

OUR  
YEAR  
IN  
COLOR

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY



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Our Year in Color was designed to chronicle the adventures of each bright student and vibrant moment of the 2021-2022 school year. As we honored our 150th anniversary while introducing new traditions, our book sought to capture each of these special memories. The Aurora did just that- telling a story of a spark of vibrancy amidst the dark. Most of all, our yearbook is a reminder to let our Angel spirits shine through in all that we do. Students and staff alike made the school year incredible, outstanding, and as full of color as it could be.

# OUR YEAR IN COLOR

The Aurora 2021-2022



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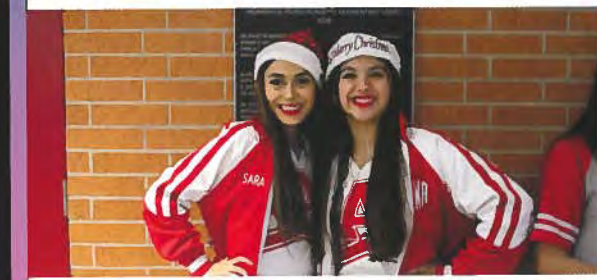
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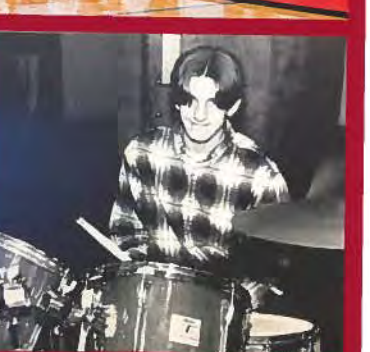
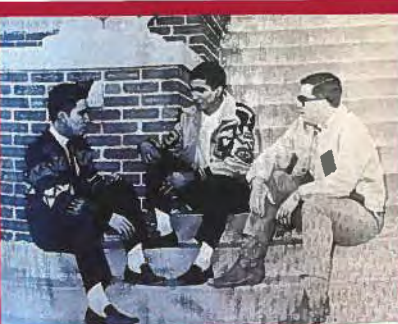
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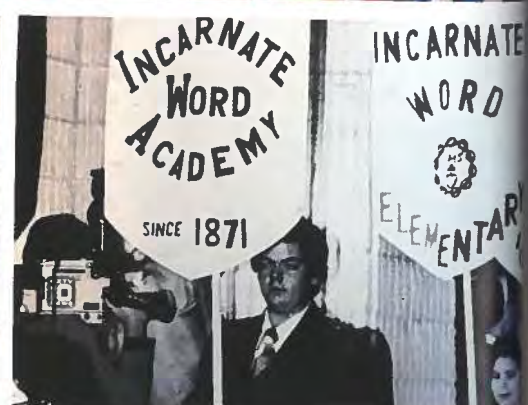
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# OUR Legacy

## IWA Celebrates 150 Years



It's been 150 years since the sisters of IWA founded their school, determined to provide a quality Catholic education to students across the Coastal Bend. Since then, thousands have benefited from their efforts. Teams have won numerous championships, and graduates have gone on to study across the United States and even the world. Once an Angel graduates, the lessons they've learned and the relationships they've forged stay with them for life. Sometimes, graduates come back to teach or to coach, to tell stories or to counsel, so that a new generation can thrive. Whether it's 1873 or 2022, students, faculty, and staff share the same goal: to spread the Incarnate Word throughout their lives.

# Summer



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# stay salty Summer Fun & Fitness



1. Lean back and relax! Junior Chloe Rosales loves the serenity of the beach. 2. Riding the waves! Senior Cade Bush shows off his water sport skills. 3. Enjoying the freedom of summer, sophomore Emma Romanczyk embraces the sunset. 4. Girls' night out! Seniors Madeline Herndon and Leila Elizondo take a quick pic before attending a concert. 5. Laughin' it up! Freshman Carlisle Braman giggles with her friend.



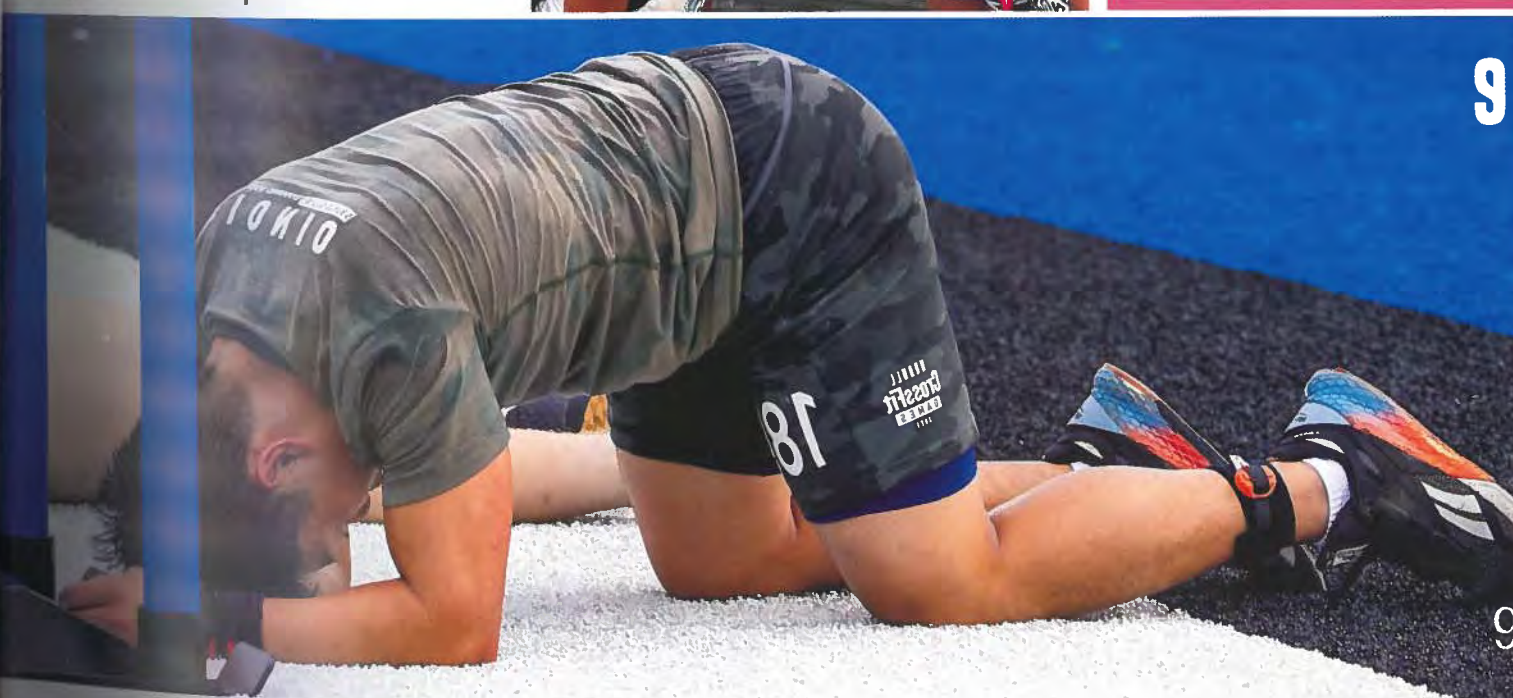
6. Hey little guppy, don't worry! Senior Grace Leeson is here to teach you how to swim. 7. Hustlin' hoopers! Freshmen Matthew Cory, Cullen Braugh, Derek Chapa, Kyle Owen, and Adam Sachanowicz smile proudly with their winning medals. 8. Kickin' it! Senior Talayah Chanyaman knocked it out of the park with her impressive kickball line drive to earn her team the victory. 9. Senior Joaquin Dionio catches his breath after his incredible sled push.



IWA prides itself on its fiercely athletic students. Outside of school, the Angels continue to stay fit, showing an unrivaled desire to dominate the competition. This summer was no different. Despite the heat, many students participated in athletic events, demonstrating their Angel pride with each success.



8 Summer is the season of fun and memories. It is full of warmth, laughter, hilarious group selfies, and trips to the beach. The summer of 2021 was one for the books as students finally got together again after a long year of quarantine. Not a single moment was wasted during the summer months, and we look back fondly on all of the fun memories we made before gearing up for the school year.



# new journeys

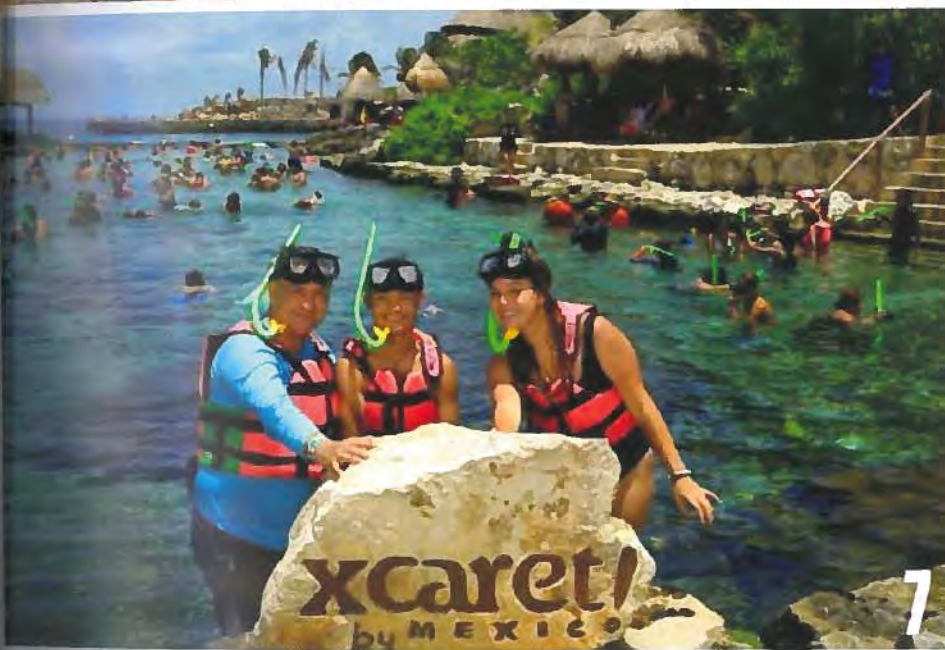
## Summer Travel



1. Senior Jessica Podrebarac rests beside Colorado's Lake Estes. 2. Let's hit the trail! Senior Victor Molina goes for a mountain hike. 3. Don't look down! Senior Edward Valadez takes a selfie in Chicago. 4. Senior Jacob Balboa poses in front of the presidents at Mount Rushmore.



Seeing the vast world outside of school is what summer break is all about. Whether with family or friends, the students of Incarnate Word Academy found themselves in exciting places during their vacations, from the breathtaking mountains of Colorado to the sunny beaches of Mexico. Throughout June and July, the Angels explored their unique interests, prepared themselves for the next step in their education, and made a lifetime's worth of memories alongside their loved ones. Leaving behind their dull, quarantine-filled days, the restless students of IWA explored the colorful world that awaited them.



5. Cheers! Senior Ellen Clark enjoys her morning coffee on a Colorado train ride. 6. Sophomores Cody Bush and John Kretsinger discuss their summer plans. 7. Just keep swimming! Senior Cassandra Munoz snorkels with her family in Mexico. 8. Kisses! Senior Katelyn Canales, swims with the dolphins on her summer trip. 9. A whole new world! Junior Ty Adams poses in front of the Universal Studios' castle.





# Howdy Campers! Summer Camp

1. Show your camp pride! Senior Victoria Molina waves her Angry Bird flag. 2. Sister smiles! Junior Julia Barth and freshman Sarah Barth demonstrate their excitement to be at camp. 3. Let's Go Angels!! Senior Ellen Clark is proud of Venice Vicknair and Cassandra Munoz for becoming All-American Cheerleaders. 4. Challenge accepted! Senior Jessica Podrebarac races through the Dual Dash at T Bar M Camp Travis with ease. 5. Camp is a home away from home! Senior Nicholas Trigger spends his summer with his friends at camp. 6. Sophomores Julia DeLuca and Savannah Staff get together for a quick photo at Deer Creek Camp. 7. Having the time of her life, sophomore Annabelle Clark smiles after completing a canoe trip at His Hill Ranch Camp.



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School's out! That means it's time to go to camp and rekindle all of the beautiful and strong friendships made in summers past. In this season of heat, students attend camp for sports, religion, and fun! They do crazy fun activities that range from horseback riding to barrel racing and to even stunting at cheer camp. Students travel across cities and even across states to camps and universities that offer fun and exciting camp programs. Students experienced excitement, adventure, and fun. It was a breath of fresh air to be with our new friends at camp this summer, compared to the affliction that the Covid-19 pandemic caused last summer. Students are grateful for the time spent at camp. Goodbye camp, hope we meet again next summer!



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## SOOOO... HOW WAS CAMP?



"I loved every minute of camp! Even though its a tough choice, my favorite part was war canoe!"

**Ciara McCauley,**  
11th



"Seeing all of my old friends is my favorite part of camp every year. I love getting to catch up on what happened and making new memories with them!"

**Ben Pettus,**  
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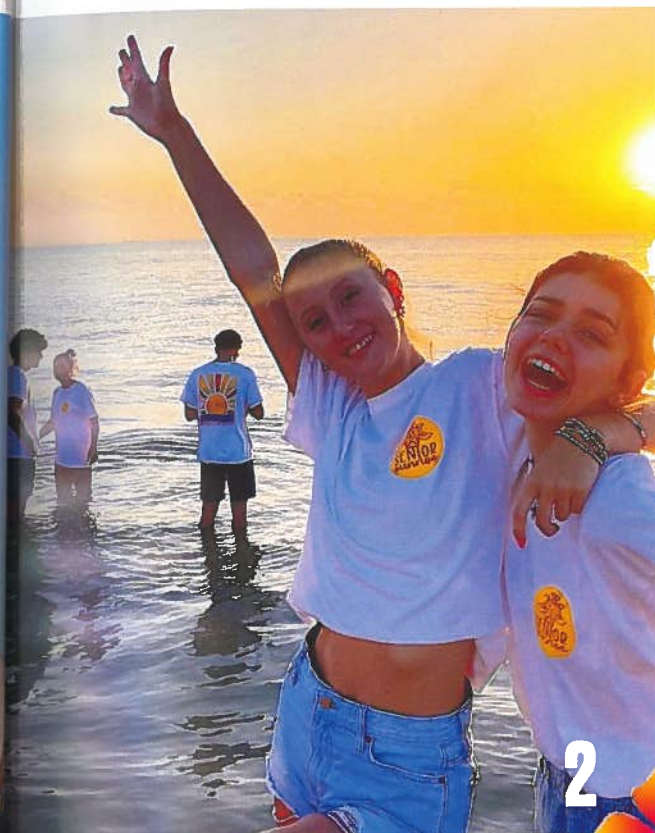


# Rise and Shine

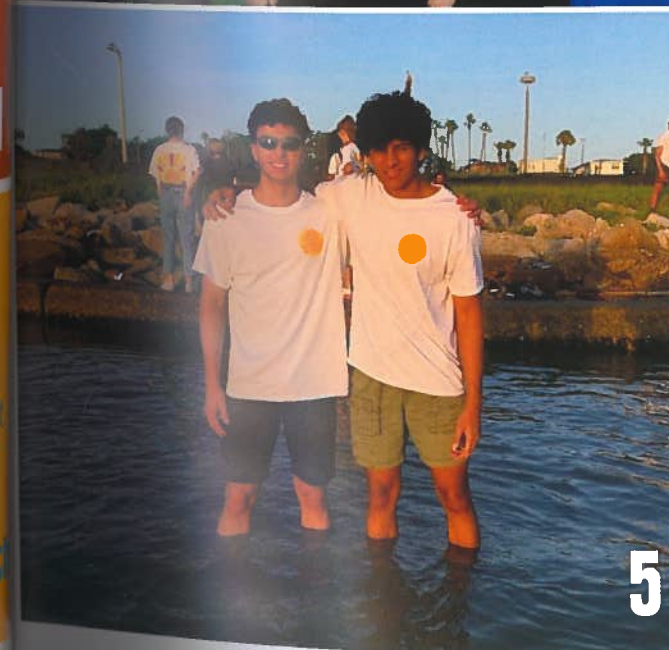
## Senior Sunrise



In the fading days of summer, the incoming seniors gathered to watch the sunrise and celebrate the beginning of their last year of high school. In their brand new senior shirts, the group ate breakfast, drank coffee and juice, reunited after almost two long years of quarantine, and reflected upon the special year ahead of them. As one class, the seniors of 2022 stood together alongside the Corpus Christi Bay, watching the sun rise over their last year as high school students. Though their time as Angels is almost over, the bonds they have with each other are sure to last for years to come.



1. Bright smiles! Nicholas Trigger, Grace Leeson, and Victoria Molina enjoy the brilliant sunrise after a summer of quarantine. 2. Early morning fun! Regan Hannigan and Ellen Clark pose by the water, demonstrating their excitement for the upcoming school year. 3. The gang is back together! Aamil Patel, Elijah Gillespie, Nathan Perez, and Jacob Balboa demonstrate their excitement for the upcoming school year. 4. Striking a pose, Viraj Bhakta and Jonathan Shull show off their swag in front of the Corpus Christi Bay. 5. Cade Bush and Kashyap Ramachandrani enjoy the cool water. 6. Senior Sisters! Sarah Diaz, Katelyn Sepulveda, Araceli Saenz, Braque Looper, and Madeline Lerma gather for a group photo.



## SUNRISES OR SUNSETS?



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"Sunsets because I don't have to wake up as early!"

**austin moore, 12th**



"Sunsets. There's something peaceful about knowing the day is over."

**madeline lerma, 12th**

# FALL



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# Let's go angels!

## Cheerleading



Fire it up! The Angel Varsity cheer squad shined brightly this year, acting as a guiding light for spirit and school pride both on and off the court. They began the 2021-2022 school year with brand new skills they acquired at a UCA cheer camp during the summer. With the unique experiences behind them, the cheer team was able to bring a renewed sense of passion to the camp, becoming a pillar of support for the entire student body after the hardships of the past year.



1. Happy Homecoming! The Angel Varsity Cheer Squad prepares for the annual Burning of the A event. 2. Hype it up! Sophomores Isabella Cuevas and Sophia Diaz entertain the crowd at halftime. 3. !! W! A! Sophomore Isabella Cuevas, freshman Madison Gonzales, and senior Cassandra Munoz proudly represent their school during an IWA fundraiser. 4. A group of cheerleaders from 1994 show off their spirit. 5. Get creative! The cheer squad forms a "moving" car for a teamwork activity at camp. 6. Assisted by freshmen Julia DeLuca and Madison Gonzales, and sophomore Isabella Cuevas, sophomore Sophia Diaz smiles for the crowd in a prep. 7. Cheer sisters! Senior Sarah Diaz presents freshman Madison Gonzales with cupcakes to commemorate her hard work. 8. Cheer your heart out! Senior Ellen Clark joyfully leads the squad in a classic IWA cheer called "Angel Nation." 9. Pretty in pink! The Angel cheerleaders snap a picture before the final game of the season.

### What's it like being a cheer captain?

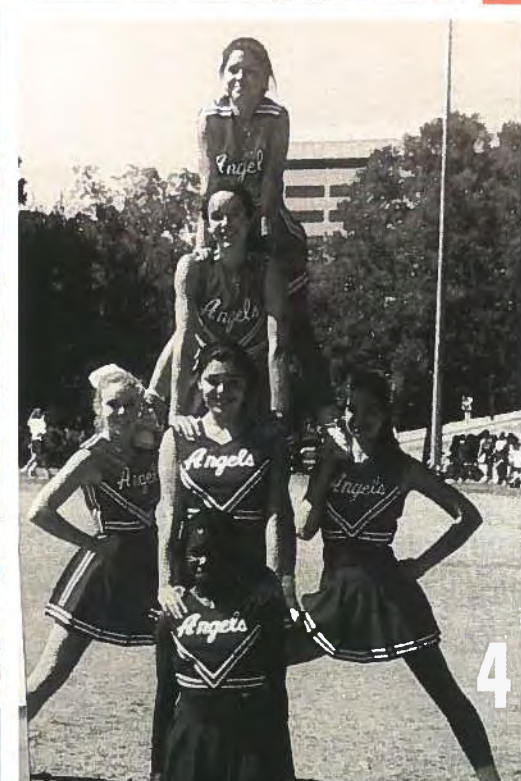
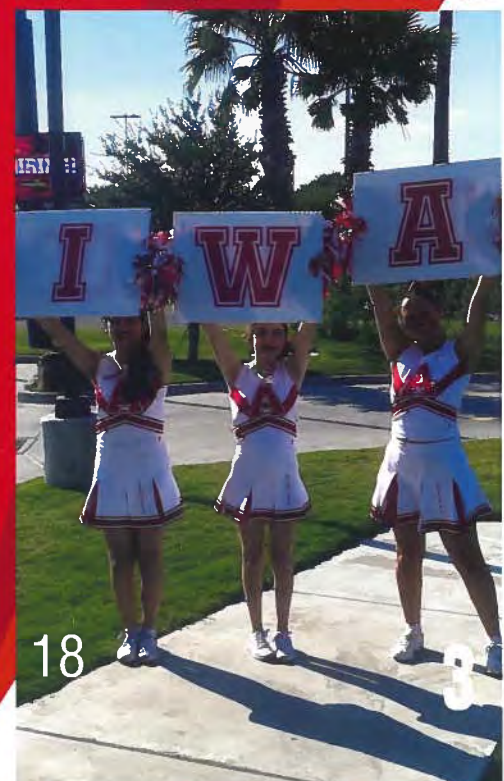


"A little overwhelming! There are so many aspects to it, from planning decorations, to hosting events and cheering at games. But, it's worth it to support our school!"

"Being a cheer captain is about more than just calling cheers at games. You're a leader for everyone on your team and an ambassador of school spirit."

**Ellie Clark,**  
12th

**Cassandra Munoz,**  
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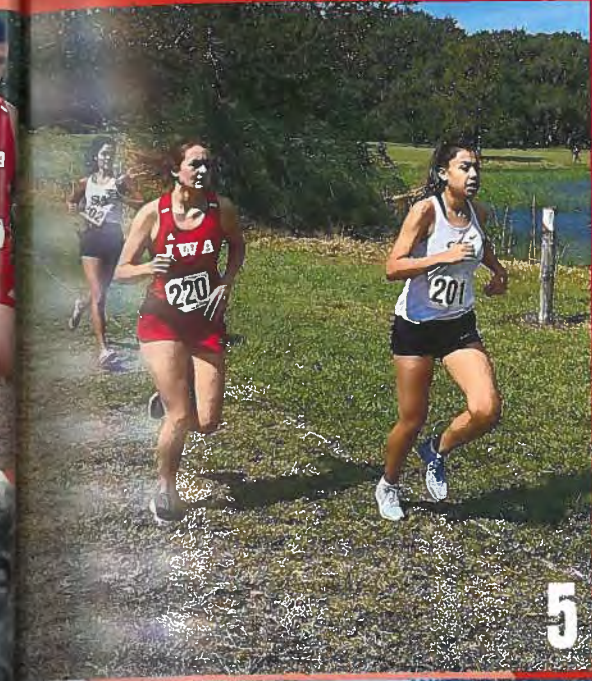
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# FLYING AHEAD

## Cross Country



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Cross Country is not for the weak. It's a marathon that requires runners to have a unique combination of controlled speed and unwavering stamina. The IWA Angels rose to the challenge this year, with athletes setting personal bests, school bests, and even climbing the competitive ladder to compete at the state meet. They left their competitors in the dust, blazing new trails of success each time they ran. Throughout it all, the team strengthened their bonds with each other, cheering their teammates on through every up and down. Whether a state competitor or a first time runner, each member of the Cross Country team learned a valuable lesson this season — the biggest competitor they would ever face was their own mental obstacles, and that they had the inner strength to overcome them.

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1. It's the calm before the storm! The cross country team relaxes before a meet. 2. Senior all-stars! Seniors Stephen Saucedo, Michael Fergie, and Edward Valdez race ahead. 3. The 1998 Cross Country runners Thomas Emerson, Alberto Garza, and Brian Sheridan practice on Ocean Drive. 4. Work hard, play hard! The Cross Country team practices for upcoming meets. 5. Go get 'em! Sophomore Emma Romanczyk sprints to the finish. 6. The cross country team takes a short break before the meet to pray. 7. Almost there! Sophomore Luke Becker takes deep breaths. 8. Stretch first! The Cross Country team stretches before the going on a morning run.

## HOW DO YOU INSPIRE YOUR TEAMMATES WHILE RUNNING?



"I encourage them to continue running even when they are struggling most."

**SOPHIA DIAZ,**  
10th



"I encourage my teammates even in the face of difficulty"

**JAMESON BURKE,**  
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# Volleyball

You Just Got Served!



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Bump it, set it, spike it! That's the way we like it! The Lady Angels were burning with the desire to succeed on the court this season. With each game they showed off their fiery might and Angel spirit. Win or lose, the Lady Angels stood together as a team, building each other up as they competed. This season was a fantastic conclusion for four of our senior volleyball players, and a promising start for all of the underclassmen who will be taking the places of their predecessors.

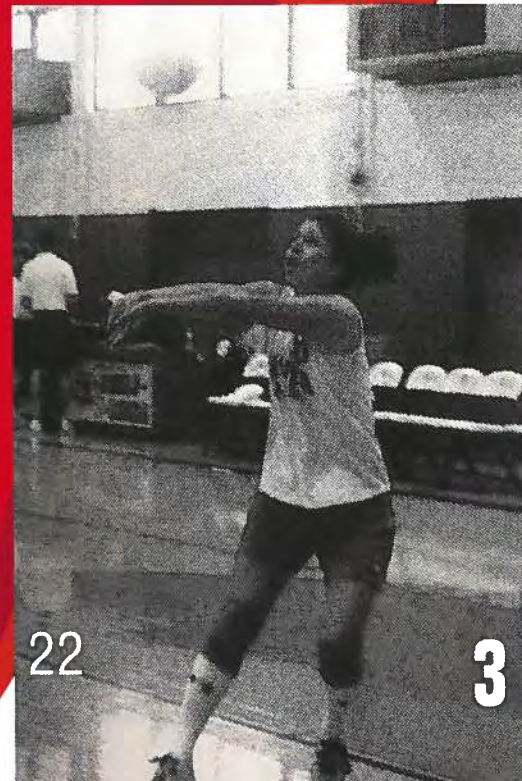


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1. The whole squad is here! The varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams huddle together before their respective games. 2. Dig Deep! Dig Pink! Senior Ava Lichtenberger leaps up to spike the ball. 3. 1982 Freshman Ashley Olivarez hits the ball over the net during a game against Flour Bluff. 4. Huddle up, ladies! The volleyball team plans their next move between sets. 5. Victory is within reach! Isabella Giannetti sweeps the ball over the net. 6. Junior Illyana Aguas bumps the ball over the net.



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## How was your senior season?



"It was a fun season full of laughs and bonding with the younger teammates."

**gabby aguilar,**  
12th



"My senior season was the best way to end my volleyball career. I will never forget this team and the friendships and bonds I have made. I wouldn't change the season one bit."

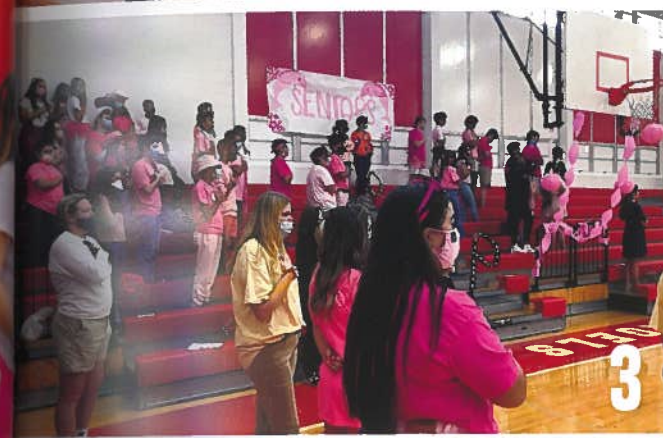
**ava LICHTENBERGER,**  
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# Ybk pep rally

The Memories Have Arrived!

The Aurora yearbook kicked off the school year with a colorful parade of festivities. The first pep rally was hosted by the Incarnate Word yearbook staff, and it set a tone of excitement as students played games and received their yearbooks from the previous year. Each grade level demonstrated their spirit by wearing a class color, and all were encouraged to participate in the student-led lip sync battles and dance challenges. Decked out in their colorful regalia, the entire student body stood together to welcome the new year, hopeful that it would be just as vibrant and memorable as the colors they wore. A new tradition began, one that would leave a colorful legacy at our school for years to come.



1. Juniors Ty Adams and Joseph Manna plan their next move in the breakdance challenge
2. Sophomores Sophia Diaz , Olivia Lugo, Annabelle Clark, and Isabella Collins reflect on their freshman year as they flip through their yearbooks.
3. The Angels take a moment to thank those who have fought for our freedom.
4. Green is the greatest! A group of freshmen dress in the color of their grade.
5. The senior class is unable to contain their excitement.
6. Thumbs up! Freshmen Cullen Braugh, Matthew Cory, Carlisle Braman, and Becca Taft enjoy their first pep rally.
7. Sophomores Berenice Delgado and Emma Romanczyk show off their blue clothes alongside their favorite teacher.



## What is your favorite color and why?



"Green, because it reminds me of nature and being outdoors."

**kailey marroquin, 11th**



"Blue. There really isn't a reason, it's just my favorite."

**austin vu, 11th**



# Let's Plant!

## Care of Creation Week

Care for Creation Week at Incarnate Word Academy is a way for students to express their love of Earth and all creation. With the guidance of Campus Ministry, the student body dressed up in a variety of interesting themes throughout the week, combining individual style with discussion about care for the world. The 2021-2022 Care for Creation Week hosted the first ever IWA Farmers Market, during which vendors from inside and outside of campus talked about their local businesses and how they helped keep the environment healthy. Through all of the festivities, students learned important lessons about what it means to be stewards of the Earth. As Pope John Paul II said, "The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship."



1. Seniors Jacob Balboa and Venice Vicknair say peace out to littering! 2. Howdy, y'all! Senior Madeline Herndon and junior Jordan Barrett show off their country attitude. 3. How colorful! Juniors David Matl, Luke Afuso, and Bonnie Marino pose in their earthly attire. 4. Sophomore Annabelle Clark serves others her homemade muffins at the IWA Farmers Market. 5. I've lost them! Freshman Matthew Cory mimes searching for an animal in history class. 6. Howdy, Partner! Seniors Audrey Braugh and Olivia D'Anna tip their hats to staying green! 7. Freshman Ilianna Flores shows off her handmade lanterns. 8. Blending in to stand apart! Freshman Ben Pettus and sophomores Berenice Delgado and Emma Romanczyk are spotted in camo. 9. Sophomores Cody Bush, Ava Goodman, Andy Kretsinger, Sydney Jackson, and Diego Lopez are "super" proud to care for creation. 10. Stay super! Seniors Grace Leeson, Viraj Bhakta, and Victoria Wilson demonstrate their inner hero!



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# Stayin' Sober!

## Red Ribbon Week



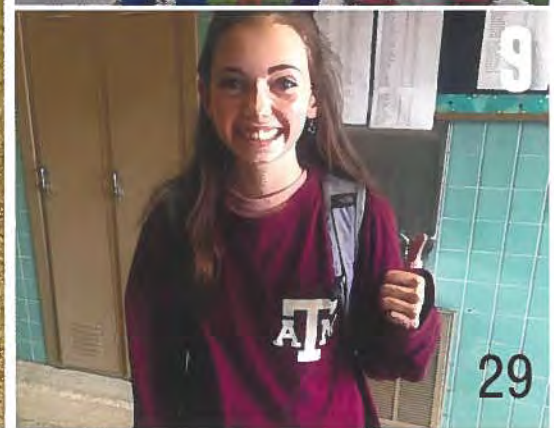
1. The elementary student parade shows off their costumes. 2. Team up against substance abuse! Students wear merch of their favorite sports team for crazy school day. 3. Seniors Viraj Bhakta and Jonathan Shull are red-y to say no to drugs! 4. Giving drugs the boot! Senior Ellen Clark and Sophomore Sophia Diaz flaunt their footwear.



Red Ribbon Week offers students the chance to dress up in fun costumes while spreading awareness about substance abuse. With exciting themes like "Sock it to Drugs" and "Team up Against Drugs," and activities like the trunk-or-treat, Angels learn about the dangers of drugs in an educational and engaging environment. Many students demonstrate an excess of creativity as they find unique ways to say no to drugs. It's no surprise that funny outfits and informational posters are abound in the halls as students encourage each other to stay far away from substances. Whether outsmarting drugs or giving them the boot, the Angels are proud to make a stand against the use of dangerous substances.

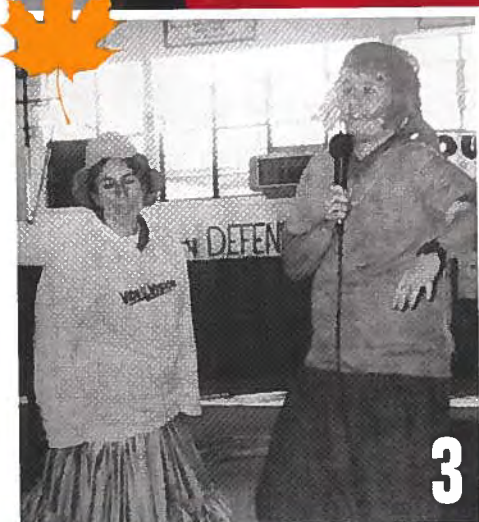


5. Juniors Ty Adams and Justin DeLuca are decked out in red. 6. Home run for drug awareness! Students wear sports jerseys. 7. Too smart for stimulants! Junior Julianna Beltran wears a college shirt. 8. Pals over pills! Juniors Clara McCauley and Alek Brysch take a stand against drugs. 9. Dead set on attending A&M, Sophomore Annabelle Clark has no time for drugs.



