodied what a team should be. Coach Darren Dreyer, along with Asst. Coach Cody Martinez, took on the role of the Archangels and gave the team just the right amount of guidance and training they needed. Just as an Anatomy does not function without a missing part, nor does a team without all its players. Through all their obstacles the Angels of '09 worked with one common goal; to work as a team, just like the parts of an Anatomy work together.



Trying to stay focused, the Varsity team gathers in a huddle for words of wisdom before their game.



Concentrating on the game Coaches Darren Dreyer and Cody Martinez keep a watchful eye on their players.



Victory is captured as Junior Grant Seger congratulates his teammate Jonathan Groesbeck after making the third out.

# Tennis



Senior and Team Captain Ben Muhr tosses and waits to hit the perfect serve and ace his opponent.



Sophomore Charles Baker shows his skill as he returns the ball to win the point.



Senior Sydney Schauer volleys as her doubles partner, Junior Jordan Allison watches in anticipation.



Junior Rhonnie Embres stands her position as she waits for the ball.

This year the Incarnate Word Academy Tennis Team felt right at home as they played host to the 2009 TAPPS District Tournament, to once again declare their position at the State level. At TAPPS State, the Boys Doubles team of Junior Josh Mathews and Sophomore Oscar Schechter fought their best to progress through early qualifying on their way to advancing to the Quarterfinals. Other State competitors including Sophomore Charles Baker, Senior Sydney Schauer, and Junior Francisco Hernaiz, worked their hardest

and competed at their highest levels to obtain their state roles. To prepare for TAPPS, Archangel Coach Cory Brooks started from the beginning of October, heading to the HEB Tennis Center where practice was held from 3:00 to 4:30. During the heated hours of the afternoon, the Angels participated in an even more heated practice to hone their skills on the court. As green flew across the net, and rackets sliced through the air, the intense moments of the game brought out the heart of the team and these Angels' full potential.

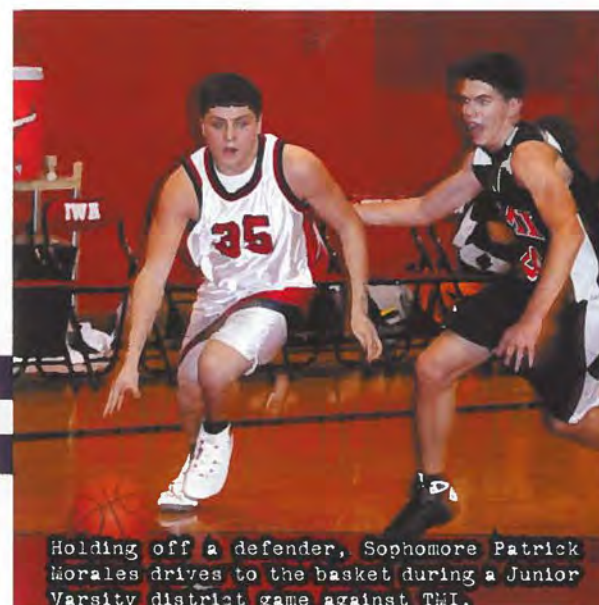




"A quiet gym is a loser gym," was the motto of the 2008-2009 Angel Basketball team as they worked to accomplish their goal of winning the TAPPS District 3-4A title. This was said to the players to reiterate to them that they have to communicate as a team and that communication is the most important thing when you are on the court. This season, Coach Casper Wenzel was looking to surpass his 800th win in his remarkable coaching career and that he did in the boys' first district game against St. Joseph High School (Victoria, TX). In the early mornings, the boys' basketball team ran along scenic Ocean Drive amidst the cold air and cars driving past them, so they would be prepared to endure



the long season that required a great deal of determination. Asst. Coach Ruben Cavazos helped the players with his motivational pre-game speeches and his approach of getting players "pumped up" before they lifted weights. The Freshman and Junior Varsity teams also had a very successful season alongside the Varsity team. Varsity captains, Seniors Matt Busker (1st Team All State) and Tim Franco (All State Honorable Mention), and Junior Anthony Gibson (2nd Team All-State) led the team to an outstanding 29-4 regular season record and an undefeated 14-0 record in district play which led to a bi-district championship victory against Northland Christian High School (Houston, TX). This incredible Angel basketball season is one that will be remembered for a long time to come.



Holding off a defender, Sophomore Patrick Morales drives to the basket during a Junior Varsity district game against THS.

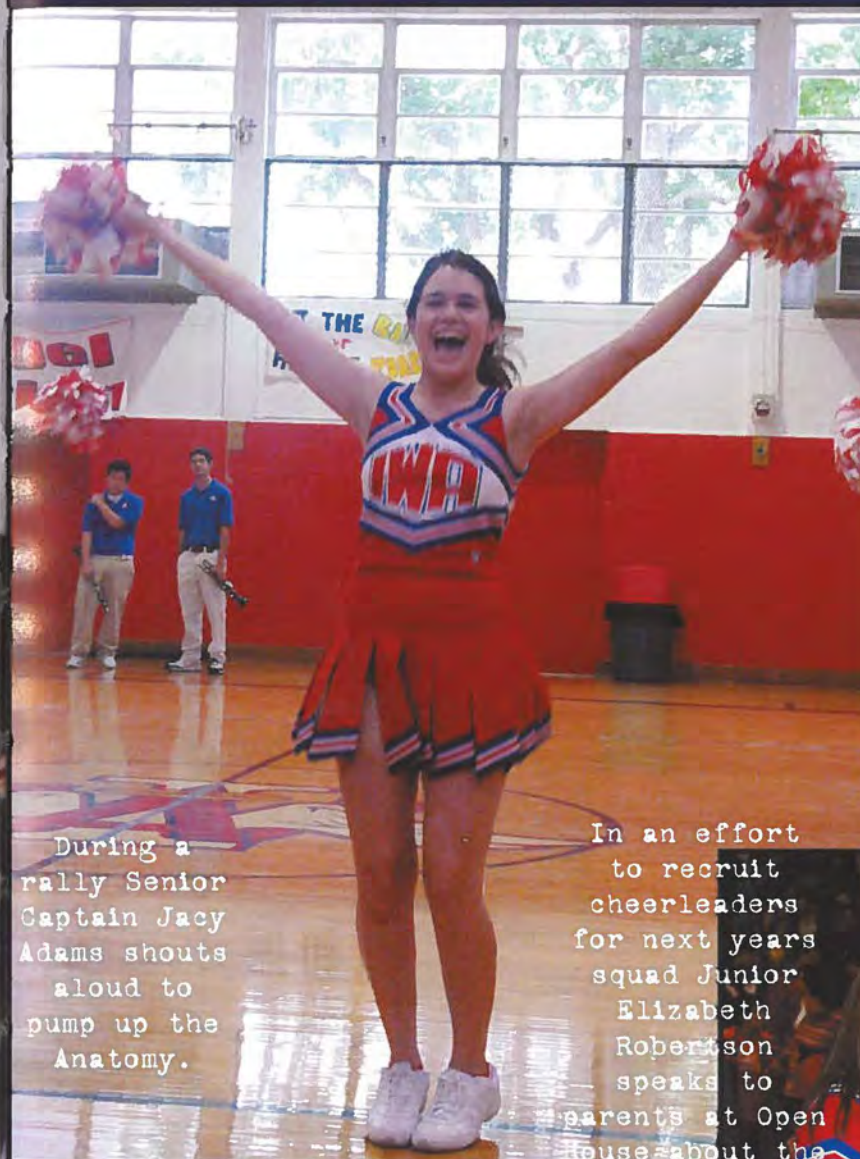


Giving last minute instructions before taking the floor, Coaches Wenzel and Cavazos huddle the Varsity team amidst the crowd noise.



Determined to extend the lead, Senior Tim Franco has complete concentration at the free throw line.

# Cheerleading



During a rally Senior Captain Jacy Adams shouts aloud to pump up the Anatomy.

In an effort to recruit cheerleaders for next years squad Junior Elizabeth Robertson speaks to parents at Open House about the excitement of cheerleading.



Freshman Catherine Fergie cheers during a timeout at the Boys Basketball Bi-District game.

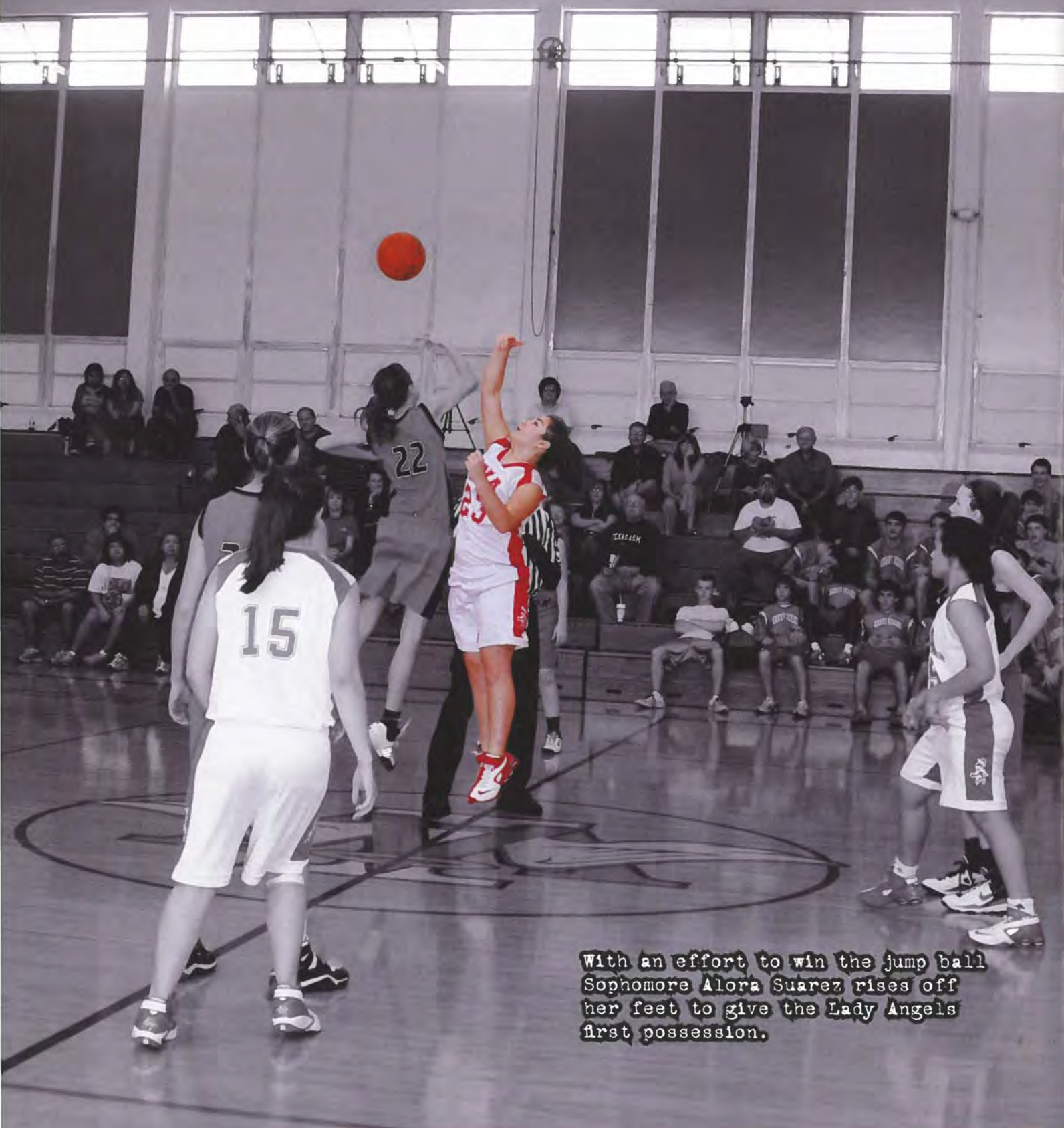


Hearts racing, sweat beating down their faces, loud breathing...Who said cheerleading was easy? As the leaders of spirit for the Anatomy, the IWA cheerleaders give their all to bring the crowd alive whether at home or away games, and combine their spirit and talent to create a whole new meaning of spirit with their stunts, chants, and cheers. Their mission of inspiring spirit in the hearts of all Angels and to bring the sports teams to victory was definitely accomplished this year.



Anatomy of A Cheerleader: School colors, Cute uniforms, Ribbons, and SPIRIT.

# Girls Basketball



With an effort to win the jump ball, Sophomore Alora Suarez rises off her feet to give the Lady Angels first possession.



Given the open look, Sophomore Leandra Lugo takes the jumper.



During a timeout, Coach Hardeman explains what he wants out of his team.



