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Thanks for the journey -
now go have a new one!

Best Wishes,
The Yearbook staff



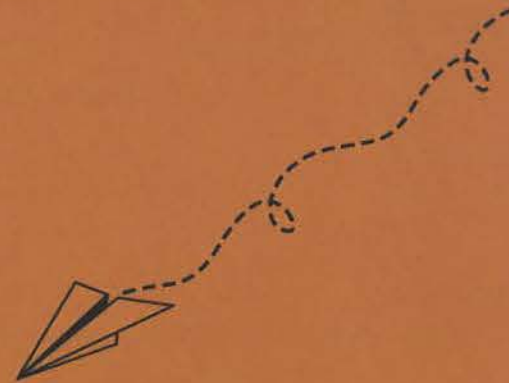
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"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

-Lao Tzu

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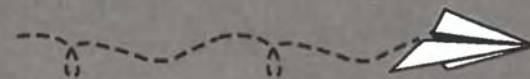
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Journal: (noun) a daily record of news and events of a personal nature. Throughout the year, the Incarnate Word Academy family experienced "first dances" and "last sports games." We have experienced new teachers and appreciated the veterans. We have joined clubs as new members and have run for office as returning leaders. However, in 20 or 30 years it will be difficult to remember what our day-to-day lives were like. Because of this, the *Aurora* Staff worked hard to keep a written account of our journey through the 2016-2017 school year. This chronicle of events has been documented with the hopes of keeping the memories of this year alive.

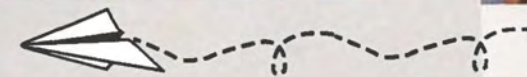
This edition of the *Aurora* is dedicated to our hard-working counselors, Sherilyn Calhoun and Maria Cantu. These two women have devoted countless hours to helping students thrive, not only at school, but beyond. Whether it was helping with dual enrollment classes, scholarships or college applications, we appreciate all the advice and assistance we could get in our journey throughout the year.



Dedication



1. Showing his experience, junior, Robert Walsh volunteered at Angel Check-In by helping students like sophomore, Lydia Jimenez receive their books and schedules for the year ahead. 2. Time well spent, senior, Nicholas Hoffman visited with some of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament on a senior field trip to the convent. 3. Walking with reverence, senior, John Munniff and sophomore, Joseph Afuso altar served during one of the many campus wide masses in the Patricia Manning Gymnasium. 4. With the power of prayer, members of the Missions program prayed over one of the Habitat for Humanity houses they helped build during July Week. 5. All in the spirit of volleyball season, the Crew II members cheered on the varsity team. 6. Ready for their performance during the alumni basketball game. 7. With determination in their eyes, juniors, Mary Fergle and Kelly Cortes finished their cross country meet strong at the Islander Splash Meet.





November 22



October 26



August 5



September 10



August 11



September 17



September 10

Days 1-54

As the first day of school came into sight, nerves and anticipation were at an all-time high. Students and teachers took the last weeks of summer to mentally prepare for the strenuous trail ahead. Freshmen spent countless hours daydreaming about their future high school days from movies like *High School Musical*, *Mean Girls*, and *The Breakfast Club*. Little did they know about the academic challenges they would soon face. Fortunate freshmen were cautioned by upperclassmen, the veterans of the high school expedition, but most underclassmen would have to begin the endeavor blindly. Upperclassmen, however, knew exactly what was awaiting them and spent the last few weeks of summer catching up on sleep and enjoying the utter freedom. Weeks in advance, teachers and faculty members, well-acquainted with the summer transition, began prepping for the return of their students. Though adapting to a school routine and transitioning from summer to school was difficult, the first 54 days were full of new and thrilling experiences for all.

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FACULTY

Years in the Making



Joshua Aguas
James Arturo
Roxanne Bruce-Beltran
Robert Byrd
Connie Cadena
Sherilyn Calhoun
Amy Canterbury



Maria Cantu
Dominique Damian
James Dehoyos
Audra Deleon
Debbie Diegel
Sister Eileen Doherty
Erica Engel



Donald Ermold
Joann Garcia
Melva Garcia
Reynaldo Garcia
Kevin Gossett
Ronald Gressett
Jacqueline Hein



Debra Hernandez
Joe Hernandez
Ronney Heslip
Laquita Hilzinger
Kendra Johnson
Mark Kellogg
Chantal Kennedy



Matt Lohmeier
Janet Lumley
Theresa Mader
Amanda Matlock
Haley McPhail
Jonathan Montgomery
Monica Moore



Karen Morrow
Myra Nelson
Sister Raquel Newman
Mark Nichols
Corina Parlamas
Nicolas Perez
Ashley Pettus



Nicole Quintero
Priscilla Ramos
Sylvia Reta
Scott Rhodes
Lucinda Rosas
Sister Judith Saenz
Shannon Seale



Malcolm Smith
Lucille Snapka
Patrick Stark
Courtney Thorud
Maggie Trejo-Mathys
Sandra Trevino
Catherine Tyree



Joseph Vallone
Facundo Vasquez
Victoria Villarreal
Benjamin Zaragosa



What has been the highlight of your career?



"Watching students grow and mature through their High School years, and then to hear their success stories in college."
Darla Montano, Vice-Principal

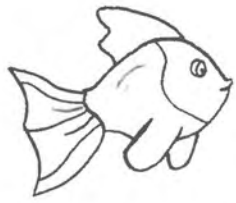


"I have completed 11 awesome years as a teacher and principal at Incarnate Word Academy."
Jose Torres, Principal



"I think my biggest achievement would have to be the promotion of some remarkably talented people into leadership positions at the school."
Sammie Grunwald, President





FRESHMEN

Class of 2020

Amisha Agarwal
Emilio Aguas
Isaiah Aguilar
Sofia Alexander
Luis Armstrong
Rilley Arreola
Elysheva Barnett



Emma Becker
Alexandria Beltran
Juliana Bocanegra
Julian Boehm
Jacqueline Brown
Perry Burkett
Gregg Cervantes



Gilbert Chapa
Sophia Cheaney
Josef Cuevas
Mary De Arman
Sabrina De Santiago
Jeremy DeGaish
Joshua Deluca



Alison Duncan
Savannah Flores
Jacqueline Galvan
Gabrielle Garcia
Joseph Garcia
Sarah Garcia
Kaci Peach Garcia-Esparza



Riley Gourley
Eleanor Greco
Connor Hein
Alissa Hernandez
Andrea Hoffman
Charles Hornsby
Amber Jones



Harrison Keenan
Drake Leeson
Paxton Longwell
Bethany Lopez
Lemuel Lopez
Anthony Matl
A'Marie McPeters-Pollard



Sebastian Mondragon
Esteban Moreida
Gillian Olvera
Eva Perez
Laura Perez
Richard Recio
Sneha Reddy



Out with the Old

A Breath of Fresh Air



Ruben Resendez
Jacob Rivera
Emmarie Rossiter
Marina Salinas
Patrick Shea
Emily Sheets
Victoria Smith

Reed Swetish
Claire Thomas
Peyton Thorud
Gavin Vicknair
Isabella Williams
Kelsi Wood
Isabella Ysassi

"Smooth. After the first day of school, I was used to the transition from middle school to high school."
Isabella Williams



The Beginning

"Everything. Everything about high school is better than middle school. It has been a great experience so far!"
Ruben Resendez



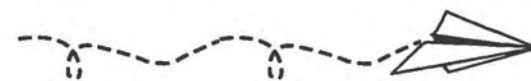
Brand New

"Challenging. I was coming into a new school that is academically difficult."
Emily Sheets

What is one word to describe your high school transition? Why?



"Refreshing. In high school, there is a lot more freedom than there was in middle school."
Anthony Matl





SOPHOMORES

Class of 2019

Joseph Afuso
Hillary Aguilar
McKynna Beck
Caitlyn Biggins
Alejandro Carreno
Matthew Charles
Daniel Diejomaoh



Douglas Harley
Chloe Heilman
Nicholas Hein
Brett Herbst
Lydia Jimenez
Victoria Lugo
Joshua Maldonado



David Malouf
Andrew Martinez
Kensey McCain
Santiago Mendizabal
Alyssa Milligan
Devon Molina
Mia Moore



Taren Moore
Travis Moore
Francisco Moreida
Brooklyn Moreno-Arispe
Braden Nesheim
Elizabeth Nicholson
Joseph Nicholson



Hannah Nornberg
John Paulson
Caroline Pekar
William Pettus
Haley Ramos
Gabriel Rauen
Daniel Rock



Destiny Rowland
Zachary Rumley
Theresa Salazar
Sara Shaw
Kathryn Skrobarczyk
Taylor Skrobarczyk
Khelsey Smith



Alexandra Soliz
Samuel Stallings
Olivia Stanton
Acadia Tamez
Carly Teichman
Jose Torres
Luke Trevino



Smack Dab

In the Middle



Abigail Turner
Charles Uecker
Jon-Daved Vasquez
Payton Vicknair
Madeline Villa
Grace Walsh
Haoyu Wang



Justin Douglas
Pilar Elena
Andrew Garcia
Sarina Garza
Rachel Gayle
Gabrielle Guernsey
Joseph Hall



Kyle Wendel
Caleb Williamson
Vanessa Zambrano



What is your favorite aspect of your high school journey so far?

Memories



"Being able to make memorable moments with the people who bring the best out of me."

Luke Trevino



"Getting the chance to discover what I will do in my future and being able to spend time with friends."

Acadia Tamez

Friendship



"My favorite part is being able to explore my potential and to experience new things in my new classes."

Daniel Rock

FUTURE





JUNIORS

Class of 2018

Sofia Aguirre
Sofia Alonso-Bauer
Millicent Alvarado
William Anderson
Diego Basaldu
William Beauchamp
Sara Becker



Savannah Bevalet
Christiana Bocanegra
Amille Bottom
Alysa Brady
Allison Burda
Justin Cavazos
Nayah Chanyaman



Ava Constant
Romulo Corrada
Kelly Cortes
Sarah Cummins
Kaylyn Dinh
Nicholas Elizondo
Ashley Elliott



Remy Ellison
Mary Fergie
Molly Flood
Joelle Francois
Joshua Guernsey
Jack Harrison
Sang Hoang



Isabela Huerta
Joyce Hunsaker
Donte Joseph
Claudette Lara
Thu Le
Hamilton Lee
Madison Leeves



George Malouf
Eleanor McClanahan
Desirae McCracken
Alexa Mendoza
Ashley Montgomery
Michael Morin
Herbert Morrison

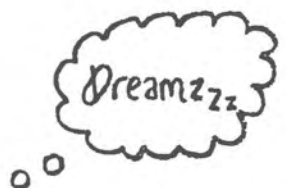


Jacob Morrison
Kevin Morrison
Nicole Morrison
Carolina Munoz
Michael Orgill
Evangeline Pangilinan
Madeline Peetz



Work Hard

And Dream Big



Kyle Pekar
David Pierce
Kimberly Ramirez
Ashley Salinas
Abigail Sheets
Anna Simank
Natalie Smith



Gabriel Sohn-Hunt
Brigid Sorrell
Wilson Strain
Madeline Thorud
Daniel Tindall
Valeria Villagomez
Robert Walsh

Gabriella Ward



["I'm going to go on Khan Academy and do a lot of practice sessions."
Isabela Huerta]



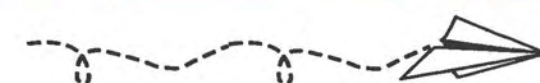
["To prepare for the SAT, I took a prep - class, got eight hours of sleep, and ate a hearty breakfast."
Diego Elizondo]



["I'm going to make sure to study hard and review old materials. I try to stay calm so I don't get nervous."
Gabby Ward]



What are you doing to prepare for the SAT?