# FOSTERING Faith OVER fear

## Class Retreats



Faith is an integral part of being a member of the student body at Incarnate Word Academy. Retreats allow students to refresh their minds and bond with their classmates, but most importantly they allow for time to reconnect with God. With the guidance of Campus Minister Ms. Cartwright, students play fun games and pray as a community, growing closer to both God and each other.



1. A group of junior boys enjoy their pizza. 2. Mummy games! Sophomores Suzette Torres and Isabella Cuevas wrap Sophia Diaz in streamers. 3. At the 2003 retreat, two "NET team members perform a little drama and lighten up the mood." 4. Three sophomores compete to win the mummy challenge. 5. It's discussion time! A group of juniors talk about their faith. 6. Seniors join hands and voices. 7. Little creations! Junior Madison Domingue creates an animal out of Play-Doh. 8. Stone cold victory! Juniors Madeline Braman, Thomas Valdez, and Julia Barth win the statue contest. 9. The sophomore class listens to the speaker.

### What did you take away from the retreat?



"The retreat taught me the importance of mental health. It also brought me a renewed sense of solidarity and love."

**Suzette Torres,**  
10th



"I got to delve deeper into my faith and learn more about some of my classmates!"

**Bryan Rivera,**  
11th



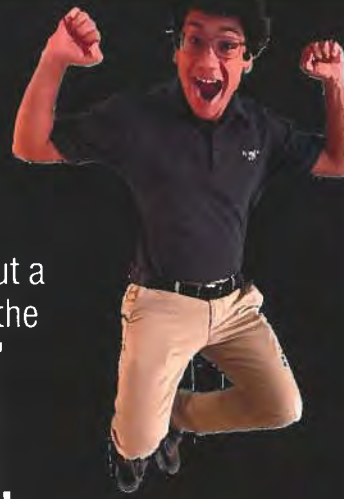
# Roll With The Red!

## Homecoming Fun and Festivities



What is your favorite part of hoco week?

"Without a doubt, the dance!"  
**Diego Lopez, 11th**



"This is a hard question, I think it's all my favorite."  
**Sabrina Figueroa, 10th**



1. Too cool for school! Senior Jacob Balboa turns his swag on. 2. Go Big Red! Junior class demonstrates their school spirit for all to see. 3. Big dawgs campus! Seniors Audrey Braugh, Olivia D'Anna, and junior Jordan Barrett guide younger students during the campus parade. 4. Seniors Ava Lichtenberg, Araceli Saenz, Madeline Herndon, Leila Elizondo, Jasmin Fernandez, and Camryn Lara proudly show off their face paint and letterman jackets. 5. Game on! Senior Gabby Aguilar takes the win in the Hungry Hippo Game. 6. Scream and shout! The senior class stands together for the angel battle cry. 7. Defying gravity! Supported by the stunt team, the IWA cheerleaders conclude their performance.

# Find YOUR Fire

Burning of the A



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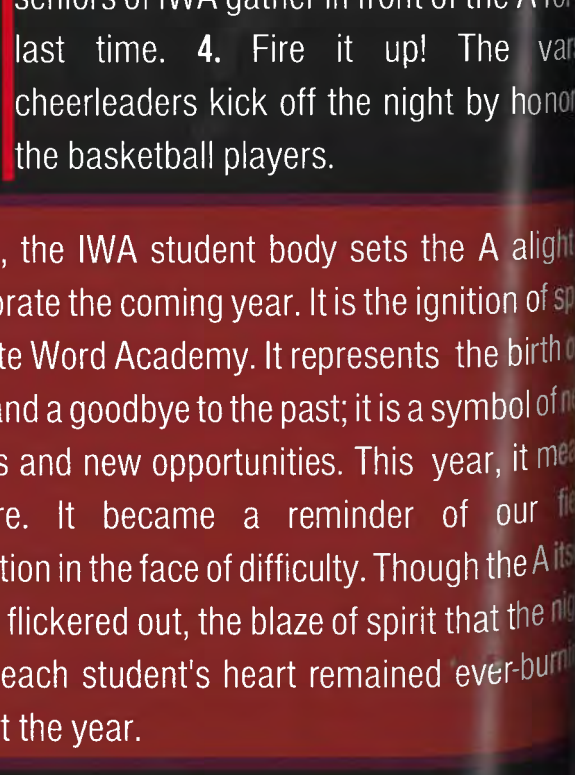


1. Seniors Colton Anderson and Viraj Bhakta proudly set the A ablaze. 2. The senior drill line leads the student body in a spirited march around the A. 3. Reflecting on the year, seniors of IWA gather in front of the A for the last time. 4. Fire it up! The varsity cheerleaders kick off the night by honoring the basketball players.

Each year, the IWA student body sets the A alight to commemorate the coming year. It is the ignition of spirit at Incarnate Word Academy. It represents the birth of a new year and a goodbye to the past; it is a symbol of new beginnings and new opportunities. This year, it means even more. It became a reminder of our fire and determination in the face of difficulty. Though the A eventually flickered out, the blaze of spirit that the night ignited in each student's heart remained ever-burning throughout the year.

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5. Bright smiles! The seniors gather for a group picture. 6. Seniors Johnathon Shull, Viraj Bhakta, and Colton Anderson hold their torches high before lighting the A. 7. One last time! Seniors Grace Leeson, Cassandra Munoz, Venice Vicknair, Jessica Podrebarac, and Valeria Gomez Molina enjoy the festivities of their final homecoming. 8. Friends forever! Seniors Jasmin Fernandez, Madeline Herndon, and Viraj Bhakta embrace as the flame dies down. 9. A blast from the past! The varsity cheerleaders dance at the 2000 Homecoming.



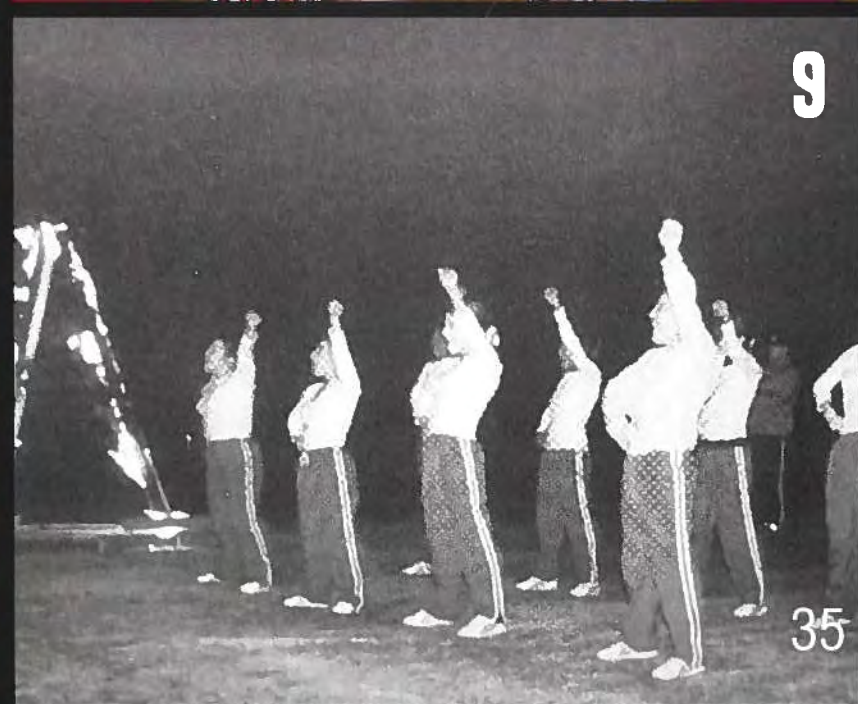
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The best people in life are free! The freshman class prepare to head to their first dance together.



Juniors Mila Gutierrez , Kollin Kern, and Thomas Valdez don't miss a single beat as they groove on the dance floor.

They're happy, free, confused, and lonely in the best way! Senior Regan Hannigan and sophomores Isabella Giannetti and McKenna Lutz came dressed for the theme in their floral dresses.

Forever and Always! High school sweethearts Sally and Noah Seger have fun at Homecoming in 2003.



# This Night is Sparkling Homecoming Dance

Sparkling lights and magical greenery awaited all attendees at the 2021 Homecoming Dance. As the first dance held by Incarnate Word Academy since the 2019-2020 school year, many students were anxious to reunite on the dance floor once again, and the Enchanted Garden certainly did not disappoint. Students danced, laughed, and sang the night away under the open sky. It was a perfect celebration of togetherness after months of being apart, and it left students excited for the next dance of the year.

I see sparks fly whenever you smile! Seniors Jessica Podrebarac, Venice Vicknair, and Cassandra Munoz dance with alumni Jaime Baldwin.



You belong with me! Junior Ava Aleman and freshman Carlisle Braman are positively beaming with joy.

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# FULL COURT PRESS



## Boys' Basketball

After a full season of empty stands due to COVID-19, the IWA student body returned to cheering their athletes once again. Empowered by the support they received from their classmates, the Angels dominated on the basketball court this year. The pandemic did nothing to dampen their fighting spirit. Each player brought their all, demonstrating their unrivaled passion and determination with every play.



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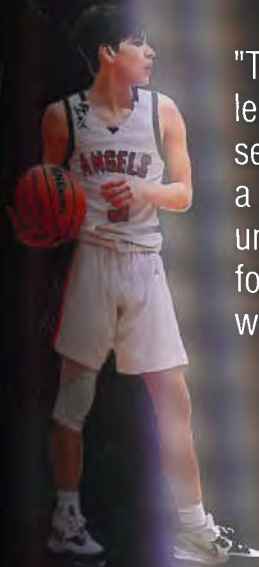
1. Surrounded, but certainly not scared! Senior Cade Bush fearlessly takes the shot. 2. Catching air! Sophomore Edmund Thomas easily scores. 3. Nothing but net! Senior Viraj Bhakta swishes the game-winning basket. 4. Steady and ready! Senior Connor Williamson takes aim. 5. Junior Jordan Barret slips past his opponent's defenses. 6. Sideline support! Coach Dugan cheers his athletes. 7. Fast-paced plays! Senior Jonathan Shull goes in for a layup. 8. Jerry Valadez 1994. 9. Freshman Matthew Cory takes charge on the court.



### What have the seniors taught you this season?

"Throughout the season, I learned so much from the seniors. I learned how to be a role model for the underclassmen and how to forge lifelong connections with the players!"

**TY Adams,**  
11th



"They taught me that team chemistry is very important, whether it is on or off the court. I learned that having a strong relationship with your teammates is great to have because then you can crack jokes at dinner and be serious at game time. That is where the brotherhood of our team comes into play. We are all family in the basketball program. Throughout my three years, the seniors taught me that the family we have is important, and I can't wait to carry on that tradition next year!"

**Jordan Barrett,**  
11th



# HOOPS, They Did it again!

## Girls' Basketball



Never underestimate the drive and determination of the Lady Angels Basketball team. Throughout this season, they have demonstrated their unmatched speed, strength, and skill. Their talent speaks for itself, but what really sets them apart is their desire to push the limits of their capabilities. The Lady Angels play every game like it's their last, and this year their need for success took them all the way to the playoffs.



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## What motivates you to play basketball?



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"I am motivated when we do well in a game after a really hard practice, because it helps me see that my hard work is paying off."

**EMMA ROMANCZYK,**  
10th



"I like the feeling of succeeding when I score, like when I make a 3-pointer. It inspires me to make the rest of the game greater."

**MATTIE BARNICK,**  
9th



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1. Shooting for success! Senior Talayah Chanyaman shows off her offensive skills. 2. Blast from the past. The Lady Angels have been rocking the court for ages. 3. Layup? More like Talay-up! Despite being heavily guarded, senior Talayah Chanyaman completes the perfect layup. 4. Dribble dribble. Sophomore Emma Romanczyk prepares to make a pass to her teammate. 5. Bonds that will last a lifetime! The Lady Angels have a fun night out watching an Islanders game. 6. Sophomore Emma Romanczyk fights for the ball. 7. Ready for anything, junior Ella Goodman races down the court. 8. Preparing for the perfect shot, freshman Mattie Barnick sidesteps her opponents. 9. One team, one dream. The Lady Angels gather for a huddle with Coach Malcolm Smith.

# Viva Fútbol!

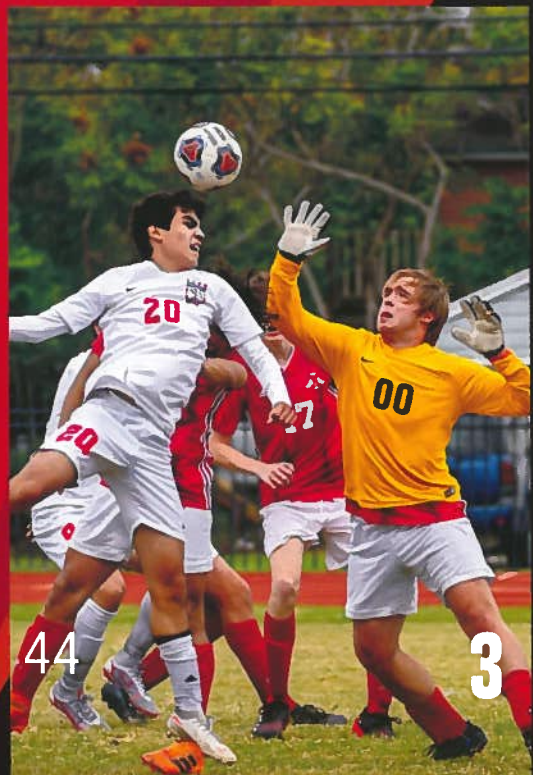
## Boys' Soccer



Consisting of all high school grade levels, Incarnate Word Academy boy's soccer team is always striving for success. Their infectious love of the game shines through in all that they do. Whether they're rushing to practice or making plays for victory on the field, each team member gives it their all every day. This season, their hard work and endless dedication certainly paid off. They made a lasting mark on the soccer program, bringing a new life and energy that will last for seasons to come.



1. Watch out! Junior Jameson Burke dashes down the field for a goal. 2. Charge! Junior Cameron Aleman prepares to pass the ball to his teammate. 3. Defense! Senior Austin Moore goes to stop the ball. 4. United as one! The soccer team marches onto the field. 5. I'm open! Senior Stewart Vanexan makes an impressive pass. 6. Nothing gets past me! Junior Alek Brysch is a goalie with a goal to win. 7. Not on my watch! Junior Aidan Orines stays on the ball. 8. Junior Nikolai Steen prepares to score a goal. 9. Jump! Senior Stewart Vanexan hits a gravity-defying header.



### What do you like best about soccer?



"I like being around my teammates and having fun as a team."

**Cameron Aleman,**  
11th



"The teamwork that we've built over the season."

**Lang Ryland,**  
10th

# Swimming ahead

## IWA Swim Team

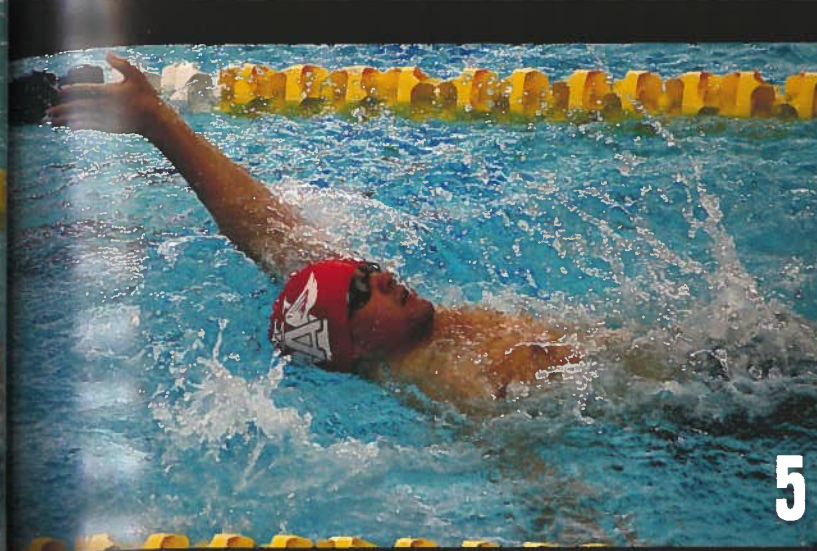


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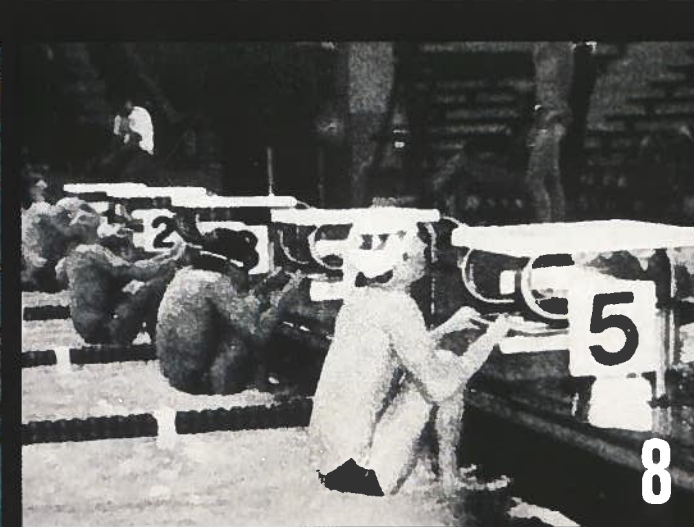
Our Angel athletes are known for their determination, and the IWA swim team is no exception! Each member has contributed to the success of the team, making a huge splash at various meets across the Coast Bend. They gracefully support each other to the end of every event, win or lose. This season, they swam their way up the competitive ladder, attending regionals and state meets, which they qualified for almost every event and set many personal bests.



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1. With perfect form, freshman Valentina Nisimblat dives into the pool. 2. Go, go, go! Junior Chloe Rosales perseveres through the butterfly. 3. Ready, set, go! Junior Janah Siguenza begins her event. 4. The IWA swim team snaps a quick picture before the TAPPS regional meet. 5. Freshman Conagher Mixon is determined to win! 6. Junior Aidan Orines swims ahead of the competition. 7. On your mark, get set, go! Juniors Aidan Orines, Waylon Patterson, and senior Elijah Gillespie prepare to start their event. 8. Blast from the past! A former IWA swim team member prepares to start their event.



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### What is your favorite event?



"My favorite event is the 50 free, because it's super short and I can swim it very well."

**Waylon Patterson,**  
10th



"I like to swim the breaststroke because it's one of my best events and overall a good event to swim."

**Chloe Rosales,**  
11th

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# 'Tis the season!

## Christmas



### favorite Christmas gift?



"I got a lot of really cool books that I can't wait to read!"

**Olivia Lugo, 10th**



"My mom gave me a really comfy sweater. I love it because it goes well with everything and it reminds me of her."

**Wilson Vanexan, 10th**



1. Family forever! Junior Clara McCauley holds her cousin James in Chicago. 2. The IWA choir, led by Mr. Corkill, smiles for a picture after their performance at Angel Lights. 3. After a full day of opening presents, sophomore Annabelle Clark enjoys time with her little brother. 4. Discussing their Christmas plans, senior Carmen Lara and sophomore Sophia Diaz chat while serving hot cocoa. 5. Reunited again! Seniors Jonathon Shull and Jessica Podrebarac pose with IWA alum Jaime Baldwin. 6. Senior Sarah Diaz and freshman Madison Gonzales participate in a gingerbread house contest!



The bell rang for the last time on December 21st, and students were free for Christmas! Celebrating the reason for the season, Angels decorated their homes, sang Christmas carols, traveled to see friends or family, and spread Christmas spirit by volunteering for others. Christmas celebrations like the first annual Angel Lights program created an atmosphere of cheer, and holiday parties gave students a chance to connect with old and new friends. As a Catholic school, we recognize that Jesus is the reason for the season, and honored Him with several special blessings and masses. When December 25th came, students celebrated the most anticipated holiday of the year, spent time with loved ones, and gave and received meaningful gifts. The Christmas season gave students, faculty, and staff alike a chance to realize what is truly important in life, and all gave thanks for a meaningful holiday.





# Be Mine!

## Happy Valentine's Day!



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Whether you spend the day with a friend or lover, Valentine's Day is a time to show how much you appreciate the important people in your life. To commemorate this, IWA decked its halls in red and pink, creating an atmosphere of romance, playfulness, and charm. This year's Valentine's Day festivities were made extra special by the yearbook-sponsored photo booth. As students came together, they captured the love and friendships shared among them.



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1. Couple goals! Sophomore Avery Guerrero-Hunter asks junior Nicole Luna to be his Valentine. 2. Hearts for Valentine's Day! Juniors Mia Parra, Emily Elliot, Madison Domingue and Eva Martinez enjoy the photo booth. 3. The prettiest sweethearts. Seniors Cassandra Munoz, Luisa Hernandez, Victoria Wilson, and Kaitlyn Canales spend Valentine's Day together at their hotel after a golf tournament. 4. Cha cha cha! Seniors Victoria Molina and Grace Lesson show off their dance moves. 5. A group of sophomores take advantage of the Valentine's photo booth. 6. A group of sophomores celebrate "Galentine's Day"! 7. Sophomores Annabelle Clark and Isabella Collins take advantage of the love-themed props.

### Would you rather get a box of chocolates or flowers?



"I would prefer both. But if I had to choose, I would choose a box of chocolates because it's my favorite candy!"

**Valeria Gomez,**  
12th



"I would rather get a bouquet of flowers for Valentine's Day because I just love the sweet smell of fresh flowers."

**Julianna Beltran,**  
11th

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Wow! The softball team is skilled on the field, and the dance floor.



Shine bright like a diamond. Senior Sarina Jafari shines on the dance floor.

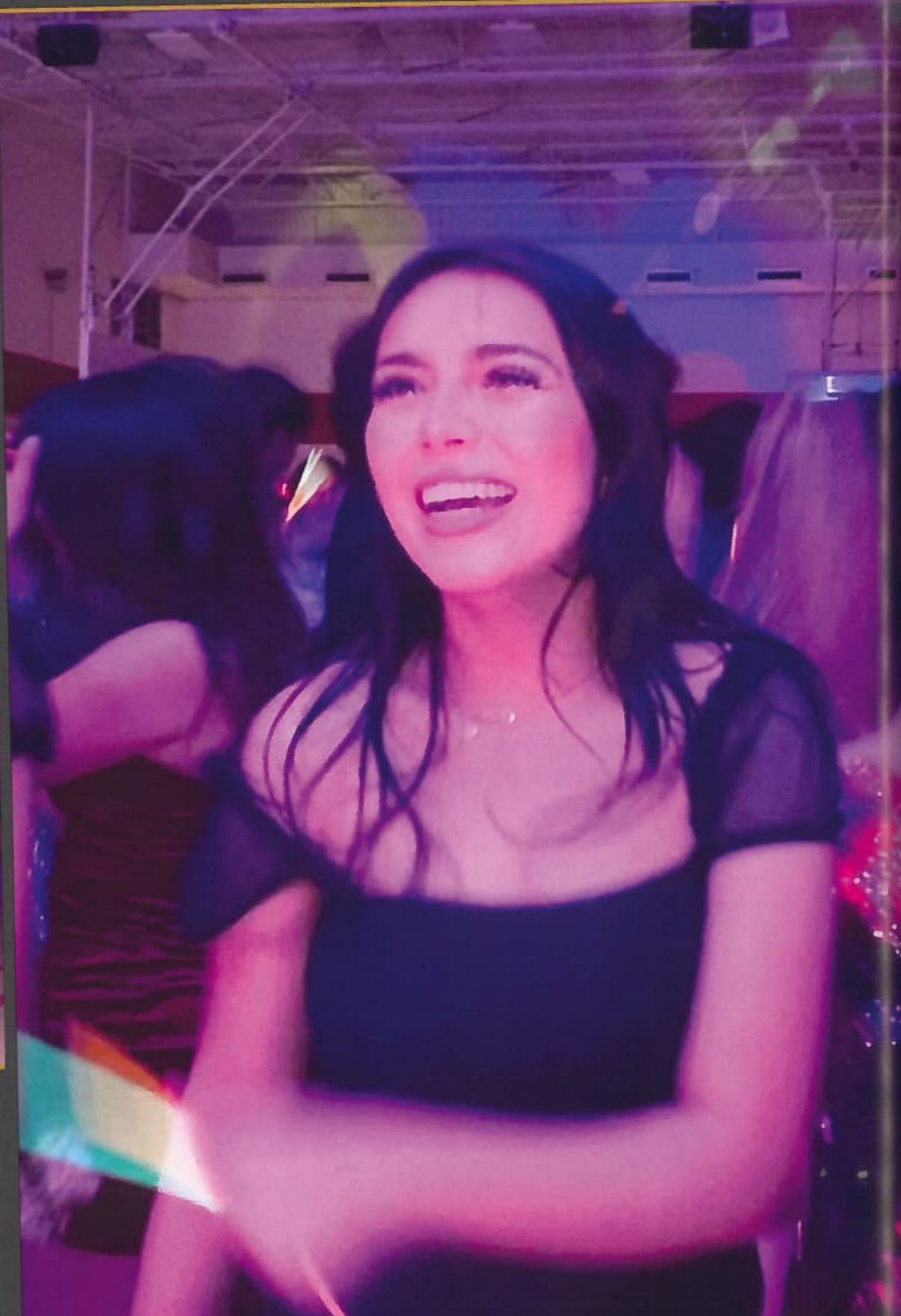
DJ turn it up. Seniors Ava Lichtenberger and Leila Elizondo are big DJ Iron Man fans.



Dancing queens! Juniors Madeline Braman, Mercedes Salinas, and Ava Aleman dance the night away!



Barth Sandwich! A group of sophomores and juniors gather around the Barth twins for a quick pic!



# LET'S BOOGIE

## Favorite's Dance

It's our favorite night of the year- Favorites! As a nod to upcoming Mardi Gras, students arrived in sequins, sparkles, and colorful attire to dance the night away. Casino tables provided a fun way for the talented to show off their poker face and a virtual photo booth allowed for fun memories to be captured. At the end of the night, several lucky students got to take home prizes- and some were crowned the favorites of their class. With exams and spring break right around the corner, the Favorite's dance was a welcome escape for all, and the best way to celebrate another completed quarter.



Don't stop the party! Seniors Araceli Saenz, Jasmin Fernandez, Talayah Chanyaman, and Leila Elizondo sing along to their favorite song.

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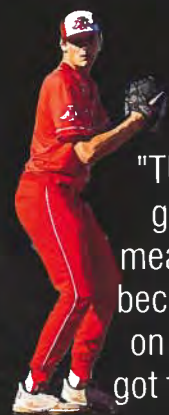


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Which game meant the most to you?



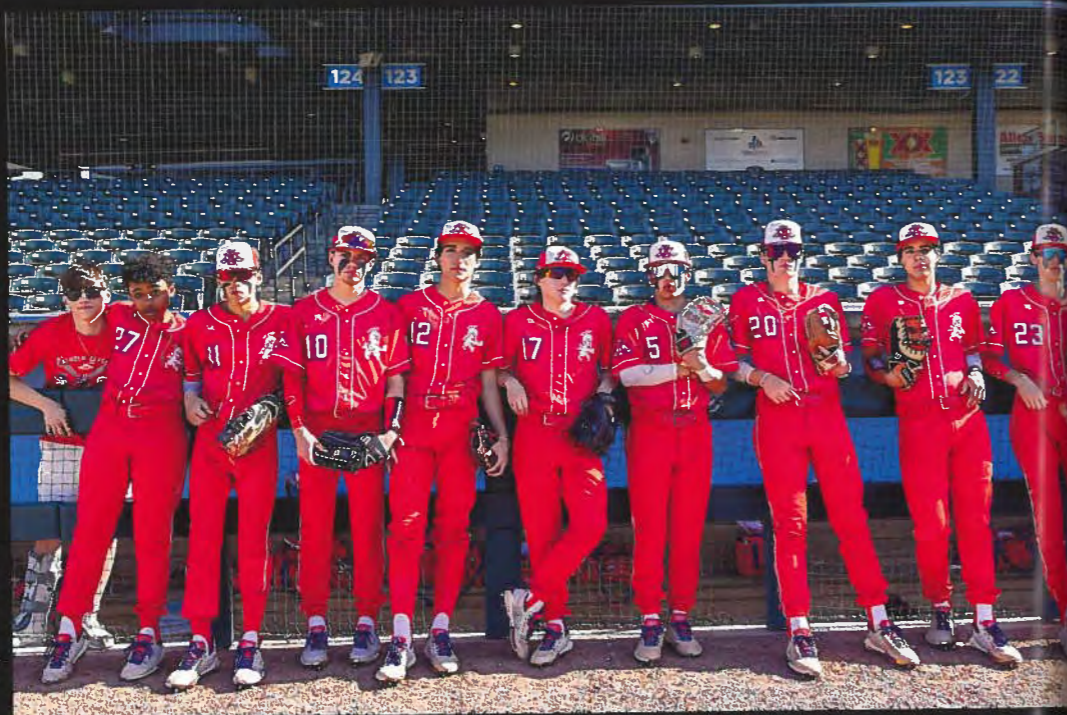
"The Whataburger game was really meaningful and cool, because I played well on a big stage and I got to give it my all for our seniors."

**Edmund Thomas,**  
10th



"The Whataburger field game. It's a huge tradition and as a senior, I was happy to get to play one last time."

**Colton Anderson,**  
56 12th



**Pitch Perfect!**  
Demand respect or expect defeat.



1. Watch out! The Angel baseball team is ready to dominate. 2. With pure concentration, sophomore Edmund Thomas strikes out a batter. 3. Sophomore Paul McNiff is all smiles after another out, and another inning. 4. Fielding the ball, senior Colton Anderson ensures that no run is scored. 5. Oh, hey there! Freshmen Cullen Braugh catches an infielder off guard as he steals third. 6. Wowing the crowd, sophomore Brandon Silva hits one to the outfield! 7. 1982 Angel at bat, "Slugger" Moorman!

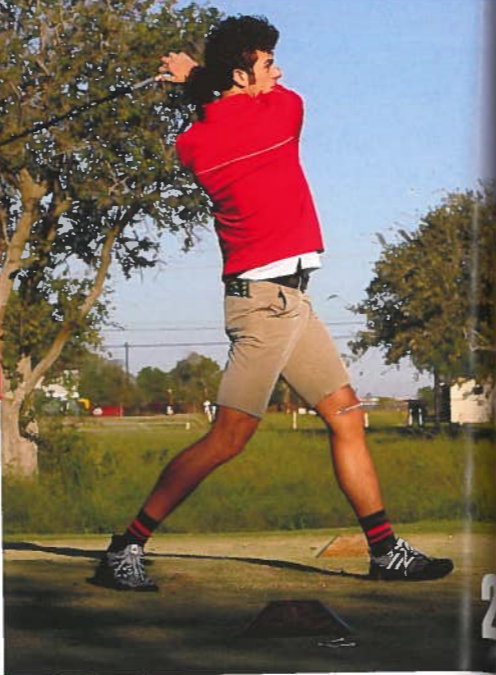


# TEE TIME

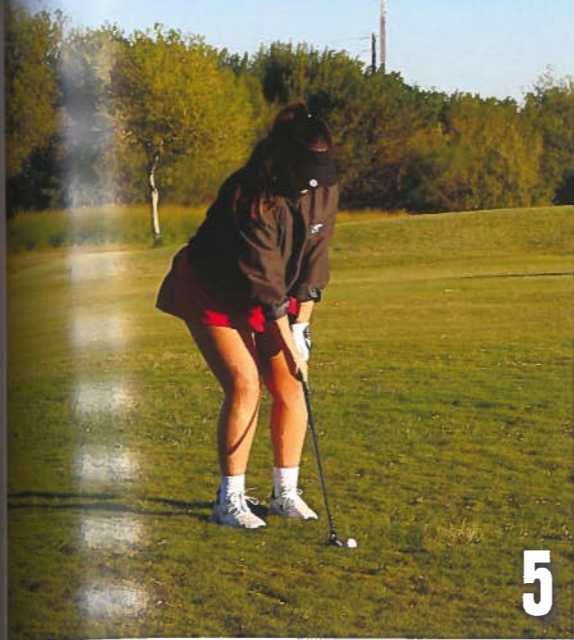
## Golf



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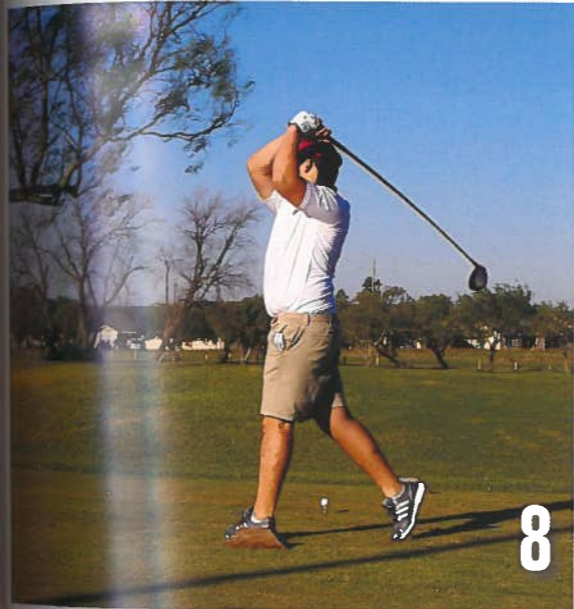


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Golf at IWA takes dedication and practice. Golfers must be prepared for anything, whether that be a prestigious tournament or unexpected weather conditions. However, the rewards of this program are limitless. Experienced students learn new techniques to improve their skills while newcomers to the team have the opportunity to learn from veteran IWA players. However, regardless of skill level, each member of the team always brings their full effort.