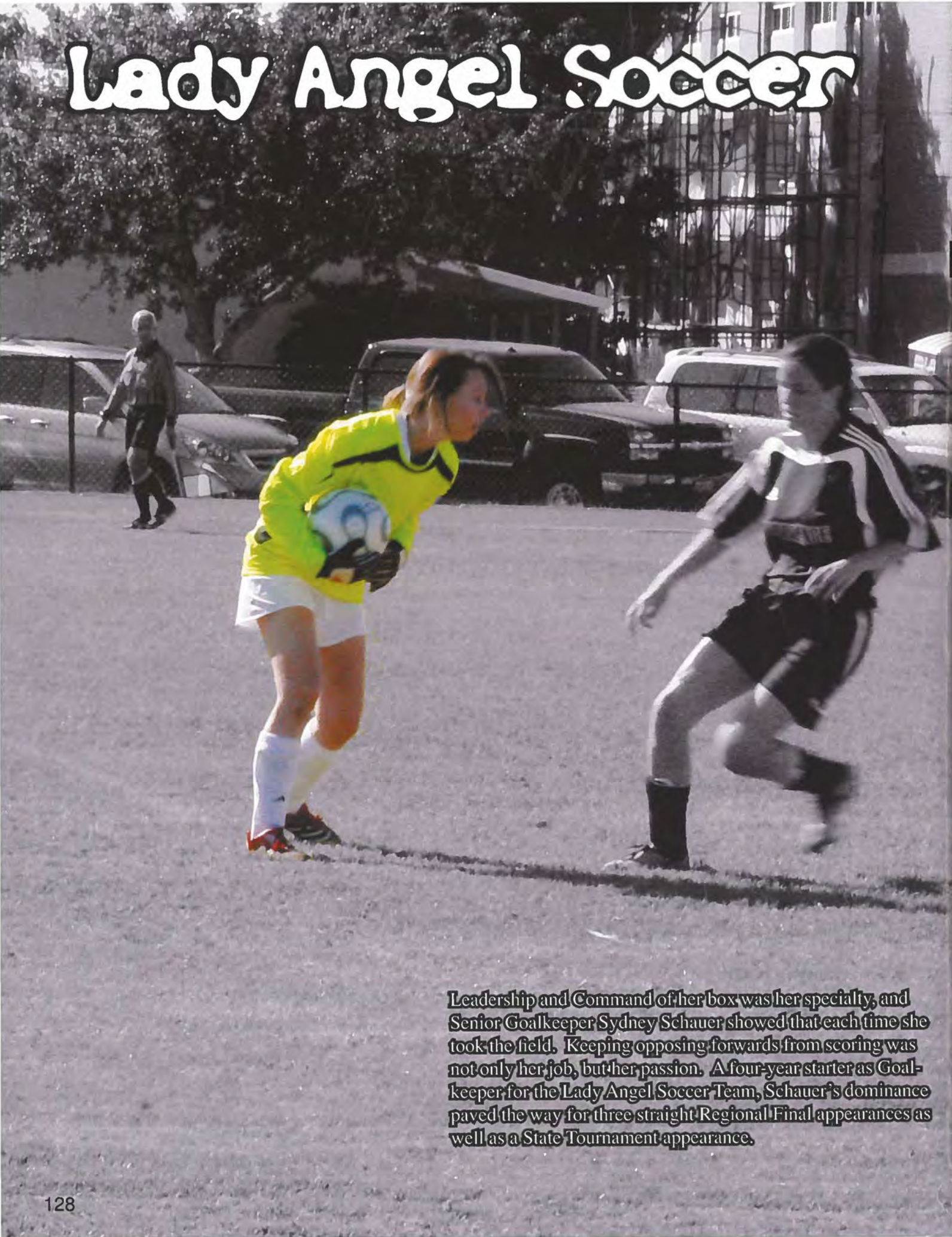
In anticipation of taking the floor, the Lady Angels "team up" before a district game.

A new Team. A new Year. A new Coach. A new Attitude. For most girls high school basketball programs in the state, this is not the ideal situation when preparing for the season. Ten Angels of the Anatomy chose to follow the leadership of Archangel Korey Hardeman, while representing the spirit of the Incarnate Word. The 2008-2009 version of the girl's Varsity basketball team was one that IWA had never seen before. Five members of the team were Thrones, in which they took their natural place in the order of the Anatomy as Angels



of pure Humility, Peace, and Submission. Father Walter Elliot once wrote, "Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." Inspired by this quote, the Lady Angels overlooked their youth and inexperience by taking on their opponents with confidence, and proving to the Anatomy that they will be a force as Powers next season. Lone Seraphim of the team, Amanda Garza, accepted her role from day one. Whether at practice, during pre-game, timeouts, or on the bus, she used her Seraphim title as the highest ranked Angel and direct caretaker of the Anatomy. The Lady Angels used their hearts and hands to work together, as well as their different capacities to cooperate and work as one.

# Lady Angel Soccer



Leadership and Command of her box was her specialty, and Senior Goalkeeper Sydney Schauer showed that each time she took the field. Keeping opposing forwards from scoring was not only her job, but her passion. A four-year starter as Goalkeeper for the Lady Angel Soccer Team, Schauer's dominance paved the way for three straight Regional Final appearances as well as a State Tournament appearance.



After skillfully stealing the ball from her opponent, Senior Annie Bright hastily passes it to her teammate.



Shielding her eyes from the sun, Junior Ronika Cavazos shares the bench with her teammates Freshman Caroline Cutbirth and Sophomore Brantly Bright.



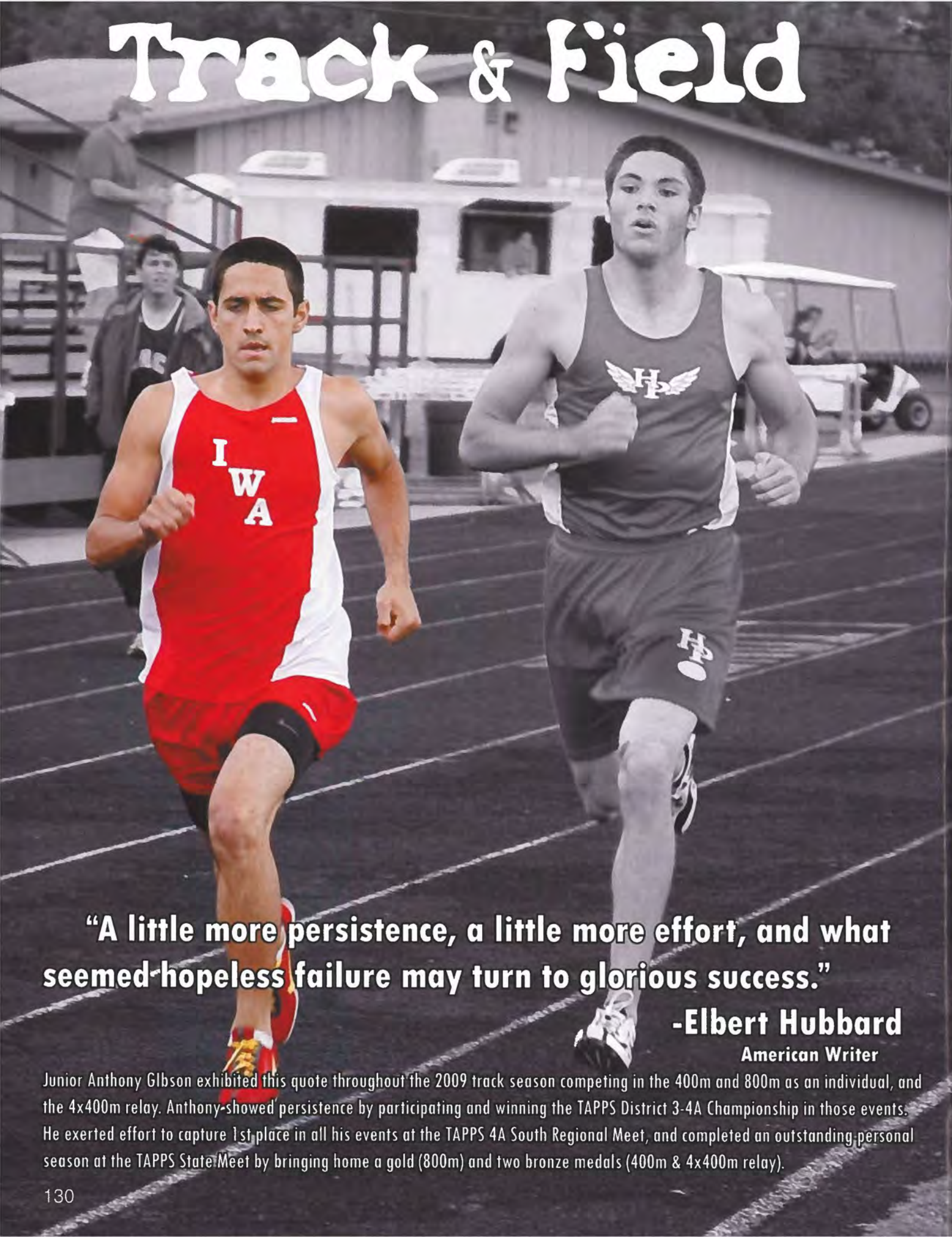
Anticipating the whistle, Junior Lauren Smithwick patiently waits for the game to begin.

A huddle of red and white crowds the field by the home goal before every Lady Angels' soccer game. However, instead of shouting insulting chants to provoke the other team, the ladies bow their heads in reverence and pray for a safe game. This prayerful attitude of sportsmanship traveled with them throughout the season as the ladies took on rival team after rival team, eventually advancing to the Regional round of the TAPPS State playoffs in Austin. Due to the combined efforts of Annie Bright, Amy Duncan, and Syndey Schauer, the three returning Senior team members, the Lady



Angels remained united. The Senior Ladies' experienced advice and unyielding team spirit kept the underclassmen's morale high throughout the season, paving the way for the team's long stretch of victories. The talent of this year's Lady Angel Soccer team was fostered by Coach Cleavlin and Asst. Coach Dreyer. The two acted as both the catalyst and anchor for the team, guiding the girls throughout the season. Their efforts and encouragement prompted the Lady Angels to concentrate on earning their namesake. Each of the girls devoted their time to reforming their Anatomy into what Jesus, the Incarnate Word, intends: that of an Angel.

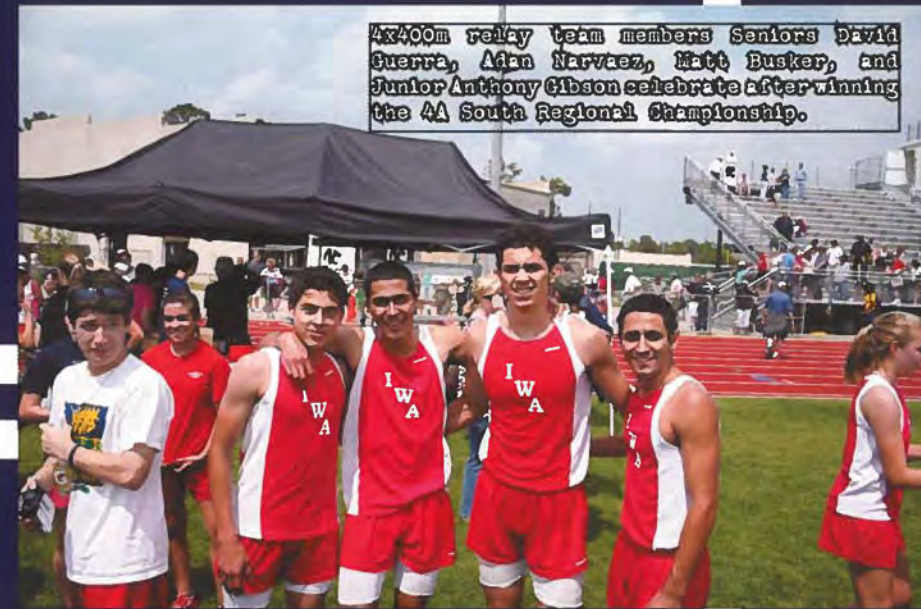
# Track & Field



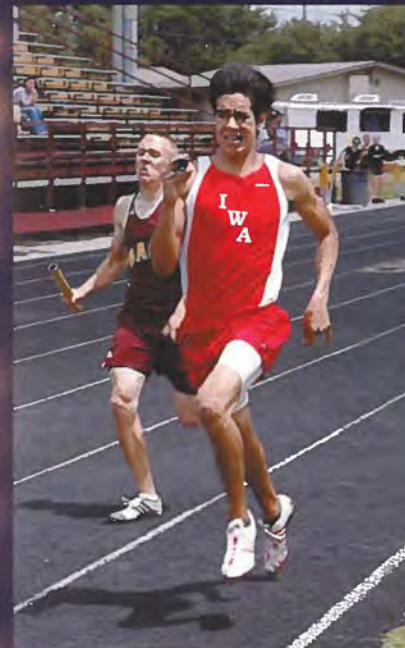
**“A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.”**

**-Elbert Hubbard**  
American Writer

Junior Anthony Gibson exhibited this quote throughout the 2009 track season competing in the 400m and 800m as an individual, and the 4x400m relay. Anthony showed persistence by participating and winning the TAPPS District 3-4A Championship in those events. He exerted effort to capture 1st place in all his events at the TAPPS 4A South Regional Meet, and completed an outstanding personal season at the TAPPS State Meet by bringing home a gold (800m) and two bronze medals (400m & 4x400m relay).



4x400m relay team members Seniors David Guerra, Adan Narvaez, Matt Busker, and Junior Anthony Gibson celebrate after winning the 4A South Regional Championship.



Senior Lawrence Garza battles hard to fight off his opponent during the 4x400m relay race at the TAPPS 3-4A District Meet.