SENIORS

Class of 2017

Marco Aguas
Sydney Allison
Franceska Alvarado
Noah Alvarado
Margaret Bandas
Jessica Bang
David Barrera



Kassidee Beal
Allison Beltran
Aaron Benavides
Avina Bhakta
Jullian Brown
Mary Buhidar
Ronald Canales



Alexis Cervantes
Marykathryn Charles
Joseph Cook
Trevor Creamean
"Leon, Hannah" De
Jonathan Deleon
Rioke Diejomaoh



Jacquelyn Douglas
Abigail Ehrman
Maximiliano Elizondo
Luz Fernandez
Nicole Flanigan
Emily Fleetwood
Abigail Floerke



Abigail Garcia
Noah Garcia
Milan Garza
Patrick George
Alexandra Gonzalez
Jacob Gonzalez
Hayley Guerra



Paris Hanna
Kesi Harris
Blake Herbst
Maggie Hoffman
Molly Hoffman
Nicholas Hoffman
Meredith Kirkland



Dominique Larioz
Nicholas Lee
Lupita Leon
Paige Lippincott
Caitlyn Martinez
Mary Matl
Olivia McClanahan



At the Finish Line

Four Years In the Making



John McNiff
Jesus Mireles
Matthew Oliveira
Stephen Parlamas
Robert Patrick
Eileen Paulson
Delayna Ramirez



Joshua Ramirez
Julio Ramos
Victoria Rangel
Mikaela Rendon
Estefan Resendez
Michael Rock
Bradley Rossiter



Marcos Ruiz
Shelby Saenz
Jordan Salazar
Catherine Schultz
Michael Sifuentes
Stevan Silva
Ian Simmons



Jurnee Simpson
Julia Spencer
Gabriel Stacy
Sheridan Steen
Marcos Tapia
William Teichman
Bradley Thering



Madeline Thompson
Natalie Trevino
David Villarreal
Jackson Wallace
Claire Walsh
Michelle Watts
Elizabeth Webster

Christopher Yanez
William Yeager
Dalton Zawicky



Class of 2017

What was the biggest misconception about senior year?

"It's not as easy as I thought because of college applications and important decisions I have to make."
Nicole Flanigan



"Teachers still haven't let up on us even though it's our last year, but I know I'll be prepared for college."
Julio Ramos



Accepted



Together in Heart While Journeying Apart



Blake and Brett Herbst



William and Carly Teichman



Julio and Haley Ramos



Nicholas and Andrea Hoffman



Claire and Grace Walsh



Michael and Daniel Diejomaoh



Abigail and Gabrielle Garcia



Maximiliano and Nicholas Elizondo

Siblings: the permanent companions that have an endless desire to lovingly annoy their brothers and sisters throughout the entirety of childhood. For as long as they can remember, a sibling was always there to pull their hair, try to hang out with their older siblings' friends, play pranks, hog the TV remote and "borrow" a favorite article of clothing. However, as time passed and siblings grew older, the times of practical jokes and irritating habits drifted away. "I love my sister because she is so inspiring. She believes in me even during times I don't believe in myself," said sophomore, Grace Walsh about her sister, Claire Walsh. As the seniors completed their last year of high school and prepared to go out into the world as adults, they faced the reality of not seeing their formerly-annoying siblings every day. The seniors and their siblings began to form new bonds that would last a lifetime. "We have been able to create a bond which will never be broken and never be lost," senior, Blake Herbst commented. Their permanent companionship became a permanent friendship, and they were ready to support each other throughout the adventure ahead.

What is your favorite memory with your sibling?



"When she helped me prepare for my first day of high school. She took me shopping for clothes and gave great advice." freshman, Anthony Matl



"When I took him to HEB in the middle of the night so he could buy a Visa gift card to donate money to Donald Trump's campaign." senior, Mary Matl



Bradley and Emmarie Rossiter



Jacquelyn and Justin Douglas



Molly and Maggie Hoffman

Twins



Franceska and Millicent Alvarado

Days In The Lives

Fun in Fiji! Olivia and Eleanor McClanahan prepare to soar through the sky, taking some last minute pictures with their flight partners while on the plane. "The best thing about skydiving was the free fall! It is a feeling like no other! It's thrilling," said Eleanor.



Puppy love! Eleanor and Olivia McClanahan spend the day taking photos with their two yellow labradors, Hunter and Champ. "Both Hunter and Champ are family dogs. While I love both of them, Hunter is my favorite," said Olivia, who enjoys hunting with them.

Full of sibling rivalry, sisters Eleanor and Olivia McClanahan spend the summer at Camp Mystic. When asked about her experience with her sister at camp, Eleanor said "It is so much fun, especially since we are in different tribes, so it is always a competition."

Sisters



Michael and Daniel Rock

Bro



Marykathryn and Matthew Charles



Eileen and John Paulson



Marco and Emilio Aguas



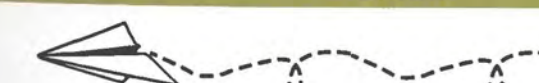
Jullian and Jacqueline Brown



Alexis and Gregg Cervantes



Dear



In Teaching Others, We Teach Ourselves



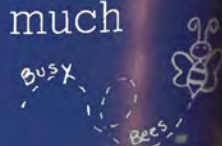
Joann Garcia, Administrative Assistant | Joseph Vallone, Mathematics | Laquita Hilzinger, Librarian | Karen Morrow, English | Sister Raquel Newman, Religious Studies | Sister Eileen Doherty, Religious Studies

Faculty is often depicted as instilling knowledge, but the fact that faculty learns from the students during the school year sometimes goes unnoticed. Through experience, the faculty developed their values of patience and dedication. They went above and beyond, working not only to enlighten students' minds, but to brighten their futures and instill a love for knowledge. "My goal is to show students the beauty of mathematics," said Pre-Calculus teacher, Theresa Mader, just one member of the faculty that worked incredibly hard to make sure students not only learned about their specific subjects, but appreciated the gift of knowledge. Mader added, "I like to help my students become confident, independent learners." With the guidance of the faculty, students were able to develop their talents and tackle the future as innovatively as possible.



"I have been teaching Biology for 30 years. From a biologist walking a wooden path: Life holds so much beauty, wonder, and mystery!"

Debra Hernandez, Biology teacher



7. Two brains are better than one. Senior, Aaron Benavides and Religious Studies teacher, Sister Judith Marie Saenz work together in preparation for the upcoming liturgy celebration. 2. Feliz Navidad! Spanish teacher, Jacqueline Hein joins her Pan American Student Forum member, junior, Joshua Guernsey in a Spanish Christmas carol. The PASF members gave seventh period middle school Spanish I students miniature pinatas to celebrate the Christmas season. 3. Taking on technology, technology teacher, Nicole Quintero welcomes her students' parents into her classroom on Follow the Schedule Night. Quintero gave a quick presentation highlighting the many programs their children are mastering and how they will benefit from the training in the future. 4. Crafted with care, art teacher, Ronney Heslip educates his art student junior, Sang Hoang. "My goal as an art teacher is to inspire, motivate and to give an understanding of art," said Heslip. 5. It all starts here! Athletic Director, Reynaldo Garcia talks to athletes' parents during Follow the Schedule Night in the Patricia Gunning Gymnasium. 6. Easier said than done, Chemistry teacher, Nicolas Perez demonstrates lab safety precautions to his third period Chemistry students.



How was your very first day of teaching?

First **D**ay **J**itters

"Scary, yet exciting. My first day was very fast with lots of activity and fulfilling to see success on the first day. I looked forward to the next."



Ronald Gressett



Janet Lumley

"I had several 'first days'. I was transferred the second week of school to a high school to teach French. The students were great, ready to learn and enthusiastic."

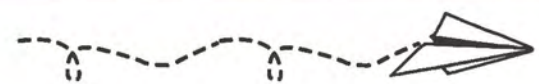
"Stressful! I'd bought new pants and I was writing my name on the white board. I dropped the marker, bent down to get it, and heard the rip. I spent the rest of the day with my back to the board! However, the day wasn't bad."



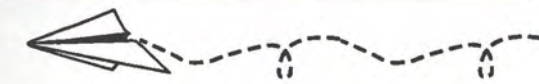
Erica Engel



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Disrupt





Put them on ice! Physics teacher Donald Ermold shows his students the effects of dry ice and how to properly care for it. "I really enjoyed the presentation. It was something new and exciting to liven up the class," said junior, Ashley Salinas.

MIXING IT UP With A Fresh Start

The world of science is constantly being developed and changed in all kinds of ways, so why would the classroom be any different? From new equipment to new teachers, the science department had a new outlook on the year. However, the most important improvements were made in how the students interacted with the lessons they learned. The experiments and labs truly gave students the hands-on experience they needed to take with them to college. "Mr. Perez showed us how to write lab reports after our labs and I think it is good since we are going to have to write them once we get to college," said junior, Kelly Cortes. Whether it was for better understanding or perfecting skills for their higher education, students were able to learn quite a bit from their 'everyday' classes.



1. With a group effort, seniors, Paris Hanna, Marcos Tapia and Michelle Watts pour hydrochloric acid on top of raw liver to test its acidity during their Pre-AP Anatomy class. "I thought the bubbles were going to overflow, but we were prepared in case anything happened," said Watts. 2. Waiting in anticipation, sophomores, Brett Herbst, Santiago Mendizabal and Gabriel Rauen watch as they experiment with compounds to test their chromatography. "We used paper filaments to do the experiment, and it was pretty fun," said Rauen. 3. Observing the progress of her plant's growth, senior Marykathryn Charles learned how to cross-pollinate based on inheritable traits during her AP Biology class. "We used 'bee sticks' and Mrs. Hernandez would play 'Flight of the Bumblebee' in the background," said Charles.

What was your favorite experiment you performed in class?

"My favorite lab in chemistry has to be when we melted bullets. It was really cool watching the bullet dissolve into a liquid."

Hamilton Lee, junior



"In my Pre-AP Biology class we tested different foods for starch, protein and sugar. I really liked it because I learned in depth information about the foods that I didn't know."

Savannah Flores, freshman

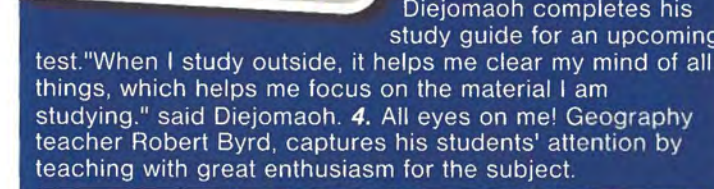
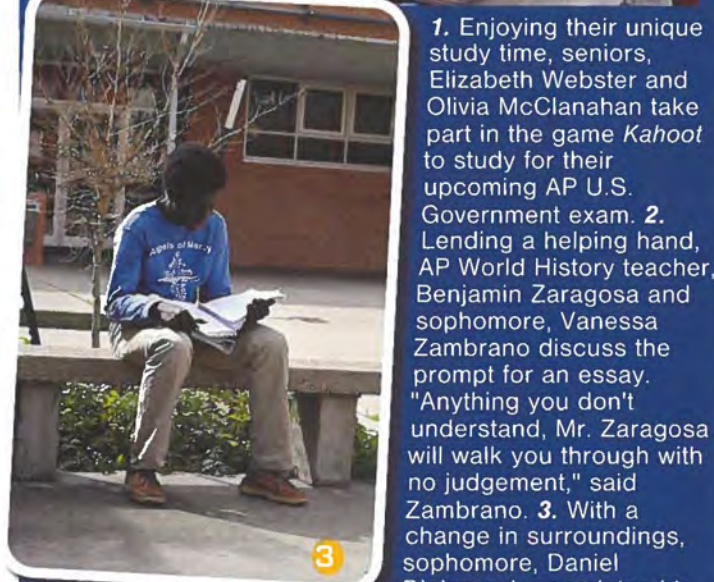


LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST And Using It For the Future

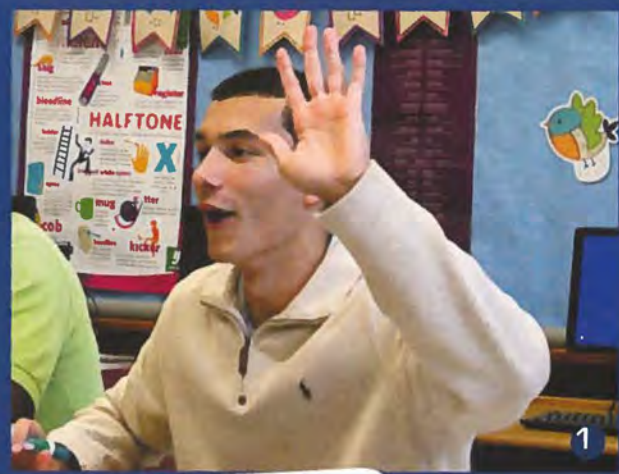
Back to the future! Through social studies students learned about many topics, including ancient civilizations, far-away countries, decades-old events, and the intricacies of government, never forgetting to think of how to apply the lessons of the past to their own lives. Freshmen in World Geography were exposed to different countries and cultures while sophomores covered a 10,000-year period as they learned about World History. Juniors in American History studied the struggle of America's climb from colony to world-power and analyzed the successes and failures throughout our nation's history. Seniors, however, carried the knowledge of their past courses and dove into Government and Economics, spending hours studying, not only to memorize facts for a quiz, but to prepare themselves for the real world that they will face in the years to come.