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1. Focus. Senior Kaitlyn Canales looks at the curve of the green to line up a putt. 2. Four! Senior Cade Bush drives his ball off the tee. 3. Coach Ramirez helps senior Cassandra Munoz spot her ball. 4. United as one! Members of the team pose for a picture after a tournament. 5. Go! Go! Go! Senior Leila Elizondo skillfully chips the ball to the hole. 6. Get up there! Senior Luisa Hernandez hits the ball with stunning precision. 7. Lucky me! Senior Victoria Wilson swings from the fringe of the bunker. 8. In the zone. Sophomore Andy Kretsinger drives the perfect shot, ensuring that the ball lands on the green. 9. We're ready! Seniors Victoria Wilson and Cassandra Munoz prepare to play a practice round.



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### What is your favorite golf course?



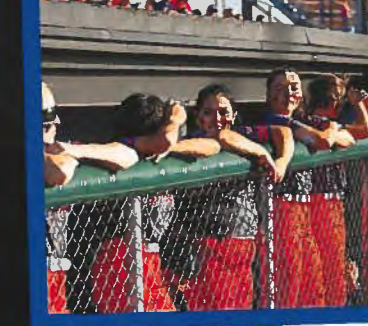
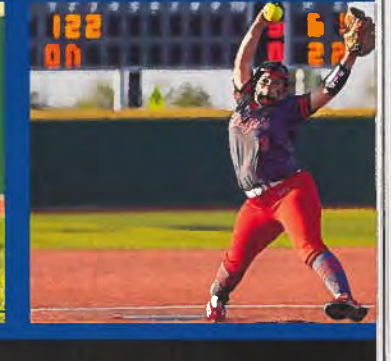
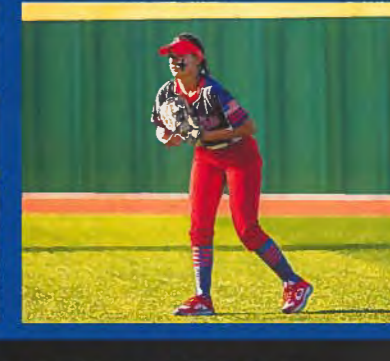
"My favorite course is La Cantera in San Antonio."

**Kaitlyn Canales,**  
12th



"It would have to be Gabe Lozano"

**Cody Bush,**  
10th



# Batter Up!

Yesterday's Home runs don't win today's games



HOW did this season impact YOU?



"This year I got to be a captain as a sophomore and it taught me how to step up to the plate and be a leader to my teammates."

**annabelle Clark**,  
10th grade

"This was my first year playing and it was the best environment to learn in. I learned how to respect my teammates and coaches."

**Lily Brown**,  
10th

# we're not waiters, but boy can we serve!

## Tennis

Winning their way through games and tournaments, the IWA Tennis Team made a massive splash this year. Under the guidance of Mr. Gressett, their endless dedication led to nothing but success, and they brought home numerous trophies in the name of our school. Without a doubt, they rose to the occasion and shined brighter than ever before.



1. Go team! The tennis team and Mr. Gressett get together for a picture with their newest trophy.
2. Victory! Seniors William Schultz, Grace Leeson, and Adrian Cantu show off the rewards for their hard work.
3. Improvement! Mr. Gressett instructs senior Grace Leeson.
4. The team takes a picture before the TAPPS meet.
5. Friends! The tennis girls huddle together on the court.
6. Old faces, same sport! A member of the IWA tennis team from the 1960s poses with his racket.
7. Get ready! Senior Grace Leeson fills out TAPPS papers before competing.

## What was your favorite game?



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My favorite game this season was regionals!

**Hayden Hoover**  
10th



The games I lose, so I can learn and grow from them.

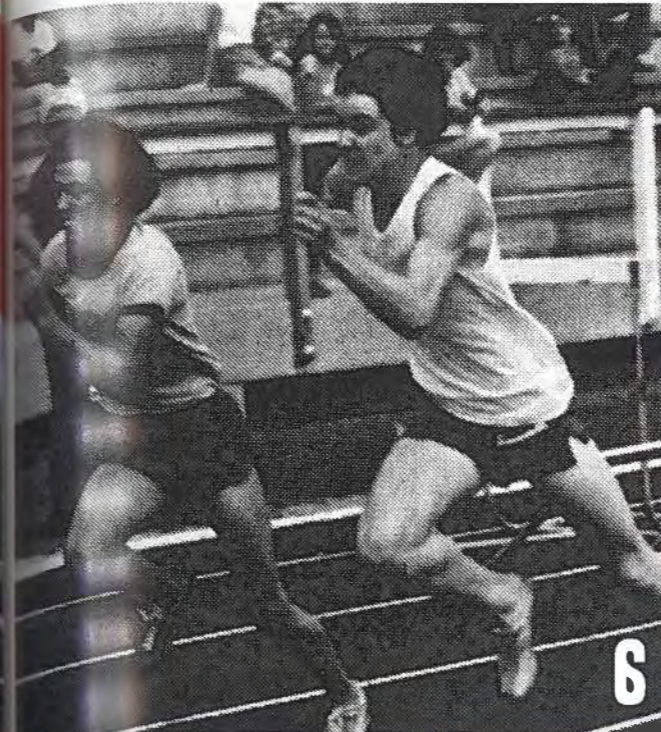
**Juliana Sarao**  
12th

# RUN FAST OR be Last.

## Track



With outstanding athletes in all events, IWA never falls short in track! The Angels always enter the field with a burning desire to win, bringing their competitive spirits and good sportsmanship with them. As a team, they inspire each other to pull ahead of the competition and overcome all obstacles.



1. It's all smiles for junior Ava Aleman as she takes home a win for IWA. 2. Go go go! Ava Aleman passes the baton to sophomore Lily Brown, putting the varsity team in the lead. 3. Freshman Emma Moore knows the drill as she warms up to throw discus. 4. Deanna Mireles keeps her eye on the finish line as she runs! 5. Sophomore Diego Saenz launches the 16 pound shot from his shoulder. 6. 1982 track star "the race is on for James". 7. The team takes a breather between events. 8. Effortless! Sophomore Brandon Silva takes a big lead over the competition. 9. Junior Jenna Balboa shows off her perfect form for shot put.

### What is your go-to running song?



My go to running song is Gasolina by Daddy Yankee!

**EMMA MOORE**  
9th grade



The song that gets me going before meets is La Chona by Los Tucanes de Tijuana.

**ACE BERNAL**  
9th grade



# -serving faith

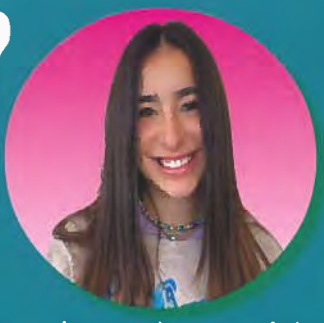
## Mission Trip

As a part of Incarnate Word Academy, our mission is to take Jesus out into the world. How do we do this? By spreading the Good News to all and by demonstrating God's love to others. IWA's Missions Team does just this on their week-long immersive mission trip, hosted during Spring Break. This year's destination was Fort Worth, where missionaries fought family and child poverty by sorting clothes, serving at food banks, and even running a one-day church program for children. The team volunteered during the morning and ate lunch on the way back to camp. There, they had the afternoon to bond with their fellow missionaries before they came together to reflect on the day and worship the Lord during night prayer. Teammates cooked together, ate together, laughed together, and grew closer in a way that only a Missions trip could provide. The trip was an incredible experience for all who made the journey, and it will not soon be forgotten. That's the magic of Missions.

1. Snuggle buddies! Seniors Jasmin Fernandez, Leila Elizondo, and Madeline Herndon snuggle in their mega bed.
2. Clean up crew! Seniors Adrian Cantu and Sarah Diaz sweep outside of Grace Grapevine.
3. Senior Ellie Clark takes a quick meditative trip to the lake.
4. Breakfast duty! Senior Adrian Cantu prepares pancakes for the missions crew.
5. Time to reflect! The missions team focuses on prayer journaling at the end of the day.
6. Lunch break! Seniors Madeline Herndon, Jasmin Fernandez, and Leila Elizondo smile on their lunch break.
7. Ready to work, the missions team comes together to prepare for their next job.
8. Coffee time! The missions team makes a quick trip to Starbucks after a long day of work.



## How was your last mission trip?



"It was truly an amazing experience. When you are doing service work with the mission team, it feels like a privilege instead of work. It is so fulfilling and I am honored that I was able to help others discover service and charity."

**Madeline Herndon,**  
12th

"It was honestly one of the most memorable experiences I've had. I was surrounded by all my friends in such a comfortable environment providing service and learning about God. I will definitely never stop talking about this trip."

**Ava Lichtenberger,**  
12th

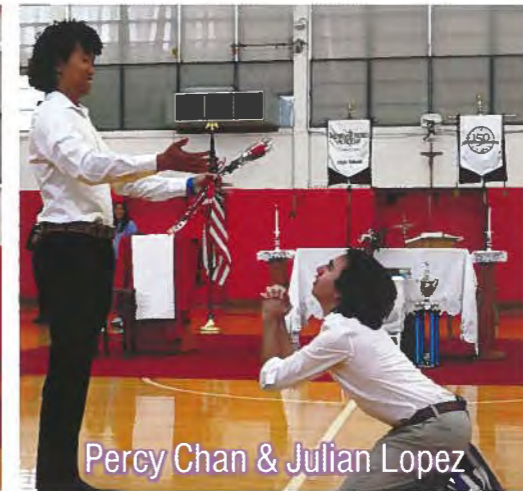
# Passing The Torch

## Ring and Rose

Excited for new beginnings and ready to start on their new journey, the seniors celebrate the past four years they have spent at Incarnate Word Academy. The seniors pass down gifts to the juniors during the ceremony as their final goodbye. Each exchange between juniors and seniors was unique and special in its own way. The torch has been passed down, and the juniors take on the responsibility to lead the underclassmen and set a good example for the entire student body.



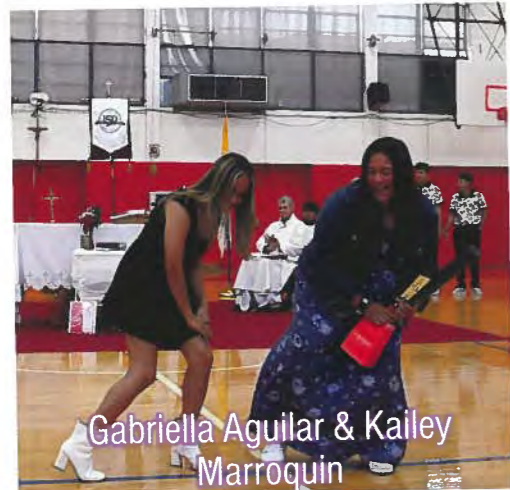
Jacquelynn Carrillo & Monica Carrillo



Percy Chan & Julian Lopez



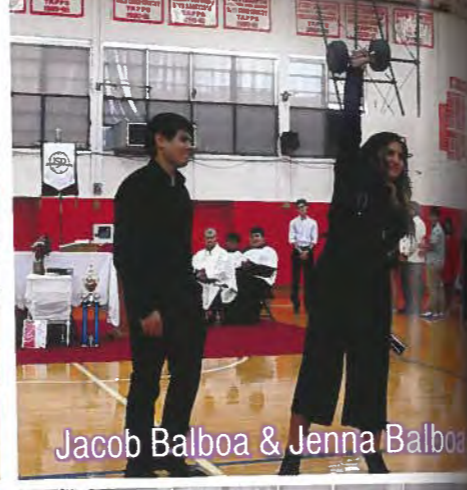
Talayah Chanyaman, Juliana Beltran, & Ella Goodman



Gabriella Aguilar & Kailey Marroquin



Colton Anderson, David Matt & Jordan Barrett



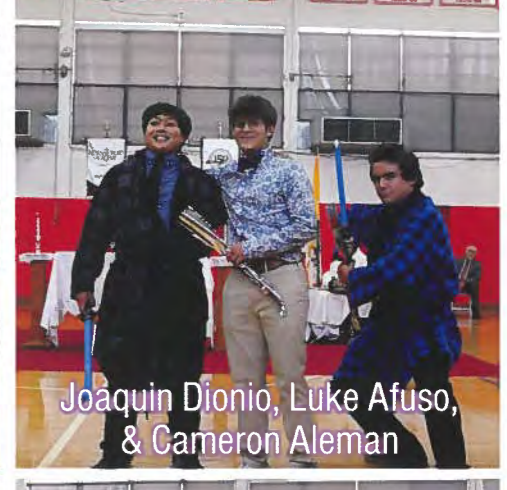
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Ellie Clark & Emily Elliot



Sarah Diaz, Sarina Jafari, Carmen Lara & Reena Agarwal



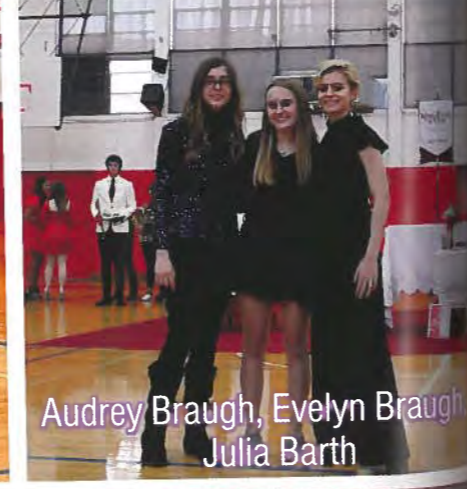
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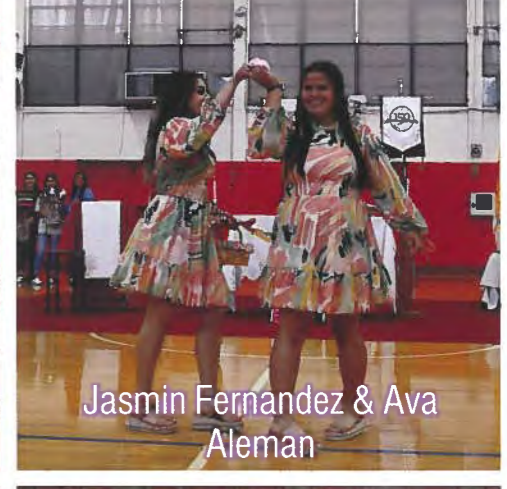
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Adrian Cantu, Will Schultz, & Liao



Elijah Gillespie & Aidan Orines



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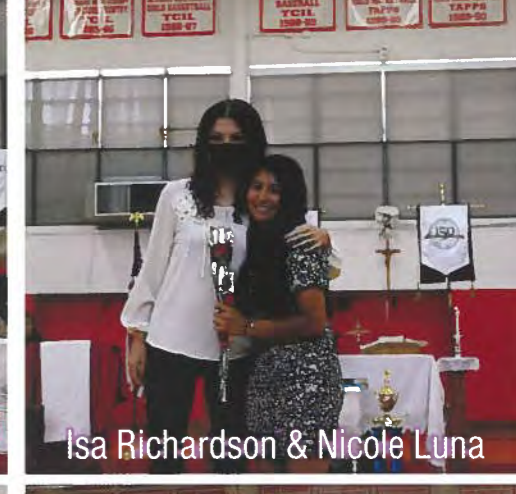
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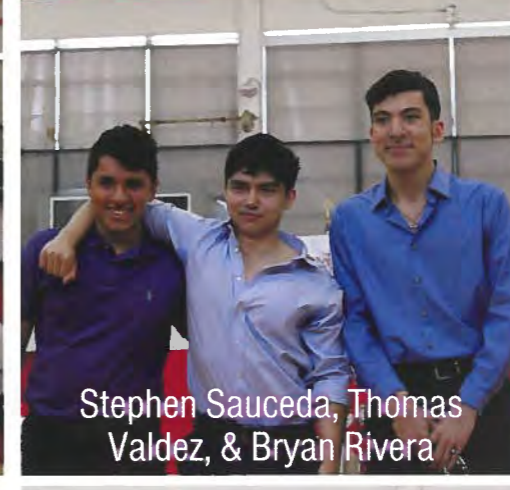
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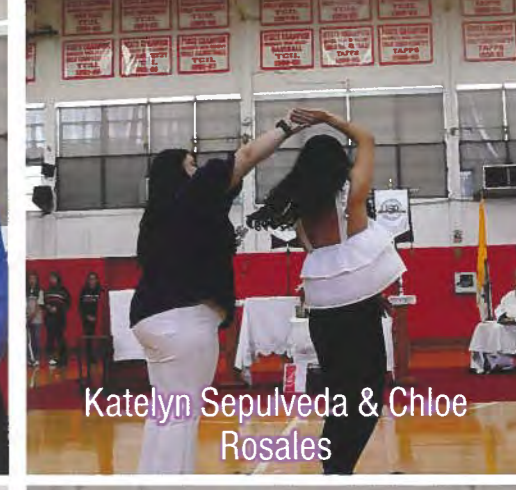
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Araceli Saenz & Bella Chimbunde



Stephen Saucedo, Thomas  
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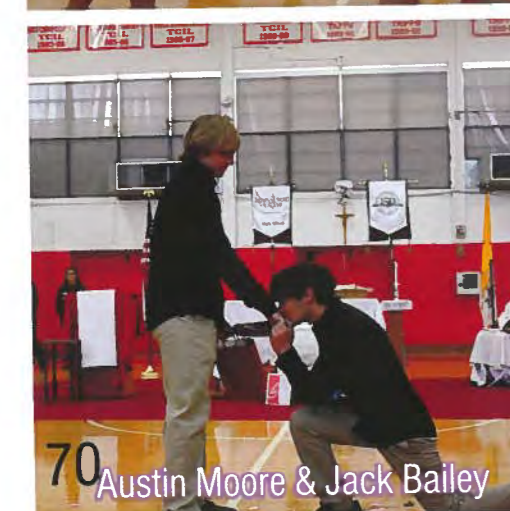
Jonathan Shull, Connor  
Williamson, & Ty Adams



Edward Valadez & Joseph Manna



Stewart Vanexan & Nikolai Steen



70 Austin Moore & Jack Bailey



Cassandra Munoz & Bonnie  
Marino



Aamil Patel & Jameson Burke



Venice Vicknair & Alek Brysch



So cute! Senior Jaymie Maldonado and Cameron Aleman are ready "FOUR" prom!



Introducing the Court!  
 Prince and Princess: Juniors Cameron Aleman and Julia Barth  
 King and Queen: Seniors Cade Bush and Juliana Sarao

Looking good! Seniors Madison Gillespie and Jacob Balboa are definitely red carpet worthy!

They're on fire! Juniors Kailey Marroquin, Illyana Aguas, Mercedes Smith, Ava Aleman, Perla Rodriguez, and Madeline Braman get ready to live it up on the dance floor.



Juniors Ty Adams and Jordan Barrett celebrate their last dance before becoming seniors.



# one last dance

## The 2022 Prom



Roll out the red carpet! Incarnate Word Academy's 2022 Prom dance was an unforgettable night of fun for all attendees. Students had the chance to strut their stuff during this red carpet-themed event hosted at the Mansion Royal. Complete with a DJ, a photo booth, and a talented teacher photographer, the upperclassmen of IWA felt like stars in their own right as they enjoyed the final and most hotly anticipated dance of the year.

Besties for the resties! Seniors Regan Hannigan and Stewart Vanexan smile before prom!



They're gonna dance like it's the last night of their lives! Seniors Luisa Hernandez, Jackie Carrillo, Kaitlyn Canales, Ellen Clark, and Madison Gillespie celebrate the end of their senior year.

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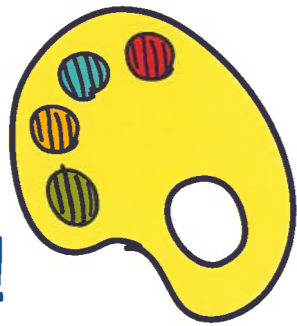


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# art

## Paint Away!



Art is universal. It is the one language that everyone understands, no matter where they are from, because it is present everywhere. It is also open to anyone who wants to do it. This is the basis of the IWA Art Department. It brings together all artists on campus regardless of skill level, encouraging them to share their creativity with others and to learn from one another to create something entirely unique.



1. Senior Olivia D'Anna paints a skeleton.  
 2. Freshmen Savannah Staff and Audrey Brysch work on their watercolor paintings.  
 3. Sophomore Suzette Torres practices using watercolors in her sketchbook. 4. Juniors Aleksander Brysch and Roy Hurt sketch diligently. 5. Senior Maximillien Harrison observes his art piece. 6. Sophomore Jeremiah Dimas diligently paints. 7. Junior Clara McCauley plans out her next big piece. 8. Sophomore Waylon Patterson and freshman Jude Nerios-Ramsey make progress on their tessellations. 9. Seniors Luisa Hernandez and Madison Gillespie practice their skills with graphite.



## What is your favorite thing to draw?



"My favorite thing to draw is realistic animals. I've always loved them, so making art of them is super fun."

**Ilianna Flores,**  
9th



"I love drawing humans. Character design is my favorite aspect of art. I want to be an animator, so being able to draw people is very important."

**Olivia D'Anna,**  
12th

# we ♥ science

Science



From big machines to tiny molecules, science explains everything we experience in our vast world. IWA's science program explores these phenomenons with curious students, fostering an environment of discovery and innovation. In this way, all Angels unlock their inner scientist and learn to view the world in a new light through a scientific lens.



## is PLUTO a planet?



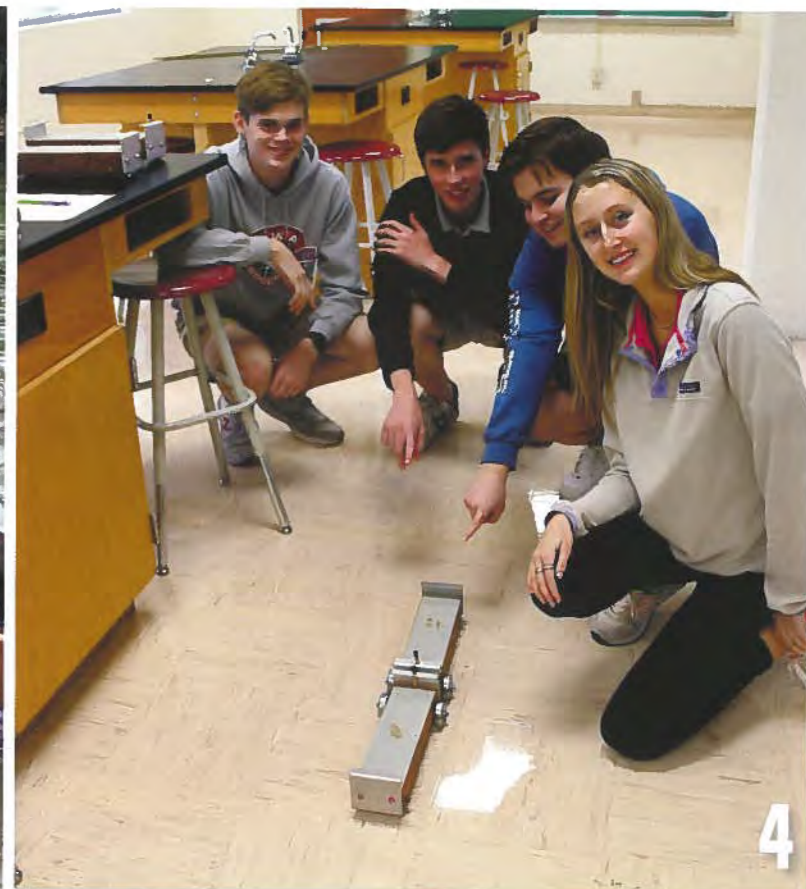
"Abso-lutely! Pluto is definitely a planet!"

**MADeline BRAMAN,**  
11th



"At this point, I think it needs an honorary planet title."

**ROY HURT,**  
11th



1. It's all about the drop for freshmen Mattie Barnick, Hannah Harrison, and Sarah Barth. 2. Sophomore Bernice Delgado has a bite to eat before her assignment. 3. Juniors Madeline Braman and Jordan Barrett exploring at the river with seniors Viraj Bhakta and Jaymie Maldonado during a field trip. 4. Mr. Buckner's physic's class enjoys a lab day. 5. Mrs. James Biology class takes a picture in their lab safety gear. 6. Teamwork makes the dream work! Sophomores Becca Taft and Carlisle Braman work together to compile data. 7. Study away! Freshman Haley Rock learns the lab. 8. Hard work equals a great outcome for the aquatic science class.



# ESPAÑOL & FRANÇAIS

## Foreign Language



"Trust your instincts! You never know if you're going to be wrong or right, so go with your gut feeling."

**Rainaa Patel,**  
9th

What advice would you give someone learning a new language?



"I would tell them to practice the pronunciation a lot."

**Diego Saenz,**  
10th



Foreign language at Incarnate Word Academy is not just about mindlessly teaching words and phrases — it's about application in the real world. Whether students are staying in their home country or going abroad, all Angels are taught the linguistic skills needed to communicate in a variety of places. With the guidance of skilled Spanish and French teachers, students grow in their knowledge and gain an appreciation for cultures other than their own.



1. Junior Roy Hurt listens intently to his Spanish lesson. 2. Spanish Teacher Señora Jahnke is hard at work on her next lecture. 3. Determined to succeed! Freshman Audrey Brysch takes notes in French class. 4. Freshman Hannah Harrison completes her Spanish worksheet using her textbook for guidance. 5. Always ready to learn, freshman Annabelle Clark curiously watches a video presentation. 6. French teacher Madame Lumley engages the students in discussion. 7. Señora Garcia grades the exemplary work of her foreign language students.



# Religion and mass

## Thanks be to God!

As a Catholic school, Incarnate Word Academy takes its religious education seriously. All students take Catholic theology classes to strengthen their understanding of their faith and the Church, and weekly masses allow students and faculty to reflect on these teachings as they delve deeper into the beliefs and practices of Catholicism. The importance of these lessons goes much deeper than any math problem or essay could — they build strength, morality, and character that shines through in everything IWA community members do, both inside and outside of school.



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1. Sophomores Sydney Jackson and Perla Rodriguez work on their Outside Reading project. 2. Honoring those that have passed, seniors Victoria Wilson and Cassandra Munoz pose by the Day of the Dead altar. 3. Offer it up! Senior Ellen Clark reads the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. 4. Worship with color! Seniors Leila Elizondo and Araceli Saenz twirl ribbons during the 150th Anniversary Mass. 5. Hard at work, sophomore Edmund Thomas focuses on his worksheet. 6. Senior Percy Chan and freshman Cole Schulz enjoy food after the "Saint of the Day" presentation. 7. The senior class stands together at Mass.

## What is your favorite part of mass?



"I love when we sing during mass. It's amazing to hear the entire school coming together to worship in such a great way."

**Stewart Vanexan,**  
12th



"My favorite part of mass is seeing the entire school all gathered together. Even though we all have different classes and responsibilities, we all worship as one."

**Alexa Reyes,**  
11th 83

# Time Travel

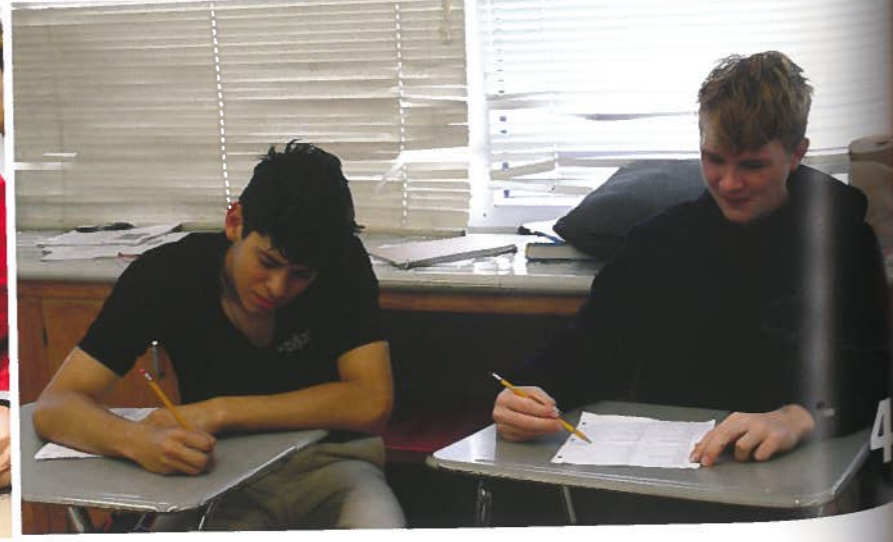
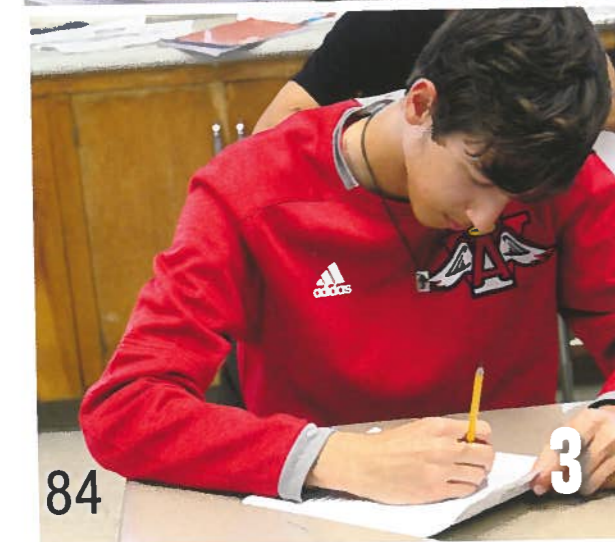
## Social Studies



Through their four years of social studies, students at Incarnate Word travel the world remotely, learning the history and culture of exciting and interesting places. From World Geography to Government and Economics, Angels discover how to run a country, how cultures relate to each other, and a myriad of valuable lessons taught by our impeccable and outstanding teachers in the social studies department.



1. Focusing on his work, senior Percy Chan reviews his Economics assignment. 2. Discussion time! Sophomores Edmund Thomas and Paul McNiff converse about strategies for taking the AP History test. 3. Laser focus! Freshman Kyle Owen races to finish his homework. 4. Hard at work, freshmen Derick Chapa and Nathan Nelms write notes. 5. Study buddies! Senior Cassandra Munoz asks senior Carmen Lara a question about the new Government assignment. 6. Teamwork! Freshmen Valentina Nisimblat, Kai Fernandez, and Cali Rowland work together on their group project. 7. Senior Edward Valadez catches up on reading for Government. 8. Mrs. Harris' 2nd period Economics class studies for their upcoming test.



### What is your favorite thing you've learned in history?



"I liked learning about the Cold War because it was interesting to see the effects that it has on our country today."

**Tony Liao,**  
11th



"My favorite was the Industrial Revolution. It was really cool to learn about the different inventions and see how they've changed life."

**Jonathan Tyndall,**  
10th

# English

## Colorful Writing



English and literature are very integral to society and the world at large. Strong English skills are necessary both inside and outside of school — whether you're writing a college essay, reading a research paper, or drafting an important email, being able to write in proper form is a valuable asset. At Incarnate Word Academy, students don't just learn vocabulary words and literary terms. Rather, they also learn how to apply those skills to the world around them.



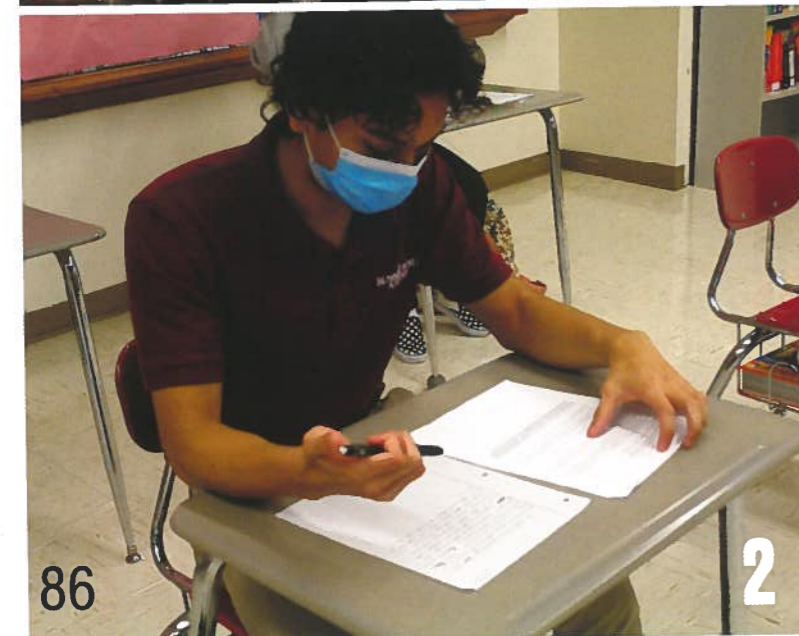
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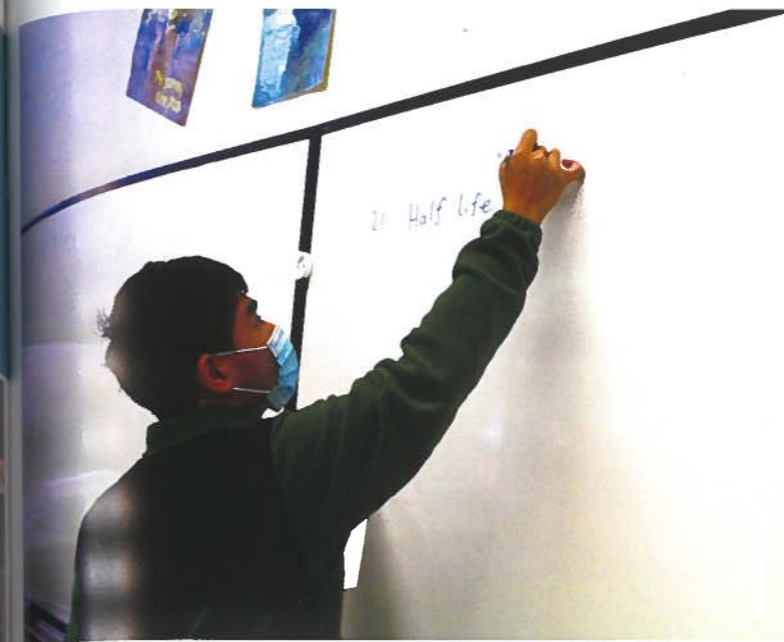


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1. Juniors Geraint Ballenger and Alekzander Brysch fill in Mrs. Tyree's AP workbook. 2. Hard working Junior Aidan Orines finishes his essay for Mrs. Engel. 3. Senior Sarina Jafari does research on her laptop for Mrs. Engel. 4. Who says you can't have fun while learning? Sophomores Berenice Delgado and Isabella Giannetti pose for a photo while doing group work. 5. Junior Ella Goodman highlights the key notes to better her memory for the test!