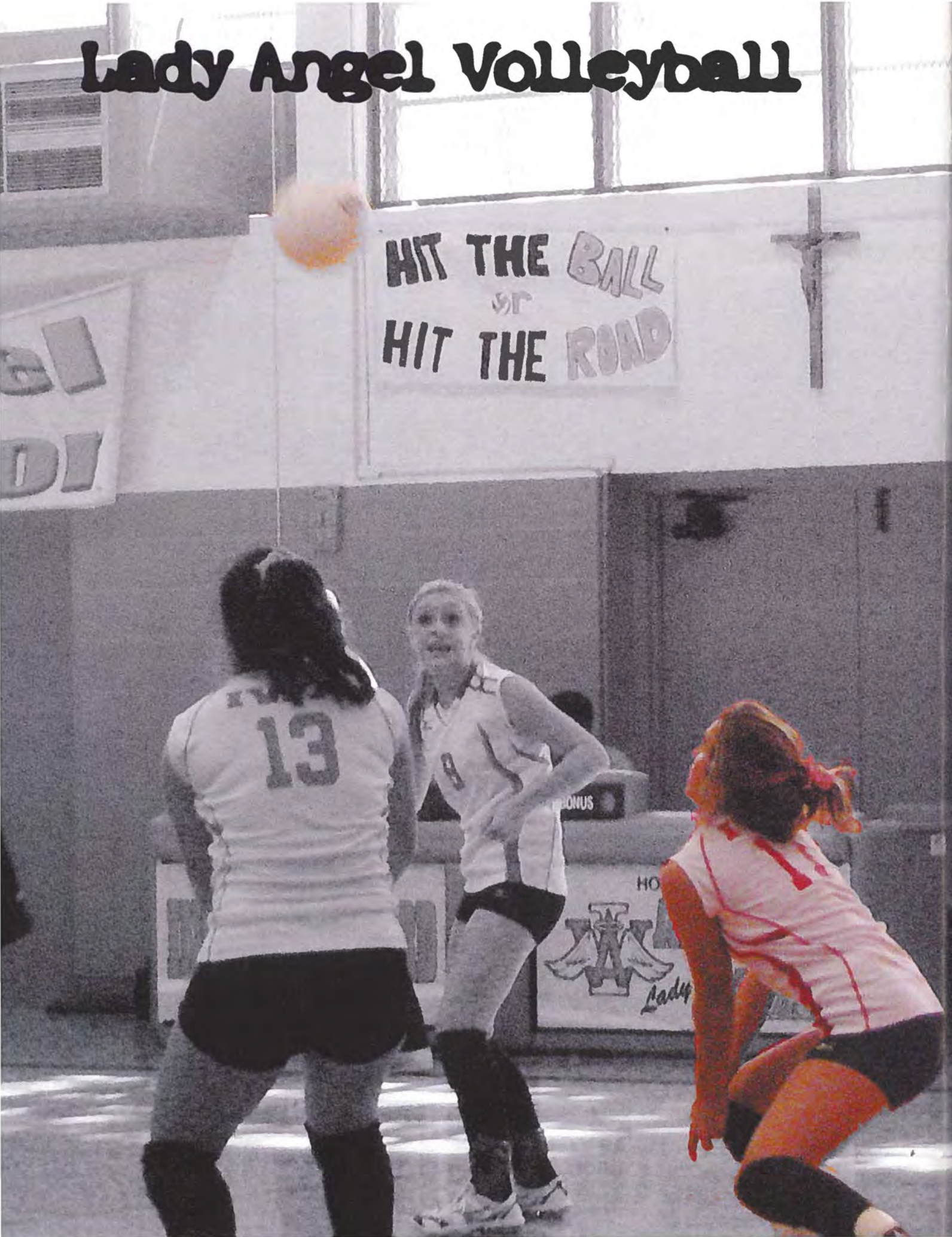
Freshman Regina Salinas exceeded expectations by qualifying for the State Meet in the 3200m & 1600m races.

Having leading Seraphims taking charge, the track and field team had confidence in achieving big things this year. With both boys and girls basketball seasons ending a week prior to the first meet of the 2009 season, they showed a lot of potential having only a week to train. "Possibilities were shown the first meet, question is will you be part of that possibility..." is what Archangel and Head Track Coach Luke Aguilar told the team after their first meet. Using that statement as motivation, the team continued to work hard toward a successful season. A first place team finish for the boys and a third place team finish for the girls at the 4A District Meet put several of the pre-season goals in reach for both teams heading into the 4A South Regional Meet.



Competing at the Regional level was no easy feat for any of the members of the team. With practices scarce and the threat of postponing the meet because of the Swine Flu outbreak, the coaching staff kept everyone focused on the task at hand. After an outstanding Regional Meet, several teams and individual event athletes qualified for the State Meet on the campus of Baylor University in Waco. Leading the way up to the Hart-Patterson Track Complex was the District and Regional Boys 4x400m relay team. With a new school record set in that event (3:28), the entire track team not only looked to them for strategy, but for confidence as well. With a few butterflies, all qualifiers competed well on the "big stage". The girls state qualifiers consisting of underclassmen proved what hard work can accomplish, and the boys sixth place finish led by State Discus Champion, Junior Curtis Corley, was a true showing of determination and overcoming adversity.

# Lady Angel Volleyball



Serving it up. Sophomore Leandra Lugo is determined to win some points during a Junior Varsity Game.



Concentrating on her "bump". Sophomore Caitlin Hart readies herself during warm-up for a good game.



Relaxing before a home game. Junior Varsity and Varsity players eagerly await their time on the court while watching the Freshman play.

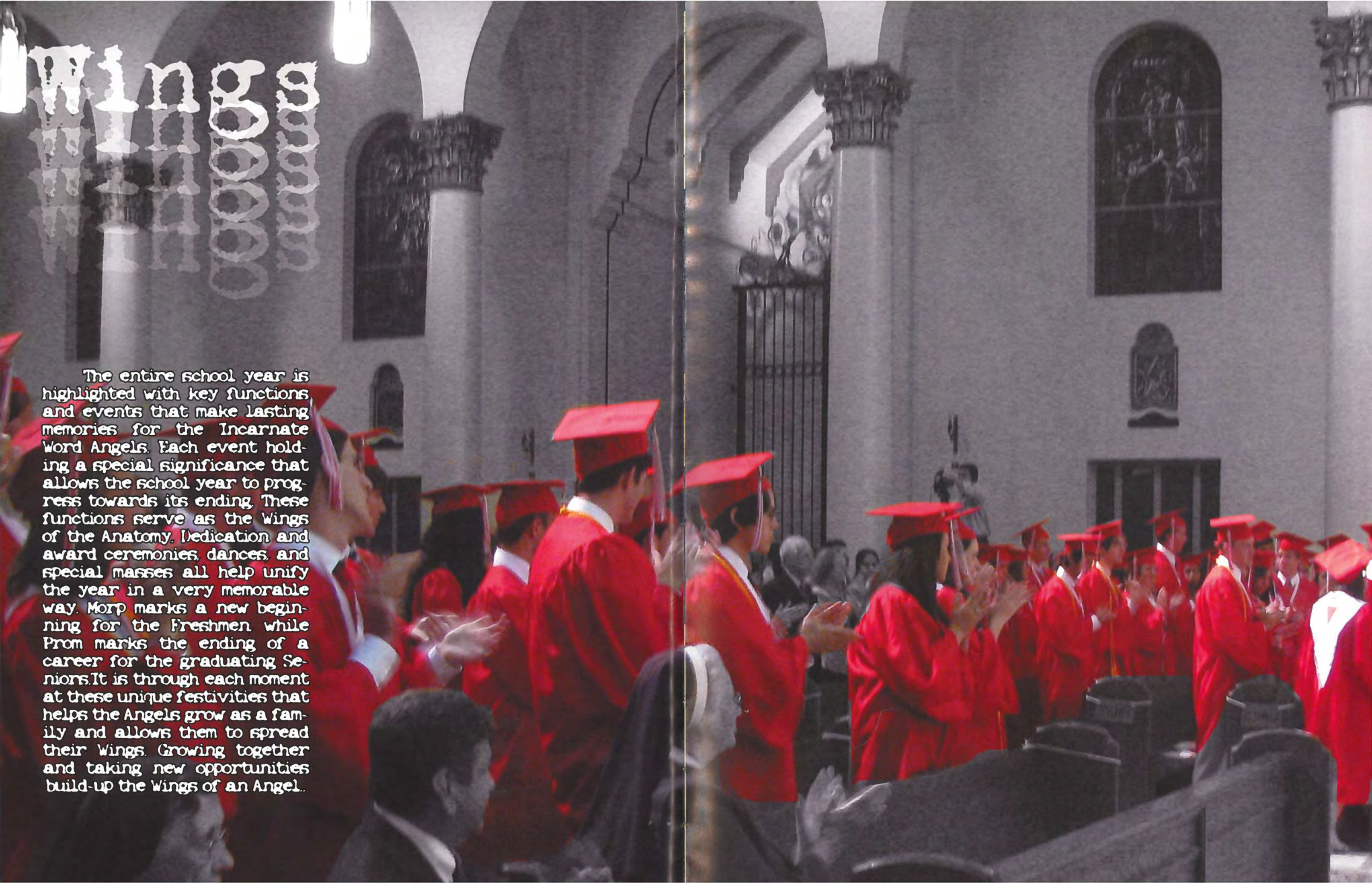
Former professional sporting coach Vince Lombardi once quoted, "Winners never quit, and quitters never win," and that would be a perfect way of summing up the girls' volleyball season this year as they would show a great deal of determination on the court. The Lady Angels had a tough task ahead of them and behind the senior leadership of Amy Duncan, Annie Bright, and Courtney Guerra, the volleyball team looked to have another successful season. The Anatomy of this team truly defines the Anatomy of an Angel. With the compassion brought to the court it is a fact that every game is played with heart and desire. Improvements were seen all across the board among all three levels of the



volleyball teams. Although the Varsity Lady Angels had a team filled with underclassmen, chemistry and pride were displayed at every practice and every game. The Lady Angels have become a true family that supports one another and stands together through all obstacles. Commenting on this season, Senior Annie Bright said, "The team's skill level matured so much throughout the year. Though many were underclassmen, they really stepped up and put up their best effort." Showing dedication and hustle for every point, the girls established a trend for never giving up which hopes to be the foundation for a successful season next year.

# Wings

The entire school year is highlighted with key functions and events that make lasting memories for the Incarnate Word Angels. Each event holding a special significance that allows the school year to progress towards its ending. These functions serve as the Wings of the Anatomy. Dedication and award ceremonies, dances, and special masses all help unify the year in a very memorable way. Morp marks a new beginning for the Freshmen, while Prom marks the ending of a career for the graduating Seniors. It is through each moment at these unique festivities that helps the Angels grow as a family and allows them to spread their Wings. Growing together and taking new opportunities build-up the Wings of an Angel.



# MORP



Seniors Matt Busker, David Heredia, and Freshman Regina Salinas show exactly how good their dance abilities are.



Taking a break from dancing, Junior Elani Duzich joined Seniors Sarah De La Rosa and Stacy Cereceres for a quick photo opportunity.



Senior Doug Beauchamp steals all the attention with his cool pair of shades.



Seniors Annie Bright and Cid Cantu share a moment at their last MORP.



The beginning of the school year is always a very tough time for students. The monotony of a daily school schedule compared to the lazy days of summer makes students yearn for a time of recreation. However, amidst all of the chaos that took place at the start of the school year, the students managed to find a chance to relax and go on a wonderful nautical adventure: MORP 2008! MORP takes the conventions of the average school dance and turns them on their heads (hence M-O-R-P instead of P-R-O-M). It is an opportunity for young ladies to step out of the ordinary and ask their favorite guys to the dance. The anticipation that flowed throughout the entire first month of school had finally ended on that Saturday night when the students flocked to the Dougherty Center to meet, talk, and dance with students they may have seen in the hallway or in the cafeteria. The many nautically-themed decorations and the wonderful array of snacks and drinks transformed MORP 2008 from just another school dance into a night that no one would ever forget!



Sophomores Morgan Haag and JD Longoria show their smiles while holding each other close during a slow dance.



Sophomores Gilbert Rodriguez, Joe Nash, Lydia Ayala, and Lauryn Alanis know how to pose for a good picture.

# Homecoming Court

Homecoming King and Queen: Senior Matt Busker and Senior Jacy Adams  
 Homecoming Prince and Princess: Juniors Alex Solis and Elizabeth Robertson  
 Homecoming Duke and Dutchess: Freshman Miles Novak and Annie Flanagan



# Homecoming

Homecoming, a time to dance, listen to music and hang out with friends. This Year's Homecoming Dance was extravagantly themed "Hollywood", and those that experienced the 'red carpet' of the Daugherty Center will not forget the beautiful dresses, elaborate suits, and flashing lights of the of those in attendance. This event gave many of the Anatomy a chance to celebrate the Homecoming basketball game victory over Victoria St. Joseph, alongside their fellow Angels. Although Homecoming night was a glamorous affair, Homecoming Week 2009 was filled with crazy hair, crazy dress, crazy paint, and crazy attitudes. Spirit was filled throughout the halls as all Angels of the Anatomy blew off steam and enjoyed themselves for this very memorable week.