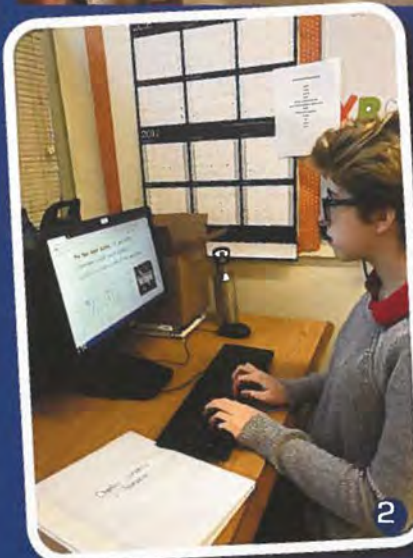
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1. Eager to answer, senior, Trevor Creamean prepares for his first quarter Digital Graphics final with a Jeopardy-themed study game in sixth period. 2. Practice makes perfect! Sophomore, Braden Nesheim completes the daily typing challenge in her second period Digital Graphics Class. 3.

Working together, sophomores, Luke Trevino and Jon-David Vasquez test out the Photoshop skills they acquired by editing photos that could be in professional advertisements. "My favorite part of the class has been making projects using Photoshop and my imagination," said Trevino.



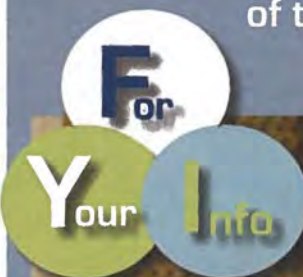
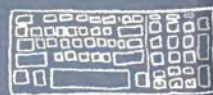
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USING YOUR HEAD TO GET AHEAD One Key At a Time



With technology having such a big influence in the 21st century, it has become a way of life. The skills learned in teacher Nicole Quintero's technology classes prepared students to be innovative and technologically adept. Junior, Sarah Cummins attributes her improved typing speed to the daily typing challenge in class. "If I'm going to be honest, before the class I still typed with just two fingers. Once I used the new typing programs, it came to me easily!" Senior, Hayley Guerra had a different perspective on the class. "Going into Digital Graphics I had never used Photoshop before and I didn't realize all the different tools there were. After a while I got the hang of it and I really enjoyed getting to learn more skills," said Guerra. For some it was second nature and for others a surprise, but knowing how to navigate your way through the hi-tech world of tomorrow started yesterday.

How have skills you've learned in technology class helped you outside of the classroom?



"Because of Mrs. Quintero's class I am able to run a church website. The skills that she taught me have definitely helped me to make a functioning and aesthetically pleasing site." Aaron Benavides, senior

"Before taking Mrs. Quintero's class, I had never even considered graphic design as a skill I possessed. After taking digital graphics, I was able to learn the software Gimp and take the tips I learned to make some of the Corpus Christi Snapchat Filters." Marcos Tapia, senior

CALCULATING MINDS Strength in Numbers



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1. Getting involved, senior, Estefan Resendez demonstrates his knowledge of the unit circle by standing up in front of his eighth period Pre-Calculus class and performing a dance. 2. Lending each other a hand, freshmen, A'marie McPeters-Pollard and Savannah Flores solve linear equations in their second period Algebra I class. "It's always good to have another person help in order to get another point of view," said McPeters-Pollard. 3. Putting in work, sophomore, Haoyu Wang works on quadratic functions during his second period Algebra II class with teacher, Ron Gressett. "I like Mr. Gressett because he is always telling jokes. Math and jokes together makes it more interesting," said Wang. 4. Concentration at its finest! Juniors, Savannah Bevalet and Valeria Villagomez show off their knowledge of cosine, sine, and tangent during a matching game for their first period Pre-Calculus class.

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"In math class students learn to think clearly and analytically, pay attention to details, and communicate their thought process," says teacher Theresa Mader. Love it or hate it, mathematics is undeniably a subject that comes in handy not only in the classroom but in the world beyond. Classes such as Algebra, Geometry and Calculus teach students to study hard and persevere. Everything learned in the classrooms of Theresa Mader, Ron Gressett and Joseph Vallone helped produce logical thinkers while teaching the students to use their brains in abstract ways. "Math isn't really my strong suit but Mr. Gressett usually helps me during class and once he does I feel better," said junior, Ava Constant. While it may not come easy to everyone, putting in the hard work necessary will only prove worth it in the end.

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LIVING THROUGH LITERATURE

Our Own Odyssey

1. In a different world, freshman, Sabrina De Santiago is engrossed in the novel *The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd, a coming-of-age story that the Freshmen Class followed with the guidance of English I teacher, Roxanne Bruce-Beltran. 2. With passionate words of encouragement, English IV teacher, Karen Morrow advises senior, Trevor Creamean on his essay, pointing out ways he can intensify the author's purpose. "I've learned that English is not merely a class, but a lifestyle...or an art, I can't decide," said Creamean. 3. So that is what "anomalous" means! Senior, Dalton Zawicky works on his weekly vocabulary exercises with his partner, senior, Paris Hanna. "As I finish each English level, I expand my vocabulary and learn new words. Pretty soon I'm going to sound like Shakespeare," commented Zawicky. 4. Preparation is key! Sophomore, Samuel Stallings begins to familiarize himself with samples of Advanced Placement English test questions as he looks up a word from the dictionary. "I'm always preparing for the AP test because I realize that the exam is one of the most important I will take in my high school career, and it's better to start as early as I can," said Stallings.



If you could be a character from any novel, who would you be, and why?



"I would be Elizabeth Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*. She is smart, funny, loving, and capable of learning from her mistakes."

Librarian, LaQuita Hillsinger



"I would be Hermione Granger from *Harry Potter* because she is independent, intelligent, influential, and isn't afraid to be who she is. Oh, and she's a wizard!"

junior, Amille Bottom

Would you rather go sailing with Odysseus, dethrone Julius Caesar, party with Jay Gatsby, or face Frankenstein? Each year, students journey throughout the world and different universes with novels, learning and exploring the wonderful ways of English and Literature. "Out of all the English novels I read in my high school career, *1984* by George Orwell was the one that impacted me in several ways. I was in awe that it predicted how technology began to control humans and I learned how to read it critically, which helped me out in many of my classes," said senior, Catherine Schultz. The students not only grew as they read the novels, but expanded their minds to new areas of innovative thinking. "When I began to read the *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, I thought it was an on-the-surface book, but I began to analyze what I was reading with my classmates and was enlightened by its purpose and moving message," said junior, Sofia Alonso-Bauer. As the pages closed at the end of the year, students shared thoughts from minds filled with adventures, letting the stories they read live on forever.

Academics

SPEAK THE WORDS



Experience the Culture

If you walked into a foreign language class, "normal" and "mediocre" would not be the first words that popped into your mind. Spanish teachers, Melva Garcia and Jacqueline Hein, and French teacher, Janet Lumley, transformed their classes, creating a cultural experience for their students. "In the past three years, I have learned a lot about the French culture. I learned how important art is to them, how they eat, how interesting the food is and how they behave differently than Americans," said junior, Anna Simank. By the end of the year, students expanded their knowledge of cultures far and wide and were able to travel around the world in just a small classroom.

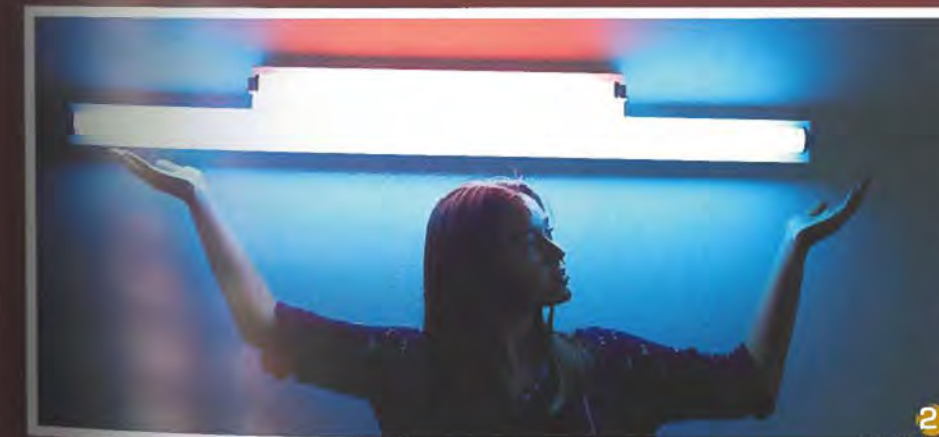
Quick! Say something in Spanish or French!



"Hola! Mi nombre es Alison."
(Translation: "Hi! My name is Alison.")
freshman, Alison Duncan



"Hmmm...Ça va?"
(Translation: "How are you?")
sophomore, Chloe Heilman



1. Spreading her Christmas spirit, junior, Natalie Smith displays her handmade card, which she dedicated to her mother, in her Spanish III class. 2. See the art, be the art! Sophomore, Olivia Stanton-Moretzon channels her love of modern artist Dan Flavin at the Menil Museum of Art in Houston, Texas as she poses next to his art piece in Richmond Hall. 3. Pondering her next answer on her worksheet, sophomore, Gabriella Guerensy diligently watches a Spanish video on how to keep up a healthy lifestyle. 4. Como haces esto? Junior, Diego Basaldu teams up with Spanish teacher Melva Garcia to finish his worksheet on the conjugations of verbs. "This year in Spanish I have really focused on conjugations which is something I have always struggled with, but I'm getting better every day," said Basaldu.

¡Si!

BON JOUR!



Alexis Cervantes, 01 Hayley Guerra, 02 Caroline Pekar, 04 Mary Buhidar, 05 Madeline Peetz, 07 Caitlyn Biggins, 08



Kathryn Skrobarczyk, 09 McKynna Beck, 12 Catherine Schultz, 13 Noah Garcia, Manager Stephen Parlamas, Manager Coach McPhail, Junior Varsity Coach Pettus, Varsity

Varsity Girls' Volleyball



Front Row: Caitlyn Biggins, McKynna Beck, Alexis Cervantes
Back Row: Caroline Pekar, Madeline Peetz, Kathryn Skrobarczyk, Catherine Schultz, Mary Buhidar, Hayley Guerra

Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball



Front Row: Elysheva Barnett, Andrea Hoffman, Isabella Williams, Juliana Bocanegra, Rilley Arreola
Back Row: Marina Salinas, Sophia Cheaney, Alison Duncan

PRACTICING LIKE CHAMPIONS

The Journey to Playoffs



The Lady Angels Varsity team put in hours of hard work in order to accomplish their goals as a team. "We practice about two or more hours a day and Coach Pettus always makes us focus on what we are doing because as cliché as it is, you practice the way you play," said junior, Madeline Peetz. The varsity team's hard work paid off, leading them to the area playoff game against Holy Cross. "Practice leading up to playoff games is always more focused on strategy and perfection in the plays rather than skills drills," said Peetz about their preparation for the game. "We got to the area playoff game against Holy Cross and had a hard loss, but the fact that we still made it that far two years in a row was a huge accomplishment," commented senior, Catherine Schultz.



1. When in doubt, set it out! Freshman, Andrea Hoffman sets freshman, Marina Salinas up for a spike over the net. 2. Bump, bump, bump it up! Freshman, Sophia Cheaney passes a perfect ball over the net after freshman, Andrea Hoffman sets her up.

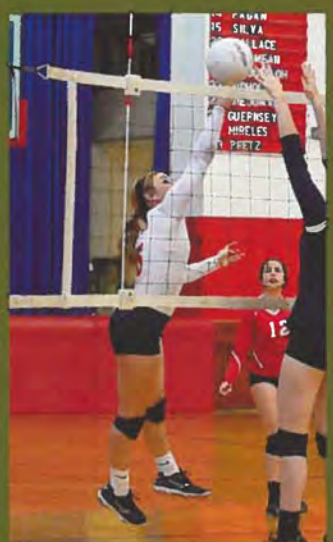


Scoreboard

Wins and Losses



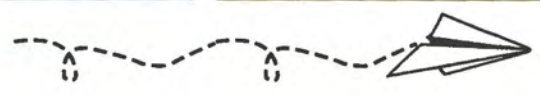
St. Joseph	0	3	Loss
St. Augustine	3	1	Win
St. John Paul II	3	1	Win
St. Joseph	0	3	Loss
St. Augustine	3	2	Win
St. John Paul II	3	0	Win



Tip tip hooray! Senior, Mary Buhidar swiftly launches the ball past the opponents on St. John's team, earning a point for the Varsity Lady Angels.