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1. Watch this! Junior Tony Liou demonstrates his math skills to his classmates. 2. Seniors Will Schultz, Grace Leeson, and Adrian Cantu volunteer at the math booth for the IWA open house. 3. Junior Joseph Manna works out a practice problem on the board. 4. Math whiz! Senior Viraj Bhakta effortlessly solves an equation.

# math



## Perfect Calculations

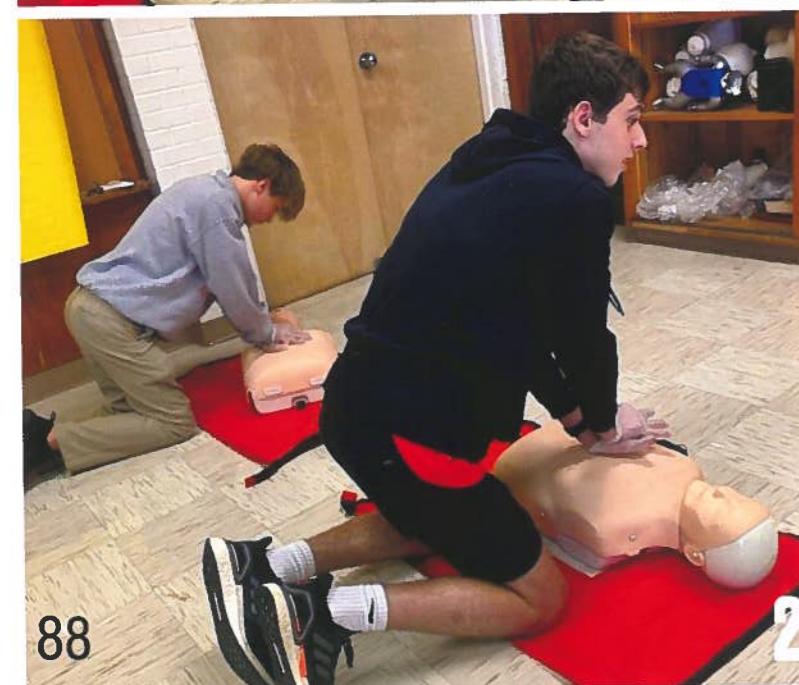
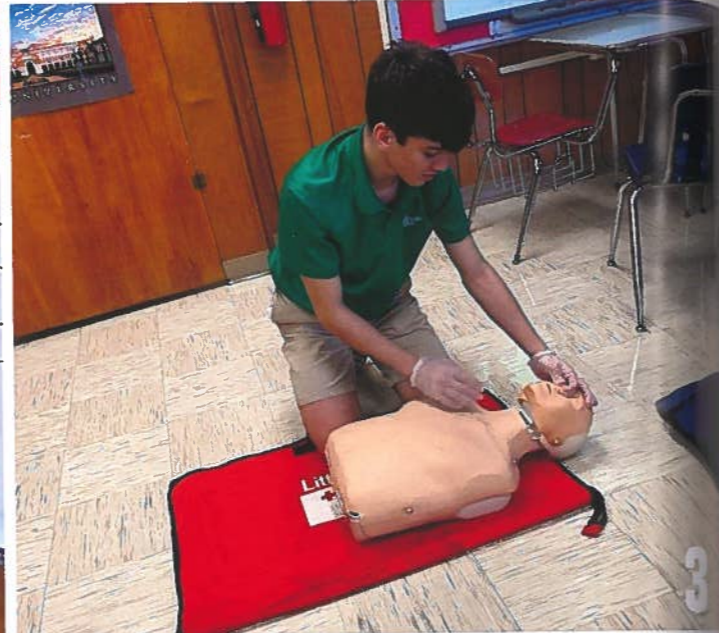
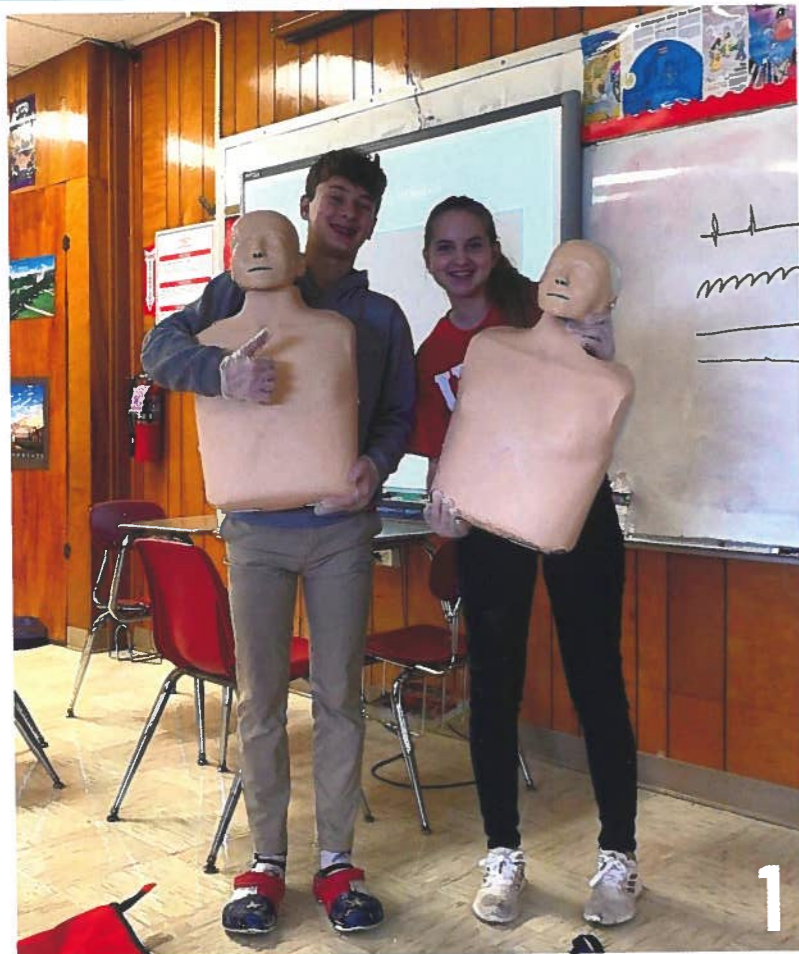
From architecture to scientific calculations, math is present in almost every aspect of our lives. Strong math skills are a crucial part of living, so Incarnate Word Academy ensures that all students are instructed properly in mathematics. With the guidance of the fantastic IWA math teachers, each Angel graduates with the math skills they need to succeed.

# Health

## Smart Living



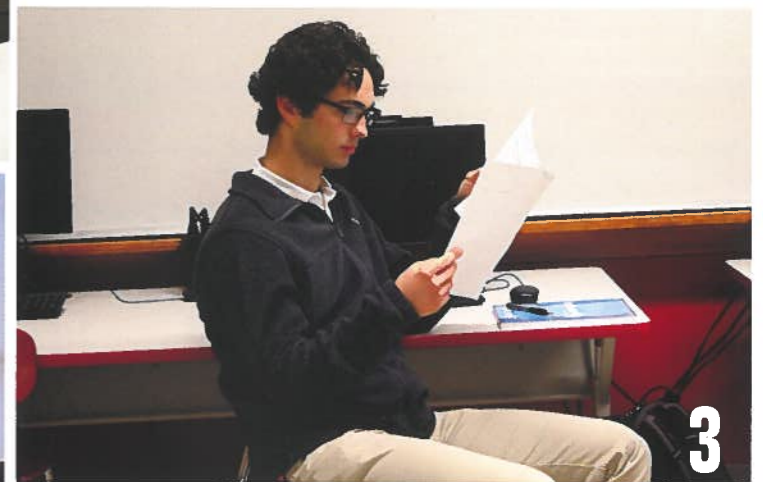
Incarnate Word Academy's top priority is the health of its students. Each IWA Angel has the privilege to take a Health class during their time in high school. During the semester, students learn a variety of skills, including how to make healthy meal plans, how to stay active, and how to perform CPR. These lifelong skills stay with Angels forever, allowing them to better their lives and the lives of those around them.



1. Freshmen Matthew Cory and Sarah Barth show off the training dummies, glowing with excitement about become CPR certified. 2. Stayin' alive! Freshman Kyle Owen and sophomore Hayden Hoover practice CPR to the beat. 3. Take a breather! Freshman Adam Sachanowicz sits back after completing his training. 4. Seniors Talayah Chanyaman and Ava Lichtenberger demonstrate what they learned in freshman year health class at the open house.



1. Books up! Freshmen Cole Schulz and Mattie Barnick dive into their assignment. 2. Teamwork makes the dream work! The class works together on a project to strengthen their communication skills. 3. Sophomore Nathaniel Doucet prepares to ace his personal development test. 4. Working together always works better! Freshman Hannah Harrison, senior Valeria Gomez, and senior Mercedes Salinas brainstorm ideas for their upcoming project.



# Personal Development

## Life Skills

True success requires far more than just studying. In order to excel in any field, you need to be able to understand yourself and others, and know how to interact with all sorts of people. IWA's Personal Development class equips students with the tools to do just that. With informative lessons on public speaking, self-care, and mental health, students become well-rounded community members who can rise to any occasion and work with all groups of people.

# COMPUTER SCIENCE



Press Start!

In our modern society, fluency with technology is more important than ever. Within the Incarnate Word Academy Computer Science class, students have the opportunity to take their technical skills to the next level, utilizing their knowledge to form the foundations for coding and computer engineering. Such a solid foundation in technology allows students to pave the way for a brighter, more advanced future.



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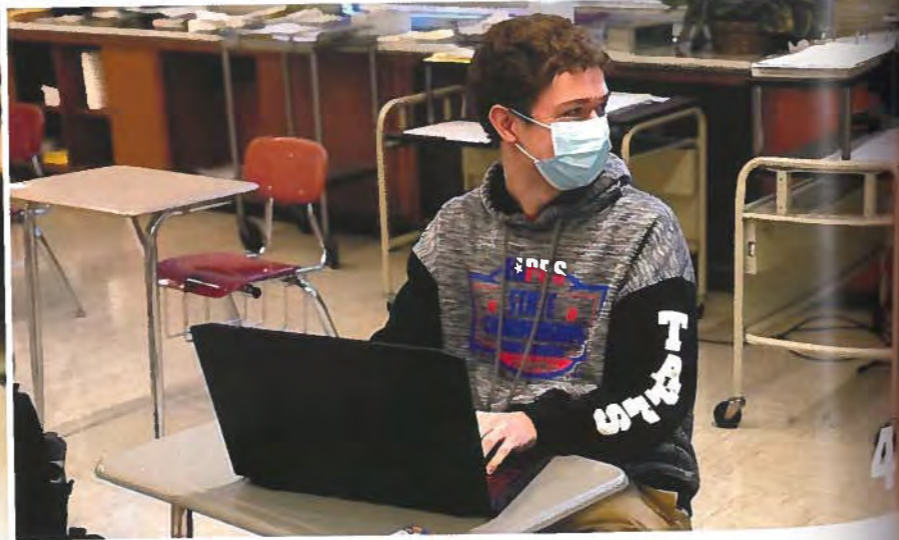


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1. Only at IWA you will see a student smiling while working! Junior Asher Taylor loves his computer science class. 2. Good beats and concentration! Senior Juliana Sarao listens to music while working on her coding assignment for the day. 3. Junior Eva Martinez gives a big thumbs up while working on her iPad for class. 4. Discussion time! Senior Michael Fergie turns to a classmate to exchange ideas on the newest project.



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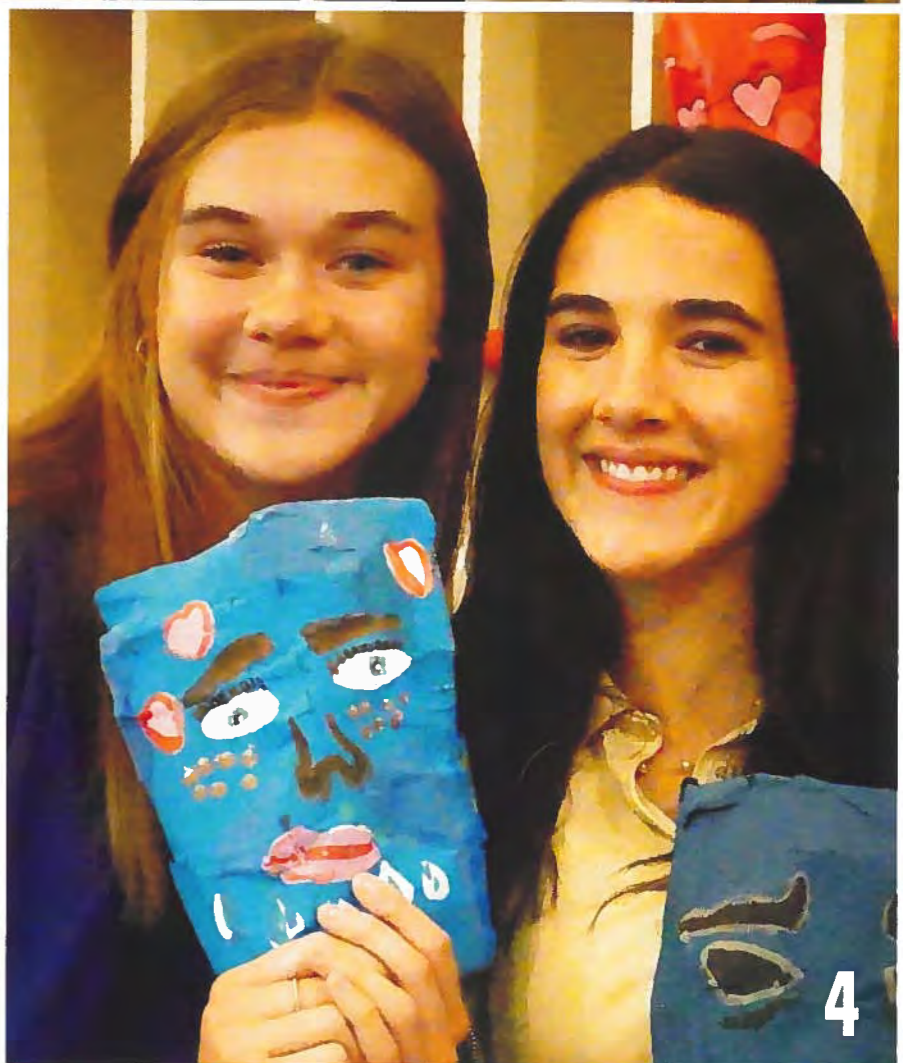


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1. Acting that is to die for! Seniors Talayah Chanyaman and Olivia D'Anna pretend to perform CPR on sophomores Michael Flores and Emma Romanczyk. 2. All eyes on me! Mr. Corkill's third period plays a game about maintaining eye contact. 3. Star of the show! Junior Jakob Martinez strikes a dramatic pose while embodying his character during his monologue assignment. 4. No masks can hide these smiles! Sophomore Isabella Giannetti and junior Ella Goodman cheerfully show off their homemade masks.



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In Incarnate Word Academy's Theatre Arts class, students take the center stage. They learn to come into not only their acting roles, but into their own confidence as well, allowing their vivid personalities to shine through in every performance. But theatre is not only stage presence and plays; in class, students also learn social skills that will follow them for years to come.

# Theatre

## Rising Stars



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Student Honors-94



Students-98



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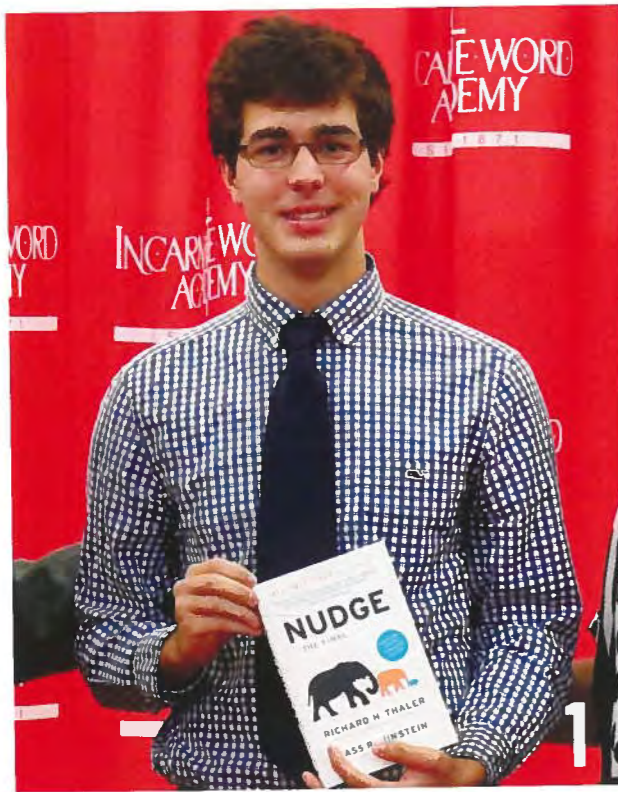


Teachers & Staff-120



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1. Sponsored by the Yale alumni, junior David Matl receives the Yale Book Award. 2. Juniors Julianna Beltran, Emily Elliot, and Clara McCauley served as ambassadors while attending the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership conference in summer 2021, where they learned valuable leadership and teamwork skills. 3. Congratulations to seniors Madeline Herndon and Ellie Clark, recipients of the Flint Hills Outstanding Scholar Award! 4. Junior Aidan Orines placed 2nd in the Corpus Christi Visionarios Youth Art Contest. 5. Freshman Isabella Perez advanced to the state VASE, Visual Arts Scholastic Event, held in Austin, Texas for photography. 6. Senior Olivia D'Anna competed in the State VASE art competition.



7. Seniors Audrey Braugh, Evelyn Braugh, Cade Bush, Michael Fergie, Madeline Lerma, Victoria Molina, and Stephen Saucedo were recipients of the National Hispanic Recognition Award from College Board. 8. Seniors Joaquin Dionio and Grace Leeson were recognized by the Rotary Club for their exceptional leadership skills and impressive academic achievements. 9. Juniors Isabella Chimbunde and Cameron Aleman participated in the Summer 2021 Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening in which they traveled to a camp designed to engender resilience, gratitude, determination, mental toughness, and compassion.

# SUCCESS!

## Student Honors

Perhaps the most defining characteristic of an Incarnate Word Academy student is their drive to succeed outside of their academic career in addition to what they do during the school year. It takes a significant amount of time, dedication, and effort to excel beyond what is expected of them as students, and yet, our Angels unfailingly push the limits of success and achieve new heights of greatness. IWA students are often recognized within the local community as being beacons of service and leadership, and these qualities are reflected in the numerous honors and awards earned over the summer and outside of Incarnate Word activities. Throughout it all, their spirit and passion shines through in all that they do, allowing them to embody the grace and kind virtues expected of them as Angels.



# achieve!

## Student Awards

1. Army Sargent Robert Hernandez honors Elijah Gillespie for his enlistment in the United States Army after graduation. 2. IWA parent Cdr. Michael Brown USN presents the US Naval Academy's Class of 2026 Certificate of Appointment to Joaquin Dionio. 3. Gabriella Aguilar, Ava Lichtenberger, Jaymie Maldonado and Isabella Richardson receive Dual Credit Cords for completion of twenty-four or more hours of college credit through the Del Mar College dual credit program. 4. Mock Trial Competition names winners: Emily Elliott, 2nd place Best Witness, Isabella Collins Best Courtroom Artist, and Diego Lopez 2nd Place Best Attorney. 5. Joaquin Dionio and Grace Leeson learn they are the Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively.

Incarnate Word Academy builds not just dreamers, but achievers — produces students who are willing to take risks — students who jump out into the unknown to accomplish something new, to take on leadership roles, and to gain experiences that strengthen character. And with great risk and great passion comes great rewards. The students of IWA are highly decorated with a variety of awards and honors earned throughout the school year, from recognitions of achievement in academics to selective invitations into leadership conferences. Despite the numerous honors bestowed upon the student population, each Angel remains gracious and polite about their achievements, never letting personal pride overpower the good sportsmanship and humility that the school teaches from day one.



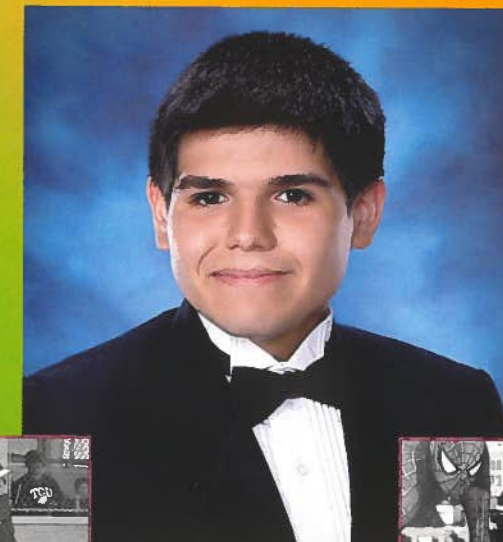
6. IWA presents the Class of 2022 Top Ten Scholars: Audrey Braugh, Evelyn Braugh, Joaquin Dionio, Michael Fergie, Grace Leeson, Madeleine Lerma, Aamil Patel, Stewart Vanexan, and Connor Williamson. (listed in alphabetical order) 7. Recognized for her unselfishness, scholastic ability, kindness, compassion, and call to go above the call of duty, Victoria Molina receives the Sister Mary Catherine Brehony Award. 8. The Sister Martha O'Gara Award for loyalty, achievement, and scholarship goes to Grace Leeson. 9. The Jeanne De Matel Laureate Diploma recognizes students for completing a rigorous academic program. Joaquin Dionio, Grace Leeson, Victoria Molina, Aamil Patel, Nicholas Trigger, and Stewart Vanexan earned this recognition. 10. For her proficiency in literature and desire to teach writing or literature, Araceli Saenz accepts the Gerard Manley Hopkins Award.



Gabriella Aguilar



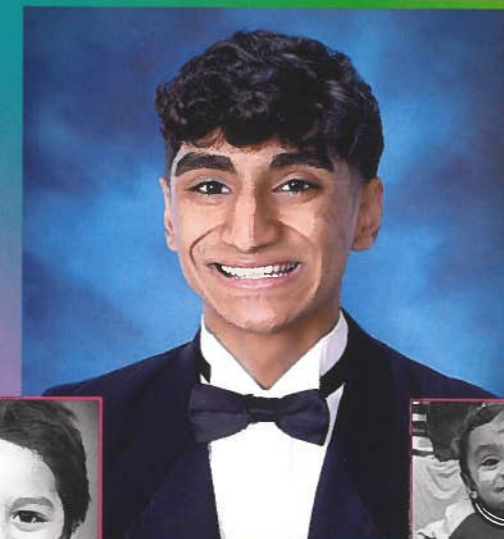
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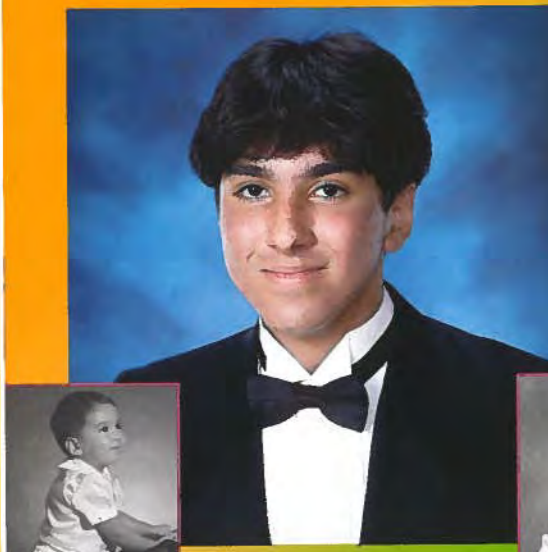
Cade Bush



Kaitlyn Canales



# Seniors



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Jacquelynn Carrillo



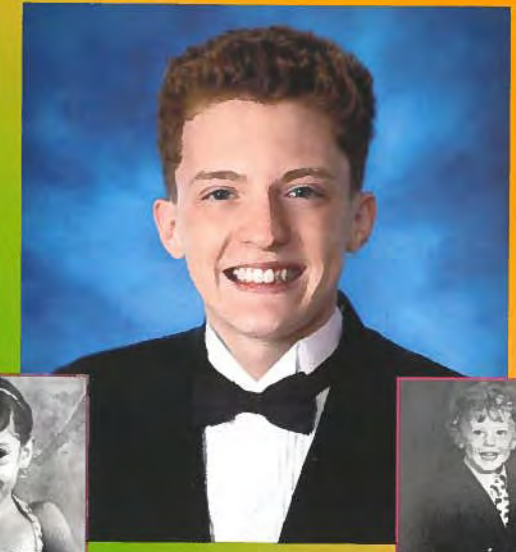
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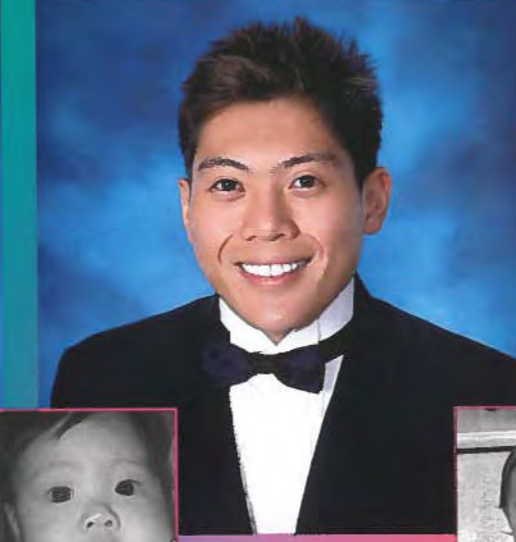
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Sarah Diaz



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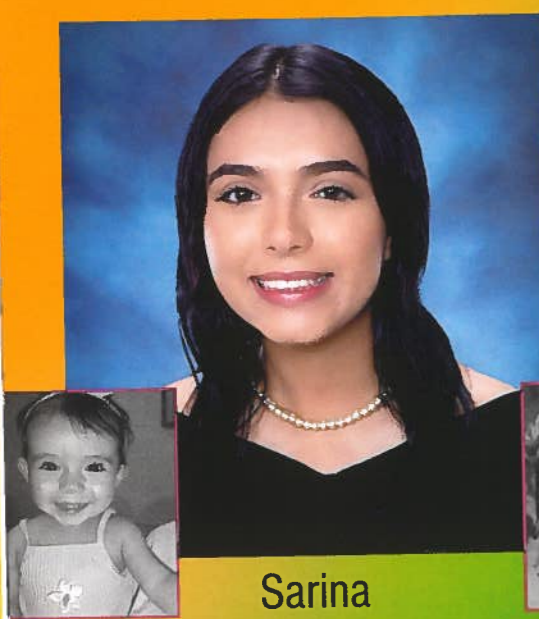
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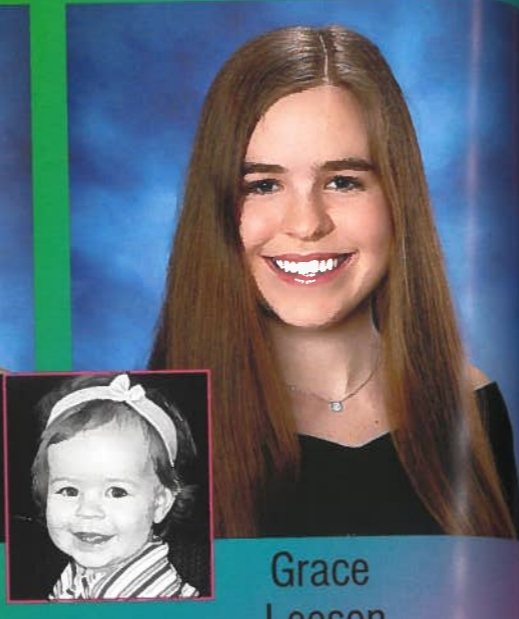
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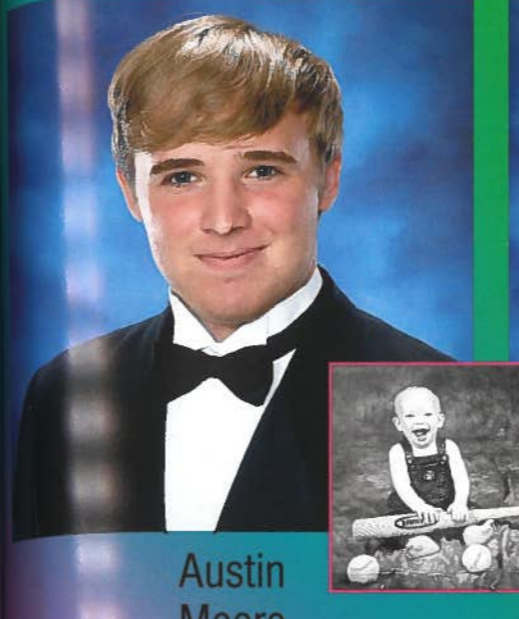
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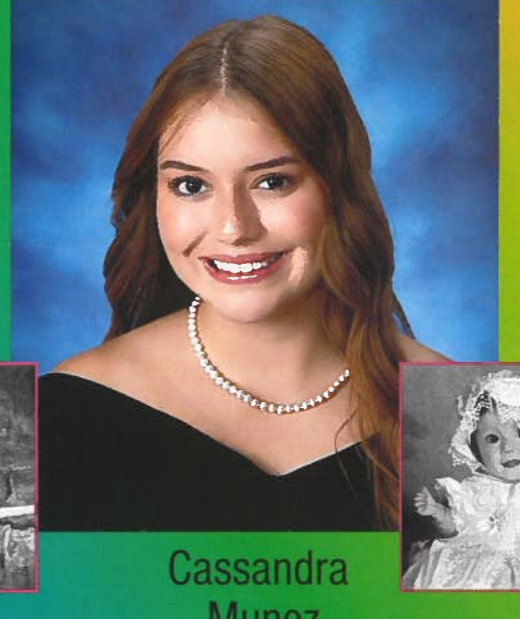
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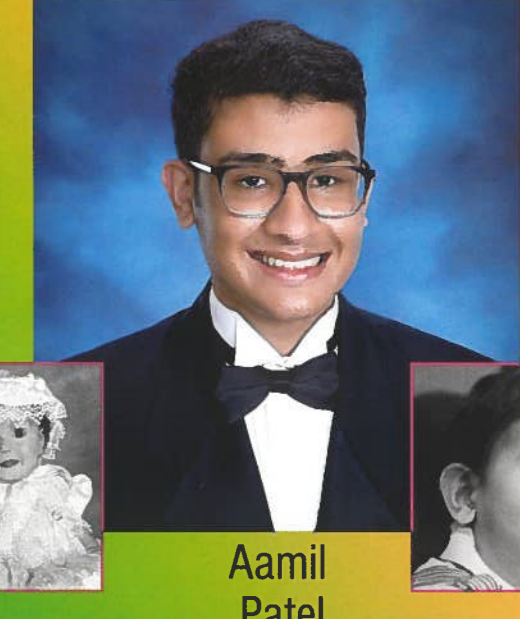
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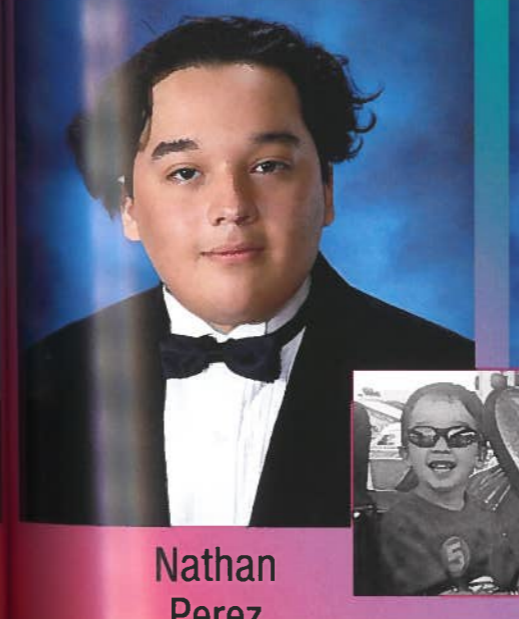
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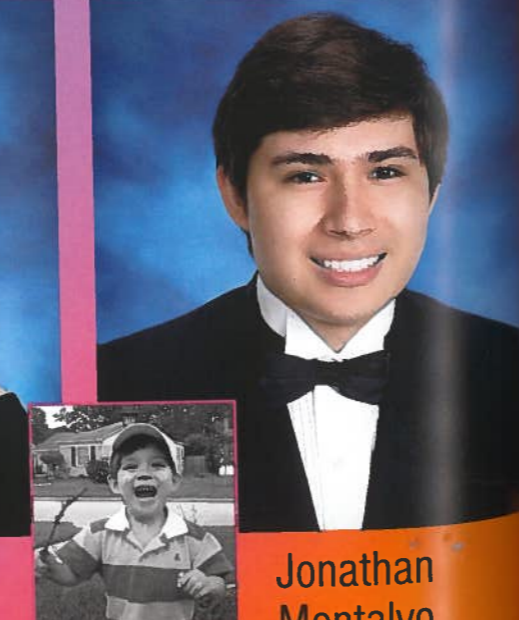
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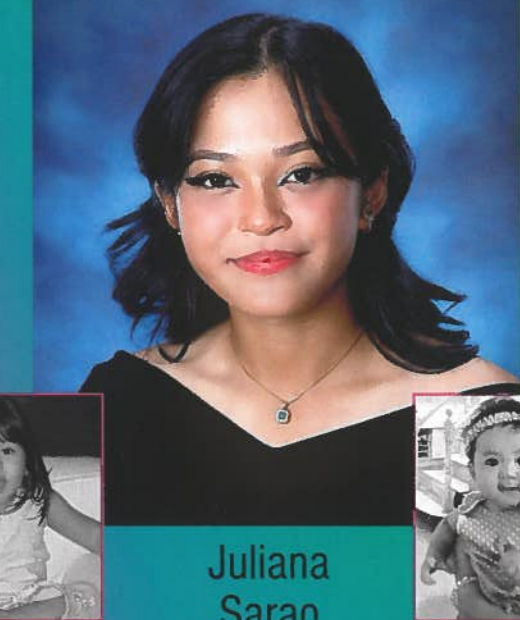
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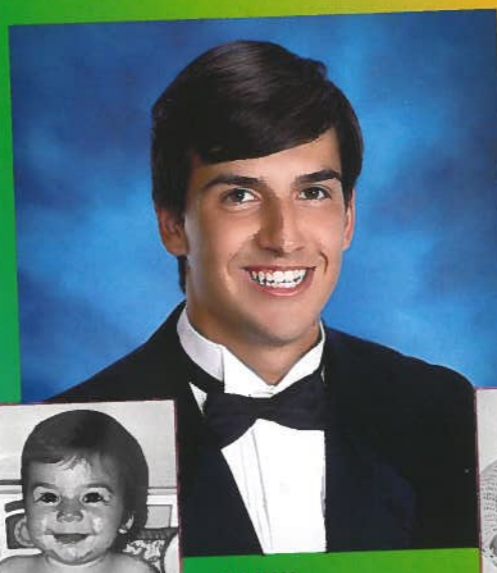
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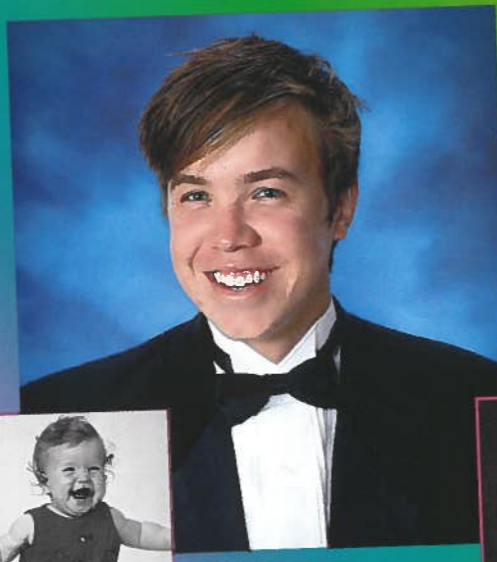
# Senior Spotlight: Kaitlyn Canales



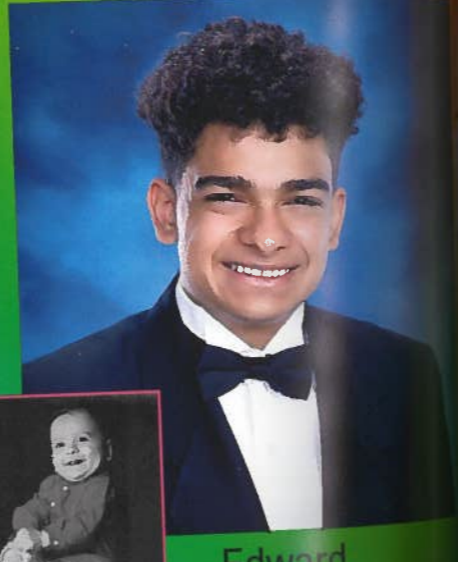
Alongside friends, family, and IWA faculty, senior Kaitlyn Canales signed with the University of Arkansas Fort Smith. Her hard work and dedication earned her a spot on the women's golf team directed by Coach Daniel Hayden. Incarnate Word Academy and her coach, David Ramirez, has guided her through her athletic career for seven years and is thrilled to have played a large role in preparing Kaitlyn to be a college golfer.