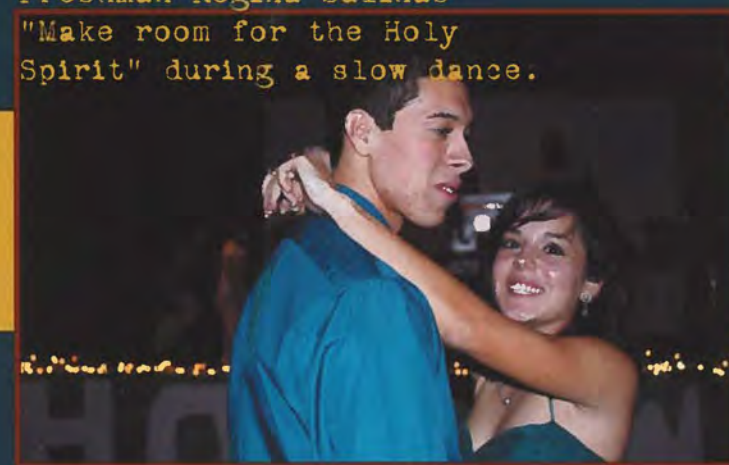


After a long night of dancing, Seniors Daniella Almarez and Annie Bright rest their feet.



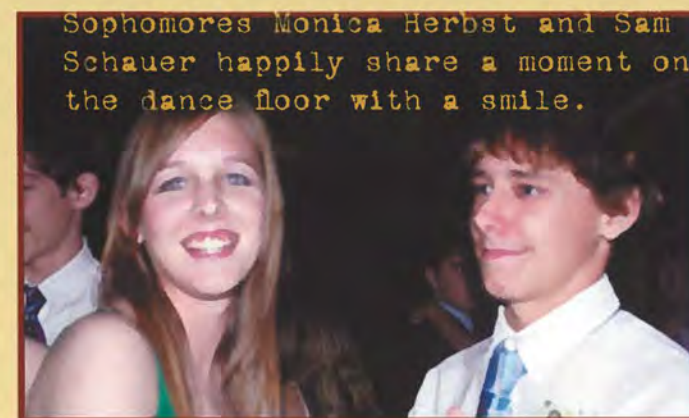
Right in step with the music and each other, Senior Cid Cantu and his brother, Junior Javier Cantu control the dance floor as they "2-step".

Senior David Heredia and Freshman Regina Salinas "Make room for the Holy Spirit" during a slow dance.



Enjoying the music, and their first homecoming Freshmen Jean Eva Alvarez and Meredith Sico chat with friends.

Seniors Matt Busker, Doug Beauchamp, Robert Hickham and James Milligan enjoy their last Homecoming at IWA.



Sophomores Monica Herbst and Sam Schauer happily share a moment on the dance floor with a smile.

# Favorites 2009

## Opposites Attract: A Black and White Affair

### Freshmen Favorites



Corey Kerr & Miles Novack,  
Annie Flanagan & Laura Flores

### Sophomore Favorites



Thomas Gonzalez, Monica Herbst,  
Mary Jane Shea & Charles Baker

### Junior Favorites



Jordan Allison, Alex Solis, Sara Martin  
(Not Pictured) Francisco Hernanz

Not only did this years Favorites have a classy theme, but students gathered on the best day of the year to show the people in your life how much you care about them, Valentine's Day. The entire body of Angels gathered in the Dougherty Center for one last time this year to make memories with each other. As students entered dressed in black and white, they fulfilled this years' classy theme. The Seraphim voted for their peers in a variety of categories. As the Senior Favorites were announced the students applauded for their fellow classmates. The Favorites Court was composed of a variety of Angels well deserved of their titles.

### Senior Favorites



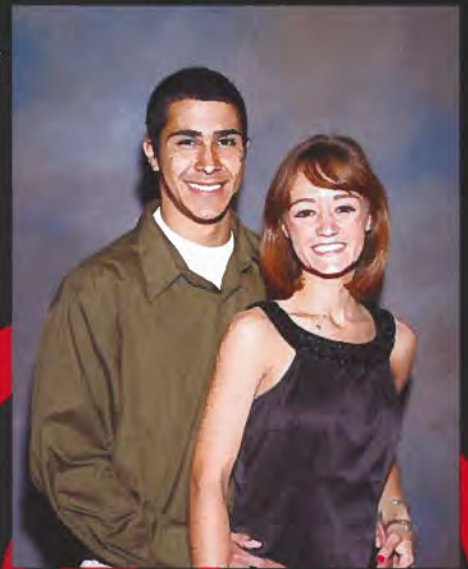
Doug Beauchamp, Annie Bright,  
Amy Duncan & Matthew Busker

### Mr. & Ms. School-Wide Spirit

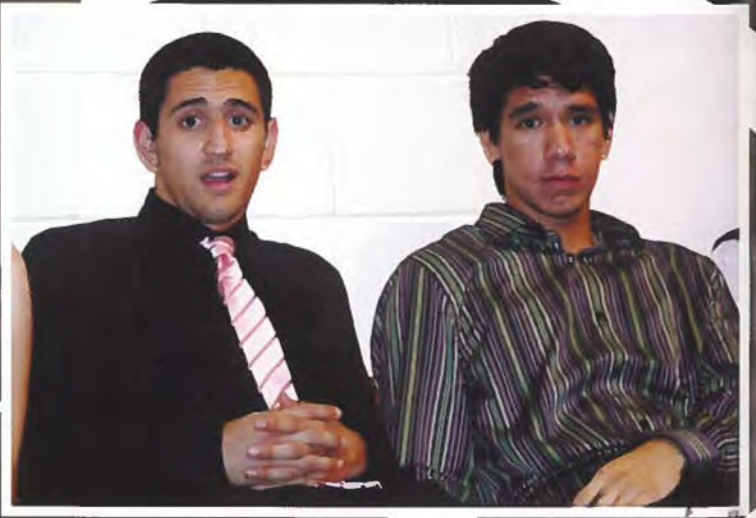


Elizabeth Robertson &  
Russell McElwee

### Mr. & Ms. School-wide Favorite



Adan Narvaez & Annie Bright



# PROM - Love in Technicolor

As the school year comes to a close, the ultimate High School experiences are made, at Prom. Prom is the Seniors' last chance for a last dance with their friends. It's a night to remember with memories that last forever. Life after high school is a transition like no other, as if your surroundings have changed from black and white to Technicolor. A lot of effort went into the 2009 Prom of "Love in Technicolor". The Junior-Senior Prom allows the Junior Class and their sponsors to give the Seniors a formal sendoff, and thank them for being mentors throughout the year.



1) The 2009 Prom Court  
 Jr. Duke Anthony Gibson & Jr. Duchess Jordan Allison.  
 Prince Doug Beauchamp & Sarah Martin. Queen Annie  
 Bright & King Adan Narvaez. Sr. Duchess Sarah De La  
 Rosa & Sr. Duke Michael Knowles  
 2) Right in step with "Soulja Boy" Senior boys, Timothy  
 Franco and Steve Trevino, show that they can "Crank  
 Dat"!



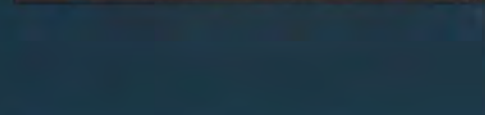
3) Senior Jacy Adams  
 and Junior Kevin Park  
 show off their matching  
 "blues" at Prom 2009.  
 4) Junior Curtis Corley  
 steals a kiss from his  
 date Junior Andrea Ramos  
 amidst the large crowd  
 and loud music.



5) Enjoying his date and  
 dance, Senior Ben Muhr and  
 Junior Jordan Allison pose  
 for a picture.  
 6) Juniors Mary Allman,  
 Rhonnie Embres, and Lauren  
 Smithwick discuss their  
 fashion options they chose  
 for the evening.



7) Each portraying their own style of  
 the "YMCA" dance Seniors Matt Busker  
 and Tim Longoria leave it all on the  
 floor.  
 8) After having her students coax her  
 onto the dance floor, English teacher  
 Mrs. Morrow shows that she not only  
 knows Grammar, but the "Stanky Leg"  
 too!  
 9) Pumped up by the sound of old Rock &  
 Roll David Hoffman and Doug Beauchamp  
 play their air guitars.





**Top Left:** With mixed emotions the members of the senior class of 2009 extend their hands in blessing over the 2010 class.  
**Middle Left:** Father Howell gives communion to Juniors Rhonnie Embres and Kayla Jones.  
**Bottom Left:** Excited and proud parents extend their hands in blessing over the 2010 class.

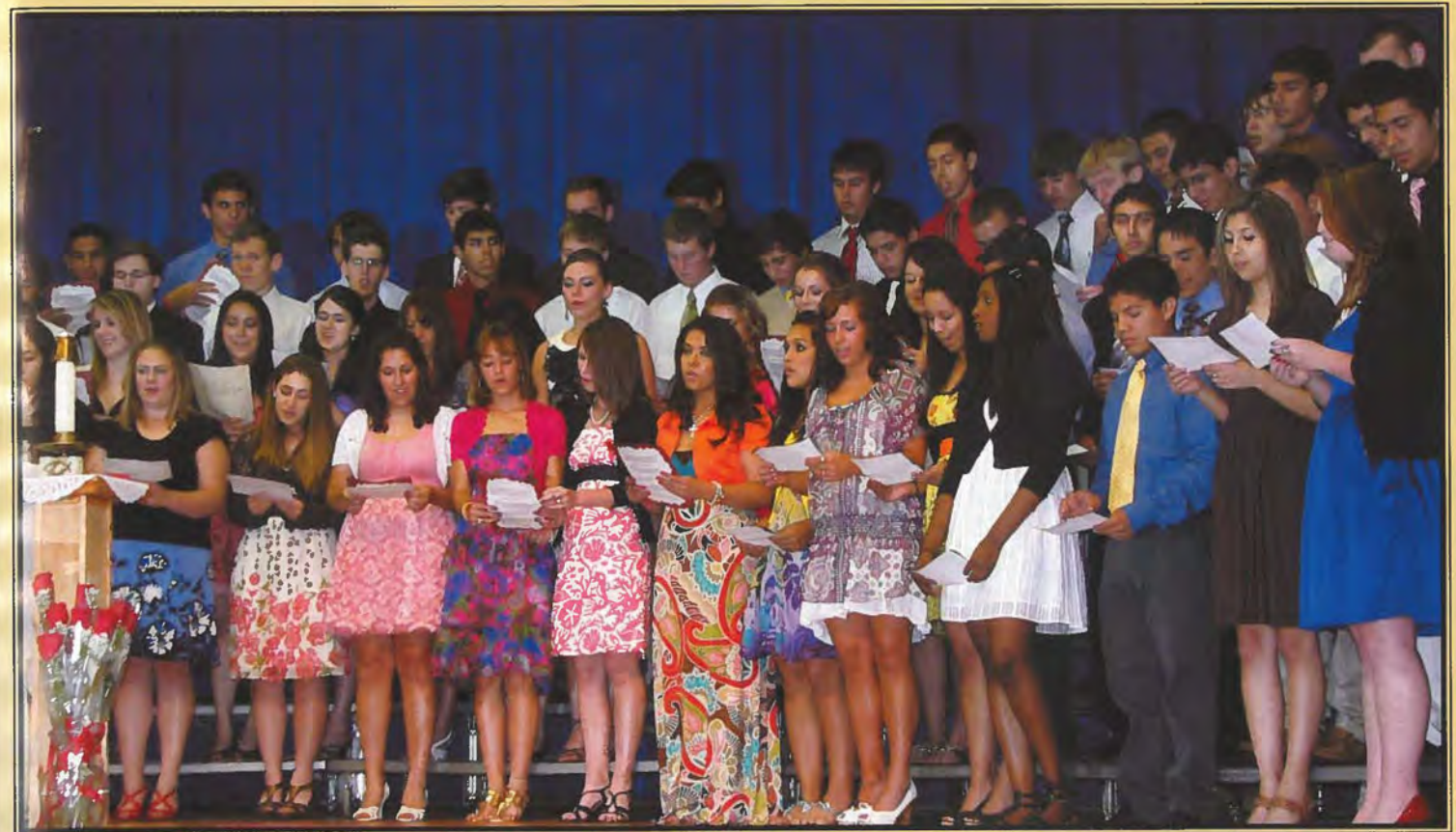


Celebrating the beginning of the mass Senior Russel McElwee is honored with reading the second reading at the Ring and Rose mass.



# Ring and Rose Ceremony

To celebrate the continuing traditions of Incarnate Word Academy, the members of the Seraphim Anatomy gathered together to pass down wisdom and guidance to Cherubim members. This ceremony is held near the end of every school year, honoring the passing down of six essential gifts. Each gift holds significance towards Incarnate Word as a whole and symbolizes a family that grows and expands every year. The following gifts are passed down from the Seniors to the Juniors, the Book representing academics from Jackie Ponish to Jeff Bomer, the Trophy representing athletics from James Habeeb to Brian Smith, the Rose representing traditions and spirit from David Heredia to Sarah Cooper, the Gavel representing student council from Sydney Schauer to Marianna Medina, the Bible from Stacy Cereceres to Javier Cantu, and the Candle both representing spiritual life from Adan Narveaz to Kevin Park. The ceremony itself represents the leadership skills and qualities that are attained by the Juniors and Seniors. This year the Incarnate Word student body really came together and united as one whole within our blessed Lord.



While trying to hold back tears the Senior class of 2009 sing (senior song) to the Junior class of 2010 as a farewell and wish for good luck.



Soccer buddies Senior Amy Duncan and Junior Sarah Martin hug after the rose exchange.



Juniors Briana Cox and Madison Sico say their goodbyes to James Habeeb after the rose exchange.



Best friends Senior Sara DeLaRosa and Junior Marianne Medina hug after the rose exchange.



Jacy Adams and Sarah De La Rosa share the podium as they read Petitions at the Graduation Mass.