1. Block this! Sophomore, Caroline Pekar hits a killer spike set up by senior, Alexis Cervantes. 2. With determination in her eyes, varsity volleyball player and sophomore, Caitlyn Biggins follows behind sophomore, Kathryn Skrobarczyk as they race onto the court to the cheers of the crowd. 3. Playing an intimidation game, the varsity girls warm up with their traditional cheer and routine as they prepare to play against the School of Science and Technology. 4. You just got served! With a home court advantage, junior, Madeline Peetz keeps her eye on the ball as she smacks it over the net. 5. Can you dig it? The varsity girls celebrate after they score a point against St. John Paul II.



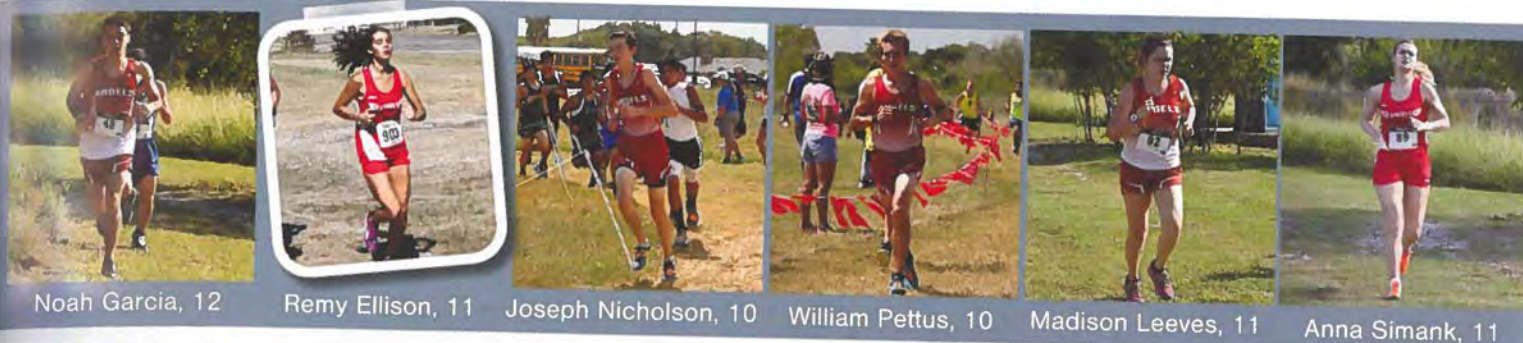


RUNNING WITH A PROMISE



Sweat + Sacrifice = Success

Mud, sweat, tears, and 40 weeks of 6 a.m. practices are what led the cross country team to a second place win at state. While running, the team got into the mind set that they were running for a reason. The team made a promise to keep on pushing one another. "I promise to never give up on my teammates and to run every race as if it was my last," said senior, Jacob Gonzales. It was this thinking that made the cross country team such a tight knit group of friends. As a reminder of the promise made, the team wore bracelets that read, "I PROMISE." While practice played a huge role in the outcome of this team's season, it was not the only factor. Coach, Donald Patterson formed a family, not just a team, but a family that was always there for one another in their most difficult times. "Our team stands out because we consider ourselves to be more than teammates; we consider ourselves a family. Our opportunity to bond as a family is definitely one of the biggest reasons our team has been so successful year after year," senior, Elizabeth Webster explained. The journey was tough, but the team kept their promise and ended their season together.



Noah Garcia, 12

Remy Ellison, 11

Joseph Nicholson, 10

William Pettus, 10

Madison Leeves, 11

Anna Simank, 11



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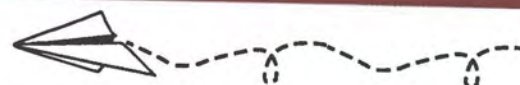


Front Row: Kevin Morrison, Isaiah Aguilar, Gilbert Chapa, Blake Herbst, Nicholas Hein, Brett Herbst, Alejandro Carreno. Back Row: Luke Trevino, Sebastian Mondragon, Noah Garcia, Jacob Gonzales, John McNiff, Stevan Silva, Anthony Matl, Joseph Afuso, Emilio Aguas, Connor Hein.



Front Row: Emma Becker, Elizabeth Webster, Anna Simank. Back Row: Elizabeth Nicholson, Paige Lippincott, Mary Fergie, Remy Ellison, Kelly Cortes, Mia Moore, Claire Thomas.

1. Full of determination, senior, Natalie Trevino sprints the last half mile of the TAPPS State Cross Country Meet, bolting through the finish line in time to earn third place. "Seeing our teammates around us and seeing everyone push themselves made us want to work harder," Trevino said. 2. In true Angel spirit, sophomore, Alejandro Carreno brings his excitement for Halloween to an early-morning cross country practice at Cole Park, where the team donned costumes to turn an ordinary three mile run into a Halloween festivity. 3. With happy hearts, seniors, Elizabeth Webster, Paige Lippincott, Natalie Trevino, John McNiff, Jacob Gonzales, Stevan Silva and Trevor Creamean celebrate after leading the team to a second place victory at the TAPPS state meet in Waco, Texas. 4. With tears of joy, senior, Jacob Gonzalez and Coach Donald Patterson remember years of dedication and commitment as the season comes to an end. Patterson told Gonzalez that "He could not have been prouder of him and the rest of the team for all their faith, love and effort that they put in this year. A true team effort." 5. Leading by example, freshman, Claire Thomas, sophomore, Elizabeth Nicholson, junior, Madeline Thorud, sophomore, Mia Moore and senior, Natalie Trevino take part in the annual Islander Splash Meet. "The meet was extremely tough and the hot weather conditions made it hard, but we all improved and became stronger throughout the season," said Thorud.



Match the Athlete to their Sole

(Answers Below)



No pain, no gain! In order to achieve their maximum potential, athletes of most sports need to embark on a journey that involves pain, joy and sacrifice. "Our athletic program is faith-filled and each sport is an extension of our mission. With that said, sports teach our kids to have respect for others, value human life, sacrifice for those in need. Sports help our kids to create a teamwork environment that allows for honesty, self-sacrifice, dedication, hard work, goal-setting, respect, self-discipline and mutual encouragement," Athletic Director, Reynaldo Garcia explained. Not only do they succeed in pushing their limits, but athletes also create relationships that are bound together by a single sport, and unlike their shoes, the athletes never get worn out.

Answers: 1:H 2:E 3:F 4:A 5:B 6:G 7:D 8:C



TALK ABOUT MY SOLE

Walking In My Shoes



Gillian Olvera,
freshman

"I started to play **softball** as a sport to keep me busy. I never would have thought that I would fall in love with it. The reason I play is because I know I can count on my teammates on and off the field. I motivate myself to do better by getting my friends and family to practice with me. The thing I love most about **softball** is the girls that are on my team because they are one of a kind."



Daniel Diejomaoh,
sophomore

"I love the feeling of being around my teammates, especially during our home games. During **basketball** practice I think about the feeling of playing in a game, and during a game I focus on doing my part so I don't let the team down. During games when the crowd is quiet and the energy in the gym is low I try to use my teammates to motivate me and do my best to liven everyone up."



Kathryn Skrobarczyk,
sophomore

"I started playing **volleyball** because one of my childhood best friends took me to one of her practices and her mom convinced my mom that I should join her club team. At first I hated it, but played anyways to keep in shape. After two years of playing I started to love it, specifically because my teammates and I share a sisterly bond over our love for the sport."



Trevor Creamean,
senior

"I joined **cross country** at first to test my mental capabilities and push my limits, but my **cross country** brothers are the reason I continued to run. Seeing them give all they had to support each other is the reason I will get up and run ten miles, any day with them. When you feel like you have given all that you have, you truly have only given 40 percent of what you are capable of."



Joyce Hunsaker,
junior

"I fell in love with **tennis** when I was young while watching both my older siblings play and the big professional tournaments. I love both the physical and mental challenge of playing singles. I really enjoy playing **tennis** for IWA because the team is like my second family. We are all close and are always there for each other after both the good and bad matches."



Hamilton Lee,
junior

"I started playing **soccer** when I was five, and fell in love with it. I love **soccer** because there is always something to improve on. Last year we got a new coach and since then everyone on the team committed to making it better. After a year of hard work and dedication I believe that this will be a good year for the IWA **soccer** team."



Michelle Watts,
senior

"I started **ballet** when I was eight, and ever since then I have been in love with it. There is no greater feeling than getting on stage and sharing the gift of dance with my audience. I have had to deal with bruised toenails, blisters, muscle pain, four to five hour rehearsals, and homework, but it was worth it because of my love for dance."



William Teichman,
senior

"I enjoy **golf** because it is an individual game. No matter how good you are, you can always improve. **Golf** provides a temporary escape from the disquieting realities of the real world. The differing beauties of **golf** courses provide experiences beyond those available in any other sport. I play **golf** because it is enjoyable and helps make me a better person."



Athletes



WEVE GOT SPIRIT,

YES WE DO!



Angel pride is red and white! Keeping students, teachers and coaches alike filled with a vibrant school spirit, members of the Spirit Club went above and beyond by decorating the hallways and campus for exciting school events all year long. From welcoming students back on the first day of school, to Homecoming Week, the Spirit Club knew how to get the school body energized. "We're always trying to get the most decorations and posters up for every special week or event we can," said club president and senior, Avina Bhakta. "I was actually running for Vice-President of Spirit Club when we held elections last year," continued Bhakta, "so when I won president, I was shocked... but I'm really proud to lead this amazing club." Under Bhakta's leadership, the club saw a drastic increase in their membership compared to past years, as well as participation from members. "The club has really done so much more this year than we have in the past. We even put up red and white streamers around the soccer field," said sponsor, JoAnn Garcia. Although Bhakta was not planning on becoming president, her leadership brought great change to the Spirit Club.

1. Leading the bi-monthly lunch time meeting, club president and senior, Avina Bhakta discusses decorating ideas for anti-bullying week with the group. 2. Excited to get involved in the school, freshman, Elysheva Barnet signs in at the first club meeting of the year. 3. Snip, snip! Cutting away at red and white ribbon, seniors, Maximiliano Elizondo and Abigail Floerke prepare to drape vivid spangles along the track fence to celebrate Homecoming Week. 4. The more the merrier! Adding to the extravagant red decor lining the halls, senior, Allison Beltran paints an elaborate poster to cheer on the Angels to "Beat the Brahmas" during the Homecoming Basketball game.



Who shows the most school spirit?



"Mr. Fred Johnson, because he's always going above and beyond for the school community."

Alexandra Solis, sophomore



"The president of Spirit Club, Avina Bahkta because, I mean... she's the president!"

Robert Patrick, senior



"Junior, Natalie Smith has tons of spirit! She's great at hyping us up on the basketball bench and keeping a positive attitude."

Madeline Peetz, junior



Get ready to rumble! Gearing up the enthusiasm for the Lady Angels' last home volleyball game, senior, Jacob Gonzalez, runs under the tunnel formed by his fellow Crew II members in his iconic pepperoni pizza costume. "I chose the pizza costume, because it stood out among the other Crew members, and it gets the energy going," said Gonzalez.



Already on their feet, juniors, Diego Elizondo and Jack Harrison and senior, Blake Herbst get excited as the cheerleaders perform during half-time of a home basketball game. "I enjoy showing the spirit that I've got for our teams going in the gym," said Harrison.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CREW CHEER?

Joshua Guernsey, junior

"We Saw You Shank That Ball' builds the most energy and craziness with the guys."



Evangelino Pangilinan, junior

"It's All Ogre' is by far the best one, because we all go crazy!"



"I am going to have to say the 'Miami', because its powers are out of this world and unknown to us humans."



Santiago Mendizabal, junior



"Warm Up The Bus' because we all get to pull out keys and get really loud."

Jonathan Deleon, senior

One more for the Crew II... one more for the boys! Without a doubt, a Crew II member could be found at almost every volleyball and basketball game, cross country meet, and even tennis match, rooting for the Angels on with loud, exciting cheers. What became one of the school's most iconic clubs was much more than the group of hollering guys seen at the games. Crew II members often met outside of school and enjoyed bonding over club mascot, WWE wrestler, John Cena. "The boys are inspired by John, because he promises to 'Never Give Up' and motivates his fans to do the same," said Crew II Captain, Blake Herbst. At each game the Crew II, along with a cardboard cut-out of Mr. Cena, filled the gym with energy and competitive enthusiasm!

Two heads are better than one! Supporting the Lady Angels' district volleyball game against St. John Paul II High School, seniors, Trevor Creamean and Stevan Silva put their voices together to drive the girls to a win.



You can't hide their pride! Seniors, Marcos Tapia and Blake Herbst congratulate their social studies teacher, Shannon Seale after the annual alumni basketball game. "I like how the guys continue to yell 'put Seale in' at games, even when I'm not playing!" said Seale.