Jonathon Shull

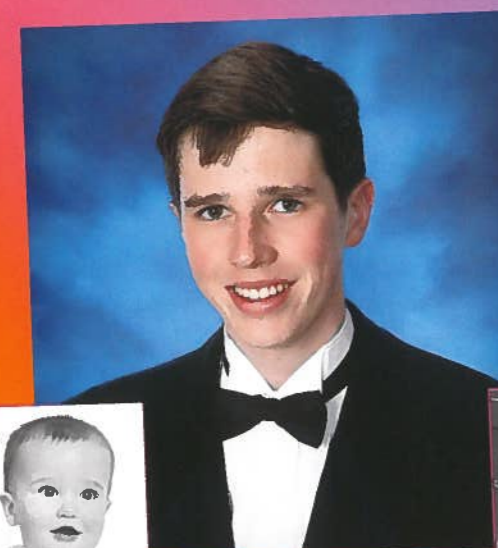


Nicholas Trigger



Edward Valadez

## Advice for incoming seniors...



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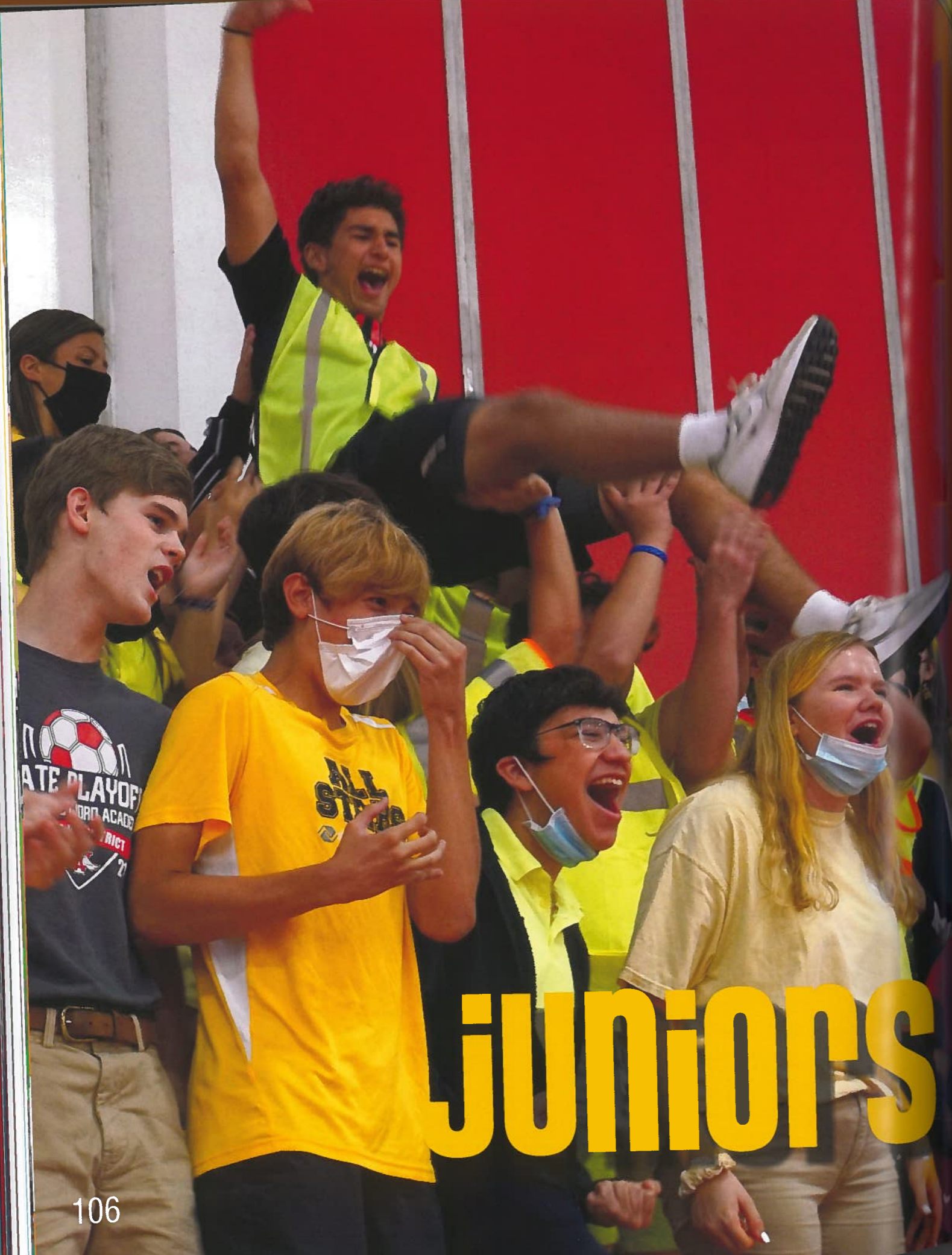
Connor Williamson



"Enjoy the school festivities and be grateful for the time you have together with your classmates and peers because after you graduate most likely you won't see most of them again."  
-Sarah Diaz



"Give it your all, do what makes you happy, and don't second guess any of your decisions. Most importantly have fun, this is your last year of high school, make use of all of your opportunities to make it great."  
-Adrian Cantu



# JUNIORS



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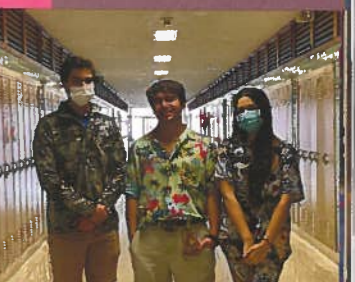
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Alek Brysch  
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Jacob Martinez  
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Charlotte  
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Mia Parra  
Bryan Rivera  
Chloe Rosales



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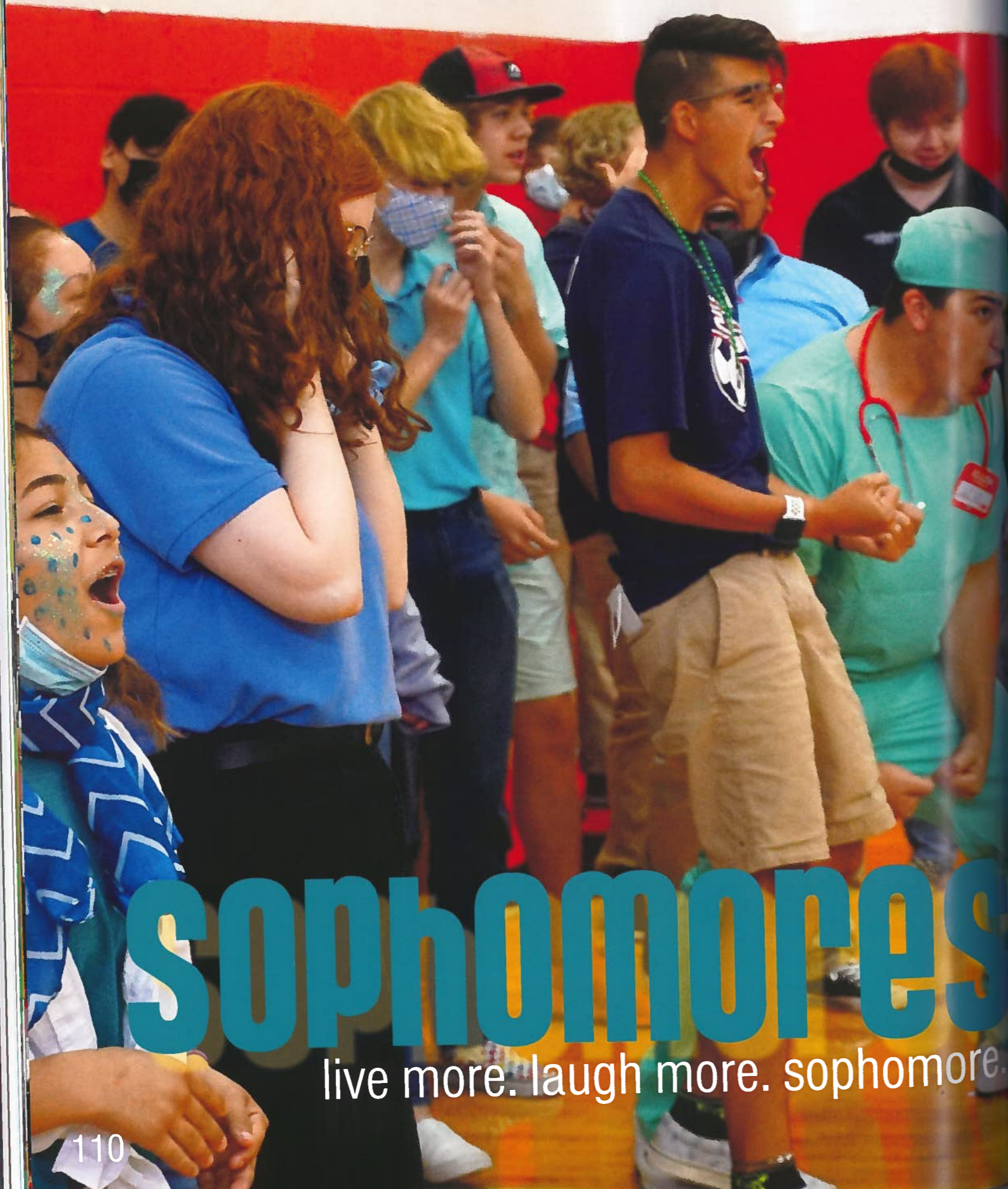
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# SOPHOMORES

live more. laugh more. sophomore.



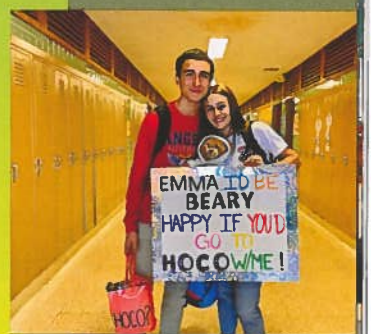
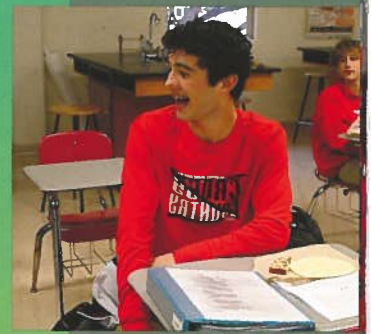
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Nathaniel Doucet  
Sabrina Figueroa

Michael Flores  
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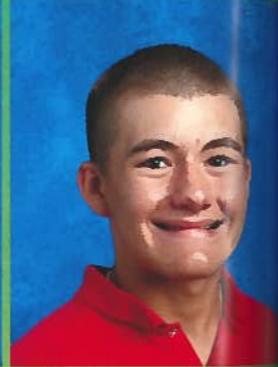
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Brandon Silva  
Edmund Thomas  
Jonathan Tindall



Christopher Nesheim  
Waylon Patterson



Suzette Torres  
Wilson Vanexan



"Learning time management is an important skill that you will need to develop to be academically successful at Incarnate Word Academy."

-Sophia Diaz

## advice for incoming SOPHOMORES...

"Sophomore year is more fun than freshman year. Just make sure you don't let the fun distract you from doing your schoolwork."

-Andy Kretsinger



COLLINS  
 6 I. GIANNETTI  
 7 J. BARTH  
 8 I. CHIMBUNDE  
 9 K. SEPULVEDA  
 10 I. AGUAS  
 14 A. LICHTENBERGER  
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# FRESHMEN

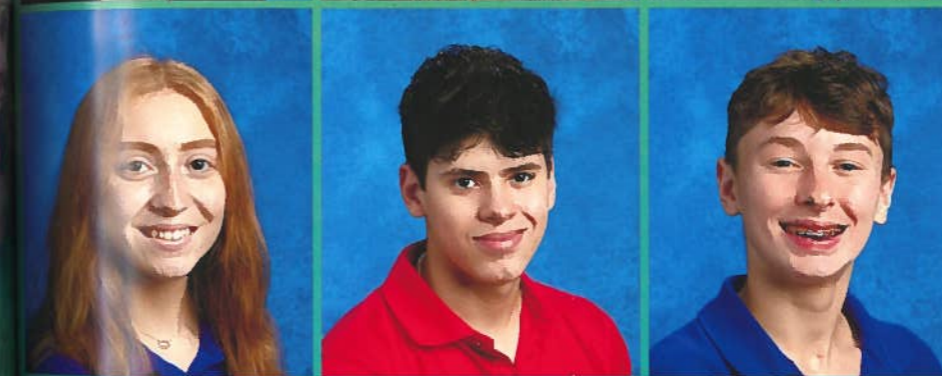
putting the "fresh" in freshmen



Mattie Barnick  
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Logan Boswell  
 Carlisle Braman  
 Cullen Braugh



Audrey Brysch  
 Darek Chapa  
 Matthew Cory



Jazmyn Cristan  
 Julia DeLuca  
 Kai Fernandez



Ilianna Flores  
 Madison Gonzalez  
 Hannah Harrison





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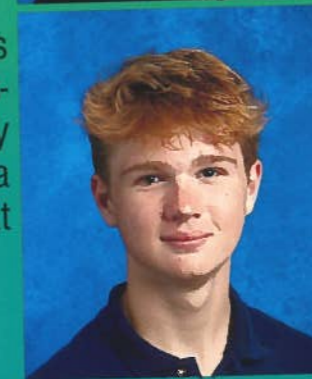
"Do your best to enjoy your first year of high school, and avoid drama because it's not important"  
-Isabella Perez



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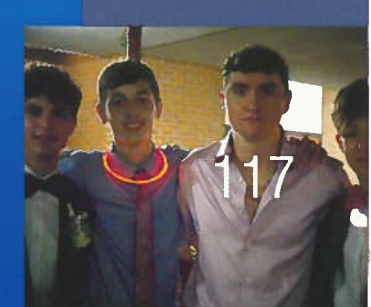
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Rebecca Taft



Cole Schultz  
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## advice for incoming freshmen...

"Do your best to have fun and try your hardest because you only can do high school one time."  
-Cullen Braugh



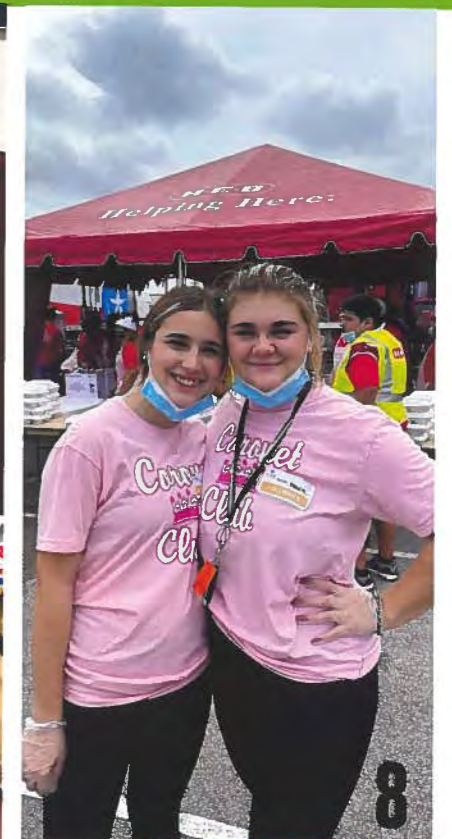
# angel volunteers

## Serving others

Living a life of service is an ideal that is crucial to the Incarnate Word Academy education. Embraced by both students and faculty alike, volunteer work and other forms of service are integrated into the Angel community, from service hour reports to volunteer opportunities as part of our many honor societies. To all who attend IWA, there is nothing greater than lending a helping hand to those in need.



1. Working together is always better! Sophomores and juniors volunteer to help Mrs. Braman sell eggs. 2. Trick or Treat! High school students volunteer at "Truck or Treat" at the elementary school level. 3. Teamwork makes the dream work! The varsity soccer team works together off the field to package goods. 4. Spreading cheer! Sophomores Isabella Collins and Luke Becker represent Incarnate Word Academy at the open house. 5. Put that strength to work! Junior Aidan Orines assists the food bank. 6. Good job! Senior Ava Lichtenberger works with elementary students. 7. Our hero! Senior Jacquelyn Carrillo participates in a blood drive. 8. Pretty in pink. Seniors Jessica Podrebarac and Venice Vicknair volunteer at the food bank share your Christmas food drive. 9. Yeehaw! Sophomore Annabelle Clark prepares her table for the farmer's market.



# Teacher Superlatives

**Mrs. Engel**  
Most Likely to Drink an Entire Pot of Coffee in Class

**Mr. Heslip**  
Has the Coolest Classroom

**Mr. Vasquez**  
Always Smiles in the Hallways

**Mrs. Tyree**  
Most Inspirational

**Mr. Dulip**  
Most Energetic

**Mr. Corkill**  
Heading for Hollywood

**Mrs. Libbie**  
Best dressed

**Mr. Gressett**  
Best Teacher Ritual

**Mrs. Wagon**  
Most Likely to Accidentally Be Called Mom

**Mrs. Vasquez**  
Most School Spirit

**Mrs. Barker**  
Most Likely to Never Retire

**Senora Jahnke**  
Most Likely to be Late to Her Own Zoom Meeting

**Coach Aguas**  
Most Likely Not to Give Weekend Homework

**Mr. Aleman**  
120 Most Likely to Win a Rap Battle

**Mr. Zaragoza**  
Most Chill Teacher

**Sr. Eileen**  
Most Entertaining

**Mrs. Lumley**  
Most Likely to Travel the World

**Senora Garcia**  
Most Organized

**Mrs. James**  
Most Enthusiastic

**Mrs. Harris**  
Most Likely to Win Jeopardy

**Ms. Hilzinger**  
Most Likely to Win a Nobel Prize

**Mr. Rosaies**  
Most Likely to Be Mistaken for a Student

**Mr. Buckner**  
Most Likely to be a Secret Superhero

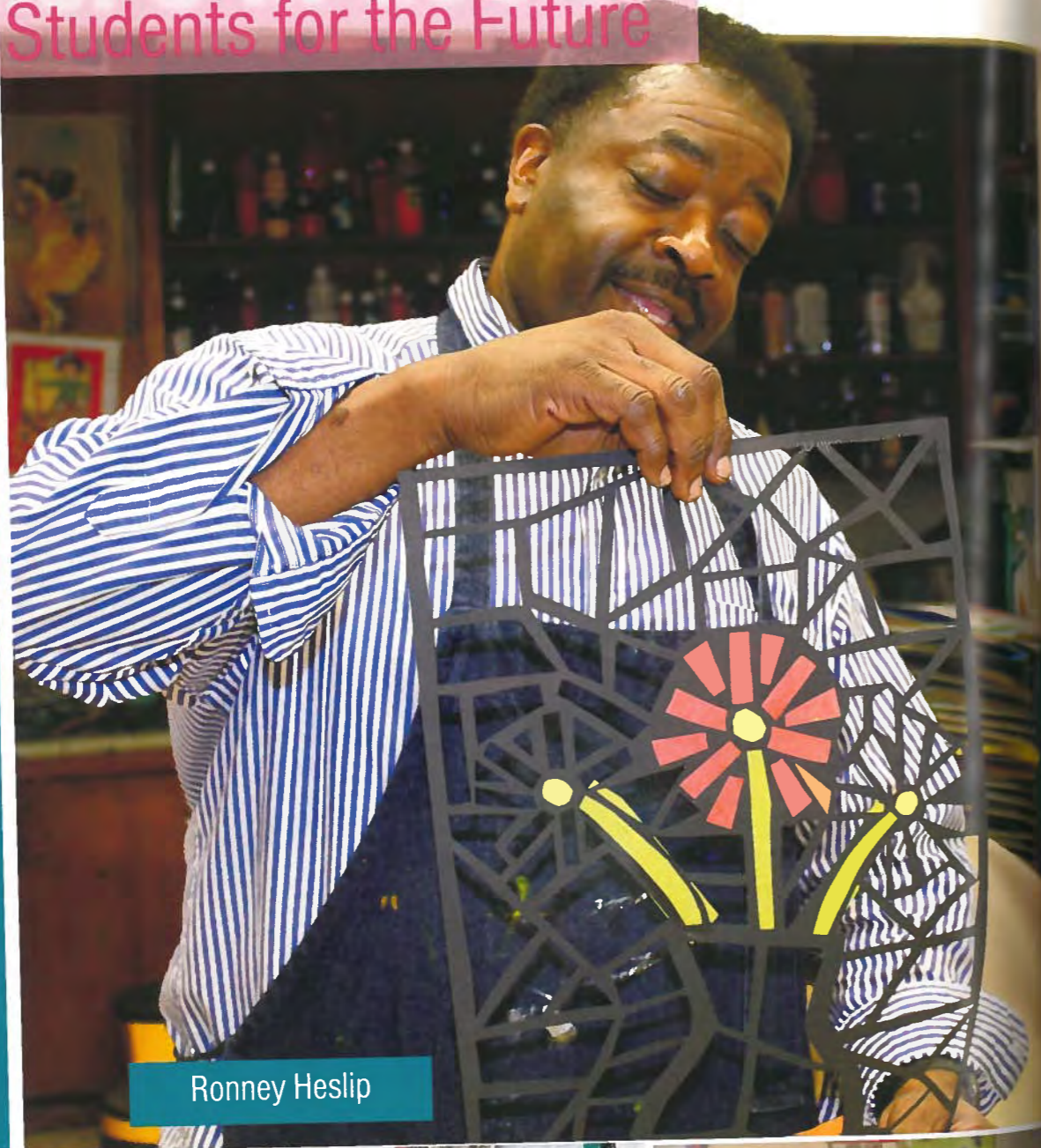
**Mrs. Hynes**  
Most Likely to Create World Peace 121

# Teachers in action

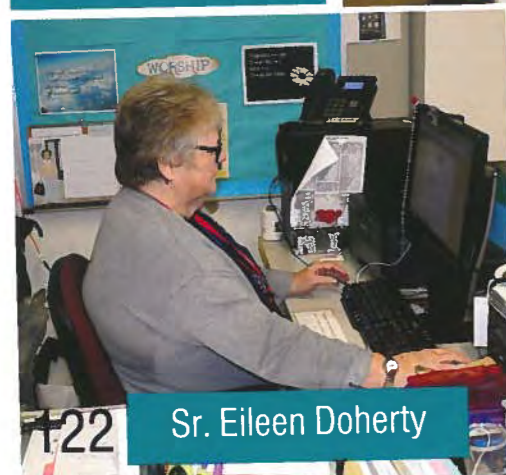
## Preparing Students for the Future

Despite the wide array of unique characters at Incarnate Word Academy, every teacher has the same goal: to equip students with the tools to succeed.

Their love for teaching is evident in everything they do, and each teacher goes to lengths to make lessons fun, engaging, and informative for all students in the classroom. An educational environment is only as good as its instructors, and Incarnate Word Academy certainly has the best there is to offer.



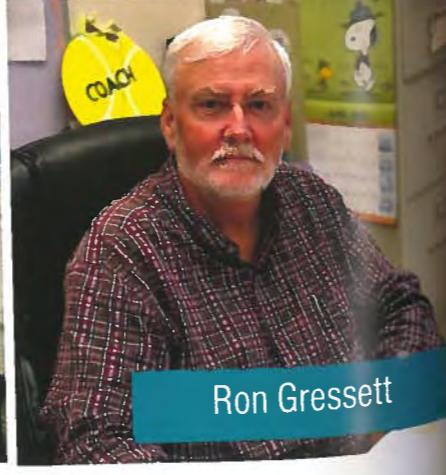
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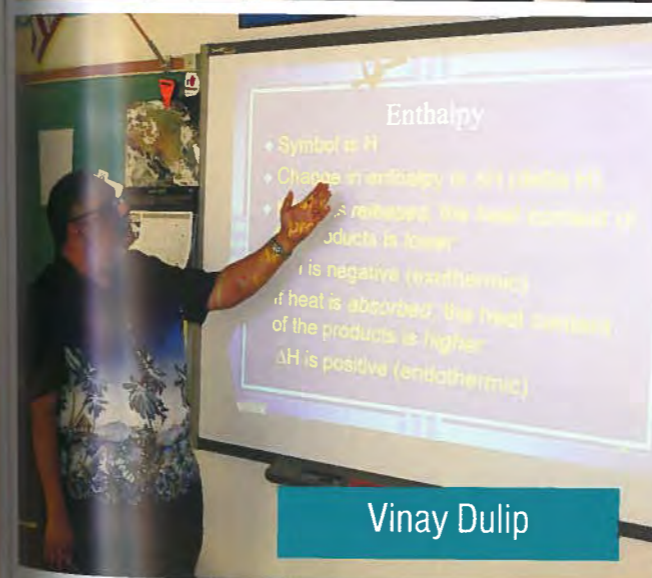
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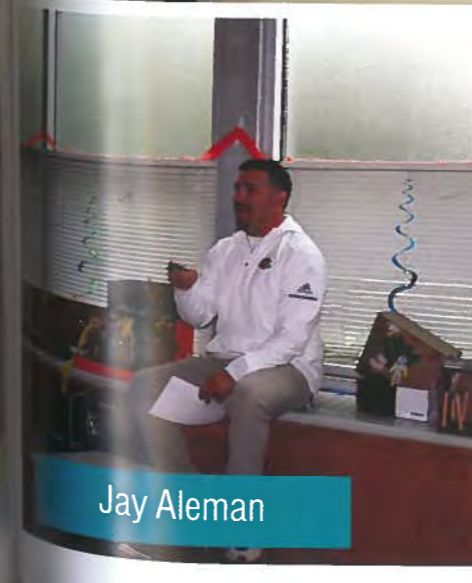
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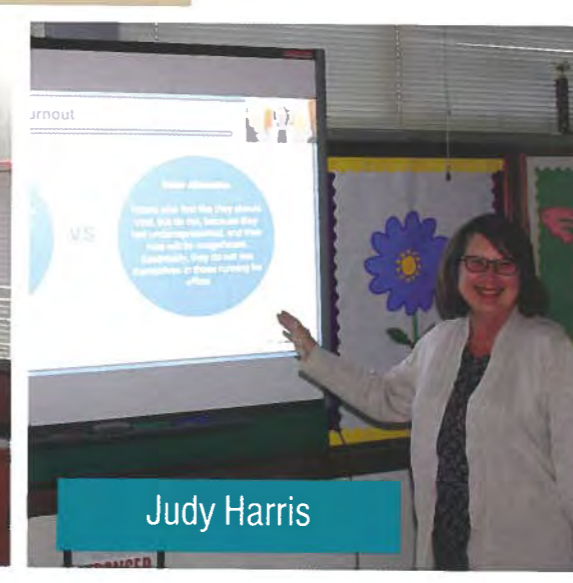
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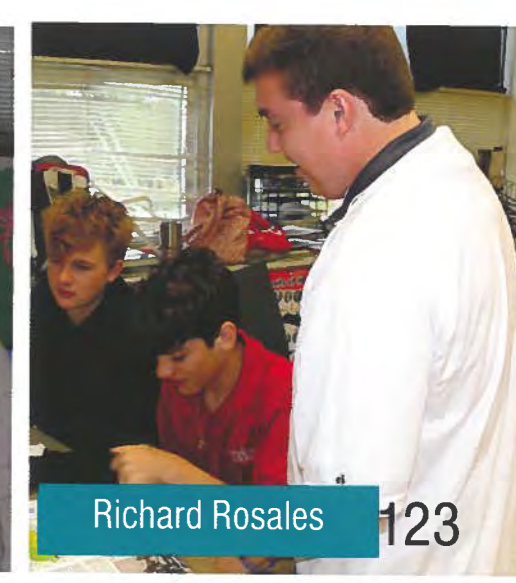
Vinay Dulip



Jay Aleman



Judy Harris



Richard Rosales

## IWA Faculty 2021-2022

- Joshua Aguas - Health Ed.
- Jay Aleman - English
- Jerrie Barker - Calculus & Pre-Calculus
- Tom Buckner - Physics
- David Corkill - Theatre Arts
- Sister Eileen Doherty - Religion
- Erica Engel - English
- Vinay Dulip - Chemistry
- Melva Garcia - Spanish
- Ronald Gressett - Algebra & Pre-Calculus
- Judy Harris - US History & Government
- Ronney Heslip - Art
- Molly Hynes - Religion
- Helen Jahnke - Spanish
- Janet Lumley - French
- Suraida Nanez-James
- Libbie Payne - Journalism & Yearbook
- Richard Rosales - Geography, Sociology & History
- Kevin Steen - Athletics
- Cathy Tyree - English
- Liz Vasquez - Professional Development & Cheer
- Jay Vasquez - Anatomy/Physiology & Aquatic Science
- Barbara Wagnon - Algebra & Geometry
- Benjamin Zaragosa - World History & Geography

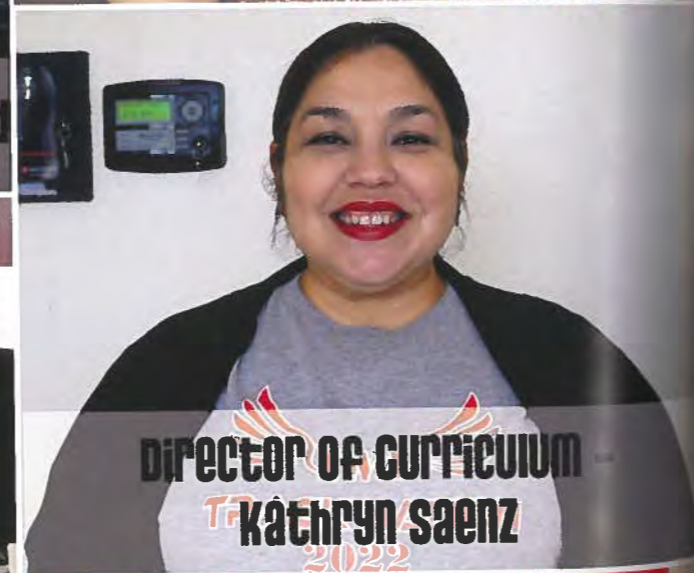
# Remarkable Leaders



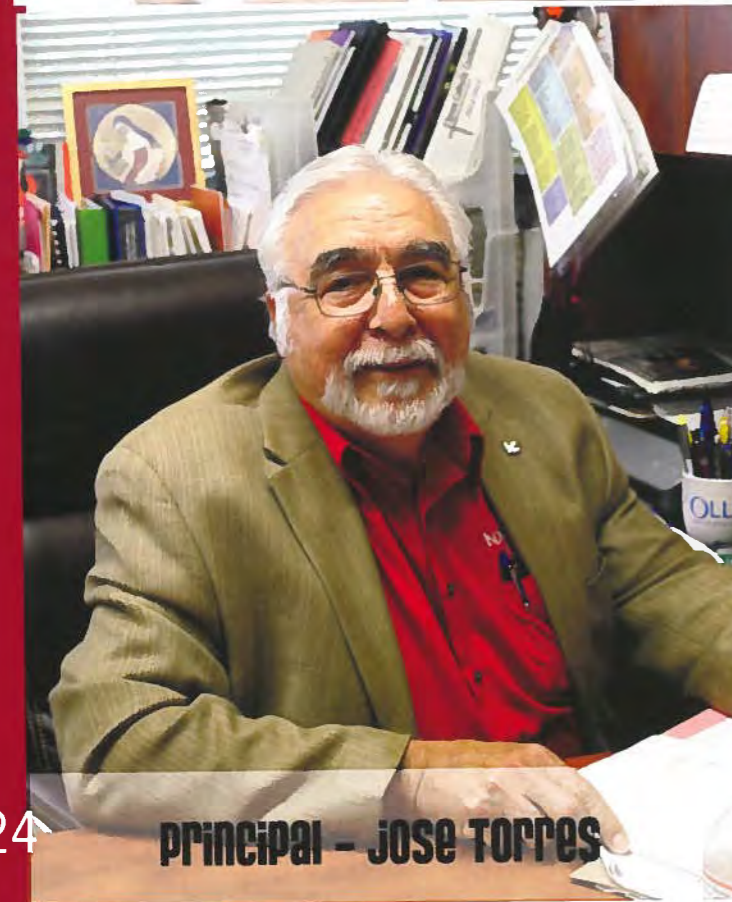
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Vice Principal - Daria Montaño



Director of Curriculum  
Kathryn Saenz  
2022



Principal - Jose Torres



Athletic Director - Kevin Steen



Academic Counselor - Sherilyn Calhoun



Campus Ministry - Ashley Cartwright



Librarian - Laquita Hilzinger



Nurse - Lisa Matl



Secretary to the Principal - Silvia Reta



Administrative Assistant - Joann Garcia



Registrar - Sandra Trevino



# BONSOIR!

## French Honor Society

The French Honor Society is a long-standing, highly respected group within the IWA community. Built on academic achievement and a love for French culture, each member goes above and beyond to involve the campus in various activities and learning opportunities, providing an insight into a unique country.