Hunter Tower and Mark Wanner make their way down the Cathedral sidewalk in anticipation of Mass to begin.



Max Munroe and the rest of his row anxiously wait for their names to be called to receive their diplomas.

# Graduation

It was the crowning achievement for all Seniors. After four years of learning through the high school curriculum and theology classes, the class of 2009 finally reached its culmination. With the celebration on May 29, 2009, Incarnate Word Seniors were able to celebrate and continue to do so in using what they have learned from their four years of higher education in learning. Valedictorian Sydney Schauer and Salutatorian Jaelyn Ponish have given the students an extraordinary

farewell and encouraged them to utilize what they have learned at IWA to grow stronger educationally and morally for the rest of their lives. After graduation was celebrated with a holy mass and many pictures, a rush of excitement in the Parish hall brought about a huge surge of school spirit and early nostalgia. The location of Seniors in their future years of studies will be widespread; however, students of Incarnate Word Academy will always keep their hearts close to home.



Will Cutbirth, Austin Massad, and Ryan Barrera were all "smiles" on this special night!



## Their Final "Goodbye"

Valedictorian Sydney Schauer and Salutatorian Jaelyn Ponish

"But then I realized. I don't want to leave you with anything. I don't want this day to be the day that I left you, or you left me, or we left each other." Why does it need to be that way? I don't think it does. Yes, we're parting; and after tonight, there's a good chance that the 61 of us will never again be together in the same room. But that doesn't mean that we're leaving each other. We are the class of 2009, and for most of us, Incarnate Word Academy has been like a home for the last four years... what makes us so incredible is that we have these crazy, different personalities that all add up to this one, amazing us, the class of 2009."



"Whatever road we choose to follow, we know that it will not always be easy, that there will be ups and downs, but may we never lose sight of our goals, and may we never forget that God is by our side to guide us."

*Class  
of  
2009*



# Congratulations Class of 2009!



**Kyndra Renee McCarty**

Class of 2009

Good luck at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi!

We know you'll be a wonderful  
Physical Therapist!

Love,

Your family and friends.

**Congratulations!!**

**Colorado**

*Congratulations!!*

*Robert Hickham - Class of 2009*

*We are all proud of you*

*Love Dad, Mom, and Patrick*

**School of Mines**



*Class of 2009*



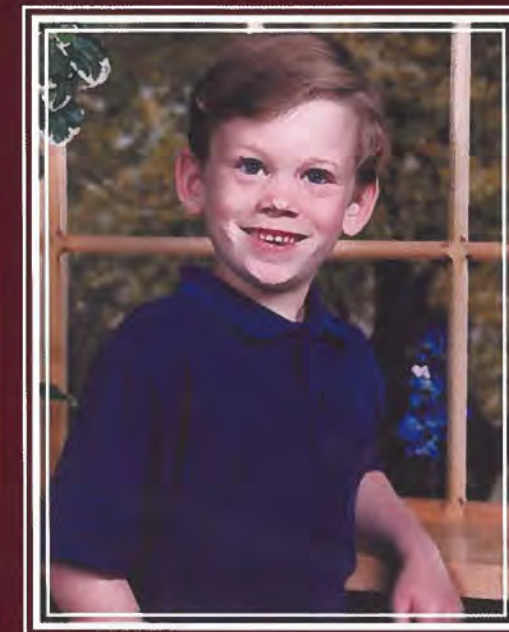
*This is one of your many great accomplishments.  
Realize that all of your hard work pays off at the end.  
You have made us very happy.*

*Love,*

*Mami, Daddy, Sebastian, and Ninas*

Congratulations Wahlt!

We are so proud of you.



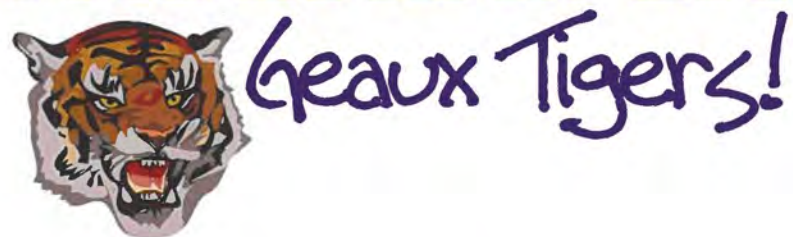
Love,

Dad, Mom, Megan, Blake, and Barrett

# Tim David Longoria

Class of 2009

**GOOD LUCK AT LSU**



We're going to miss our big brother...  
...so, we'll come visit you!!!

Love,  
J.D., John, and Katie  
(Tom & Mom)

# Stacy Nicole Cereceres



We can't begin to tell you  
Just how loved you are  
We can't believe how time has flown  
And how you've come so far.

Forgive us when we stop and stare  
And tears fall from our eyes  
Time flew by so quickly  
It sure took us by surprise.

We asked you to stay little  
To always be our baby  
You said, "I'll try to if I can,  
But I'll have to grow up...someday, maybe."

Now here you stand before us  
A respectful, honest young lady  
Strong-willed and determined  
Who always says, "definitely yes, not maybe."

We flip through all your notes and card  
And pictures that you drew  
Recall your quips and humor  
Unique, dear Stacy, that certainly is you!

There are no doubts within our minds  
That you'll indeed succeed  
Your future holds so much in store  
But 'that beautiful smile' is all you need.

You've always been so gentle,  
So loving, kind and giving  
Having you as our daughter, Stacy  
Is another term for 'living'.

No matter where life leads you  
No matter what you do  
We'll always be your biggest fans  
And we'll always be here for you.

With all of our Love,  
Dad & Mom  
SHMILY- XOXOXO



There's a dream-come-true  
out there  
with your names on it.

Congratulations  
Garrett and Lauren!!  
We Love You

-The Davis and Lara Family

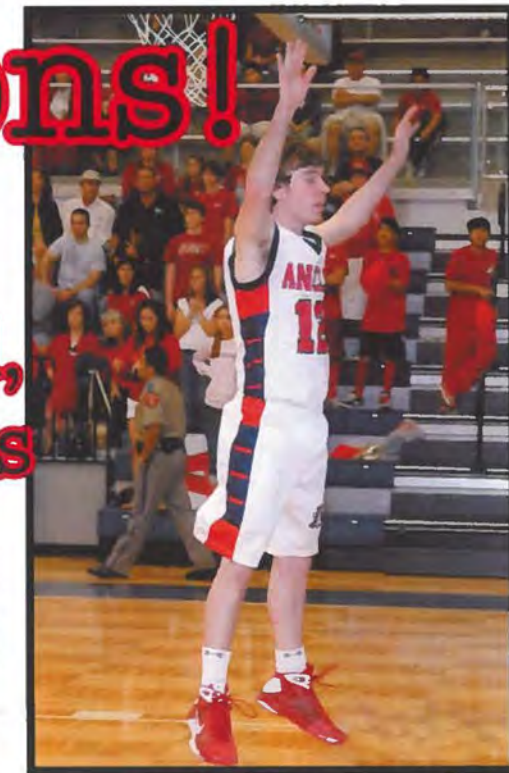


# Congratulations!

Jonathan Groesbeck #24



**Coach Wenzel,  
Coach Cavazos  
&  
Angel  
Basketball!**



Cody Randall #12

## Congratulations, Erin!

"May your days be many and your troubles be few. May all God's blessings descend upon you. May peace be within you. May your heart be strong. May you find what your seeking wherever you roam."

-Irish Blessing

We are so proud of  
you!! And love you  
very much.

- Mom, Dad,  
Genelle, and  
Preston



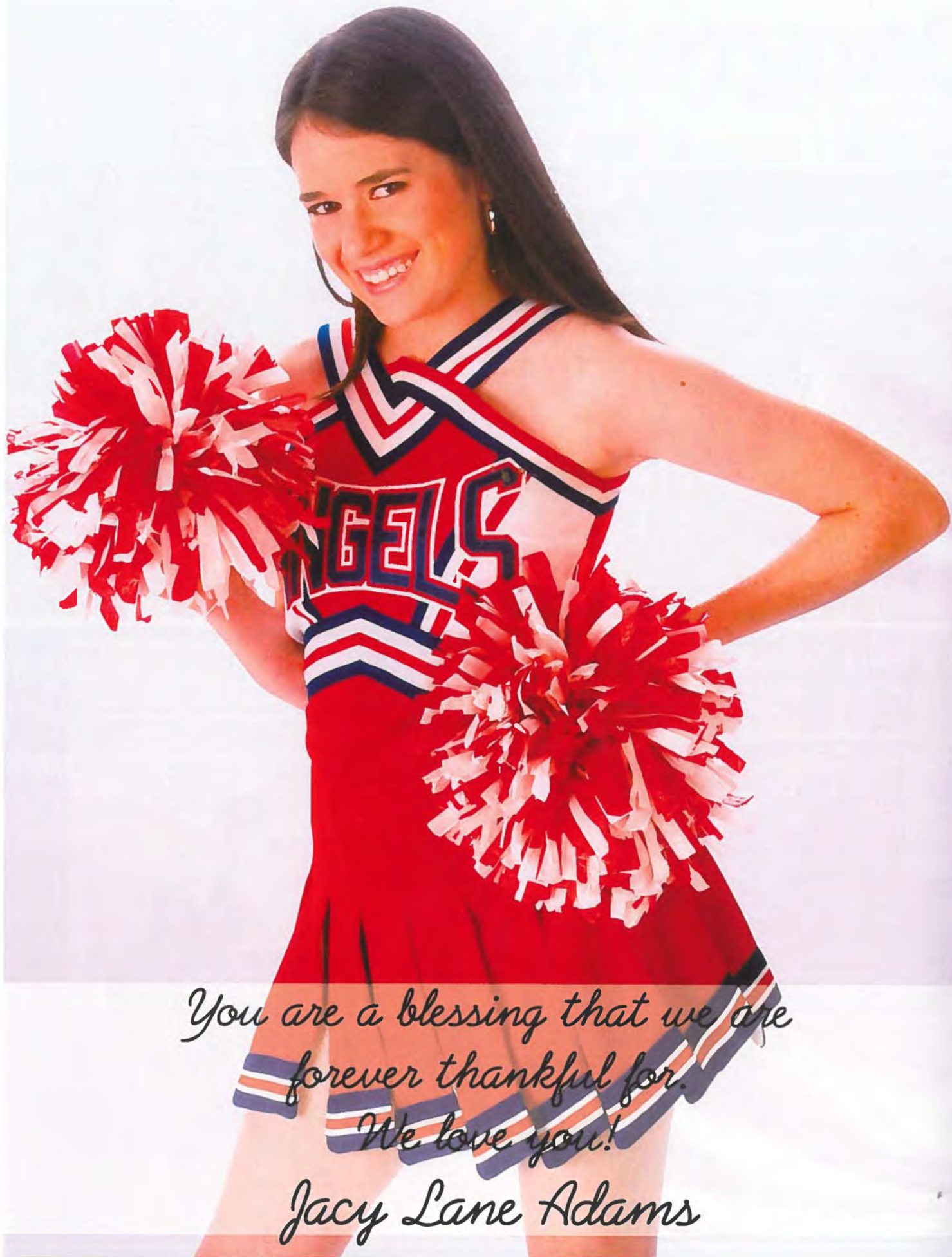
*Katherine, we are so proud of all  
your accomplishments!*



**WE LOVE YOU...**  
Dad,  
Mom,  
Dominic,  
Gabrielle  
and  
Grandma  
Velazco



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*You are a blessing that we are  
forever thankful for.  
We love you!*

*Jacy Lane Adams*

*Daniella Zulamit Almaraz*  
*Class of 2009*



**Congratulations  
Dani!**

*Love,*  
*Dad and Trey*

# James Paul Garcia and David Hoffman

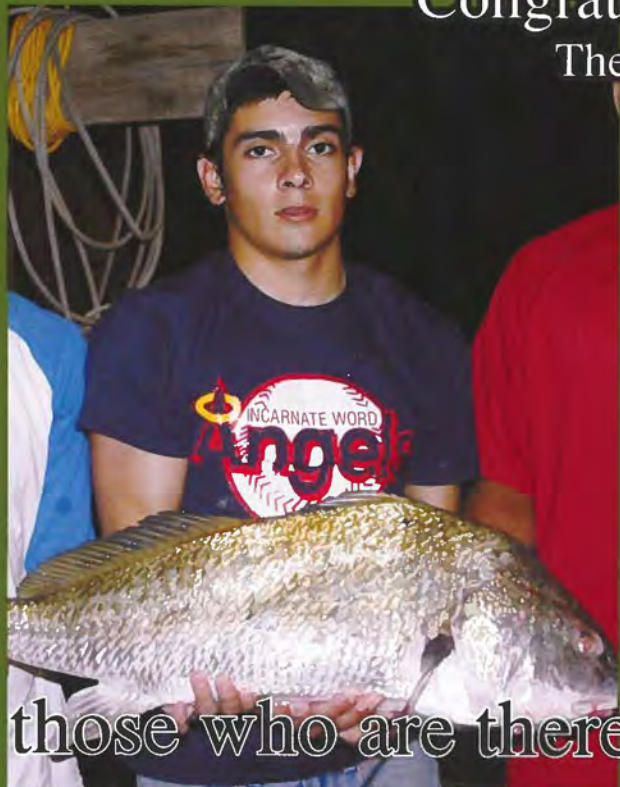


Always remember how proud  
 You are very unique and special and know that your  
 As you grow up, always keep your many  
 Always keep your positive outlook-it  
 Always keep your determination-it will give  
 Always keep your excitement about  
 Always keep your sense of humor-it will allow  
 Always keep your confidence-it will allow  
 Always keep your sensitivity-Believe in hard  
 The ladder to success is steep, but take one  
 Always believe in yourself. Your happiness depends on no one else but you.  
 Always hold love close to you. When you make a

Remember that your family  
 Never forget to thank God for the  
 As you continue to grow in your own unique, wonderful

**Congratulations!!**

The Hoffman and



and how much we love you.  
 talents will give you many paths to choose from in the future  
 interests-they will keep you constantly occupied  
 will give you the energy to accomplish great things  
 you the ability to succeed in meeting your goals.  
 whatever you do-it will help you to have fun  
 you to make mistakes and learn from them  
 you to take risks and be not afraid of failure  
 work. No one will hand you the future you want.  
 step at a time and you'll get to the top.  
 If there is something that you are unhappy about, you must change it.  
 commitment, cherish it for the rest of your life.  
 will always be there for you.  
 opportunities you've been given.  
 way always remember that we are proud of you.