THE TRUE CREW "NEVER GIVING UP"





Rally 'Em Up And Pump Up the Volume



The creation of posters, balloons and bags of candy are the components of making a typical Angel pep rally spectacular. One by one, each class walked into the school's small, but mighty Patricia Gunning Gymnasium. Dazzling dance routines, games for all grades, and mountains of candy were all a sight to see. "I love pep rallies! As a cheerleader, it is fun to create a cool theme and they are so much fun to put together! One of my favorite parts is making the dance routine. I love being able to get everyone excited and always adding something different that the students will find cool...like using the senior guys for stunting and dancing," said senior, Jullian Brown. Pep rallies gave students an entertaining and stress-relieving break, in which they shared many laughs and grew together as a close - knit school community.



1. Will she win? Juniors, Diego Basaldu and Nicholas Elizondo, cheer on their classmate, junior, Kelly Cortes, who is fighting to keep her grade's winning streak alive. 2. Time for tug - of - war! Sophomores, Kathryn Skrobarczyk, Alexandra Soliz, Caroline Pekar, Elizabeth Nicholson and Justin Douglas use all their strength as they compete against the freshmen. 3. Presentation with representation! Seniors, Hayley Guerra and Madeline Thompson, present their softball team to the student body. 4. Full of smiles, sophomores, Joshua Maldonado and Andrew Martinez show their spirit when the cheerleaders begin throwing candy bags out to the crowd. 5. Walk the runway! Seniors, Kesi Harris and Mary Buhidar bring out their inner stylists and dress senior, Jesus Mireles, in a glamorous dress and head wrap made of trash bags. 6. In a pickle, senior, Jacob Gonzalez is helped by juniors, Alysa Brady and Abigail Sheets and sophomore, Gabrielle Guernsey in taking off a cheerleading uniform during a classic dress - up game. 7. In the midst of the craziness, freshman, Esteban Moreda is all concentration as he performs in his cowboy attire for the country-themed pep rally. 8. Waiting with anticipation, freshmen, Amisha Agarwal and Victoria Smith enjoy their first pep rally of the year, filled with laughs and memories. 9. Go Angels! Senior, Julia Spencer wins the Secret Angel contest by being the first student to say the pep - filled code phrase to Secret Angel, JoAnn Garcia. The contest spreads school spirit as students pondered the identity of the Secret Angel.



"Sour Patch Kids, those are the best because I love sour candy."
Robert Patrick, senior

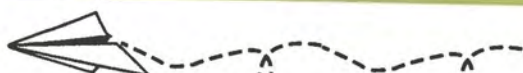
"Lemon Lime lollipops because I love sour stuff."
Thu Le, junior

"M&M's are the best candy that I have gotten. This is because I really enjoy chocolate."
Jose Torres, sophomore

"Lollipops because I have always loved them and they are my favorite candy."
Alissa Hernandez, freshman



What is the best candy to get in the goodie bags?



No Time for Siesta Get Ready to Fiesta



Starting the fiesta off right, twinkling lights and colorful flags covered the hall of the Dougherty Center. The first question many students asked after finding out the MORP theme was, "What am I going to wear?" Anyone can do something simple, but what is the fun in that? Thinking outside the box was harder than it sounds. "It's all about the mind set. You take about two weeks to get your mind focused on the theme. Sometimes you have to go on a mental journey to fully come into MORP character," senior, John McNiff stated. The real fun began during the journey of the search. "I went all the way to Nordstrom in San Antonio looking for an outfit. When I saw one that I thought I wouldn't see anywhere else, I knew it was probably the only one I was going to find," said freshman, Laura Perez. Outfits were definitely key at this dance from big sombreros to favorite sports teams. Eyes never stopped wondering and it was a night students will always remember.

Explain your journey finding your outfit for MORP?

Livin'
Out
Loud

"First, I had to find a sombrero, and it had to be the biggest most colorful sombrero out there. When I found it, that's when the outfit really came together."

Charles Uecker, sophomore



"I went to Tilly's and asked the boy working there if he had anything with tacos on it. He found me a pink shirt with a taco and taco socks. It was perfect!"

Carly Teichman, sophomore



1. This is how we do it! Juniors, Eleanor McClanahan and Joyce Hunsaker jump with excitement after *This is How We Do It* by, Montell Jordan starts to play. 2. Don't Stop! Sophomores, Santiago Mendizabal and Justin Douglas share a glance of preparation before busting it out on the dance floor. 3. Walking in line, seniors, Blake Herbst, Bradley Rossiter, William Teichman and freshman, Isaiah Aguilar start the conga line at the dance almost getting it to wrap completely around the dance floor. 4. Showing off their out-of-the-box outfits, juniors, Mary Ann Fergie and Remy Ellison dance the night away. "We wanted to do a couples costume so we bought the taco and Sriracha hot sauce costumes to be funny," said Fergie.



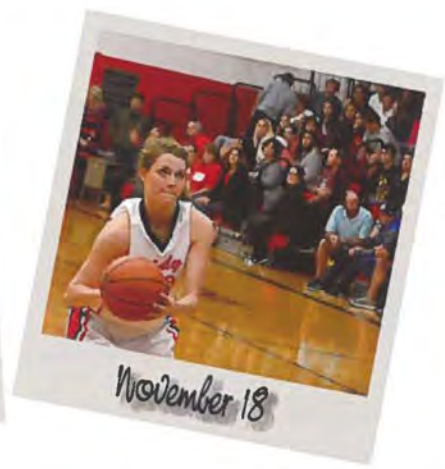
5. Hola, senorita! Seniors, Meredith Kirkland and Jonathan Deleon take a break from all the dancing to rest their feet. 6. Come on. Vamonos! Freshmen, Amber Jones and Laura Perez strike a pose, while enjoying their first MORP together. 7. With the Dougherty Center decorated with papel picado, pinatas and a picture-perfect background, the students enjoy a night full of friends, fun... and chips and salsa! "I thought the fiesta theme was perfect and I loved it. The decorations were great and Senior Class President, Victoria Rangel did a great job of planning it," said Rendon. 8. Full of laughter, junior, Joelle Francois can not stop her laughing as she watches her two friends sophomores, Carly Teichman and Katharine Skrobarczyk try their best at a whip dance competition. 9. No partner, no problem. The mini decorative pinata helped junior, William Beauchamp finish off the night with a slow dance.



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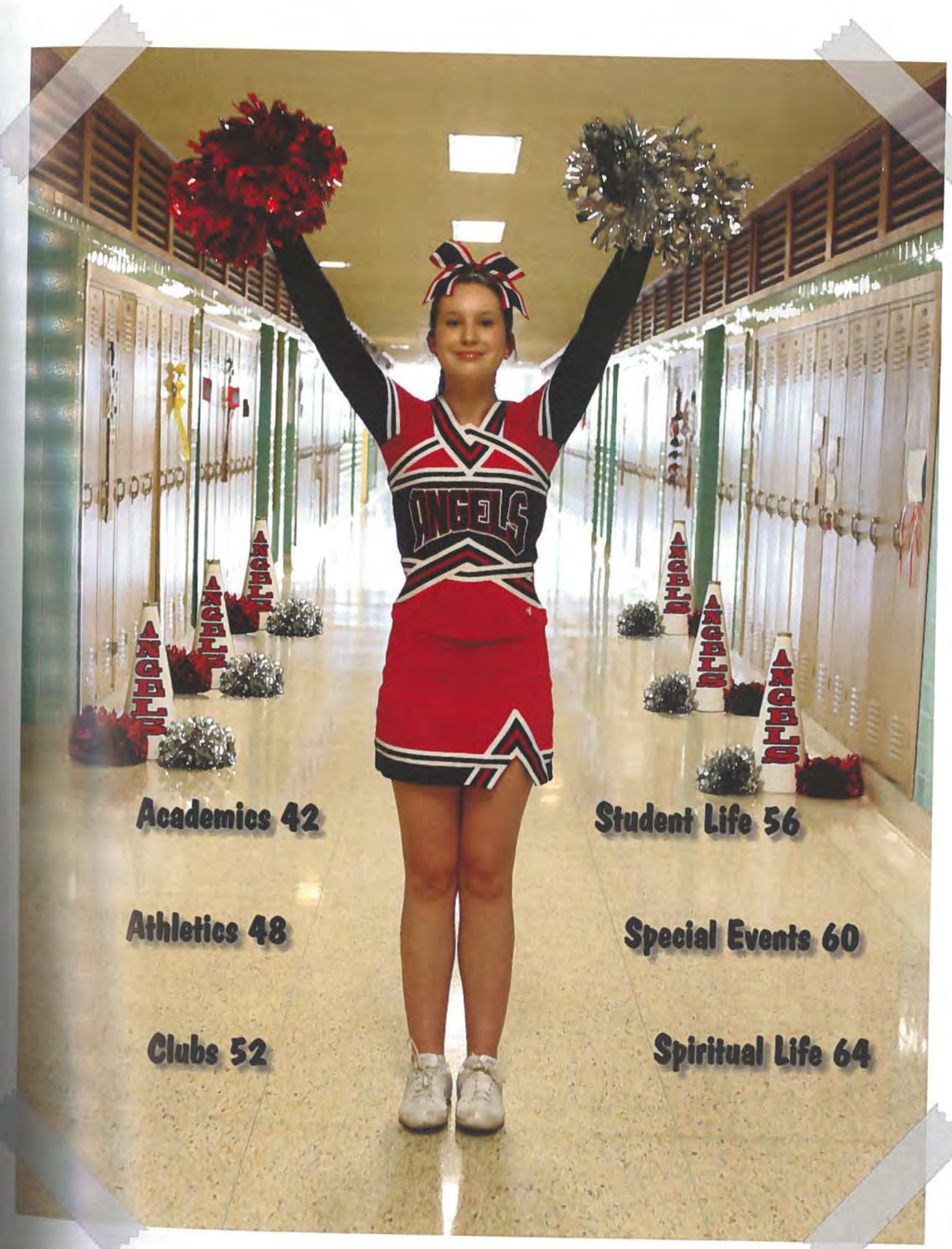
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Days 55-135

After the much-needed fall break, faculty and students came back re-energized and excited for the events to come. The days ahead were filled with basketball games, pep-rallies, spiritual retreats, service projects, dress up days, a homecoming dance, the presidential election of 2016, and the Christmas Season. Angel spirit was at an all time high as the basketball season began. The Crew II and fans cheered loudly for our girls and boys basketball teams. Weeks prior to homecoming week, students and faculty prepared for the alumni game, tailgate cookout, burning of the A ceremony, and the homecoming dance. Along with the excitement from school festivities, people were in full election swing. Students of all grade levels discussed the election and government classes got together to watch the presidential debates. Additionally, the Christmas season created a cheerful holiday mood that carried throughout the school. Students inspired by Christ's mission, took time out of their busy schedules to participate in service opportunities like throughout the community. These joyful 80 days were spent growing as a school community.



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All in the spirit of Christmas, junior, Claudette Lara, freshman, Isaiah Aguilar and many other students load a bus with gifts brought by the students to donate to the Ark Center just in time for Christmas. All religion classes organized the annual donation and each student was able to buy a gift for a child in need.

What Do You Enjoy Most About Your Religion Class?

"Sophomore religion classes already differ from last year. I've experienced a lot more and had the opportunity to participate more in class mass."

Santiago Mendizabal, sophomore



"I really like freshman religion classes because we do a lot of group work and I get to interact with my friends and learn more about the other people I don't usually talk to."

Angela Hoffman, freshman



1. Making a game plan! Freshmen, Kelsi Wood, Eleanor Greco and Mary De Arman plan to create their Catholic School's Week poster in Sister Judith Marie Saenz's Religion I class. "I loved looking for the pictures and finding out what students do to represent Incarnate Word Academy," said Greco.



2. Knowledge is power! Juniors, Herbert Morrison and Robert Walsh work together as they try to find answers in the religion book. "Working in my religion class this year, I have gained fantastic insights about my faith," said Walsh.



3. All in His name, freshmen, Sofia Alexander and Joseph Quiogra, along with their fellow classmates, participate in a Living Rosary during class with Sister Judith Marie Saenz. "Doing the living rosary with my classmates was a one-of-a-kind experience, one that we wouldn't get anywhere else," said Alexander.



4. Down to the wire! Sophomore, Sarah Shaw discusses parts of the mass with her fellow classmates in preparation for their upcoming test.