1. Madame Lumley awards senior Madeleine Lerma with her achievement award during the French Honor Society ceremony. 2. Passing on the tradition, senior Sarina Jafari lights senior Madeleine Lerma's candle. 3. Piece of cake! The new members of French Honor society celebrate with a sweet treat. 4. Final moments. The French Honor Society is almost complete with the ceremony.

1. Fresh faces. The new members of of Mu Alpha Theta pose with their official induction papers. 2. Hard work pays off! Senior Joaquin Dionio rewards Senior Nicholas Trigger with his accomplishment cords. 3. You go girls! Seniors Grace Lesson and Victoria Molina present a speech to represent what an honor it is to be a part of Mu Alpha Theta. 4. End to an era. Senior members celebrate after the induction at Mod Pizza.

**gods of math** Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is one of Incarnate Word Academy's many honor societies. Students accepted into this organization are known to excel in math and have good character in and out of the classroom. This year, fourteen new members were accepted and welcomed with open arms into this esteemed society.



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character

The National Honor Society elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. Students at Incarnate Word Academy selected to be in this society must reflect these values and be a true Angel while maintaining a good standing through charitable actions and a good work ethic.



1. Story time! Junior Andrew Beauchamp and Seniors Ellie Clark and Stewart Vanexan share stories with the little angels. 2. We're in! The new inductees smile for being rewarded for all their hard work. 3. Seniors Katelyn Canales and Ellie Clark receive their National Honor Society stoles for graduation. 4. Pose! Senior girls Katelyn Canales, Evelyn Braugh, Audrey Braugh, and Ellie Clark smile after they received their stoles. 5. Smile bright! Senior Regan Hannigan and Stewart Vanexan are happy to graduate with their new stoles.

Principal Jose Torres and Assistant Principal Darla Montañó present the certificate of membership and pin to senior Jonathan Montalvo. 2. Seniors Ellen Clark, Audrey and Evelyn Braugh, Madeline Herndon, and Jessica Podrebarac receive their Quill and Scroll graduation cords. 3. Quill and Scroll new members display their membership certificates. 4. Junior Madeline Braman and senior Audrey Braugh share a laugh during the ceremony.



## QUILL & SCROLL

International Honor Society for High School Journalism



Looking to the past to celebrate IWA's 150th anniversary, we discovered that the international journalism honor society, Quill and Scroll, was chartered at IWA in 1953. We have been unable to discover when the chapter became inactive, but as a part of the 150th Celebration, our chapter has been rechartered and we look forward to honoring journalism students for many years to come. Annual productions will be held and graduation journalism cords will be presented to seniors.



# SPANISH SUPERSTARS

Spanish Honor Society



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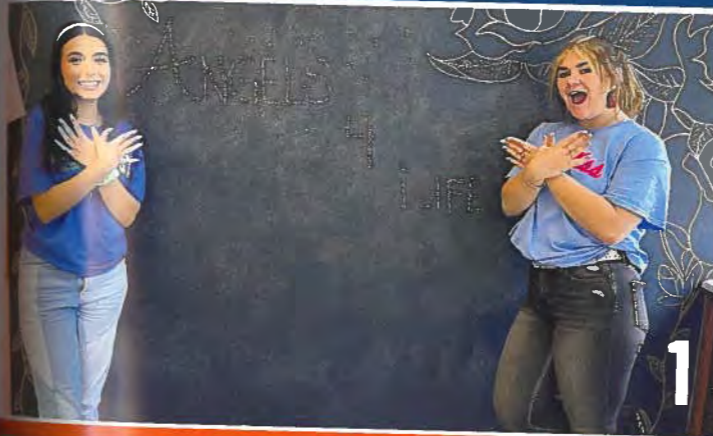
Incarnate Word Academy offers many different club and honors groups, but one of the most prominent is the Spanish Honor Society. Bringing together the students from within IWA's various Spanish classes, this organization presents the opportunity for students to discuss and experience a diverse culture. Without question, this academic group acts as a pillar of leadership, service, and empowerment within the Incarnate Word Academy community at large.



# VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

Angels 4 Life

The first of the seven principles of the Catholic Social Teaching is the Life and Dignity of the Human Person, which teaches that all life is sacred and must be protected unconditionally. Angels for Life has built itself upon the idea of this sacredness and specifically strives to uphold it in the fight against abortion. Together, the club members promote awareness regarding matters of life and raise money to support nonprofit pro-life organizations.



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1. As secretary of SHS, senior Cassandra Munoz reads her speech at the induction ceremony. 2. Selfie time! The Spanish Honor Society takes a group picture. 3. Pretty pink! The club officers proudly show off their new club shirts. 4. No act of service is complete without a smile! Juniors Cameron Aleman and Alek Brysch work with seniors Joaquin Dionio and Edward Valadez to represent the Spanish Honor Society at IWA open house. 5. Members discuss new ideas over lunch.



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1. Seniors Sarina Jafari and Venice Vicknair show their Angel pride! 2. Seniors Gabriella Aguilar and Jaymie Maldonado celebrate after being elected officers for their favorite school organization. 3. Senior Jaymie Maldonado shows her school spirit at the Angels for Life booth at Open House. 4. Bittersweet! Sophomores Isabella Giannetti and Berenice Delgado smile at their very last meeting of the year. 5. Sophomore Annabelle Clark shows her support for charity with a thumbs up.

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# Fight Like a girl

## Breast Cancer Awareness



The newest of Incarnate Word Academy's traditions is the Breast Cancer Awareness Club. Founded by senior Ava Lichtenberger, the club is intended to lend assistance to the strong women who are battling or have battled breast cancer. During the 2021-2022 school year, the Breast Cancer Awareness Club raised over \$1,000 dollars in donations for multiple organizations in the Coastal Bend, partaking in hands-on involvement to further the fight against breast cancer.



1. Pink is stronger than you think! The Breast Cancer Awareness Club smiles after their successful bake sale. 2. Girls supporting girls! Senior Gabby Aguilar prepares for the big bake sale by making a poster. 3. Serving with pride, senior Jaymie Maldonado waits patiently for the baked goods to sell out. 4. All in this together! Seniors Jessica Podrebarac, Venice Vicknair, Regan Hannigan, Ava Lichtenberger, Talayah Chanyaman, Sarah Diaz, Jaymie Maldonado, and Connor Williamson pose by the pink chair on pink out day. 5. Dedication at its finest! Members of the Breast Cancer Awareness Club stays up late to sell as many baked goods as possible.

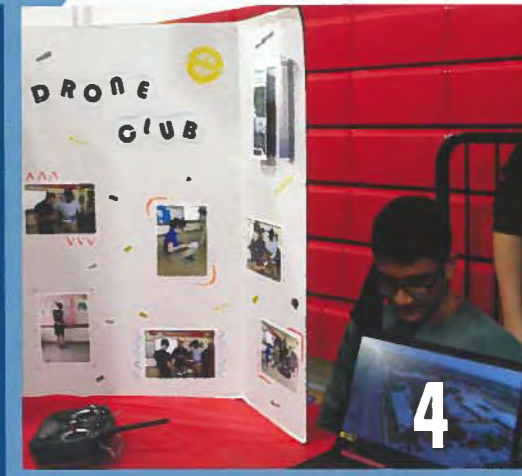


# DRONE CLUB

## Fly On!



One of Incarnate Word Academy's newer clubs is also one of the most unique clubs on campus. The Drone Club was founded around 3 years ago for those who have a passion for emerging technology, and consists of a strong group of students who learn about drones and fly them together to further their understanding of these machines. Led by Mr. Zaragosa, each member of the club walks away with a knowledge of how to utilize advanced drone technology in new and creative ways.



1. Seniors Nathan Perez, Aamil Patel, and Edward Valdez set up the drone to take pictures of the IWA Angel Lights Festival. 2. All smiles! Seniors Aamil Patel, Nathan Perez, and Michael Fergie are happy to encourage underclassmen to join drone club. 3. The whole gang is here! The drone club student body gets together for a group picture. 4. Senior Aamil Patel shows off some of the footage drone club took at the IWA open house. 5. Preparing for takeoff! Seniors Edward Valdez and Michael Fergie make sure their drone is ready to fly.

# green Thumbs

## Environmental Club



One of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching is the care of creation, or the stewardship of God's Earth. Angels honored this principle by joining the Environmental Club, where they learned about how to take care of the earth, participated in beach cleanups, and much, much more. Students joined together in order to make their world and the Coastal Bend a better place.



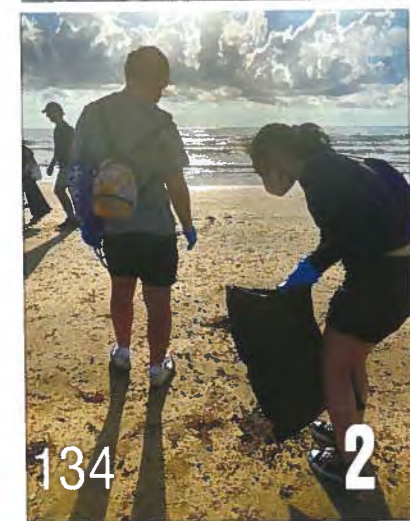
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1. What a show off! Senior Cassandra Munoz fills her first trash bag. 2. Leave the beach a better place than you found it. Senior Madeline Lerma picks up litter. 3. To senior Connor Williamson, there is no better way to receive service hours than to help take care of our local beaches. 4. Break time! Seniors Edward Valdez, Joaquin Dionio, and Michael Fergie rest after a work-filled day. 5. Views of Padre Island show just how beautiful nature is and that it should be protected and preserved by our fellow students.



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1. Smile! The French Club celebrates National French Week by taking a group photo. 2. Fresh French food is all you need! Club members have a taste of authentic French culture at Bien Mérité Cafe. 3. The club cannot contain their excitement as they enjoy their time on their field trip. 4. Hole in one! Freshman Emma Moore golfs her way through famous French monuments to advertise the French Club during Homecoming week.

# Oui, speak Français

## French Club



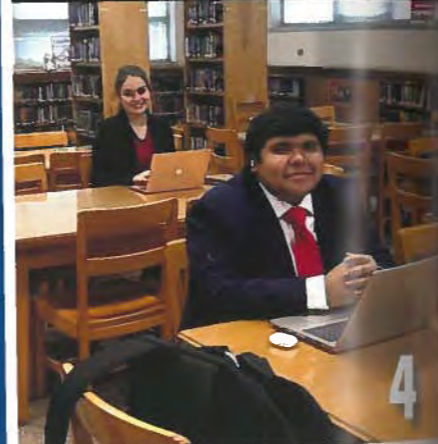
IWA's stellar French Club provides a fully immersive, highly educational experience for those looking to delve deeper into the French culture. From authentic food to museums that showcase French history and architecture, each club member walks away with a greater understanding of this unique European culture.



# Don't Hate. Litigate. Mock Trial



Mock Trial is quite a special organization for students at Incarnate Word Academy. Coached by the amazing Mrs. Tyree, the team worked hard throughout the year, dedicating countless hours and energy to perfect their courtroom skills. This year, the talented group was able to progress to the state championship in Dallas. Along the way, the team made countless wonderful memories, forged special bonds, and left their mark in the IWA history books for their success.



1. We're here! The Mock Trial team celebrates their arrival to Dallas. 2. The Mock Trial team is on cloud 9 heading to the state championship. 3. Sophomore Isabella Collins creates amazing courtroom sketches for the meet. 4. Senior Cassandra Munoz and sophomore Jeremiah Dimas concentrate during the regional competition. 5. Jeremiah Dimas, Edward Valdez, Bonnie Marino, Isabella Collins, Emily Elliott, Cassandra Munoz, Alexa Reyes, Diego Lopez, Andrew Beauchamp, and Mrs. Tyree gather together in their formal outfits before the meet. 6. Order in the court! The Mock Trial team awaits the trial. 7. Juniors Diego Lopez, Emily Elliot, and Bonnie Marino compete virtually in regionals. 8. Snack break! The team takes a brief moment to rest mid-competition.



## What was the state competition like?



"It was such an interesting experience overall! It was great to get to bond with my teammates and compete with them. I look forward to doing it again!"

**isabella collins,**  
10th



"It was really exciting but nerve-wracking. Competing with the best schools around was very instructive. I know I'll only get better from here."

**Diego Lopez,**  
11th

# Students Supporting Students

Student Council



COUNCIL



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Want to make a difference at the school? Join Student Council! From setting up and taking down for the Favorites dance, to purchasing and giving teacher gifts to show appreciation, each and every member contributed to the success of the school year. Officers headed committees tasked with taking care of every detail that Student Council planned. Each student, from freshman to senior, was able to join in and help out with each activity. Student Council is the glue that holds the school together!



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1. Living it up on the dance floor, Angels enjoy the student-council run Favorite's dance. 2. A Mardi-Gras themed Favorite's calls for some casino tables! Senior Nick Trigger and his friends, seniors Johnathon Shull, Austin Moore, and Aamil Patel enjoy their time at the Student-Council sponsored tables. 3. Senior Elijah Gillespie greets potential new members with a friendly smile! 4. All their hard work paid off! Seniors Ellen Clark and Regan Hannigan enjoy their night after planning the dance.



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# FROM BASICS TO BASKETS

Angel Stunt Crew



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When the cheerleaders need help, who do they call? The Stunt Crew, of course! From routines to games to the Angel Battle Cry, our amazing group of junior and senior boys are the backbone of each and every pep rally. They throw girls in the air in gravity-defying stunts, assist during games (sometimes getting a little too enthusiastic), and are always the loudest and proudest when cheering on the school. The Stunt Crew put in extra work to ensure that our Angel Spirit is alive!



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1. Celebrating the end of their senior homecoming season, the senior members of the stunt crew smile for a quick picture. 2. The seniors of cheer and crew are ecstatic about their last pep rally! 3. Quick, take the picture! The Stunt Crew pose by decorations during the 150th pep rally. 4. Their hard work paid off! The stunts hit perfectly during the homecoming pep rally. 5. Taking a break, the Stunt Crew "tries out" the scooters for one of the pep rally games. 6. Under the watchful eye of senior Cassandra Munoz, seniors Connor Williamson, Jonathan Shull, and Viraj Bhakta lift senior Ellen Clark in a prep.

# LOUD and PROUD

## The Crew

With each new volleyball and basketball season comes the anticipated return of the Crew. This year, each member brought an excess of school spirit and Angel pride to the home court. They cheered on athletes, hyped up the crowd during timeouts, performed stunts, and brandished the iconic Crew flag throughout it all. Alongside the cheer squad, they ensured that each team felt supported and inspired to take on the competition during every game.



# Keepin' it COLORFUL

## Spirit Club



With a little bit of sparkle and a whole lot of love, the Incarnate Word Academy Spirit Club is always ready and prepared to spread school spirit and cheer! Decking the halls with banners and streamers, the club ensures that the school shines during all events, from Homecoming to Red Ribbon Week. Each member has a passion for bringing life to the school, and they do so without fail, creating a uniquely positive and fun learning environment throughout the year.



1. What a night! The spirit club poses with the cheer team to celebrate a successful routine. 2. Hop on the spirit train! The Crew performs a silly skit to help cheer on our teams. 3. The crowd goes wild! Senior Cade Bush waves the legendary crew flag. 4. Strike! The Crew celebrates a score with a round of human bowling.

1. Hanging high, senior Leila Elizondo decorates the doorway of her favorite classroom. 2. Toss it up! Senior Jasmin Fernandez plays with the pom poms. 3. Teamwork makes the dream work! Seniors Leila Elizondo and Jasmin Fernandez work together to hang the banner in the hallway. 4. Spreading cheer, senior Ava Lichtenberger unwinds garlands that will be spread along the hallways. 5. Senior Max Harrison is hard at work while he helps decorate the school.



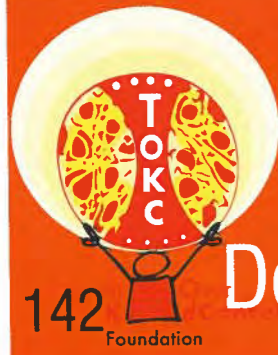
Our seniors are known for many things-their athletic achievements, their academic abilities, and everything in between. But what makes the senior class truly special is the uniqueness of each and every student. Their personalities and senses of humor are the reason the school remains full of light and color, and we will miss their jokes, smiles and laughter next year.



# senior sillies



1. We're all in this together! The TOKC Club makes foam birds so that cancer patients can put them in their homemade birdhouses. 2. Junior Berenice Delgado proudly shows off her bird. 3. Working hard! Club members enjoy snacks as they work on projects to help bring smiles to many faces. 4. TOKC presidents Ava Lichtenberger and Edward Valdez host a meeting at a local restaurant with a few patients.



# TOKC

Do That One Thing!

Triumph Over Kid Cancer is dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer. They excel in raising spirits, sparking public awareness, and funding research to advance the treatment of pediatric cancer. TOKC truly does it all, from student-hosted fundraisers to handmade cards for cancer patients, lending a hand in the fight to end this devastating illness.



# Representing YOU

## Aurora Staff 2021-22

You've probably seen them in the hall, rushing around with a bunch of papers in one hand and a camera in the other. Perhaps they've pulled you out of a class to collect a quote and snap your picture. Maybe you've even seen them from afar at special events getting the perfect shot even when in homecoming outfits or heels. They are the Aurora staff- the "spine" of the yearbook. This year, we had a small but mighty team and everyone pulled their weight to ensure that this book was more vibrant, creative, and outstanding than ever before.

### Madeline Herndon, Editor

My three years on the Aurora staff have been nothing short of incredible. I sincerely love each individual on the staff who all worked really hard to bring this book to you.

Everyone on the team has special talents we carefully combined to create this yearbook for you. I am honored to have worked as the editor this year, and I am grateful for the opportunity to use the yearbook as a creative outlet for expression.



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2 YEARS

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2 YEARS

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EVELYN BRAUGH



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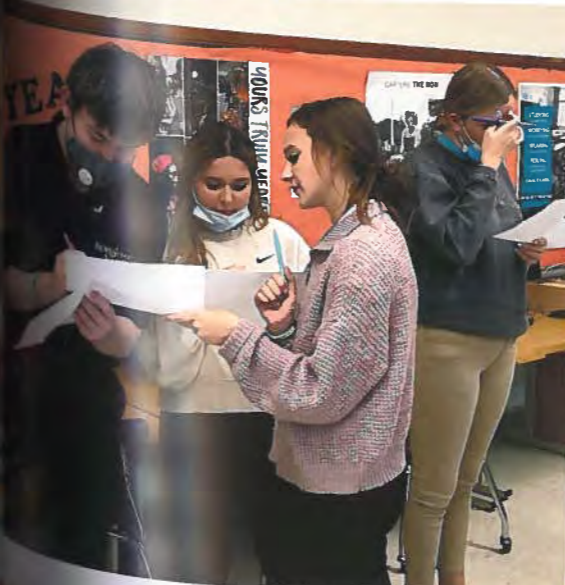
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JESSICA PODREBARAC



**Front Row:** Paul McNiff, Jordan Barrett, Jude Nerios-Ramsey, Kollin Kern, Darek Chapa, Cullen Braugh.  
**Back Row:** David Matl, Edmund Thomas, Colton Anderson, Kyle Owen, Brandon Silva.



## Baseball

**Front Row:** Talayah Chanyaman, Mattie Barnick, Illyana Flores, Audrey Brysch, Lillian Brown.  
**Back Row:** Rebecca Taft, Savannah Staff, Emma Romanczyk, Luna Salazar, Ella Goodman, McKenna Lutz.



## BASKETBALL-GIRLS

**Front Row:** Ty Adams, Wilson Vanexan, Connor Williamson, Viraj Bhakta, Jordan Barrett, Matthew Cory  
**Back Row:** Kyle Owen, Edmund Thomas, Cade Bush, Justin DeLuca



## BASKETBALL-BOYS



**From Left:** Carmen Lara, Sophia Diaz, Araceli Saenz, Manager, Julia DeLuca, Ellen Clark, Madison Gonzales, Isabella Cuevas, Sarah Diaz.

## Cheer



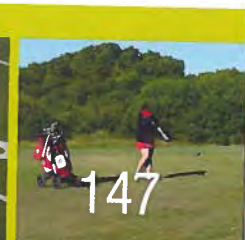
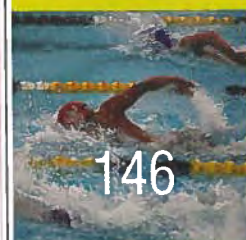
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## CROSS COUNTRY



**From Left:** Luisa Hernandez, Matthew Martinez, Leila Elizondo, Andy Kretsinger, Victoria Wilson, Coach David Ramirez, Cassandra Munoz, Jonathan Montalvo, Kaitlyn Canales.

## GOLF



**Left to Right:** Nikolai Steen, Will Manna, Jameson Burke, Ryland Lang, Joseph Manna, Austin Moore, Nicholas Trigger, Stewart Vanexan, Joaquin Dionio, Aidan Orines, Andrew Beauchamp, Cameron Aleman, Alekzander Brysch, Geraint Ballenger, Ben Pettus



## Soccer

**Seated:** Coach Monica Lara  
**Front Row:** Coach Richard Rosales, Gabby Aguilar, Jaymie Maldonado, Jackie Carrillo, Coach Jay Aleman  
**Back Row:** Sarah Barth, Audrey Brysch, Annabelle Clark, Lillian Brown, Addison Sparkman, Monica Carrillo, Ava Aleman, Madeline Braman, Perla Rodriguez, Illyana Aguas, Kailey Marroquin, Mercedes Salinas, Mattie Barnick, Nicole Luna, Eva Martinez.



## Softball

**Front Row:** Valentina Nisimblat, Grace Barth, Julianna Chimbunde, Chloe Rosales, Janah Siguenza, Grace Leeson, Victoria Molina, Coach Myra Nelson  
**Back Row:** Coach Israel Soza, Waylon Patterson, Elijah Gillespie, Luke Becker, David Matl, Aidan Orines, Luke Afuso, Conagher Mixon



## Swimming



## Tennis

**From Left:** Juliana Sarao, Tony Liao, William Schultz, Adrian Cantu, Grace Leeson, Coach Ronald Gressett, Gabriel Armstrong

**Front Row:** Ava Goodman, Sydney Jackson, Berenice Delgado, Reena Agarwal, Emma Romanczyk, Isabella Giannetti, Sophia Diaz.  
**Second Row:** Sarah Diaz, Sabrina Figueroa, Addison Sparkman, Ava Aleman, Mercedes Salinas, Lily Brown, Araceli Saenz, Jenna Balboa.  
**Third Row:** Avery Guerrero, Isa Richardson, Deanna Mireles, Luke Afuso, Jazmyn Cristan, Emma Moore, Austin Moore.  
**Fourth Row:** Joaquin Dionio, Geraint Ballenger, Stephen Saucedo, Jack Bailey, Logan Boswell, Madis O'Daniell, Ace Bernal, Nathaniel Doucet.  
**Fifth Row:** Julian Lopez, Aidan Orines, Edward Valadez, Diego Lopez, Elijah Gillespie, Brandon Silva, Jacob Balboa.  
**Back Row:** Joe Manna, Mia Parra, Cameron Aleman, Carmen Lara, Will Manna.



## Track

**Front Row:** Katelyn Sepulveda, Jaymie Maldonado, Julia Barth, Nicole Luna, Mila Gutierrez  
**Second Row:** Illyana Aguas, Gabriella Aguilar, Sarah Barth, Mattie Barnick, Sydney Jackson  
**Third Row:** Isabella Chimbunde, Ella Goodman, Chloe Rosales, Lillian Brown, Ilianna Flores, Berenice Delgado  
**Back Row:** Coach Richard Rosales, Ava Lichtenberger, Bonnie Marino, Cali Rowland, Emma Romanczyk, Isabella Giannetti, Luna Salazar, Grace Barth, Isabella Collins



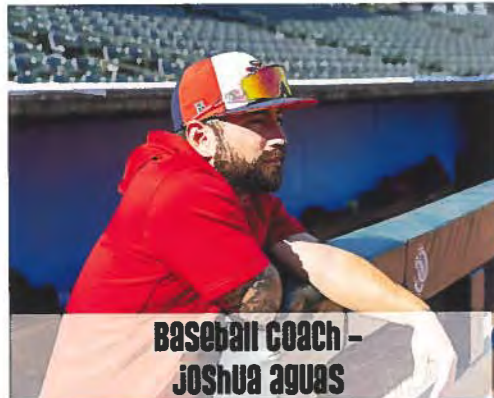
## Volleyball



# OUR BIGGEST SUPPORTERS

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Sports coaches are every athlete's personal cheerleader; they are the first ones on the field, and the last ones to leave at any sports event. At Incarnate Word Academy, our coaches have created an environment in which players feel confident and comfortable enough to become better versions of themselves not only as athletes, but as people. They push students to overcome obstacles and to break past their own mental inhibitions, acting as pillars of support throughout each athlete's career.