**We love you!!**

Garcia families

“True friends are those who are there for you  
 always offer support. Best of friends

unconditionally, never do they question, but  
 are people worth living for.”

# ESTEVEAN ANTONIO TREVINO CLASS OF 2009



WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!  
You make us all very proud. A new beginning is starting,  
**MAKE YOUR DADDY PROUD!**



## Russell McElwee

Class of 2009

**We've loved watching  
you and your fish grow. Love,  
Mom and Dad**

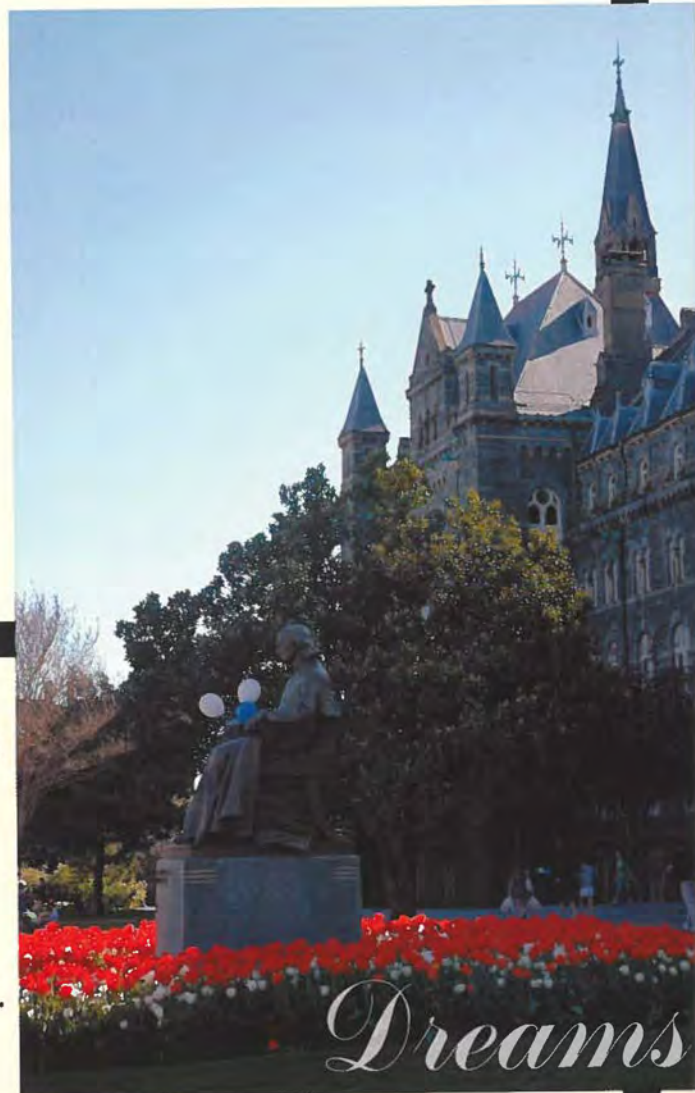




*Sydney Michelle  
Schauer*

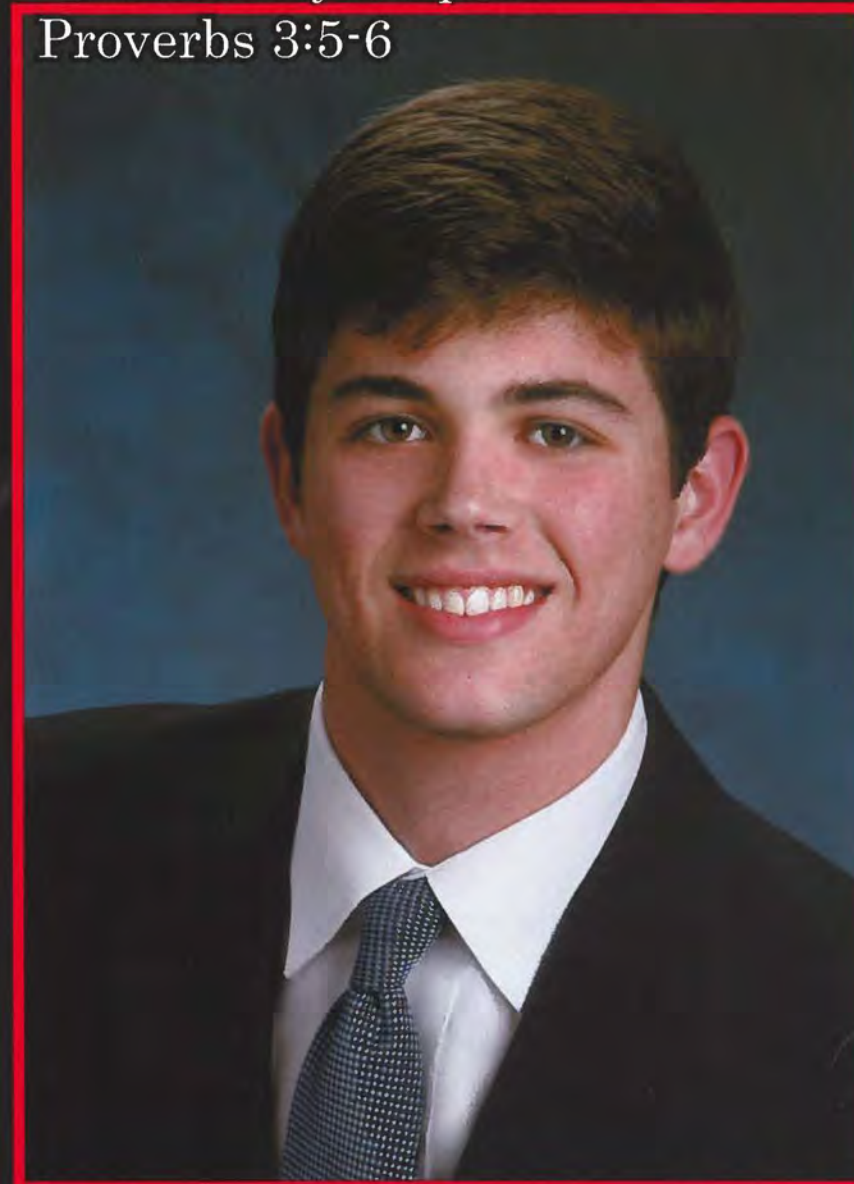
*May God's Angels watch over our Angel.  
Congratulations Sydney!*

*We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Sam & Steele*



Trust the LORD with all your heart,  
And do not lean on your own understanding.  
But in all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will direct your path.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Doug,

We trust you will receive all the blessings  
God has planned for you!

Love,  
Mom, Drake, William, and Andrew

*Class of 2009*



# Dear Coach Shea...

Not only do you lead the team as head coach, but you also have the best mile time. You can really talk the talk and walk the walk.

Miles

Thanks for everything that you have done. If it weren't for you I wouldn't be on the swim team this year. I have achieved many of my goals. Thank you very much!!!

Kylene

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY  
REGIONAL MEET  
SWIM & DIVING  
FRI & SAT  
CONROE

READY...for the 2009-2010  
Angel Swim Season...GO!

Adam

Having you for my coach for the past two years has taught me more about being a leader. I have enjoyed being captain. Thanks for all the parties, events, and donuts.

Kyndra

Thanks for coaching all of us this year. The whole swimming experience was great, and I am looking forward to coming back to an even larger team next year!

Matt



Thanks for making my senior year the best year of high school. You helped me achieve a goal that I thought was impossible.

James H.

Daddy,

I have had a great year swimming for you. It means a lot to me that you are involved in the activities that I am interested in. Thank you for all the time you put into the team. I could never ask for anything more. I love you! Catch the Wave!

Thank you for being such a great coach. You saved me at one of the meets when I was at the block and my goggles broke. You're the best. This has been a great swimming season.

Dani

This year has possibly been the best year that I have had on the swim team. You turned the swim team from nothing to something big. What else would I be doing at 5am?

Allison

Thank you for letting me sleep in your car at 5:30 am on our way to go swimming in really cold water. I also enjoyed the occasional donuts. Thanks again!

Joe

Mary Jane

I'm not gonna lie Mr. Shea, "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once." Oh yeah, and thanks for coaching us this year!

Sam S. and "Winston"

Thank you for being my coach for the past two years. You have really increased the size of the team. Your leadership has gotten us to state two years in a row. You are the best swim coach.

Emily

Well, coach; it's been a good year. It was fun while it lasted and the Monster Mile was a great race. I'm waiting to hear some great things about the swim team while you're the coach. I wish you and the team the best.

James R.

You take on the role as a coach, mission leader, physical therapist, and most importantly an involved dad. You have single-handedly transformed an unprepared average extracurricular activity into a state qualified team. Thank you for believing in us and taking us step by step to the top.

Meressa

I must say it's been fun. We are always on the run. You're the coach that's the best! We have been very blessed. Thanks Coach!

Steele



Thank you for the best swim season I have ever had. You helped me realize my passion for swimming and the potential I have if I keep with it. I am going to try to become the best I can be and the best God wants me to be. Can't wait for next year!

Jordan

Thank you Mr. Shea, for your support with trying something new this year. I appreciate all your sacrificed time and effort that goes into making the IWA Swim and Dive Program what it is today.

Hudson

Coach Shea, You are in inspiration to all of us. Thank you for always being there - on the sidelines, after a race, in the mornings, on the bus, in the afternoon - for each and ever one of us. Don't think that the good you do goes unnoticed.

Your Comic Relief - Sam Novak

I am eternally grateful to have you as my coach. You've supported me in my swimming starting freshman year even when I was horrible. It is amazing that you put up with all of us, but somehow you do. Thank you for believing in me. I hope that we continue to progress with you as our coach.

Sarah



*"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."*

**J.W.A. Class of 2009**



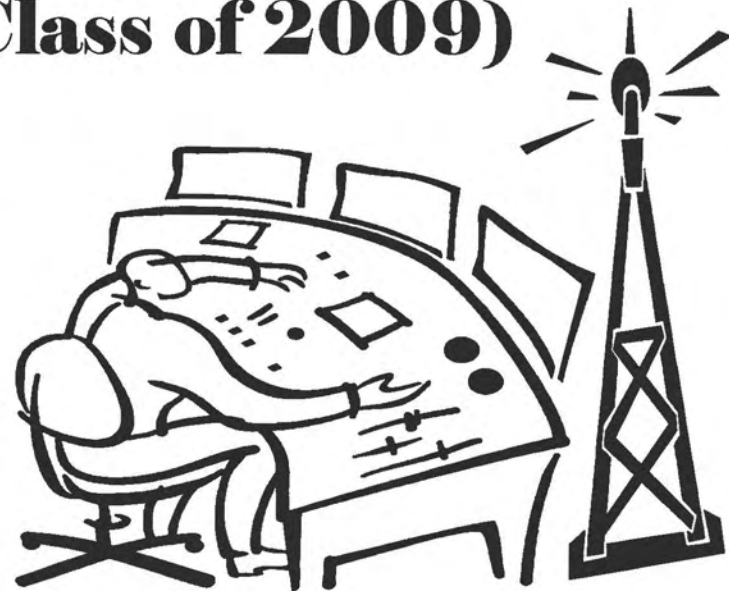
**Sarena,**

May you always know that you are a gift to us. Congratulations on all your achievements. We love you! God bless!