BENEATH THE SURFACE A Journey Through Faith and Prayer

Praised Be The Incarnate Word! Alongside an already outstanding curriculum, students had a fresh look at religion classes and accessed religious resources, which provided an excellent spiritual education. Sister Judith Marie Saenz, Sister Eileen Doherty and Sister Raquel Newman went a step further, making sure students were not only listening, but actively participating in class. "Currently being in a religion class, and having gone through them previously, I feel they are vital to the Incarnate Word experience and have shaped my time here only for the better," said senior, Maximiliano Elizondo.



5. Making a list and checking it twice, Sister Eileen Doherty and sophomore, Elizabeth Nicholson spend class time making sure every child at the Ark has a gift this year under their tree. 6. Sometimes, you have to ask for help. Sister Raquel Newman helps senior, Ronald Canales figure out the assignment in their new religion textbooks. 7. Race against the clock! Junior, Allison Burda studies hard to complete her crossword assignment for Sister Eileen Doherty on time! 8. There is nothing like a good group project!

Sophomores, Carly Teichman, Katherine Skrobarczyk, Alexandra Soliz, Caroline Pekar, Zachary Rumley and Charles Uecker present their group project on the Sorrowful Mysteries to the class. "I was a little nervous at first, but once we got up there, we were great," Teichman said.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Dare to Dream Big!



1. Caught in the act! Junior, Diego Basaldu enjoys his classmates' reactions to his skit, which was an interpretation of what he imagined teacher, Jonathan Montgomery's life to be like up until that moment. "It was very interesting because I had never worn flannel before and it was very itchy. Never doing that again," commented Basaldu on Montgomery's infamous attire. 2. Controlled chaos, junior, Ava Constant watches her classmates, Amille Bottom, Caitlyn Martinez, and Isabela Huerta perform *Single Ladies* by Beyonce for their lip sync battle. 3. Look again! Theater Arts teacher, Jonathan Montgomery directs sophomore, Gabriel Rauon on how to find information for his upcoming presentation on Musical Theatre History. 4. Time to be glamorous! Senior, Julio Ramos and freshman, Alissa Hernandez raise their hands in the air, moving to the song *Glamorous*, by Fergie, for their carefully choreographed lip sync battle.



Never
stop
dreaming

What Are Your Personal Goals to Accomplish in Theater?



"To utilize what I've learned and apply it into the art of making movies. You'll be seeing a lot of us on the big screen here soon."

Jack Harrison,
junior



"Ultimately, I want to inspire others to follow their passion in life, as I have for theater."

Caitlyn Martinez,
senior

Angels take center stage! In recent years, the Theater Arts Program truly thrived under the supervision of theater arts teacher, Jonathan Montgomery. With access to the latest resources, students were able to read J.K. Rowling's latest installment in the *Harry Potter* series, which allowed them to develop their own ideas for their next assignment – writing. Each class split up into groups and wrote their own ten minute screenplays. This exercise got the creative juices flowing so much that, in just a matter of weeks, everyone had their screenplays finished, ready to be read, and turned in to be reviewed. After all that, for fun, the students were tasked into putting on their very own lip sync performances in a class-wide lip sync battle! Everyone stepped up to the plate, performing amazing songs in a fun and challenging setting. In the Theater Arts Department, being open minded and confident was the name of the game, something students learned to show in every aspect of their lives, both on stage and off.

Academics



What is your favorite Broadway musical?



"In the Heights. I love the music. It's what made me get into theater!"
Francisco Moreida,
sophomore



"Hamilton, because Lin-Manuel Miranda is a genius. I have every word memorized."
Ashley Montgomery, junior



5. Oh snap! Sophomore, Joseph Hall chooses a show-stopping costume for his lip sync battle. Holding the class puppet and sporting a glittery hat, Hall excitedly mimicked Mariah Carey's iconic New Year's Eve performance in Times Square. 6. The cold of the classroom never bothered them anyway! Senior, Bradley Thering and sophomore, Caleb Williamson perform their rendition of *Frozen's Let it Go* in the infamously cold convent basement. 7. Golden moments! Junior, Alysa Brady barely holds it together as she watches her classmates act out teacher, Jonathan Montgomery's life journey thus far. 8. Studying hard, seniors, Matthew Oliveira, David Barrera and Stevan Silva read and take notes during their Musical Theatre History unit. 9. Making history, junior, Wilson Strain, along with sophomores, Brett Herbst and Joshua Maldonado compete in the best lip sync battle of their lives. "When I'm an old man sitting in my rocking chair, I will close my eyes and think of this exact moment. It was sweet, it was real, it was the greatest moment of my life," said Strain.





Who is Your Favorite Artist?



Molly Flood, junior My favorite artist is Edgar Degas because he does paintings of dancers. I do ballet so I love his style of art.	Howie Wang, sophomore My favorite artists are Vincent van Gogh and Leonardo da Vinci because they are both very talented.	Mikaela Rendon, senior Beyonce. She is undeniably a strong and independent woman who empowers others with her visual albums and music.	Emilio Aguas, freshman My favorite artist is Bob Ross because he can make any tree a happy tree.
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What have you learned from being in an art class?



"From art class I have learned that the key to success is determination and the will to complete a project. I want to get better and keep on improving."
Dalton Zawicky, senior

"I've always had an interest in art, starting in first grade, and have been teaching it for 34 years. Being around students has taught me to keep teaching them and never give up on them no matter what."
Ronney Heslip, art teacher

ART IS EVERYWHERE



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

1. Putting it on paper, sophomore, Alyssa Milliigan paints during her third period Art I class. 2. A work in progress, senior, Michelle Watts works on a detailed acrylic painting for her first period Art IV class. "Art has always been one of my favorite subjects and Mr. Heslip has been great at helping me with my landscape painting," said Watts. 3. Getting down to business, sophomore, Travis Moore works on a drawing for his weekly sketchbook during his third period Art II class. 4. Senior, Marcos Ruiz works on his weekly sketchbook during third period. Students kept sketchbooks throughout the year to help keep the creativity flowing.

Art class has long been one of students' favorite subjects, and for good reason. In Ronald Heslip's Art I, II, III, and IV classes students learned to express themselves using a variety of materials while using the elements and principles of design. "Art is a form of self expression and it helps students to be themselves. You can learn so much about a person by the art they create; it tells you a lot about what is going on inside their head," said Heslip, who is an artist himself and has been painting for years. Students have an opportunity to critique and analyze other's art, including famous artists as well as classmates. They also had the opportunity for their own art to be critiqued and analyzed. "It helps being able to hear how other people interpret the art you create. I think it's interesting and offers some perspective," said senior, Jessica Bang. No matter how talented someone believes themselves to be, art class was an invaluable part of their education and taught students to unlock a creative side of themselves by thinking outside of the box.





Stephen Parlamas, 11 Caleb Williamson, 15 Jesus Mireles, 30 Trevor Creamean, 21 Michael Diejomaoh, 22 Jon-David Vasquez, 32

Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball



Front Row: Jon-David Vasquez, Caleb Williamson, Daniel Rock, Gabriel Rauén.
Second Row: Jeremy DeGaish, Justin Douglas, Joseph Hall, Jose Torres, Paxton Longwell.

Varsity Boys' Basketball



Front Row: Paxton Longwell, Noah Garcia, Jeremy DeGaish, Caleb Williamson, Justin Douglas, Jackson Wallace.
Back Row: Jesus Mireles, Michael Diejomaoh, Steven Silva, Trevor Creamean, Stephen Parlamas, Daniel Diejomaoh.

Freshmen Boys' Basketball



Front Row: Sebastian Mandragon, Jacob Rivera, Reed Swetish, Gregg Cervantes.
Second Row: Isaiah Aguilar, Anthony Matl, Harrison Kean, Josef Cuevas.

Score Board

Wins and Losses



Flying high, sophomore, Daniel Diejomaoh keeps his eyes on the prize, getting the jumpball against Kingsville.

King High School	59-34 Win
Orange Grove	48-43 Win
Bishop	34-27 Win
Woodsboro	68-36 Win
London	36-46 Loss
St. Augustine	61-64 Loss



Steven Silva, 15 Daniel Rock, 24 Noah Garcia, 10 Caleb Williamson, 15 Justin Douglas, 21 Jackson Wallace, 20 Gabriel Rauén, 10

ONE STEP AHEAD

Taking Charge and Taking Names



When the boys basketball team stepped onto the court, not only could you feel the desire for a win, but the spirit of determination and confidence. With a season full of memories, the team dominated the courts, thanks to their new underclassmen additions who proved themselves to be true leaders. "I was nervous at the beginning of the season, but Coach Nichols helped me get used to playing on a varsity team," said freshman, Paxton Longwell. As the team grew in strength, so did the team bond. "The senior players have been very open to underclassmen, which has further improved our team dynamic since they are always open to advice," said senior, Jackson Wallace. These Angels truly took charge to be one step ahead.

1. Following through, freshman, Jeremy DeGaish keeps his eyes open as he follows an offensive play. 2. Re-bound and re-shoot! Senior, Trevor Creamean uses defense skills to get the re-bound from his teammate, senior, Michael Diejomaoh's shot. 3. Discussing the game plan, Basketball Coach, Mark Nichols makes sure all eyes are on him as he specifies what play to put into action on the court. 4. Catching the action, sophomore and number 30, Jose Torres, gives all his energy into fighting for the ball. 5. I am open! Senior, Michael Diejomaoh is ready to be passed the ball as he moves away from Kingsville's defense to make the shot.



A BOND LIKE NO OTHER

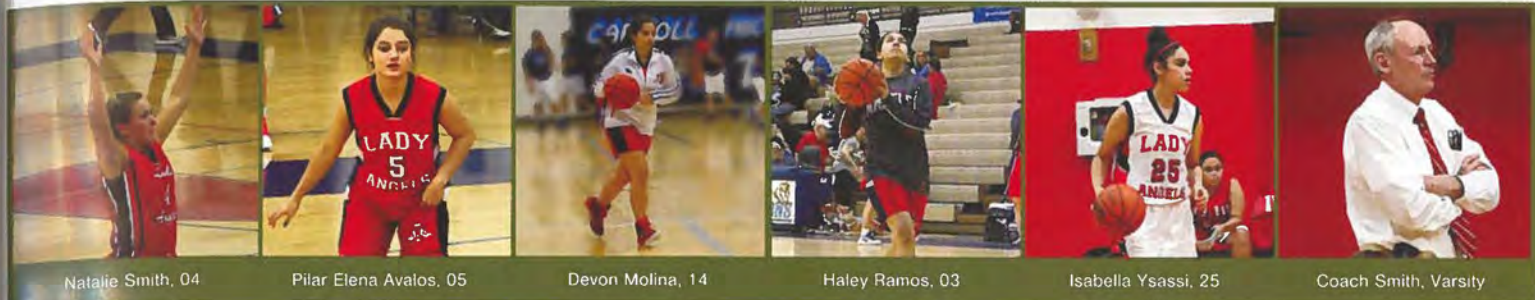
Our Road to Victory

The Lady Angels started the season off right with friendships like no other. "This bond we all share is what makes the girls' basketball team so great and has led us to be so successful," said junior, Nayah Chanyaman. "I know for sure I'm going to stay close to these girls for a very long time," commented junior, Natalie Smith. As part of their unbreakable bond, the girls gathered before every game to discuss their goals. "Before each game we focus and say our personal goals. Then as a group we talk about what our team goals are and what our strategy is to win the game," stated senior, Sydney Allison. With strong bonds and endless memories, the girls' basketball players had an amazing season.

1. After being knocked down by the opponent, juniors, Madeline Peetz and Allison Burda lend senior, Mary Buhidar a helping hand. 2. Lay it up! Junior, Eleanor McClanahan goes for a lay up, but was fouled by the opponent and earned a free throw. 3. Take it to the hoop! Senior, Jurnee Simpson opens up to receive the ball. "We move the ball better because we really work on getting everyone open," stated Simpson. 4. Defending and dominating is the goal that junior, Allison Burda achieves while marking the opponent from Calhoun High School. 5. Running through the defense, junior, Sofia Alonso-Bauer opens up and finds space in order to make a shot.



Kesi Harris, 21 Christiana Bocanegra, 15 Abigail Ehrman, 14 Olivia McClanahan, 22 Sydney Allison, 3 Nayah Chanyaman, 23



Natalie Smith, 04 Pilar Elena Avalos, 05 Devon Molina, 14 Haley Ramos, 03 Isabella Ysassi, 25 Coach Smith, Varsity



What was the transition like from middle school to high school?

"There was a lot of change like learning new plays and meeting new people."
Bethany Lopez, freshman

"In high school basketball everyone is more focused. The game is more organized and fast paced. The game is also more serious."
Riley Arreola, freshman

Scoreboard

Wins and Losses



Hoop there it is! Junior, Madeline Thorud scores a point off a break away against Veterans Memorial High School.