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Joshua Aguas**



**Assistant Baseball Coach -  
Jose Agosto**



**Basketball & Asst. Track Coach -  
Richard Jackson**



**Assistant Basketball Coach -  
Jimmy Dugan**



**Girls' Basketball Coach -  
Malcolm Smith**



**Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach -  
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**Head Cheer Coach -  
Elizabeth Vazquez**



**Track Coach -  
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**Tennis Coach -  
Ronald Gressett**



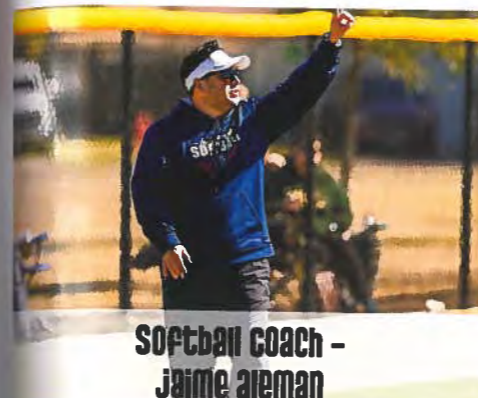
**GOLF COACH -  
David Ramirez**



**BOYS SOCCER COACH -  
Manuel Iwabuchi**



**ASST. BOYS' SOCCER COACH -  
Kevin Steen**



**Softball Coach -  
Jaime Aleman**



**ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH -  
Monica Lara**



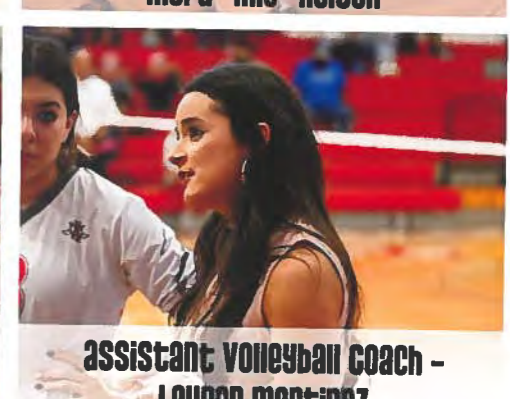
**Swim Coach -  
Myra "mic" Neison**



**ASST. SWIM COACH -  
Israel Soza**



**Volleyball Coach & Asst. Softball  
Coach - Richard Rosales**



**Assistant Volleyball Coach -  
Lauren Martinez**

### NOT PICTURED, BUT GREATLY APPRECIATED:

**Cross Country Coach -  
Donald Patterson**

**ASST. CROSS COUNTRY COACH -  
Ruben Garcia**

**ASST. TRACK COACH -  
Tim Ehrman**

**ASST. TENNIS COACH -  
Jose Hernandez**



# Seniors



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Nathan Perez & Jasmin Fernandez



best laugh

Joaquin Dionio & Grace Leeson



most likely to succeed

Michael Fergie & Victoria Wilson



most likely to become a billionaire

Nick Trigger & Audrey Braugh



most likely to invent a video game

Percy Chan, Leila Elizondo, & Isa Richardson



best hair

Aamil Patel & Madeleine Lerma



most academic

Stewart Vanexan & Araceli Saenz



best smile

Austin Moore & Deanna Mireles



most likely to fall asleep in class

Adrian Cantu, & Regan Hannigan



best shoe game

Katelyn Sepulveda



Connor Williamson



Edward Valadez & Ellie Clark



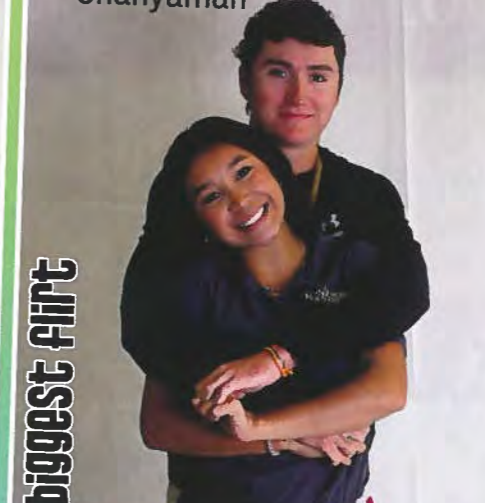
most likely to travel the world

Will Schultz & Madeline Herndon



class clown

Colton Anderson & Talayah Chanyaman



biggest flirt

Max Harrison, Sarina Jafari & Olivia D'Anna



most artistic

Viraj Bhakta, Gabby Aguilar, & Jaymie Maldonado



life of the party

Stephen Saucedo & Venice Vicknair



most likely to be late to graduation

Andres Basaldu, Jonathan Montalvo, Carmen Lara & Juliana Sarao



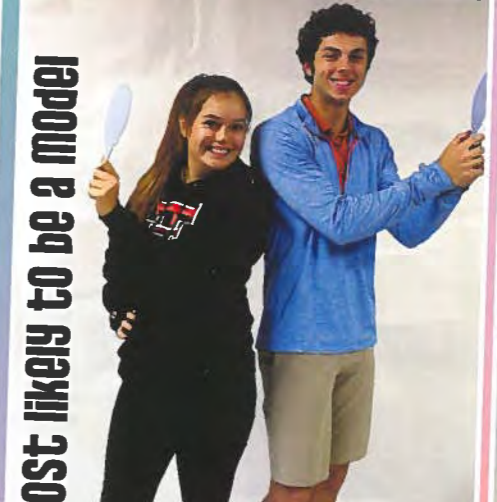
most likely to be a secret agent

Stephen Saucedo & Ava Lichtenberger



most likely to be famous

Cade Bush & Cassandra Munoz



most likely to be a model

Jacob Balboa & Luisa Hernandez



most changed since freshman year

Adrian Cantu & Venice Vicknair



Worst case of senioritis

Johnny Shull & Jessica Podrebarac



Best Backpack

Max Harrison & Leila Elizondo



Best Stage

Elijah & Madison Gillespie



Worst driver

Michael Fergie & Aamil Patel



Best bromance

Sarah Diaz & Araceli Saenz



Best gal pals

Elijah and Madison Gillespie, & Valeria Gomez



Most likely to overcome anything

Nick Trigger & Ellie Clark



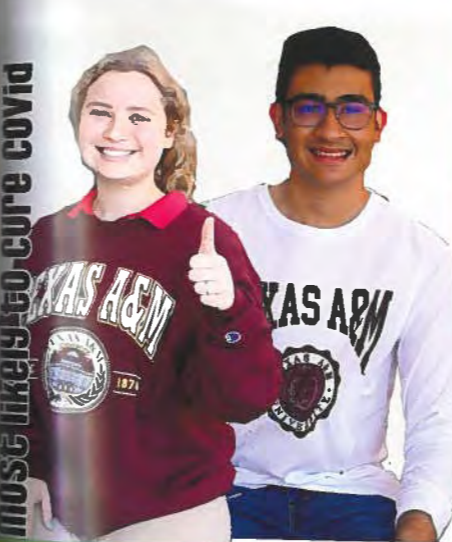
Neatest Locker

Will Schultz & Grace Leeson



Most likely to start a band

Aamil Patel & Victoria Molina



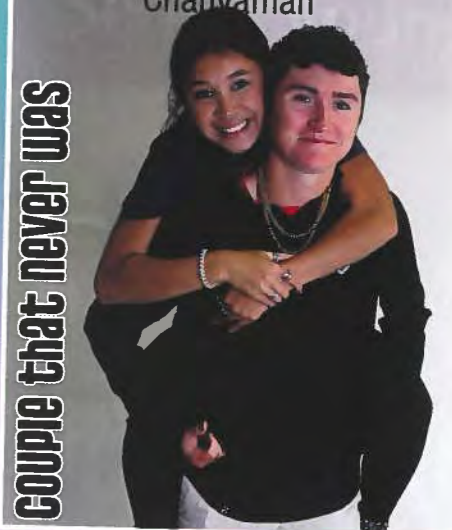
Most likely to cure covid

Adrian Cantu & Grace Leeson



Cutest Couple

Colton Anderson & Talayah Chanvaman



Couple that never was

Stewart Vanexan & Regan Hannigan



Most likely to become president

Joaquin Dionio & Ava Lichtenberger



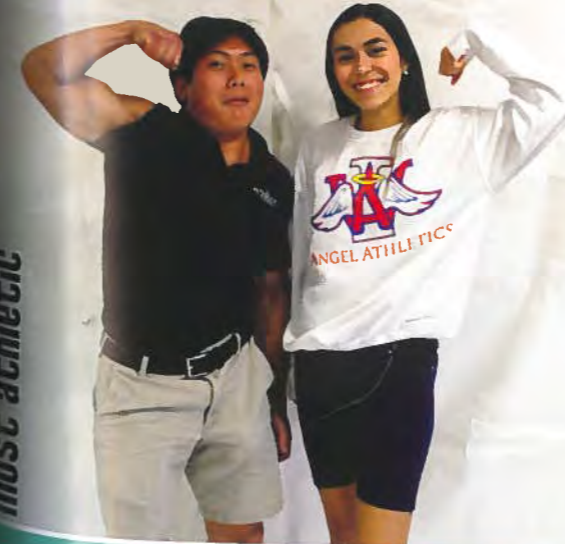
Best all around

Viraj Bhakta & Madeline Herndon



Most school spirit

Joaquin Dionio & Sarah Diaz



Most athletic

Jackie Carrillo & Kaitlyn Canales



Most likely to go pro

Will Schultz & Jasmin Fernandez



Best sense of humor

# Leaving a Legacy

Seniors & Siblings



**Evelyn, Audrey, and Cullen Braugh**



**Stewart and Wilson Vanexan**



**Jacquelynn and Monica Carrillo**



**Madison and Elijah Gillespie**



**Cade and Cody Bush**



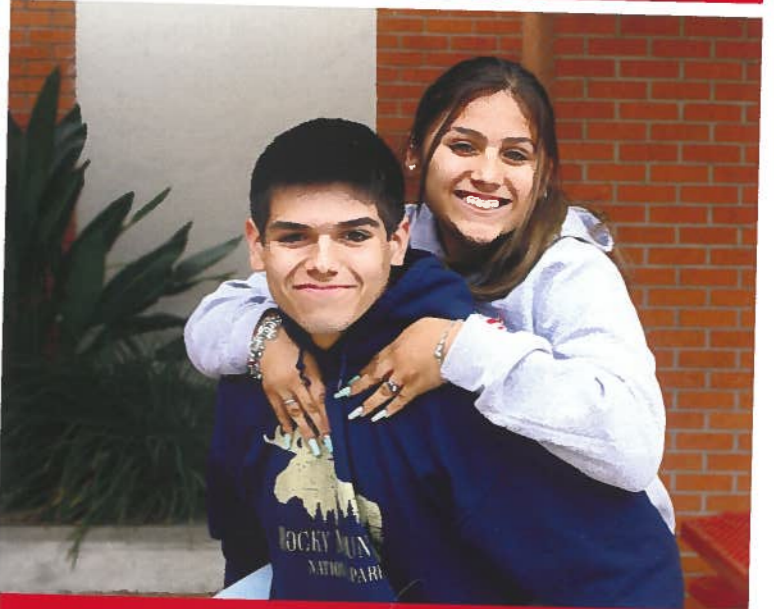
**Austin and Emma Moore**



**Aamil and Rainaa Patel**



**Ellen and Annabelle Clark**



**Jacob and Jenna Balboa**



**Sarah and Sophia Diaz**



**Araceli and Diego Saenz**

# COLLEGE DECISIONS

**Gabriella Aguilar**

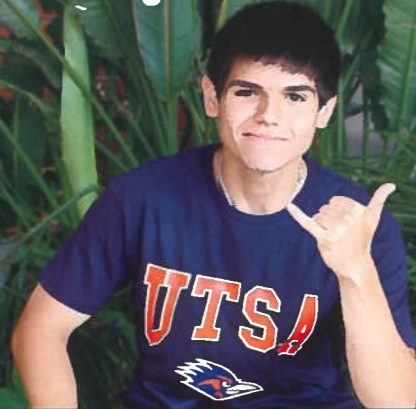
major: **Psychology**



"They say you are what you eat, but I don't remember eating a goat."  
- Me

**Jacob Balboa**

major: **Business**



"Don't be afraid to be ambitious about your goals. Hard work never stops. Neither should your dreams." - Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

**Viraj Bhakta**

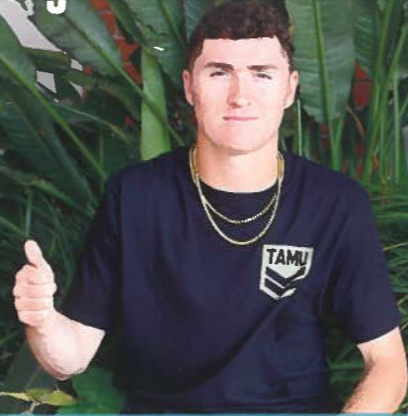
major: **Business**



"Let me know if you ever need anything. But if you need money, then call someone else." - Coach Bell

**Colton Anderson**

major: **Construction Science**



"The goal is to die with memories, not dreams." - Anonymous

**Andres Basaldin**

major: **Pre-Pharmacy**



"True, I've given up on the real world, however I haven't given up on myself. The world doesn't get to decide whether my life is boring, fun, or ordinary 'cause that's my decision to make. As long as I have the will nothing is impossible!" - Keima Katsuragi

**Eveyn Braun**

major: **Arts and Entertainment Technologies**



"With great power... comes a great need to take a nap."  
- Percy Jackson

**Audrey Braugh**

major: **Video game design**



"Anything is free if you can run fast enough." - Me

**Kaitlyn Canales**

major: **Radiology**



"We'll be alright." - Harry Styles

**Jackie Carrillo**

major: **Radiology tech**



"Life will always throw you curves, just keep fouling them off, the right pitch will come and when it does be prepared to run the bases."  
- Mike O'Halloran

**Cade Bush**

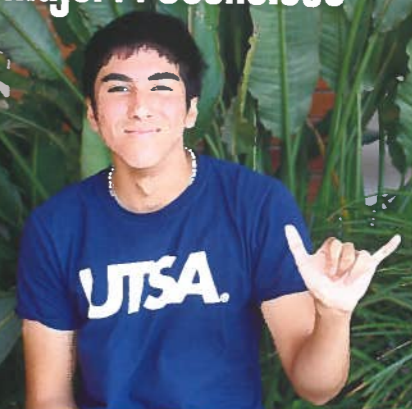
major: **Mechanical Engineering**



"No amount of money ever bought a second of time." - Howard Stark

**Adrian Cantu**

major: **Psychology**



"You can catch a lot of flies with honey, but you can catch a lot of honeys being fly." - Me

**Percy Chan**

major: **Zoology**



"Business in the front, party in the back." - Me

# COLLEGE DECISIONS

Talayah Chanyaman

major: kinesiology



"I knew I needed love but I think I valued the hate more to push towards things that I prayed for."  
- Drake

Olivia D'anna

major: 2D animation



"You fool, I have 70 alternative accounts!" - Dr. Eggman, 'Sonic Adventure 2 Fandub'

Joaquin Piondo

major: aerospace engineering



"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can do what others can't."  
- Mathew Fraser

Elie Clark

major: journalism



"But I've got a feeling, and keep believing, I'm never gonna give this back." - Maggie Rogers, 'Burning'

Sarah Diaz

major: physical therapy



"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." - Winnie the Pooh

Leila Elizondo

major: psychology



"This old dog ain't about to forget all we've had and all that's next."  
- Mac DeMarco

Michael Repajic

major: computer science



"I would say I outdid myself, but I'm always this good. So I simply did myself." - Tahani, 'The Good Place'

Elijah Gillespie

major: US army



"Life is a special operation, are you ready for it?" - Anonymous

Valeria Gomez-Molina

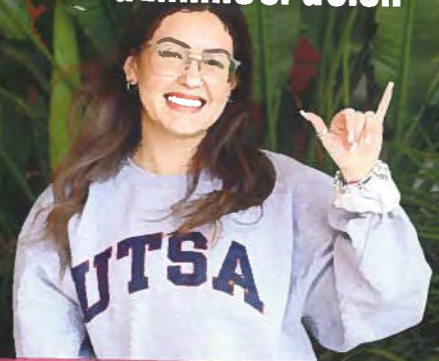
major: consumer science/retailing



"Life is fluid, you have to change in order to adapt." - Anonymous

Jasmin Fernandez

major: business administration



"Don't follow your dreams, follow my Instagram instead." - Me

Madison Gillespie

major: international studies



"The path to your own happiness is worth the walk." - Anonymous

Regan Hamilton

major: international business



"All my bags are packed, I'm ready to go." - John Denver

# COLLEGE DECISIONS



major: Biology

MAX HARRISON

"Fearlessness, drive. I hate lazy people. Stay in school, don't you ever be lazy, don't you ever complain about hard work."  
- Nicki Minaj



major: Psychology

LUISA HERNANDEZ

"I stopped caring a long time ago."  
- The Office



major: Marine Biology

MADELEINE LERMA

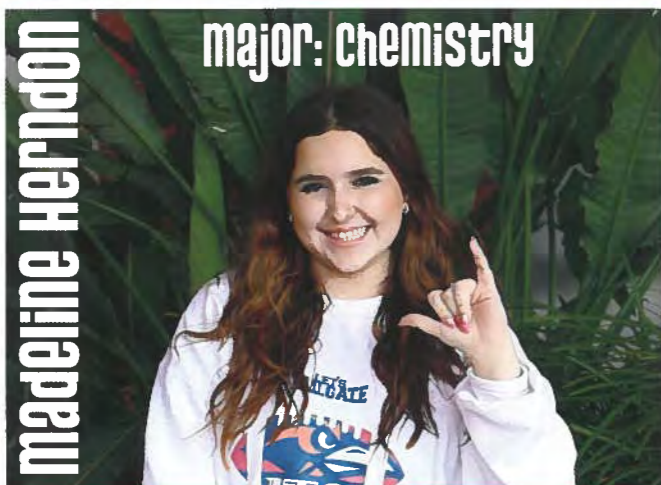
"I faced it all and I stood tall and did it my way."  
- Paul Anka



major: Advertising

AVA LICHTENBERGER

"Treat people with kindness."  
- Harry Styles



major: Chemistry

MADLEINE HERNDON

"Always have a backup plan."  
- Blair Waldorf



major: Chemistry

SARINA JAFARI

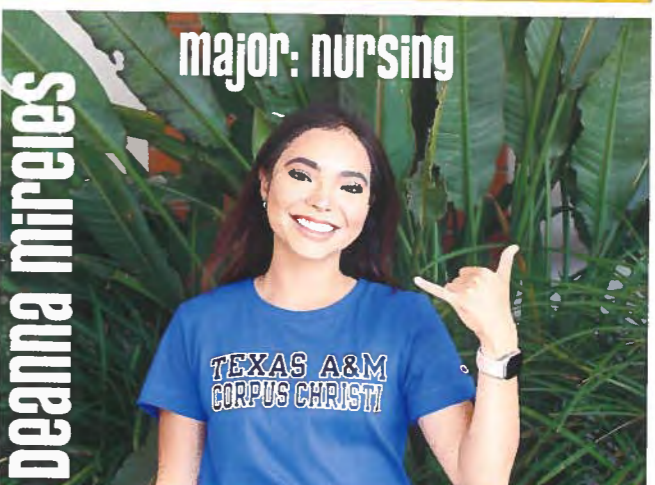
"Whatever happens, happens."  
- Spike Spiegel



major: Movement Science

JAYMIE MALDONADO

"The only time I set the bar low is for limbo."  
- Michael Scott



major: Nursing

DEANNA MIRELES

"Be the best version of yourself in anything you do. You don't have to live anybody else's story."  
- Steph Curry



major: Biology

CARMEN LARA

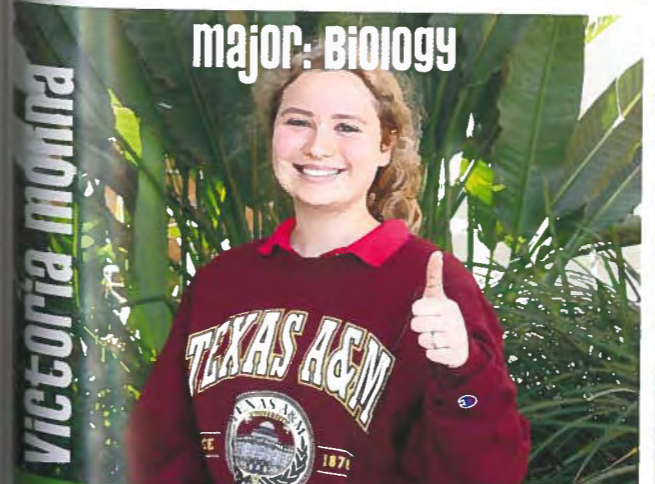
"Isn't life beautiful? I think that life is beautiful."  
- Lil Peep



major: Pre-Med

GRACE LEESON

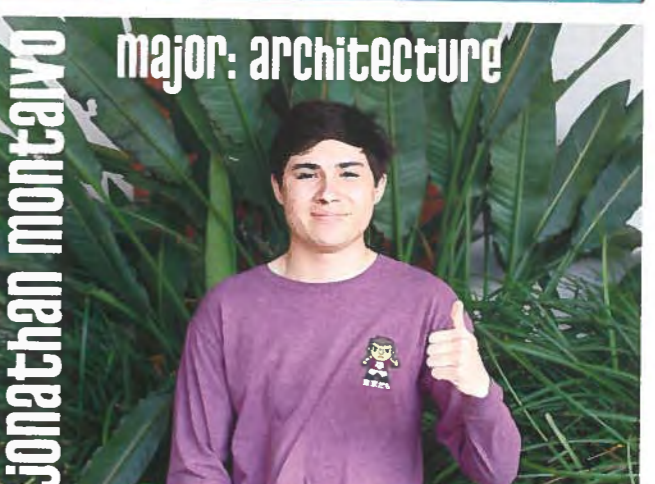
"I'm just doing the best I can now to keep this going... trying to grow up and remain young at the same time."  
- Stevie Ray Vaughn



major: Biology

VICTORIA MONJA

"You don't win friends with salad."  
- Homer Simpson



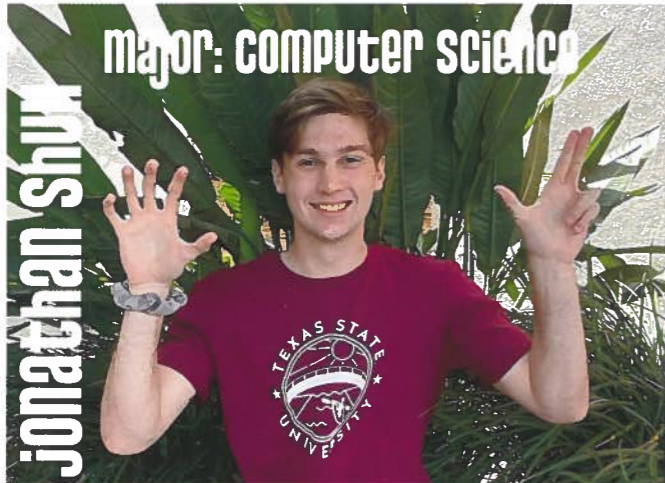
major: Architecture

JONATHAN MONTALVO

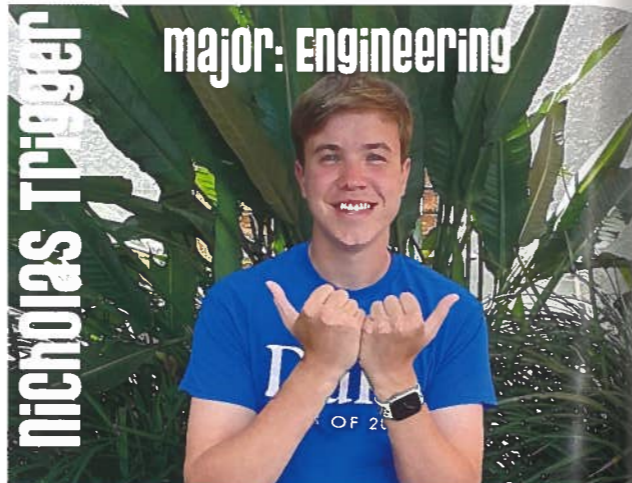
"Given time, technique never fails."  
- Smithing Master Hewg, 'Elden Ring'

# COLLEGE DECISIONS

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**major: computer science**  
**Jonathan Shum**  
 "Be mindful of the future... but not at the expense of the moment."  
 - Qui Gon Jinn



**major: Engineering**  
**Nicholas Trigger**  
 "In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move."  
 - The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy



**major: Biology (pre-med)**  
**Victoria Wilson**  
 "Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."  
 - Psalm 23:5

# FLY HIGH ON YOUR NEXT JOURNEY

Forever an Angel



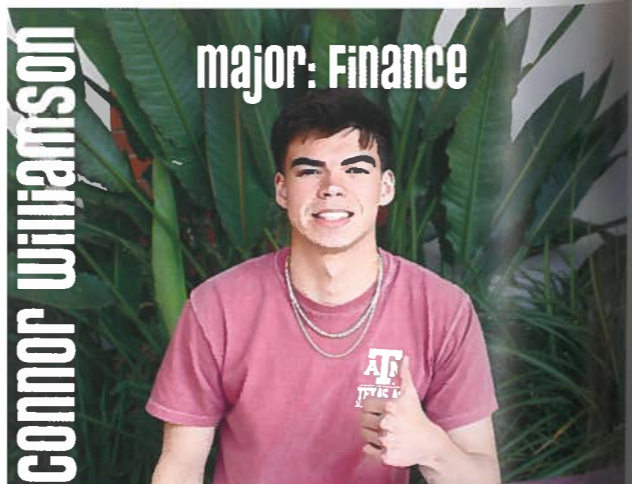
**major: mechanical/Engineering**  
**Edward Yarbuz**  
 "It's time to conclude the Incredible True Story and transformation, salutations."  
 - Logic



**major: undecided**  
**Stewart Vanexan**  
 "Good rain knows the best time to fall."  
 - Anonymous



**major: Biomedical sciences**  
**Venice Vicknair**  
 "I look a little bit like my daddy and a whole lot like my momma."  
 - Me



**major: Finance**  
**Connor Williamson**  
 "Everybody has talent, but ability takes hard work."  
 - Michael Jordan



# 2022

# SENIOR FUN

## Last Year as an Angel

Senior year is any high school student's last chance to make the most of their high school years before they begin the next chapter of their lives. This year, the class of 2022 made the most of their last time as Angels by taking part in the Senior Fun Day and Senior Retreat. Friendships were strengthened; lifelong memories were made; and the class said their final goodbyes before leaving to achieve even greater things.



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1. Together till the end! A group of seniors huddle up for a senior sing-along. 2. Making the most of the day! Seniors Leila Elizondo, Jazmin Fernandez, and Madeline Herndon dress up in fun props for senior fun day. 3. Senior Carmen Lara makes a cup of coffee at the coffee bar. 4. Seniors Jazmin Fernandez, Leila Elizondo, and Max Harrison chat and compare the drinks they made.



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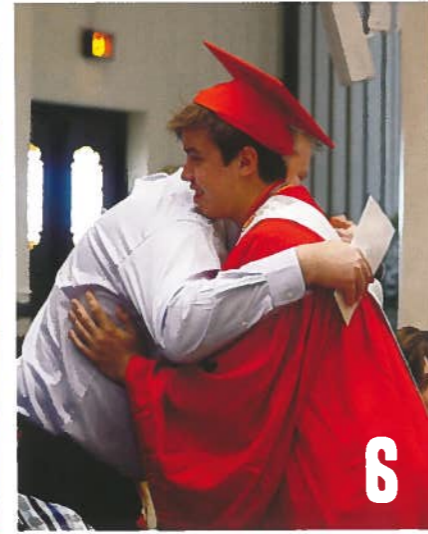
5. Hallelujah! The senior class praises the Lord during their retreat, giving thanks for an amazing high school experience with their classmates. 6. The grads are filled with emotion as they read surprise graduation letters from their parents, family members, teachers, and friends at their last high school retreat. 7. Grace Lesson and Adrian Cantu sit together and reflect on all of the memories they've made at IWA. 8. The senior class gathers together, ready for a day of fun. 9. Hi-yah! Senior Olivia D'Anna shows off her brand new self-defense moves.

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# graduation

## A New Chapter Begins

1. Please respond... Seniors Cassandra Munoz and Nicholas Trigger lead the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. 2. Serving the Lord, senior Jaymie Maldonado reads for the last time at an Incarnate Word Mass. 3. Beaming with pride!, Seniors Madeline Herndon and Sarina Jafari can't hide their smiles while receiving their diplomas. 4. Senior Isabella Richardson sneaks a peek at the back of the program to look at her grad picture. 5. Getting ready to go! Mrs. Cartwright assists senior Elijah Gillespie with his special U.S. Army stole. 6. Thanks for everything! Senior Nicholas Trigger hugs his dad after handing him a special letter. 7. It's official! Senior Madeline Lerma has graduated!



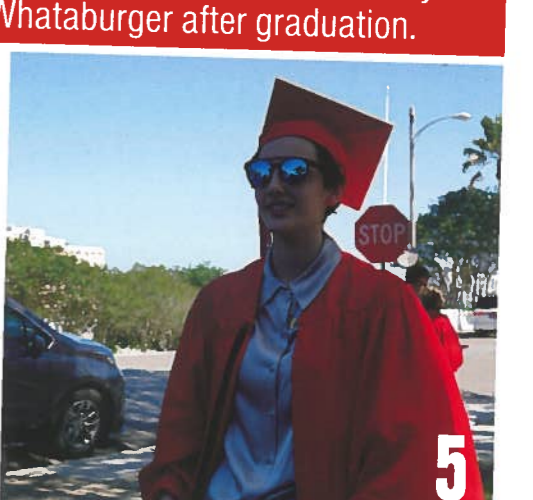
**Joaquin Dionio**  
**Valedictorian**

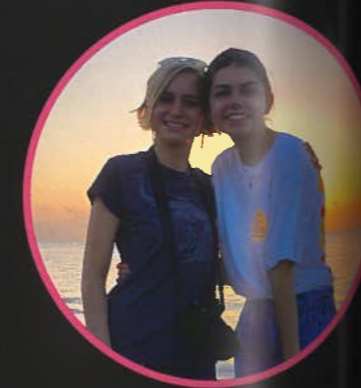
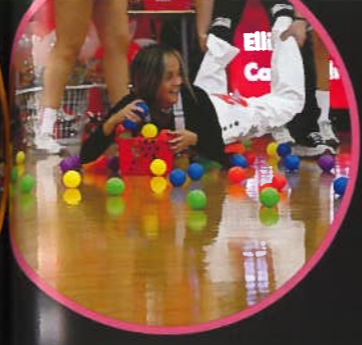


**Grace Leeson**  
**Salutatorian**



1. We made it! Seniors Viraj Bhakta, Talayah Chanyaman, Colton Anderson, and Gabby Aguilar celebrate the day they worked so hard for. 2. Family picture! Senior Cade Bush's family would not miss helping him celebrate his graduation day. 3. Teachers are our biggest supporters. Senior Araceli Saenz hugs her freshman biology teacher, Mrs. James. 4. Pep rally reunion! Senior cheer captain Ellen Clark poses with the senior stunt crew members, Jonathon Shull, Connor Williamson, and Viraj Bhakta. 5. Making a fashionable exit! Senior Olivia D'Anna searches for her friends so they can celebrate at Whataburger after graduation.





# Senior Grad

# Victoria Darling Wilson



Lord,

Thank You for our precious daughter, she is truly a gift from You. We ask that You draw her closer to You each day and protect her.

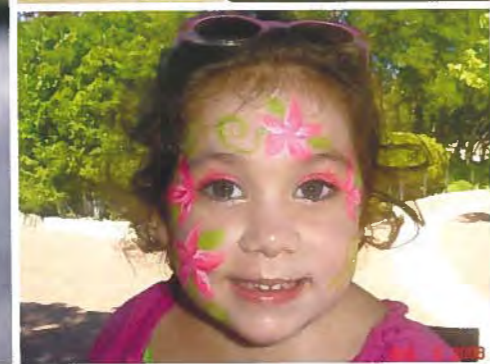
In Jesus' Holy Name,

Amen

**Congratulations Dolly!**

Wherever your adventures take you my Darling Texan, know that our hearts go with you.

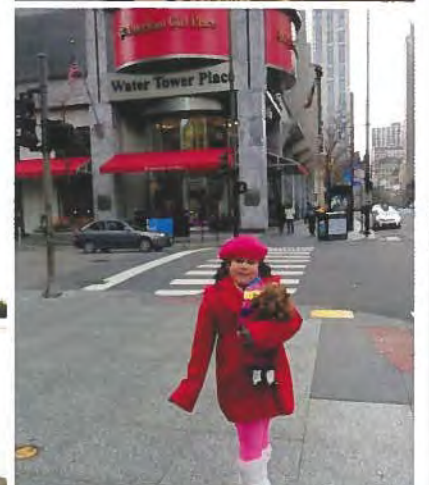
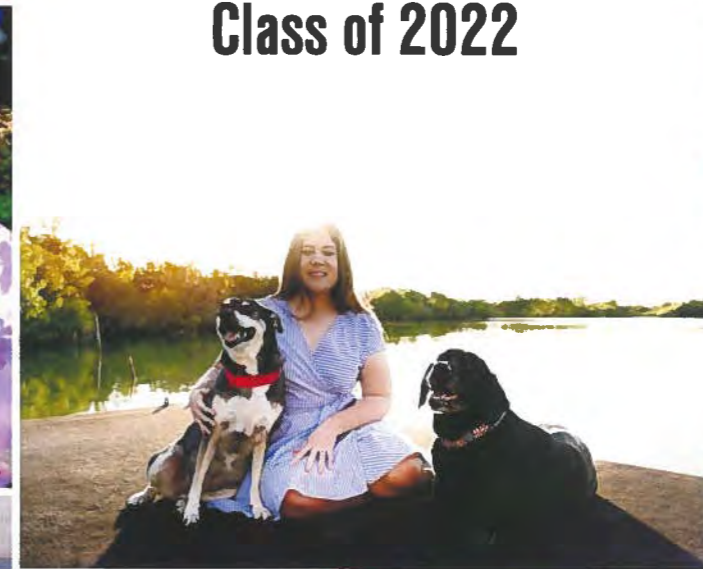
Love, Mom and Dad



# Victoria Darling Wilson



## Class of 2022



# Joaquin Dionio



No words can express how thankful we are to be blessed with a son like you. Watching you grow up from a boy to a young man that you are now has given us so much joy. You have blessed so many with your friendship, kind heart and humility. You have been your little brother's biggest inspiration.

The next chapter will be full of challenges, but we know you thrive with every challenge thrown at you. You have proven that when you qualified for the CrossFit Games!

Son, as you embark into this new chapter, know that even in the most challenging times, you have a choice and power to change things, success is not measured by your job but how you treat others and lead your life, and always put God first. He has amazing plans for you.

Congratulations son.

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Sebastian



# Luisa Hernandez



Amor Luisita, I closed my eyes for a moment. Suddenly, I saw a young woman standing where a girl used to be. I may not carry you in my arms now, but I will always carry you in my heart. You have given me so many reasons to be proud of you. Watching you become the young woman you are has given me so much happiness. New opportunities are coming, you have a purpose and I know you are destined for great things. I will always be by your side.

My proudest moments have always been when I get to tell others that you are my daughter. I love you now and forever.

Congratulations on this special achievement, I love you Dad

To my beautiful Luisa, they say the sky is the limit but I can't wait for you to show "them" what we know—that you have no limits. Shine bright so that you can share your light with the world. I love you and I can't wait to see what the future has for you, love you always ... Mom.

Hermana Luisa, I love you very much and I will miss you so much, I know you will be enjoying life to the fullest. I am keeping all the memories we had together and will always love you with all my heart. Good luck in your future sister! Love you Luisa to the moon and back. Valentina.



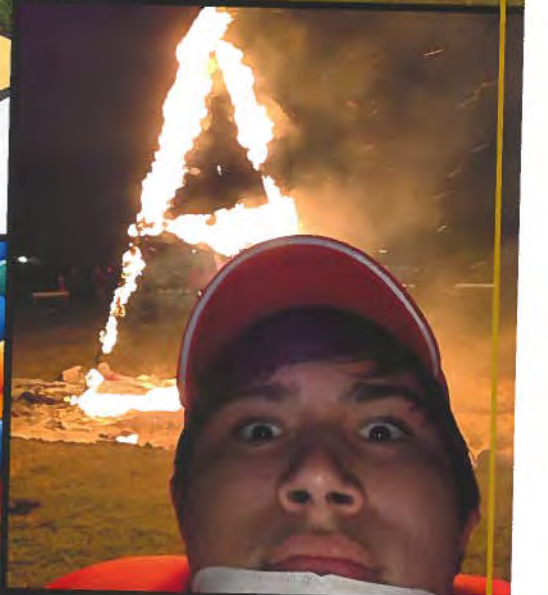


## Madeline Herndon

Madeline, Your entire family is so proud of you! We have all watched you blossom into this beautiful, confident young lady. As a child you were so sweet-natured, but also extremely shy. It has been a blessing to see you grow out of that shy nature and take on leadership roles. From yearbook editor to leading a pep rally, it has been amazing to watch you lead.