Pax

Mom E, Mom P, Nathan, and Ana

# Congratulations Stewart Bissell (and the Class of 2009)



**Your Future Awaits!!!  
Love, Mom & Dad & Emily**



# Jaclyn

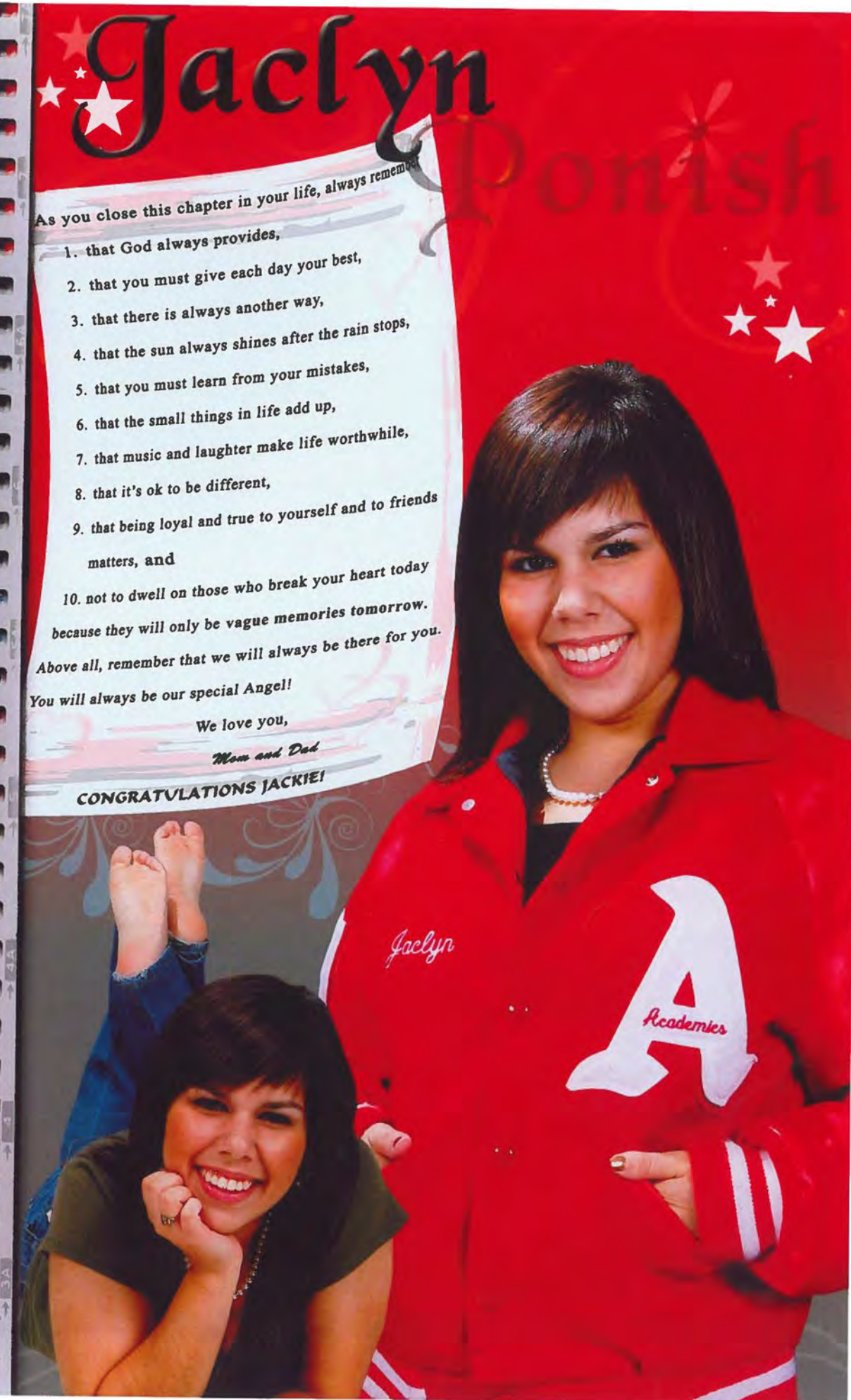
As you close this chapter in your life, always remember

1. that God always provides,
  2. that you must give each day your best,
  3. that there is always another way,
  4. that the sun always shines after the rain stops,
  5. that you must learn from your mistakes,
  6. that the small things in life add up,
  7. that music and laughter make life worthwhile,
  8. that it's ok to be different,
  9. that being loyal and true to yourself and to friends matters, and
  10. not to dwell on those who break your heart today because they will only be vague memories tomorrow.
- Above all, remember that we will always be there for you.  
You will always be our special Angel!

We love you,

*Mom and Dad*

**CONGRATVLATIONS JACKIE!**



*Congratulations!*

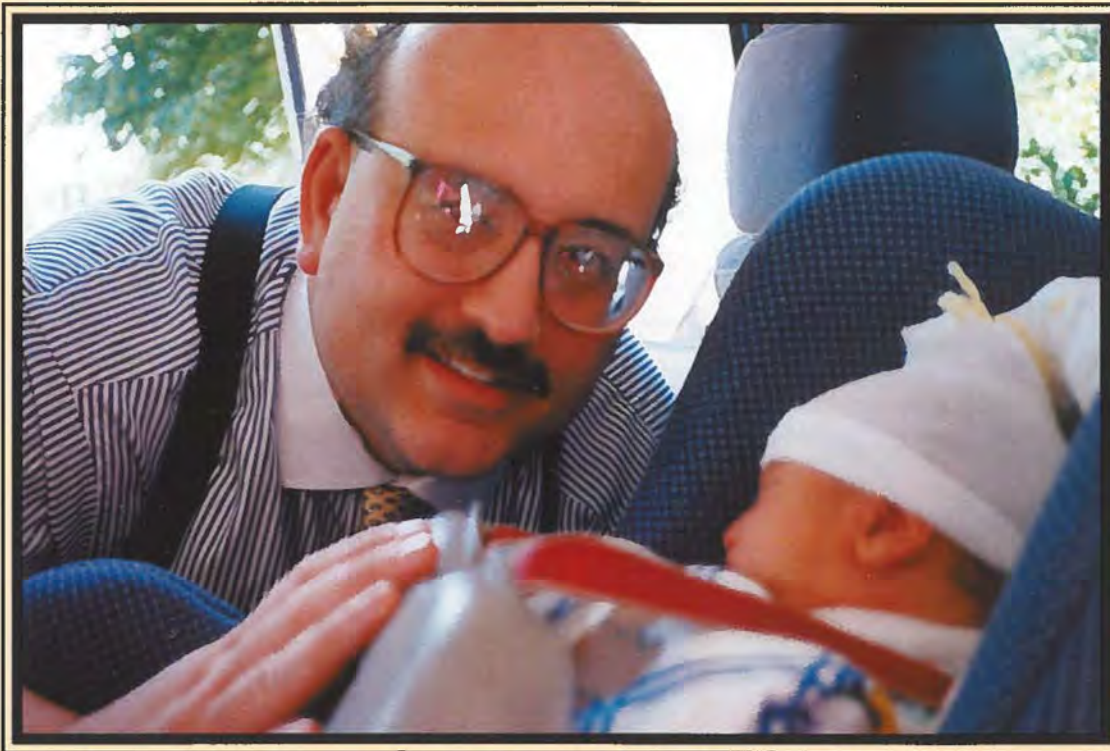
## **Hunter Nathaniel Bertrand Lee Tower**

*You have had the greatest Senior year: Chosen by LeadAmerica as Scholar Athlete to represent Texas in the Washington Scholars program; selected to be a Texas student representative at the 2008 Republican National Convention; A member of the starting five on the IWA Varsity Angels and part of the basketball team that produced a 29-4 overall record, an undefeated "In-District" season of 14-0 and a dramatic win of the Bi-District Championship, you have shown leadership and determination on the court, in class, and in your personal life you have been awarded 3 Gold Medals by the President of the United States for your accomplishments in the President's Council on Physical Fitness; You have been selected by the Eisenhower Foundation to represent the United States in Austria as a Scholar Athlete Ambassador; you are a life member of the NAACP, as evidence of your commitment to social justice and equality for all; NBA point guard David Wesley, of the Houston Rockets and the Cleveland Cavaliers, has been your mentor for the past three years, because he believes in you- you can become a great point guard in college and the NBA; you were given early acceptance by St. Johns University in New York based on your academic achievements and your many volunteer activities.*



*Dear Hunter,*

*Your family, friends, and pets are so proud of you, for what you have accomplished with your life to date and for what you will become in the years ahead. We have come together in these pages to honor you, celebrate your life and to salute you as you graduate from Incarnate Word Academy. With love and our warmest wishes for blessed days ahead, Dad & Susan & Vince & Will; Mom & Grandmom, Hutch and Addie; Carol and Ken Walker; Joseph, Rose, & Pietro Filappazzo; David Wesley; Katie Thompson; Roxy, Whitey, Rocket, Ace, Oakley, Mr. Cheese, CocoaPuff, Grey Kitty, FluffyTail, Chet and Spooky.*



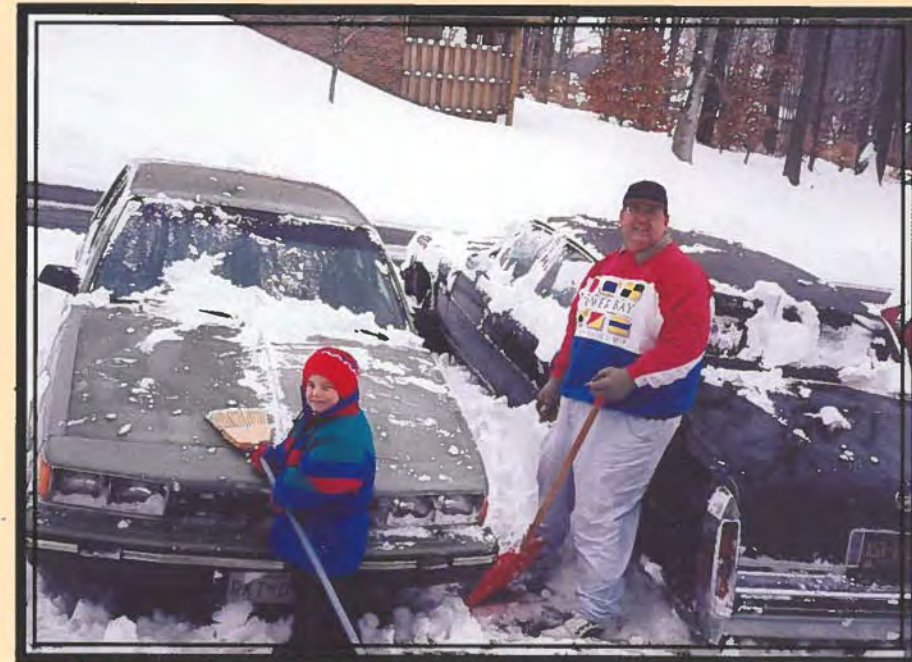
*Hunter, we have a long way to go to get to IWA in Corpus Christi. Thousands of miles and 16 years. Strapping you in your car seat in June 1991 outside Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. Great hat son! Sure glad you arrived safe and sound. Love, DAD*



*Hunter, Grandmom GiGi loved you so much. She is an angel in Heaven, along with Grandad Tower, Grandad Brodsky and your buddy Judge Ken Walker who watch over you, love you, and protect you as loving guardian angels, You are truly blessed.*



*Hunter, you are one special guy who always played until he dropped. Here is one such moment where you were all played out, with your Mom and Dad, who love you and are so very proud of you. You bring that same spirit and commitment to your life and to your basketball game today.*

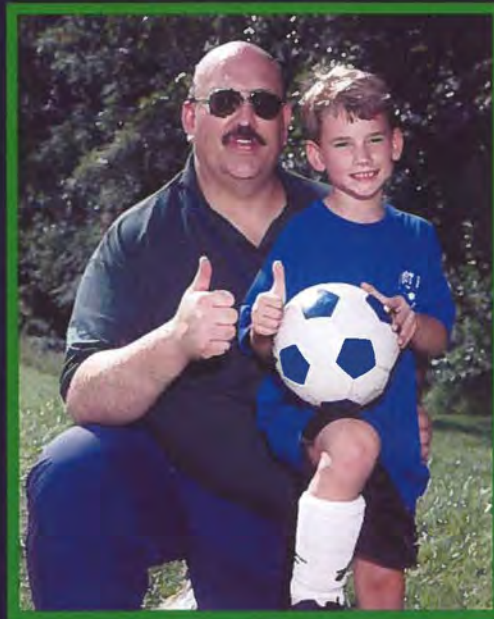


*WHAT? No snow to shovel in Corpus Christi, Texas?!!!!  
Hunter, we have to make plans to move down there son.  
And so we did, and this is just a fun memory of Maryland as we now enjoy wonderful weather in beautiful Corpus Christi all year round.*



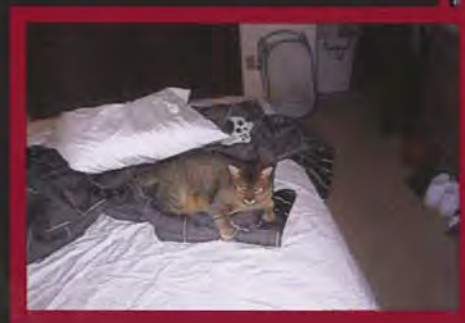
*Hunter- Mom, Hutch, Addie, and Grandmon and Grandpop have enjoyed and treasured our family times together, at the beach, skiing, or just heading out for another exciting Halloween (here you were Barney, Addie was a Unicorn, and Hutch was a ninja warrior.) We look forward to the times we will share together as adults and as we grow and build our own families in the years ahead. Congratulations Hunter! U DA BEST!!*

*Hunter- We found a picture of you in your first truck, a battery operated BigFoot. You now drive a Dodge Ram 1500 MaxiCab. We celebrated your first day at Harford Day School with a picture in front of the house. We look forward to your graduation at IWA. You are a wonderful son. You are now in Corpus Christi. As Dad noted, your first hat was pretty cool and the one you are wearing with Mom is the same color, 16 years later...you are still one of the good guys who wear white hats!*