Veterans Memorial	56 45 Win
Gregory-Portland	54 39 Win
Calallen	67 43 Win
London	54 25 Win
Moody	50 32 Win
Carroll	48 43 Win

Varsity Girls' Basketball



Front row: Sofia Alonso-Bauer, Kesi Harris, Jurnee Simpson, Christiana Bocanegra, Natalie Smith, Mary Buhidar, Olivia McClanahan
Back row: Eleanor McClanahan, Nayah Chanyaman, Abigail Ehrman, Sydney Allison, Allison Burda, Madeline Peetz, Madeline Thorud

Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball



Front row: Natalie Smith, Madeline Thorud
Second row: Juliana Bocanegra, Andrea Hoffman, Riley Arreola, Bethany Lopez, Alexandria Beltran
Third row: Sofia Alonso-Bauer, Devon Molina, Sophia Cheaney, Eleanor McClanahan, Nayah Chanyaman, Christiana Bocanegra, Pilar Elena Avalos, Haley Ramos, Melanie Cavasos

Freshmen Girls' Basketball



Front row: Alexandria Beltran, Riley Arreola, Bethany Lopez, Andrea Hoffman
Back row: Isabella Ysassi, Sophia Cheaney, Juliana Bocanegra, Haley McPhail



1. Making their television debut, sophomore, Santiago Mendizabal and senior, Blake Herbst talk with Kill newscaster, Joe Gazin about donating food to the city. 2. With a dream for ice cream, junior, Diego Elizondo and seniors, Meredith Kirkland, Mary Matl and David Villarreal share popsicles during the student council sponsored ice cream social. 3. In the final moments before the dance, senior, Marcos Tapia fills the Dougherty Center with balloons and neon decorations for the Favorites Dance. 4. Laying down the rules, Student Council Adviser, Shannon Seale tells members what will happen on the first meeting of the year.

Throughout the election, leaders were chosen and positions were taken. In combination with the Student Council election happening during the Presidential Election, how students viewed this student council election may have been different from past years. "The election affected how I ran, in the way that I also wanted Incarnate Word to have a strong leader," said senior, John McNiff. Showing the effect of the U.S. election, McNiff's take on wanting to win Student Council President gave an insight to others that adults are not the only ones affected by the elections. "Student Council does a lot of things to make our school more fun and to represent our school as a positive contribution to the community. The Student Council members are amazing in their spirit of service and are a joy to be around," said Student Council Adviser, Robert Byrd. An opinion on how adults view Student Council shows the effort put in to making the school seen as a positive and active member of the city.

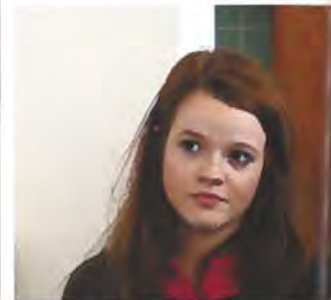


What would you do without Student Council?



"I would try and do my part to spread good messages in the school."

Peyton Thorud, freshman



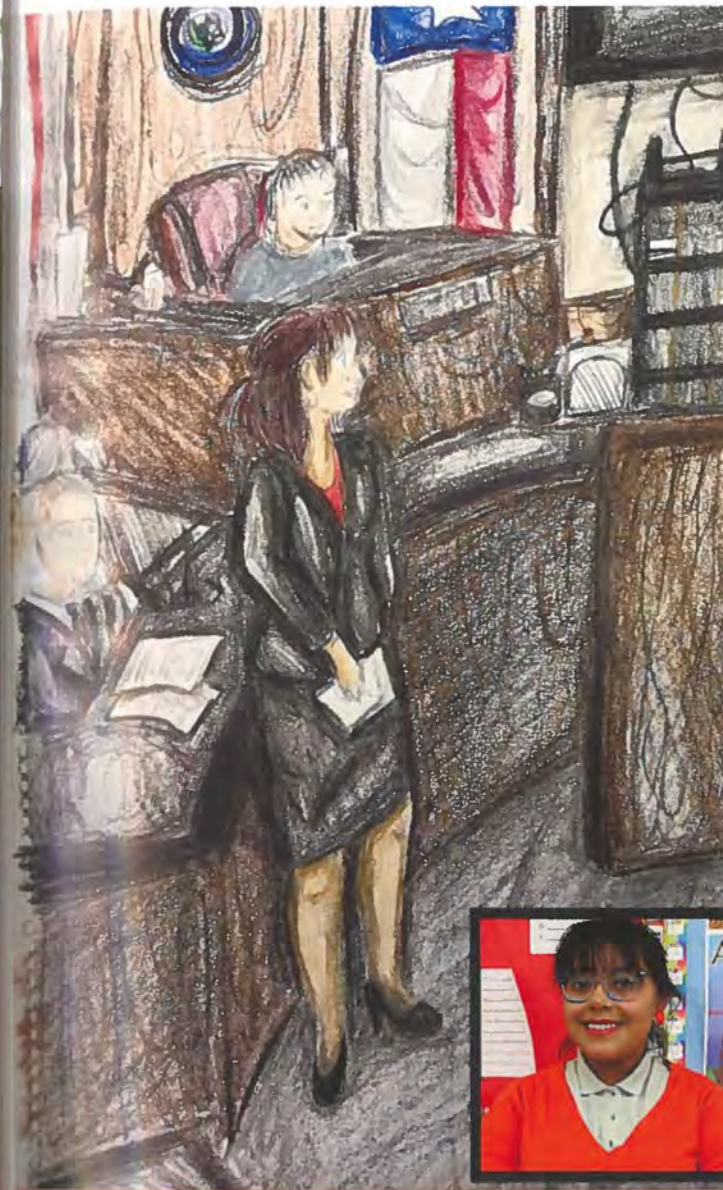
"Without Student Council, I would lack leadership skills."

Abigail Sheets, junior



"I would try to make an organization like Student Council because I think it is vital to the school."

Theresa Salazar, sophomore



Her first sketch of the year, junior, Millicent Alvarado, draws the scene in the courtroom of two lawyers' objection to a statement made by fellow attorney, junior, Sofia Aguirre.

How does a sketch artist help the team?

Molly Hoffman, senior
"I think that it's cool because we have someone to document our cases."

Devon Molina, sophomore
"It adds perspective."



"It enhances the fun and gives everyone a visual of what Mock Trial really is."

Kesi Harris, senior

"Adding a sketch artist to Mock Trial makes the competition more realistic."

Catherine Tyree, adviser

Every year the Mock Trial Team goes to scrimmages and competes against other schools. Although they have had numerous successes, they have always been missing a key element to their team. A sketch artist, the person with the sketch book and colored pencils, captures every scene of the court cases when cameras are not permitted under certain circumstances. "I really like that it allows me to practice drawing in a different setting, and I can capture the events of the courtroom when cameras are not present," said junior, Millicent Alvarado. Through a sketch, the public could see all of the action unfold in the courtroom. From the court to the sketch artist, the Mock Trial Team always found a way to outdo themselves every year.



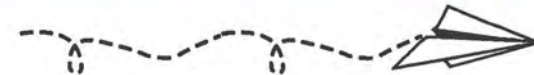
There is food! Sophomore, Olivia Stanton-Moretzsohn, focuses on Mock Trial Adviser, Catherine Tyree, who is handing out *Chips Ahoy Cookies* as a way to greet everyone for the first meeting of the year.



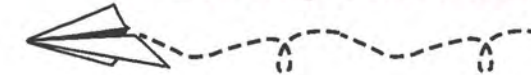
Cool and collected, senior, Bradley Thering, holds the flag of "Texas Legislator" while waiting for the Red Mass, a mass for judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials, to begin.



Sorry for the interruption, sophomore, Vanessa Zambrano, walks into practice and scans a packet about the case they will be practicing, given to her by Mock Trial Adviser Catherine Tyree.



Order In The Court DRAWING THE SCENE



One of a Kind

AND A STEP ABOVE THE REST



It takes every member to make a club exciting, organized and full of dedication. Luckily, French Club had dedicated members who continuously gave the club their all, especially the officers. Participation in events, planning and coordinating activities and fundraising for field trips were just a few things French Club did to keep themselves busy. Officers helped the club grow, going above and beyond their duties as members. The treasurer managed finances, the historian remembered important parts of the meetings and the president ran the show. "The officers are very inclusive and open-minded when it comes to the members' opinions. The officers also have fun activities that everyone can participate in to help the club grow. We used the bake sales to earn money for cultural awareness field trips," said sophomore, Rachel Gayle. With the encouragement of the officers, French Club truly prospered.

Friendship



What is your role as a French Club

officer?



"As Vice President, I stand in for the President at meetings whenever she is absent or unavailable."
Ian Simmons, senior

"As Historian, I explore the language and culture of France, make new friends, and to help guide our group on the right path."
Brigid Sorrell, junior



"As President, I lead the club meetings and come up with different activities throughout the year in order to have a fun club!"
Carolina Munoz, junior

"As Treasurer, I keep track of the money so that the French Club can have enough funds to do fun and groovy activities like field trips!"
Olivia Stanton-Moretzsohn, sophomore



1. Can you top this? Sophomores, Rachel Gayle, Devon Molina and Olivia Stanton-Moretzsohn admire their new club t-shirts during the biweekly Friday French Club meeting. "I really like the Eiffel Tower on it," said Molina. 2. With an eye for style, French Club adviser, Janet Lumley, and juniors, Brigid Sorrell, Romulo Corrada and Anna Simank compare club t-shirt designs for the new year. 3. Taking the road less traveled, sophomore, Olivia Stanton-Moretzsohn, senior, Ian Simmons, sophomore, Luke Trevino, freshman, Sabrina DeSantiago, and sophomore, Rachel Gayle explore the Menil Museum in Houston, Texas. "I liked how we all bonded and ate like the French do," said DeSantiago. 4. With a creative touch, French Club adviser, Janet Lumley, picks out borders for the French Club bulletin board, which educated students about France.



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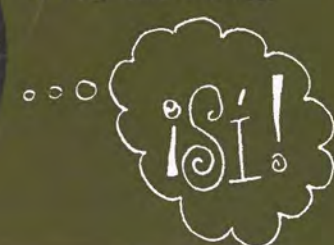
Breaking New Ground

FROM START TO FINISH

Every year, a special group of talented new students are inducted into the prestigious Spanish Honor Society to honor their hard work and dedication to a beautiful and ancient language. From sophomores to seniors, these students worked hard and their efforts paid off with membership in the organization. Hours of studying for tests, doing homework and in-class studies were all made worthwhile. While some members had been speaking Spanish their whole lives, students did not have to be fluent in Spanish in order to be inducted. "I don't speak Spanish fluently, but I have been taking it since the sixth grade," said sophomore, Taylor Skrobarczyk, who was inducted into the organization. With fresh members, the Spanish Honor Society grew, cultivating a new appreciation of the language in the community while furthering students' academic success.



1. Taking advantage of a beneficial opportunity, juniors, Abigail Sheets and Joelle Francois sign up to bring items for the Spanish Honor Society bake sale. 2. It is that time again! Junior, Christiana Bocanegra passes out papers instructing seniors on the requirements to graduate with a cord from Spanish Honor Society. 3. A leader full of pride, senior and Spanish Honor Society President, Lupita Leon, delegates the monthly Friday meeting. Checking attendance and preparing the members for the discussions ahead are just some of her responsibilities. "Being president has been a great experience because my favorite activities are the meetings and the service projects," said Leon. 4. A journey begins with a single step! Senior, Marykathryn Charles records attendance in preparation for the meeting, readying herself for a lunch full of Spanish Honor Society plans. "As an organization we like to give back to our community by participating in service," said Charles.



What is your favorite Spanish-speaking country and why?

"El Salvador is my favorite Spanish-speaking country because it is very pretty and the people are very welcoming and nice."

Pilar Elena, sophomore



"Mexico is my favorite Spanish-speaking country because I have relatives who live there. I have a fun time being there, and the weather is much better."

Luz Fernandez, senior

"My favorite Spanish-speaking country is Costa Rica because of the biodiversity and unique location on the Pacific Ocean."

Claire Walsh, senior



Beyond the Ballot Votes and Voices



Debate and concentrate! Senior, Michael Diejamaoh, faux - Democratic candidate, prepares to face off against senior, Blake Herbst, faux - Republican candidate, in teacher, Shannon Seale's AP Government class.