Ever since you came into my life, you unknowingly pushed me to be a better mom and human being. I'm so thankful God gave me such a wise, caring daughter. I know you are going to do great things and now it's my turn to push you to accomplish all things. Love, Mom

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

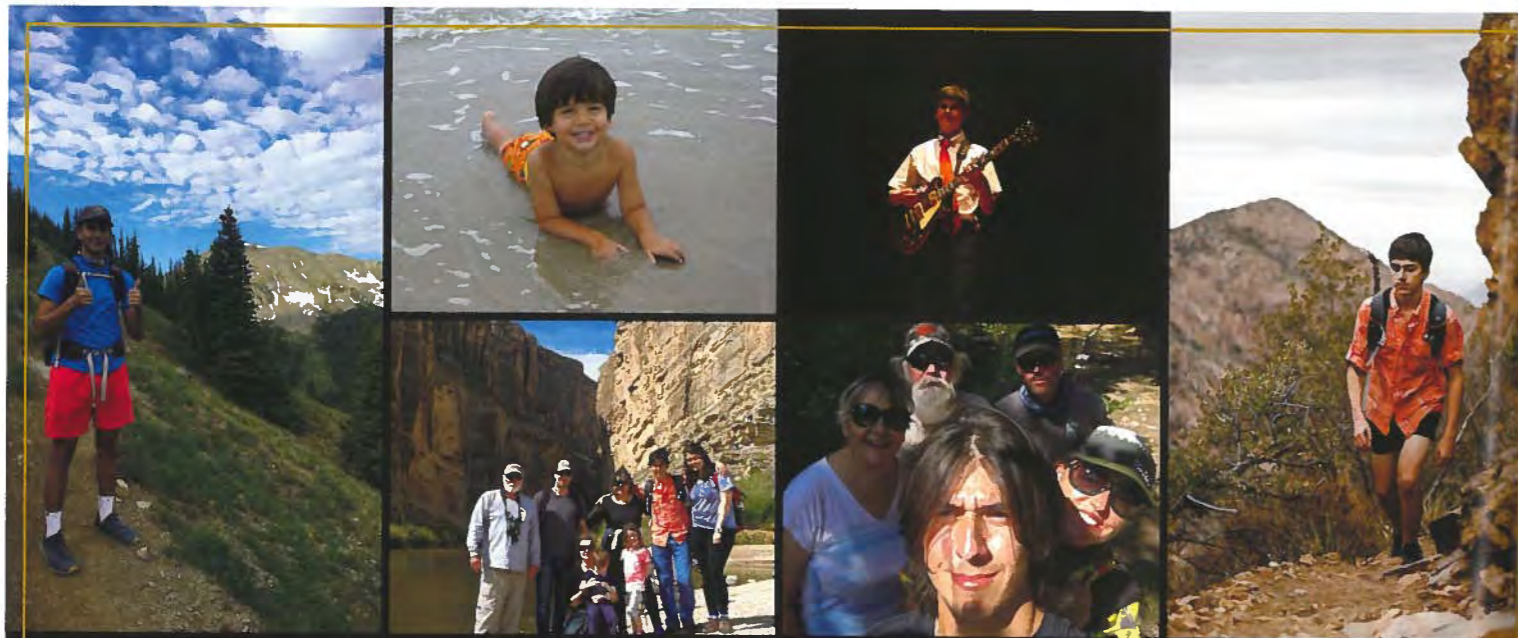


## Jonathan Antonio Garza Montalvo

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our precious little boy is all grown up. We couldn't be prouder of you and all your hard work and accomplishments. You have demonstrated the courage, strength, compassion, knowledge, desire, and ability to overcome life's obstacles to prepare you to succeed and achieve your dreams. Jonathan you will always be our precious little boy, even when you have little ones of your own. We LOVE YOU and will always be there for you!

LOVE, MOM & DAD



## William Anthony Schultz

We are so proud of you!  
 With much love, Mom & Dad  
 Jonathan & Cara, Jessica & Matt, Catherine  
 Proverbs 3:5

## Nicholas Trigger



We are SO proud of you Nicholas!  
 You amaze us everyday! Since you  
 were little, we've "enjoyed" watching  
 you destroy any appliance you could  
 get your hands on by taking it apart to  
 see how it works. We always knew  
 you had great things in store! It is  
 wonderful to see all your hard work  
 pay off with your acceptance  
 to Duke University Engineering!

Most importantly, you are such a  
 wonderful, well rounded, caring young  
 man with a wonderful sense of humor!  
 We love you to the moon and back  
 and we can't wait to see  
 what the future holds in store for you!

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Alexa

## Nathan Anthony Perez



Nathan,

We are so proud of you! There are so many  
 achievements that are awaiting you in the  
 future. All you have to do is know that you  
 have the ability to do great things.

Always remember we love you and wish you  
 the best of luck for your future.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, & Josh

## Aamil Patel



*Congratulations!*

*We are so proud of you and all  
 that you've accomplished*

*Love, Mom, Dad, Rainna,  
 Ba, Dada & Jiji Jai*



## Jaymie Shaye Maldonado

Congratulations Jaymie! We are extremely proud of all your hard work and accomplishments during your time at IWA. It has been an honor watching you grow into this brilliant young woman that stands before us. We are so excited for your next adventure and we will be right by your side cheering, supporting and loving you along the way. You have such a bright future ahead and we know you have the intelligence, desire and dedication to make all your dreams come true. It is truly your time now, so fly baby girl, fly!!

With all the love in our hearts,  
 Mom, Dad, Joshua, Granny, Granpy, Meme and Grandpa Tony

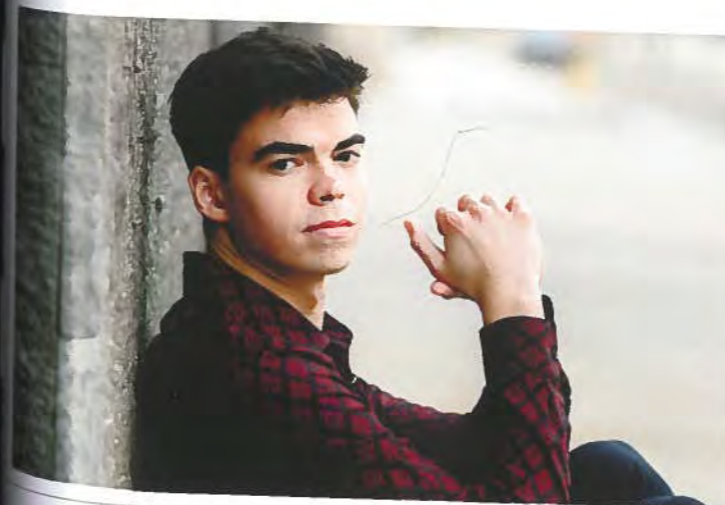
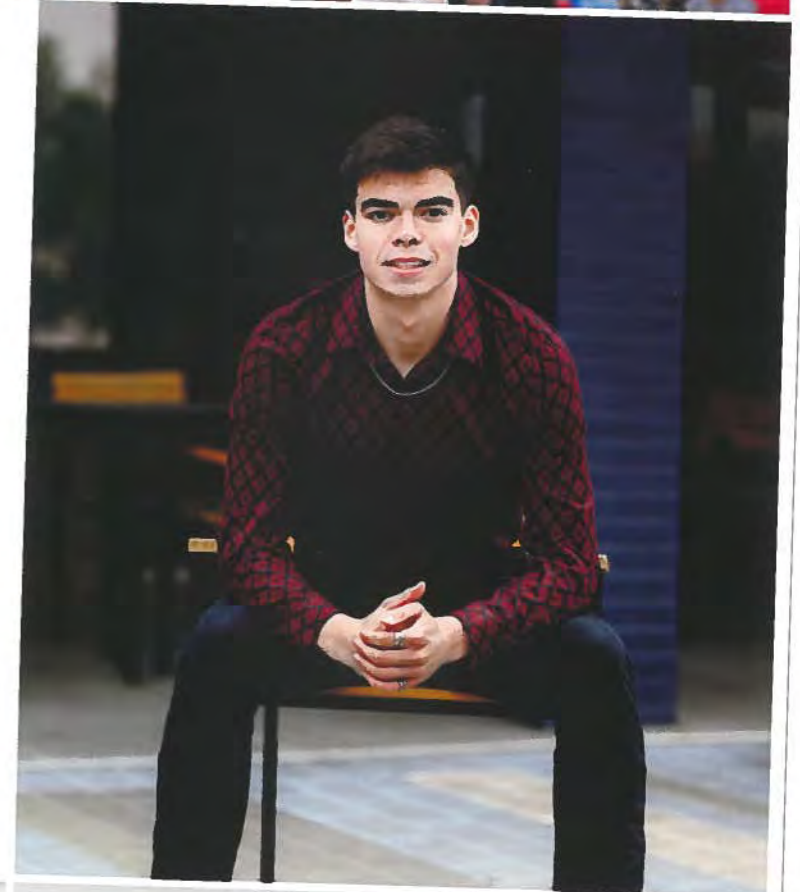
## Connor Williamson



Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you know.

Congratulations!

All our love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Caleb

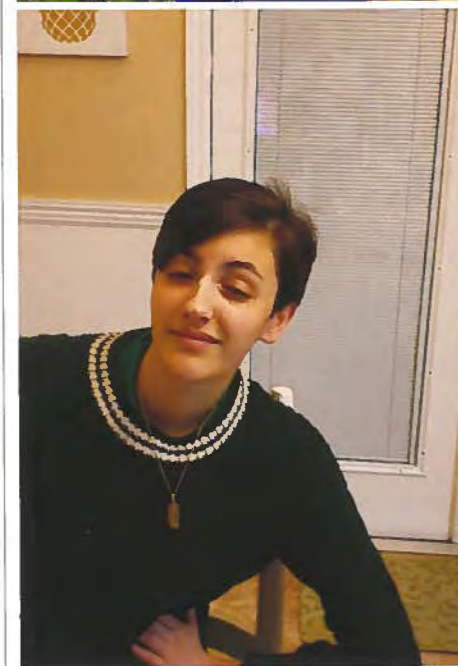


# OLIVIA D'ANNA



Oh, the places you will go!  
BY DR. SEUSS  
"YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD.  
YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES!  
YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF IN ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE."

Congratulations!  
We Love You  
Mom, Dad & Gasper, Jr.



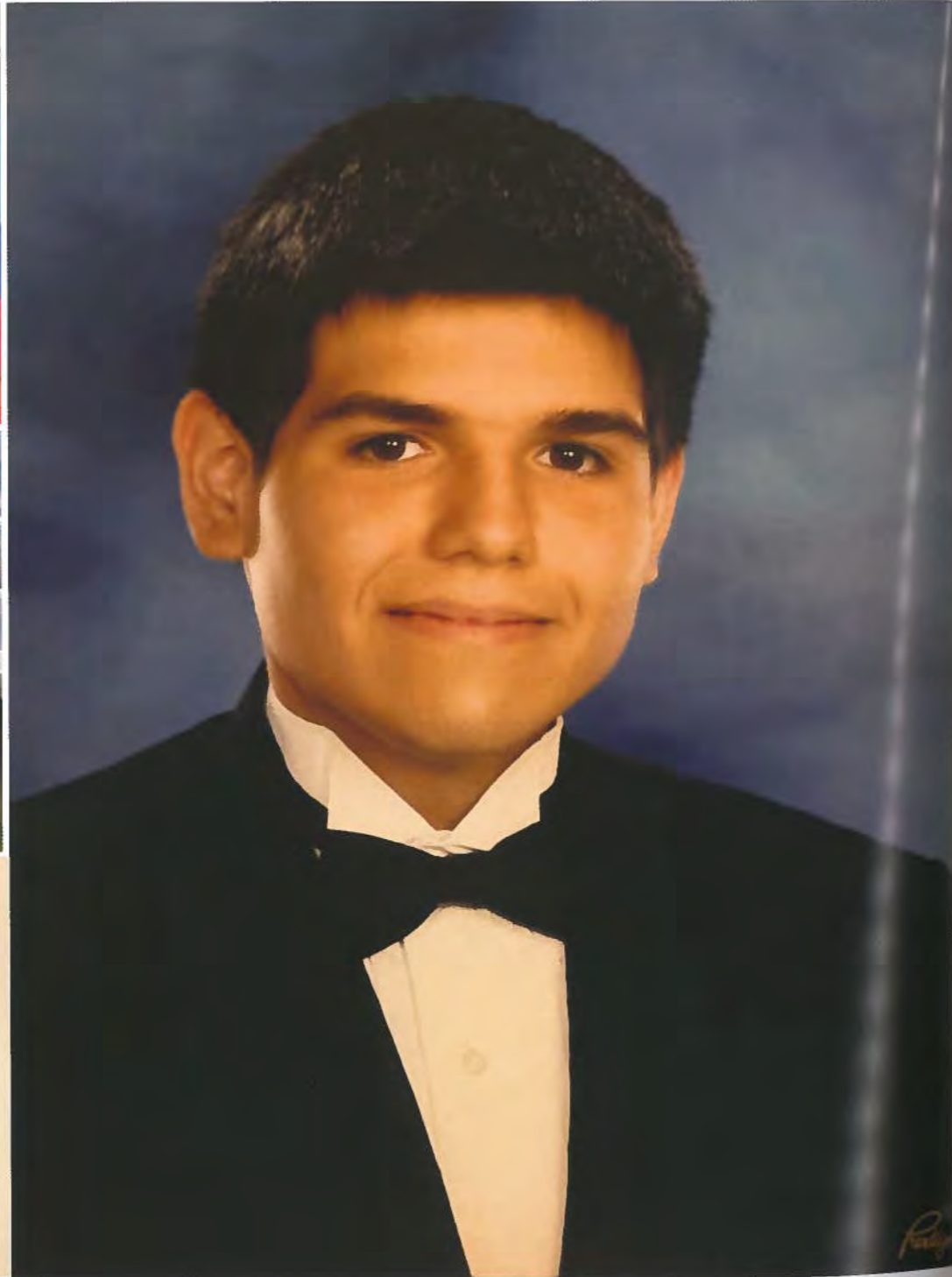
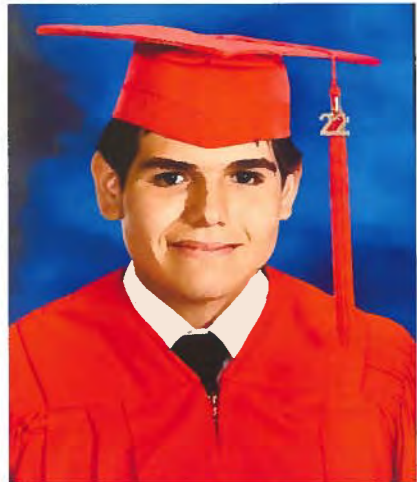
# Grace Eleanor Leeson



Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind,  
flight to the imagination and life to everything. -Plato

Every day you continue to amaze us with your talents, determination and kindness.  
We are so proud of you!  
Congratulations!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Drake

**Jacob Balboa**  
**"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you"**



**Be strong and take courage do not be afraid or dismayed for the Lord your God is with you where ever you go; Joshua 1.9**

**Congratulations on your high school graduation! You have made us proud son, its been a blessing these years by your side, a wonderful ride. We are excited to see and share in your future journey, may it be prosperous and joyful. Always here for you!**

**Love you,**

**Dad, Mom, Jenna and Jadelyn**

**Kaitlyn Canales**



*\*Congratulations!*

*Happy graduation day, sweet daughter. Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know. Embrace life with passion and keep reaching for the stars.*

*Love, Mom and Dad*



# So Proud of You, Stewart!!!

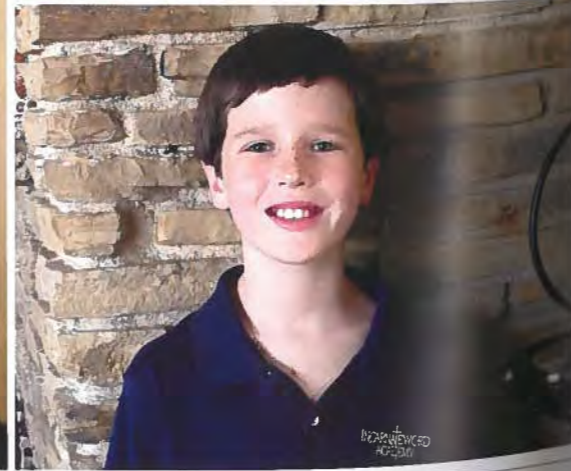


**With Love Today  
and Always!**

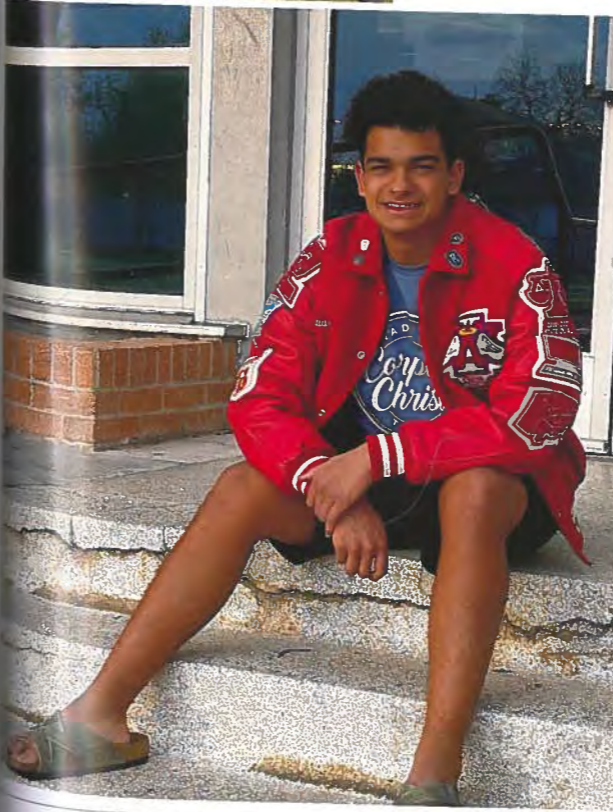
You are incredible!  
You constantly amaze us  
with your humility,  
thoughtfulness, work ethic,  
and sense of humor.  
Congrats! We cannot wait to  
see where life will take you.

**Love you so very much,  
Mom, Dad, and Wilson**

Twenty years from now you will be  
more disappointed by the things you  
did not do than by the ones you did  
do. So, throw off the bowlines. Sail  
away from the safe harbor. Catch the  
trade winds in your sails. Explore.  
Dream. Discover. -Mark Twain



# Edward Valadez



Edward,  
You have brought me more joy and pride  
than I could ever have imagined. I  
continue to thank God everyday for  
entrusting me with you. Now it is time for  
you to soar on wings like eagles. Always  
stay humble and kind and trust in God  
with all your heart and he will make  
straight your paths. Remember who  
loves you baby.

**DARE GREATLY!**

Love,  
Mom & Roy

## Ellie Clark



*Congratulations, Ellie!*



*We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are fearless, loving, kind... full of joy and empathy, laughter and light. You are a wonderful daughter, a caring sister, a precious friend. We love you and can't wait to see what the future holds for you. You are the light of the world!!*

*With all our love,  
Mom & Dad, Belle & Ben*



## Cassandra Munoz



Congratulations!!!

Sweet, beautiful, intelligent and strong daughter, on this momentous day. You've worked hard to achieve your goals, and now you're on your way to seek new vistas, dream new dreams, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star. Someday, you'll look back at these pages and think about the people and events that shaped your High School experience. But now its time for something new, and as your biggest fans, we cant wait yo see what happens next. Go for it!!

God bless you always!

With Love mom and dad, Carolina and Brandon.



## Araceli Saenz



*Araceli,*  
Congratulations on successfully completing high school! You have worked hard and prayed harder. We never doubted you for a minute! Daddy and I admire how you have always persevered, even when times have been tough. Your whole family is extremely proud of the ambitious, focused, resilient young lady you have become. Continue to reach for the stars and make your dreams come true. With God, all things are possible. Rise mijita and never give up!

*Love, Mommy and Daddy*





**Ava LaRae Lichtenberger**

CONGRATULATIONS my love!  
 I am always reminded of your favorite quote that you live by, "Always believe that the impossible is always possible."  
 I am beyond proud of you! Keep believing in yourself and stay strong in your beautiful faith.  
 Your family will always be your biggest cheerleaders on and off that volleyball court!  
 WE LOVE YOU, Mom, Cara, Charlee Grace, Stella, & Chiquita



**PERCY CHAN**

*Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you.  
 We can't wait to see what you will accomplish next!*

*Love,  
 Galabeas & Recio family*

# CONGRATULATIONS



We are so grateful to have been blessed with a daughter like you. We have loved watching you grow into the person you are today and can't wait to see what the future holds. You never fail to make us proud. We love you! Gig 'Em!  
 ~ Mom, Dad & Colin

# Sarah Diaz



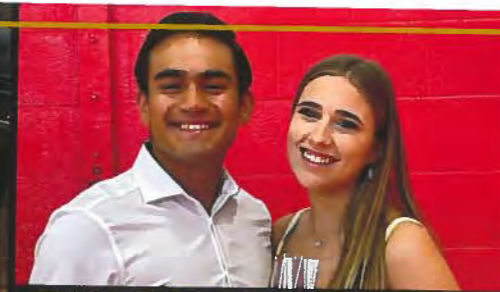
Congratulations!



Sarah,  
It is hard to believe you are graduating. These past years have gone by so fast. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You are an outstanding student, athlete, big sister, friend, and daughter. May God Bless you and protect you in all you do!



Mom, Dad, Sophia, and Sadee



# Jessica Renee Podrebarac

CONGRATULATIONS!

We know God has such a special purpose for your life and you have always chosen to be a ray of sunshine with all the love and kindness you share to all those you meet. You've become such a beautiful young lady, and we know your life will be filled with happiness because of the love and joy in your heart. Always be forgiving and show mercy and grace, but most of all show LOVE.

WE LOVE YOU MORE!

LOVE, MOM & Gemaw

# CADE BUSH



*You are such a blessing to our life. We have watched you grow to become the man you are today. God has greater plans for you. Congratulations on your achievements. We couldn't be more proud of you!*



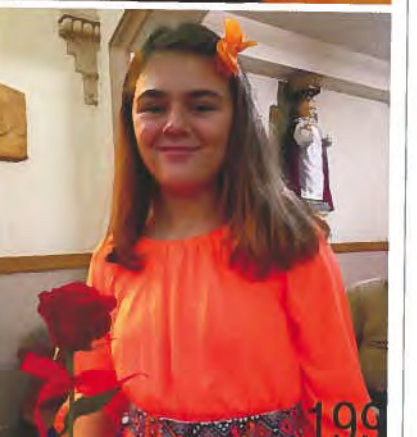
*Love, Mom, Dad & Coody*



# Venice Belle Vicknair



*Darling Baby Sister,  
We have enjoyed watching you grow into a beautiful, kindhearted young lady. You make us laugh, and proud with each new day. Keep God in your heart, and he will help guide you on your path through life. Your laugh is contagious, and your smile is uplifting, may you never lose your sense of wonder or lose faith. Your loved more than you will ever know!, God Bless you always, Momma and Daddy*





### Elijah Grey Gillespie

My brother is the most caring and wholehearted person I have ever had the honor to know. Having him as a brother has been the greatest honor and blessing in my life. He has always protected me and cared for me throughout my life and will always continue to do so in later years. When I think of how much he has and will accomplish I beam with pride and excitement. I genuinely believe I would not be able to live in a world without having him by my side. He is not only my brother but he is also my best friend. I wouldn't want to walk through life with anyone else by my side.

-Madison



### Madison Grace Gillespie

My sister has been completely dedicated to her education and work life for as long as I can remember. She has gone through many challenges throughout her years as a high schooler but also as a person and a full time employee. However, with all the challenges she has faced, she has always overcome them and built herself into a better person, a better student, and the best at everything she does. Her talent is not being good at a single thing or mastering a topic but being able to do everything well and with a high degree of proficiency. She is kind hearted, she is stubborn, she has many qualities and she uses them all to help others. I could not think of a better person to call my sister.

-Elijah

## AUDREY BRAUGH



Brave. Tenacious. Funny. Driven. We are so lucky to have a front row seat to watch you as you pursue your dreams. All of your hard work has paid off. The world is your oyster. Hook 'em!

With all of our love and support,  
Mom, Dad & Cullen



## EVELYN BRAUGH

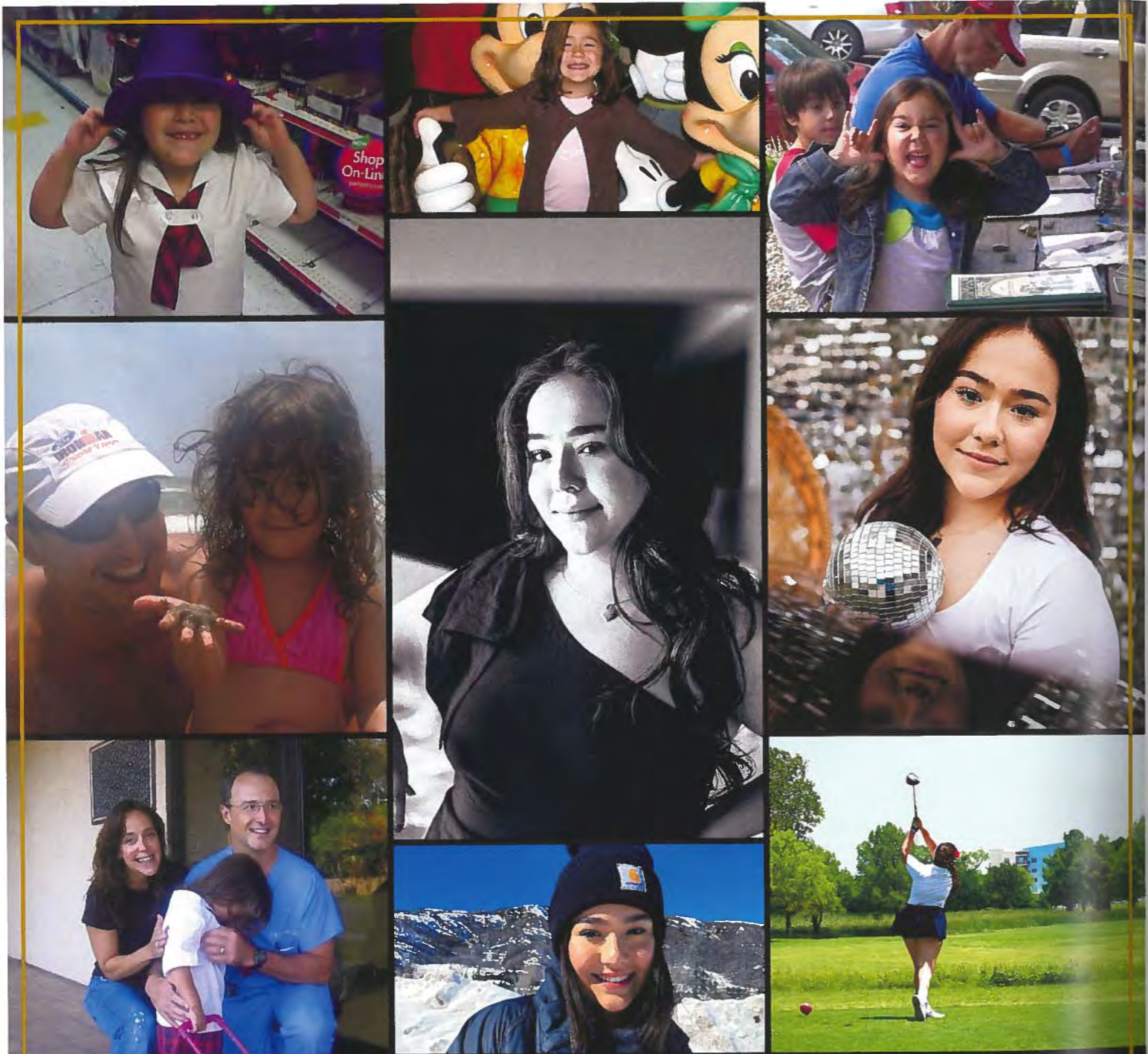


**Congratulations!**

Your kind heart, your gentle spirit, and your wisdom beyond your years never cease to amaze us. We are so proud of you and your perseverance. This is just one of your many achievements to come.

Much love,  
Mom, Dad & Cullen





## Leila Elizondo

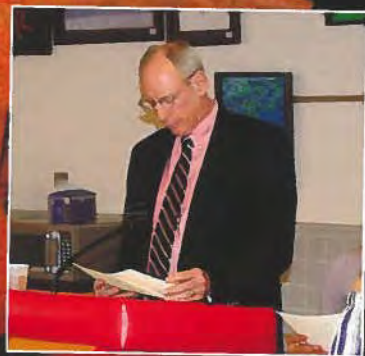
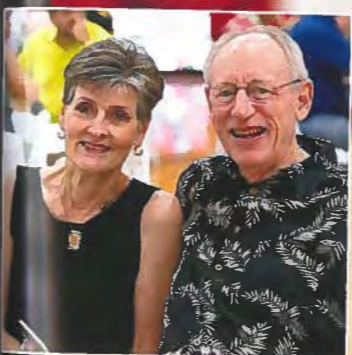
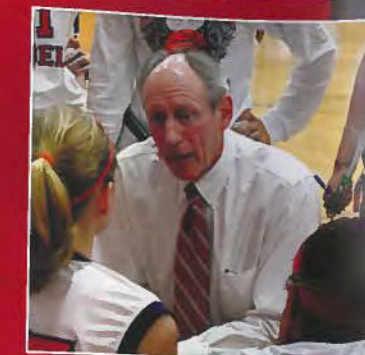
You are our SUNSHINE! You have made us so proud. Your kindness, love, humor and beauty have overwhelmed us. We are so incredibly proud of the young lady you have become and look forward to the love and integrity you will bring to this world. Your impact on our family is profound! Although you are the youngest of five children you have somehow managed to still be a leader and wonderful example for all of your siblings. We love you and know you are perfectly capable of navigating this world on your own but always know you are our "baby" and we are here for you every step of every day forever and ever!  
Love you TOO MUCH.

MOM & DAD

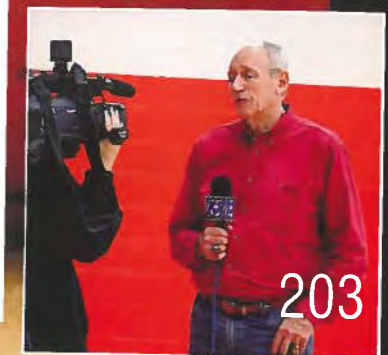


# Dedicated to...

## Coach Malcolm Smith



For the past 32 years, Mr. Malcolm Smith has been a beloved member of the IWA administrative staff. He first served the school as a part-time accountant, then Business and Plant Manager, and finally as the Director of Operations. While serving as an administrator he also coached Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball and eventually in 2010 Girls' Basketball after they had four different coaches in four years. Under his tutelage, the Girls' Basketball team has been Area Champs since 2012, in 2018 State Finalists and 2020 State Semi-finalists. Though he is leaving his administrative position, he plans to continue to coach the Lady Angels. Mr. Smith is an avid golfer and hopes to pursue that hobby in his retirement. He also looks forward to reading and spending time with his grandchildren. Congratulations Coach Smith!



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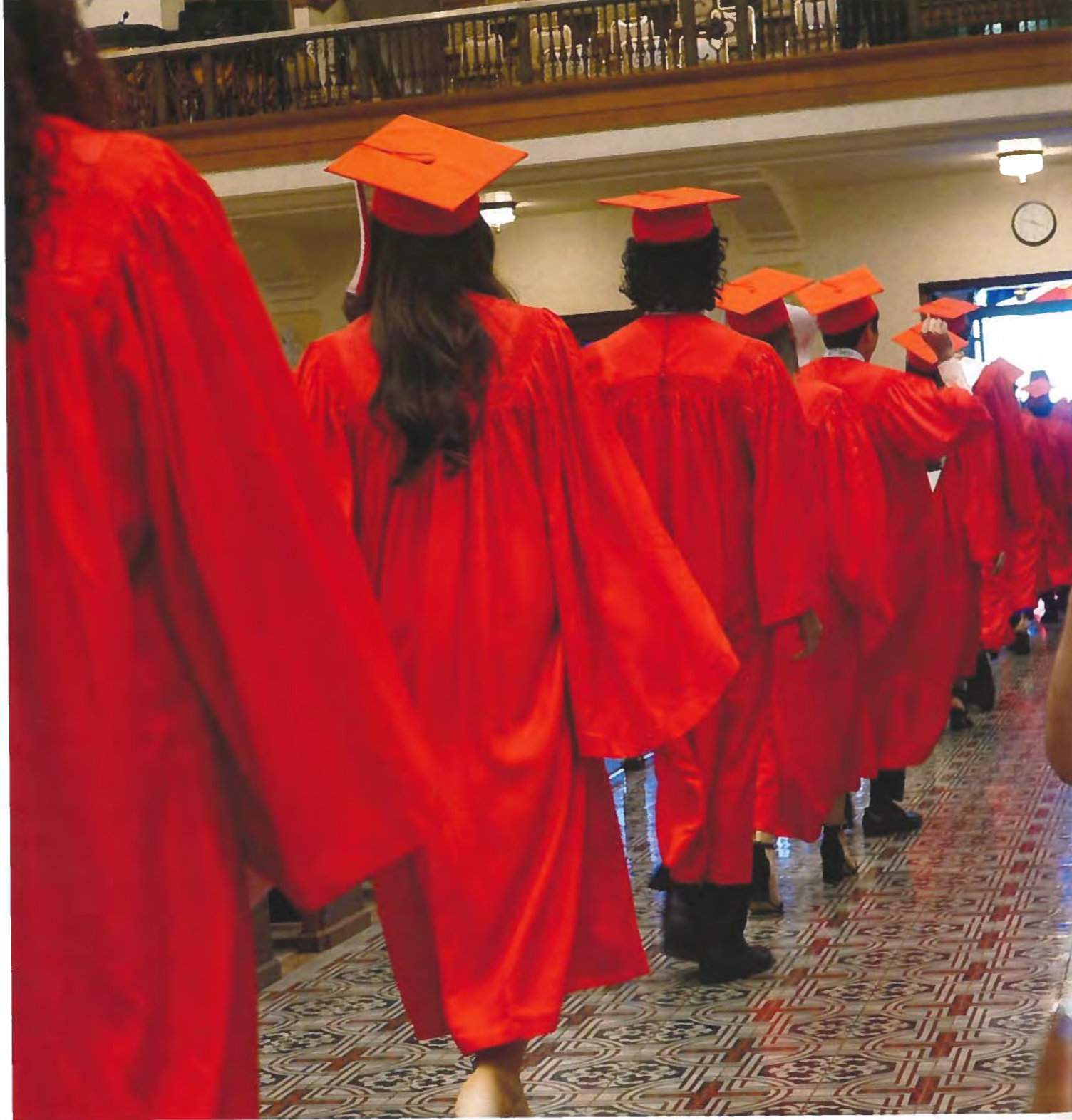
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