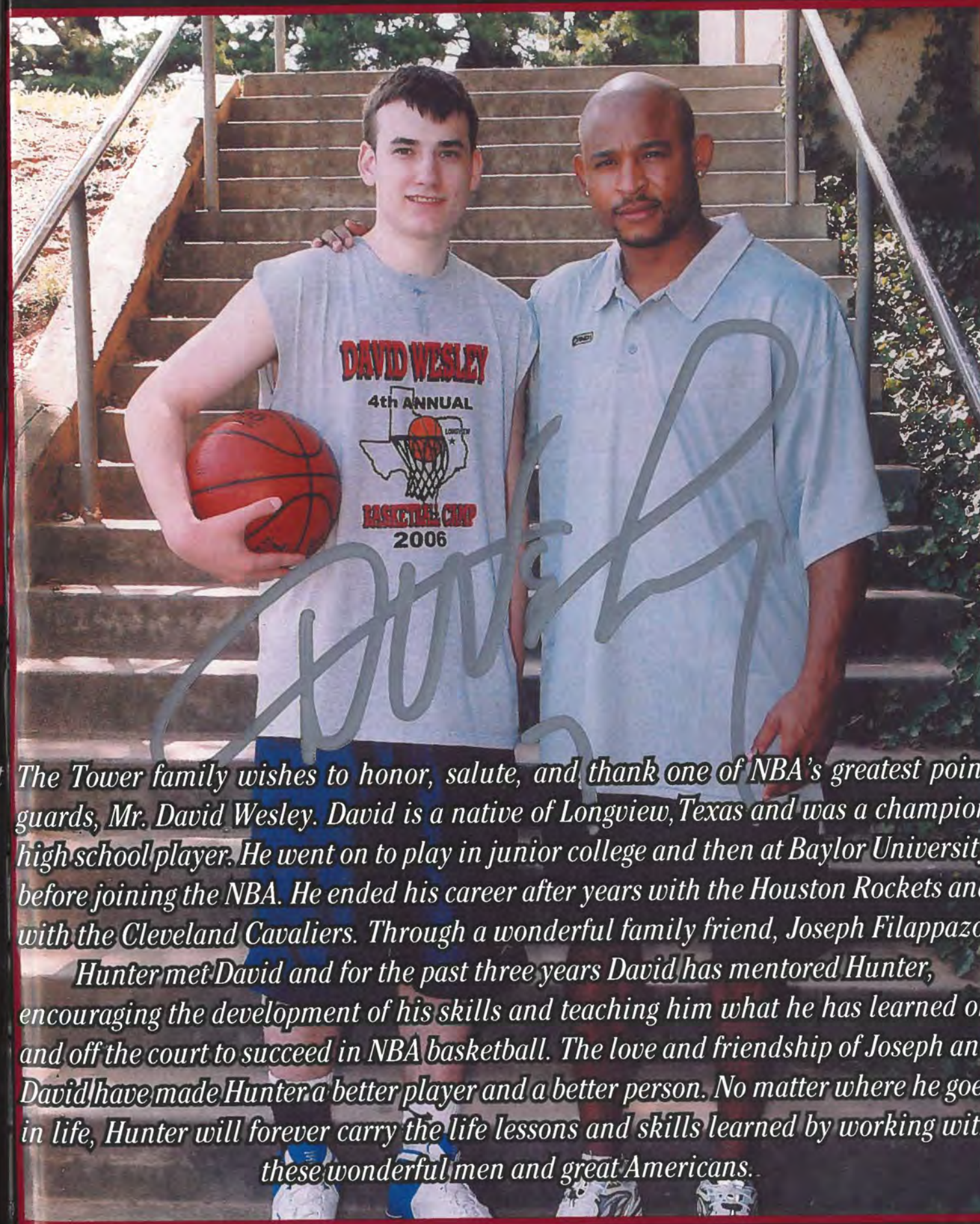


*Hunter- you have always been in the game of life... a tough competitor and a winner. Prepared for battle in sports or in play... We worked together, Dad, you, and Hutch to compete and to win in Cub Scout games... A great joy for your Dad was to Coach you in soccer, as well as lacrosse... above Hunter and Dad give the 'thumbs up' to another winning season of soccer in Forest Hill... our backyard custom built swing set was one of your very favorite activities. You have always been a happy warrior. In basketball and in the game of life, continue to stay focused and positive in all that you do. We love you so very much son.*

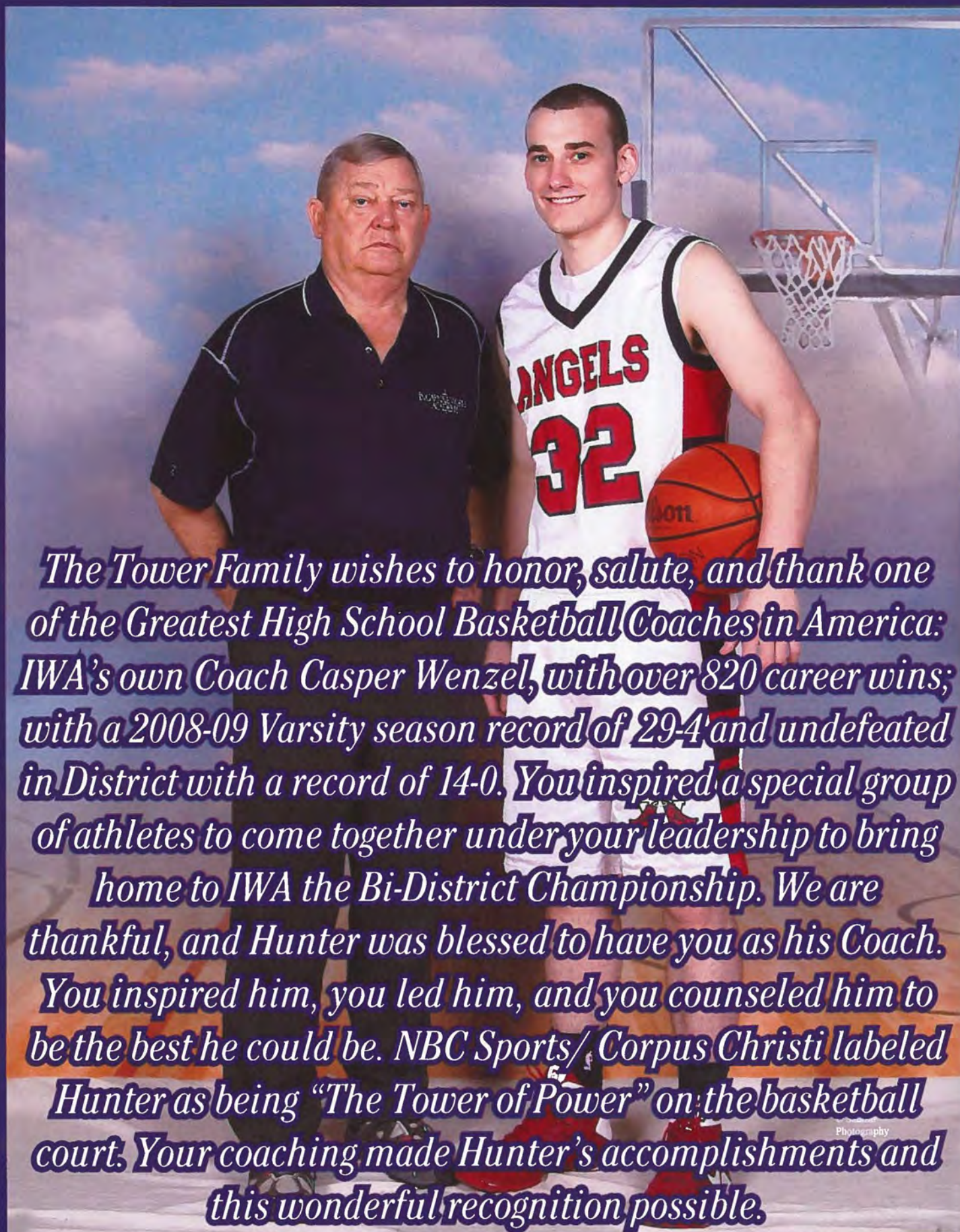
*Hunter- from your earliest days you enjoyed wearing high top white socks...basketball was your destiny! During our first visit to Harford Day School, you and Dad were already checking out the basketball court. A few years later, you would become a celebrated and accomplished point guard on the Harford Day Dragons- above going up for two points that won that game. The only high school Coach ever inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame, Coach Morgan Wooten, awarded you the "Mr. Hustle" award for the "can do" attitude and the energy and fearless determination you bring to your game.*



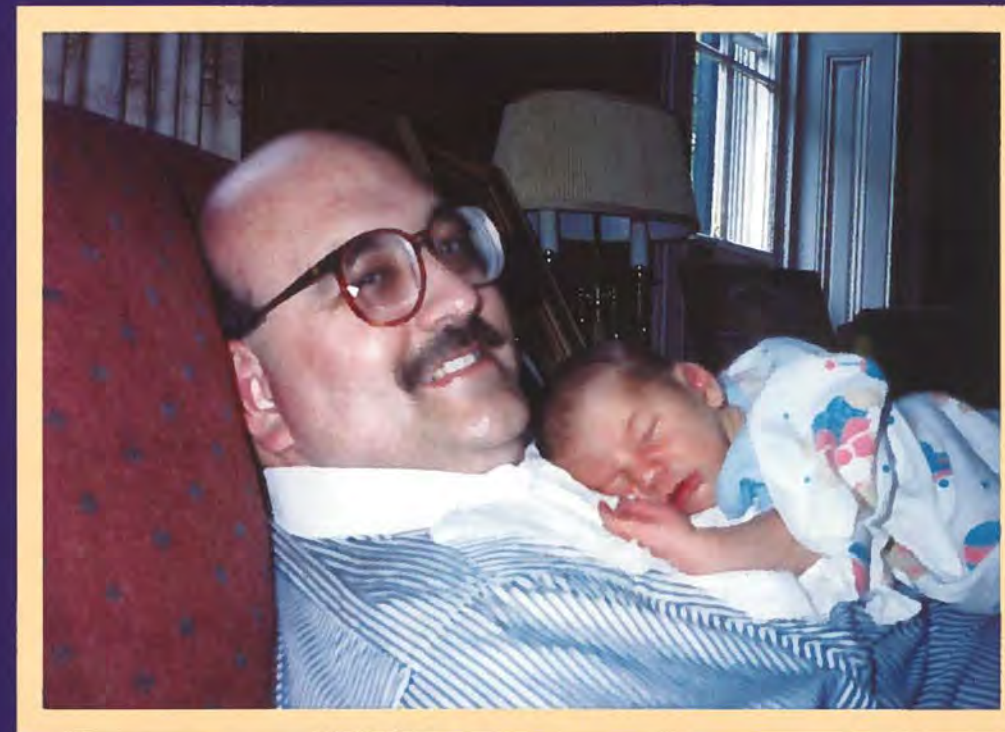
*Hunter, a celebration of your life over the past 18 years would be incomplete without including some of your pets who you have loved and they have loved you so much as well. Crocker, shown here with you, has been with you your entire life, having just recently passed away. Rocket and Ace hold down the bed sheets at Mom's house in Maryland, and Whitey and Oakley fight for position and attention on your bed at Dad's house in Texas. You are a wonderful loving man who has always cared for those less fortunate whether they be people or animals. All of our family animals have been cats and dogs from the rescue shelters, because you wanted to save their lives and by doing so, they have enriched all of ours.*



*The Tower family wishes to honor, salute, and thank one of NBA's greatest point guards, Mr. David Wesley. David is a native of Longview, Texas and was a champion high school player. He went on to play in junior college and then at Baylor University before joining the NBA. He ended his career after years with the Houston Rockets and with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Through a wonderful family friend, Joseph Filappazo, Hunter met David and for the past three years David has mentored Hunter, encouraging the development of his skills and teaching him what he has learned on and off the court to succeed in NBA basketball. The love and friendship of Joseph and David have made Hunter a better player and a better person. No matter where he goes in life, Hunter will forever carry the life lessons and skills learned by working with these wonderful men and great Americans.*



*The Tower Family wishes to honor, salute, and thank one of the Greatest High School Basketball Coaches in America: IWA's own Coach Casper Wenzel, with over 820 career wins; with a 2008-09 Varsity season record of 29-4 and undefeated in District with a record of 14-0. You inspired a special group of athletes to come together under your leadership to bring home to IWA the Bi-District Championship. We are thankful, and Hunter was blessed to have you as his Coach. You inspired him, you led him, and you counseled him to be the best he could be. NBC Sports/ Corpus Christi labeled Hunter as being "The Tower of Power" on the basketball court. Your coaching made Hunter's accomplishments and this wonderful recognition possible.*



*Hi son, we are ending this tribute to you with a photo of you and me on June 9, 1991, two days following your birth. We just brought you home to Silverton, our home in Maryland. Now, with respects to the singer R. Kelly, son, I believe you can fly, I believe you can touch the sky. Hunter, you have accomplished so very much in 18 years, but the best of your life is yet to come. Keep a positive attitude in all you do. Stay creative and curious all through your life. Remember that honesty needs no explanations or excuses. Love conquers all things. You have four top priorities each day that should never change: 1. God and your prayers to Him; 2. Time for those you love, your family; 3. Your work, your mission, what pays the bills; 4. Your friends, the extended people who enrich your life. Keep these at the top of each day and you will stay on course and live a life with a quality that others can only imagine. Begin each day with the Lord's Prayer and end it with a prayer of thanks for the day you were given.*

*Loving you always and forever, Dad.*