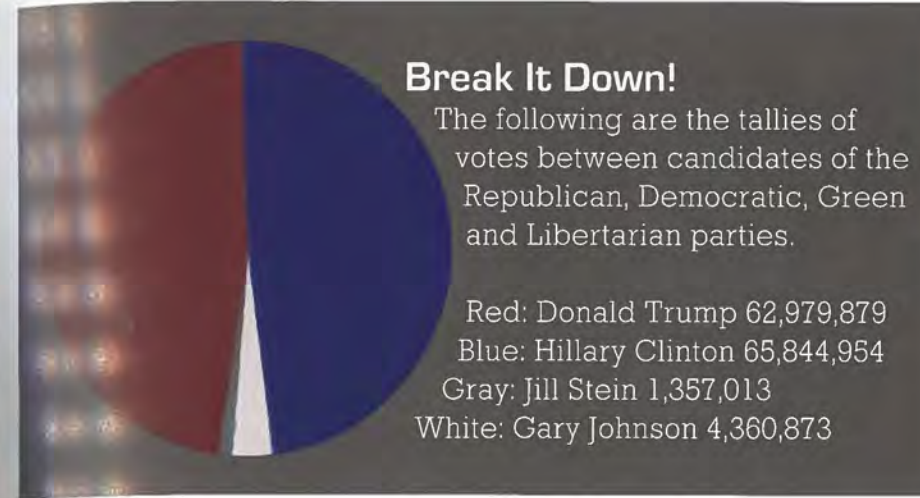


Getting her government on, senior, Mikaela Rendon votes at Mireles Elementary School on November 8. "I was able to finally cast my own ballot this time," said Rendon, whose parents would take her to the polls as a child.

On the other side of things! Senior, Michael Rock experiences the chaos of the polls and helps facilitate early voting at Schlitterbahn Water Park. "I plan to vote in the future because so many have given their lives to preserve our liberty," said Rock.

Regardless of political stance, there is no doubt that November 8 was the culminating moment of a long road. Throughout the presidential campaign, American teenagers followed along this road, prompting political conversation revolving around one question - How are youth going to shape the future? Incarnate Word Angels were no exception, and students flocked to the polls to cast their ballots and assist early voters.

Seniors eligible to vote were honored to finally be able to participate in a presidential election. "I was able to vote and voice political opinions almost right after I turned 18," said senior, Victoria Rangel, who reached the legal voting age less than two months before the general election. However, some students were just shy of the voting age, but refused to be left out of the political discussion. "I wish I was able to vote," said senior, Michelle Watts, who watched all of the debates. Even students years away from the voting age, like sophomore, Caleb Williamson, noticed teens' involvement. "Teens are more aware of what's going on in the country. They're more curious about politics now." With curiosity brewing, the future is sure to be in great hands!



Republican Stats

Total Number of Electoral Votes for Donald Trump: 306



Senate Seats: 51

House Seats: 239

Democratic Stats

Total Number of Electoral Votes for Hillary Clinton: 232

Senate Seats: 47

House Seats: 192



If You Were Wondering

The 2016 Presidential Election marks the fifth time in American history in which the president did not win the popular vote.

"Voting is both a civic duty and a privilege as a citizen of this country. It is a responsibility for all people, so that their voices may be heard through their vote."
Victoria Rangel, senior

Political Lingo Test Your Knowledge!

Electoral College



A process consisting of 538 electors that acts as a compromise between Congress and the popular vote

"They pick who should represent the country based on the populous."
Eileen Paulson, senior

Caucus



Held in 16 states, registered members of a party vote for their nomination

"That sounds like the name of a bug... a cicada! That's what I'm thinking of."
Jacquelyn Brown, freshman

Primary



Held in 34 states, voters cast ballots for their candidate of choice to determine each party's nomination

"The time we get to vote for a candidate on a platform for a party."
Gabriel Rauen, sophomore

Not So Uniform Now

Dare to Dress Up



Dress up days are the long, anticipated and most coveted crazy days where students get to take a break from khakis and polos and embrace loud patterns, tube socks and themed attire. Students busted out their best ideas and banded together, creating detailed group outfits that filled the halls with laughter and spirit. Junior, Joelle Franco, joined juniors, Mary Fergie, Kelly Cortes and Ashley Montgomery in dressing up like characters from the beloved Disney Pixar film, *Monsters, Inc.* "I liked dressing up in a group because it's fun to be a part of something with your friends," said Franco, who dressed up as Mike Wazowski. However, other students had similar ideas. "We showed up to school and then saw that like eight other groups had done the same thing. It was pretty funny," Franco stated with a laugh. Other students might not have picked up a hot glue gun, but made sure their outfits were still spectacular. Sophomore, Joseph Hall only needed a quick plan to make the perfect patriotic outfit. "I saw we were allowed to wear patriotic stuff, so I went and got my shirt and tie and put them on," said Hall, proving that, crafts or no crafts, creativity can still shine through.



Savannah Flores and Laura Perez, 09



Joseph Hall, 10



Drake Leeson, 09



Alyssa Milligan and Hillary Aguilar, 10



Marina Salinas and Claire Thomas, 9



Caroline Pekar and Kenzie McCain, 10



William Pettus, 10, and Hamilton Lee, 11



Nicholas Hoffman, 12 and Allison Burda, 11



1. Tacky does not mean terrible! Religious Studies teacher, Sister Judith Saenz and senior, Mikaela Rendon show off their attire on Tacky Tourist Day during Red Ribbon Week. 2. Too smart for drugs! Freshmen, Gavin Vicknair, Patrick Shea and Harrison Keenan represent their favorite universities on College Shirt Day during Red Ribbon Week. 3. Up, up, and away! Junior, Madeline Thorud, dresses as Russell from the Disney Pixar movie *Up*. "I really wanted to do something out of the ordinary," said Thorud, who completed her outfit with helium balloons. "I love balloons," Thorud added. 4. Now you see her! Senior, Hayley Guerra admires English teacher, Karen Morrow's ghillie suit during Red Ribbon Week. Morrow taught her classes wearing the suit and was a huge hit with her students. 5. Time for a red - out! Freshmen, Gregg Cervantes and Richard Recio go all out against drugs during Red Ribbon Week. 6. South Texas or the wild west? Juniors, Natalie Smith and Abigail Sheets giddy up and show off their western wear on Wild West Day during homecoming week.



Smile =)



Kimberly Ramirez and Savannah Bevalet, 11



William Teichman, Michael Deijomaoh, and Stevan Silva, 12, and Carly Teichman 10



Mary Fergie, Kelly Cortes, Joelle Franco, and Ashley Montgomery, 11

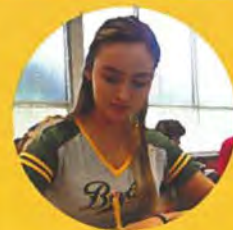


Reed Swetish, Connor Hein, Gilbert Chapa, and Joseph Garcia, 9

What is your favorite parts of dress up days?

Best Day

Carolina Munoz, junior
"I enjoy being able to see crazy things people show up in!"



Sabrina de Santiago, freshman
"Dress up days give me freedom to express my personality."



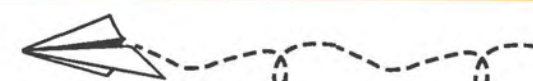
William Beauchamp, junior
"I love seeing how enthusiastic the school is in participating."



Maggie Hoffman, senior
"My favorite part is being able to express yourself."



Ava Constant, junior
"I get to be creative and create wild outfits."





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1. Bright with might, former staff member, Fred Johnson encourages students, alumni, and staff to stay pumped up for the Burning of the A. "I was excited to show off my angel spirit. It is something I am very proud of," said Johnson. 2. Going out with a bang or in this case, a gong. Senior, Michael Diejomaoh unofficially ends the ceremony by sounding the gong, letting everyone know that the much-anticipated alumni basketball game is about to begin in the Mother Patricia Gunning gymnasium. 3. Give me an A! Cheer Captain and senior, Hannah Deleon and Co-Captain and junior, Alysa Brady brainstorm ideas to pump up the crowd and bring out everyone's angel spirit as they await the lighting of the A. "I try to encourage the girls to take pride in representing our school," said Brady. 4. Behold the class of 2017! The senior class gathers around the A for a group photo, commemorating their very last homecoming week together. "We will always follow ridiculous trends, wear ridiculous clothes, and probably say some ridiculous things, but in the end we will have been through it all together, every step of the way," said senior, Julia Spencer. "To me, the memories we made together are all that matters."

Angels

What Makes Burning of the A Special?

On

Fire



"Seeing the school pride made me feel as if these are some of the great years of my life."
Madison Leeves, junior

"The most special part was getting to walk in with tiki torches. When I was younger, I thought the guys carrying the torches were so cool."
John McNiff, senior



Fire it Up! Angels Bring the Heat



Blake Herbst, 12



Alex Gonzalez, 12



Gillian Olivera, 9



Sister Raquel Newman



Jonathan Deleon, 12



Nicholas Hoffman, 12



Fire - one of nature's four core elements. Fire has immense power, and on this night the Incarnate Word community gathered around the fire to create lasting memories which would be burned in our minds for eternity. As the "A" went up in flames, teachers, students and alumni stood together as one, reflecting on the past, but also looking forward to the future. "It was an unforgettable moment I shared with my closest friends," said freshman, Jacqueline Galvan. Meanwhile, seniors watched the A burn and recalled all the memories they had made since their first experience at Burning of the A. This night was more than a giant letter being set on fire. The Burning of the A symbolized unity, faith and the unpredictable journey as life-long members of the school community. The warmth of the fire reminded us that Incarnate Word Academy will always be our home.

In the Heat of the Moment...

"It was great to be a part of The Crew this year and to get a different perspective from inside the ropes."
Daniel Rock, sophomore



"I spent time walking around with my sister Kathryn... The burning of the A made Kathryn excited for her own high school experience."
Allison Burda, junior



"I heard drums playing in the background as the fire was crackling. I hoped I was cheering loud enough."
A'marie McPeters-Pollard, freshman



Angels in the City

A Night Like No Other


Welcome to New York! Many say that if you can make it here, you can make it anywhere. In the city that never sleeps, the Angels sang their hearts out and danced the night away. Under the spotlight, Homecoming Queen and senior, Alexis Cervantes responded to her much anticipated victory and said, "Every vote matters! It is such an honor to be the queen." Dancing beneath the bright lights to the day's greatest hits like *Halo* by Beyonce and *Jumpman* by Drake, as well as the unforgettable classic, *Party in the U.S.A.* by Miley Cyrus, brought the students closer as they laughed with each other at trending dance moves and so much more. "The most memorable moment was just dancing with great friends and having the time of our lives," stated sophomore, Caitlyn Biggins. Time flies, and in a New York minute the night of excitement, laughter, singing and dancing came to an end, but the memories made would last a lifetime.


New York Minute

How Would You Spend a Night in the City that Never Sleeps?

"I would go out with my friends to 5th Avenue and attend a Broadway musical." Emily Sheets, freshman

"I would visit the Empire State Building to see the skyline of New York City." William Pettus, sophomore





1. Riding the wave, senior, Stevan Silva is captured in the heat of the moment having the time of his life. "Crowd surfing is an experience like no other. It's really cool to look at the dance floor from above," Silva commented about his favorite part of the night. 2. A night fit for a king and queen! Homecoming King and senior, John McNiff celebrates his crowning alongside fellow senior and Homecoming Queen, Alexis Cervantes. "Just as Yogi Berra would say, 'It's like deja-vu, all over again,'" said McNiff, as he celebrates his fourth year on the homecoming court. 3. On fire circling on the dance floor, sophomores, Charles Uecker, Zachary Rumley, and Justin Douglas, along with junior, George Malouf show off their best moves while dancing to *Greased Lightning* from the movie *Grease*.




4. Just a small town boy! Senior, Marcos Tapia said, "I'm a classic kind of guy, so I enjoyed hearing *Don't Stop Believin'* by Journey." 5. When the sun goes down, juniors, William Anderson and Natalie Smith share the night together. "Dancing with Rock and embarrassing him with my goofy dance moves was the most memorable moment of the night," said Smith. 6. Fish in the city, freshman, Isaiah Aguiar said "I was not expecting Homecoming to be such a blast." 7. Picture perfect! Senior, Estefan Resendez and sophomore, Caroline Pekar take to the photo area for the dance-themed frame. 8. Turn up the lights! Junior, Sara Beth Becker is caught in the spotlight and is all smiles as she danced the night away. 9. Street lights and big dreams! Sophomores, Caitlyn Biggins and Elizabeth Nicholson sit in the Dougherty Center's very own "Central Park." "Spending the night with my friends was classy and fun!" said Nicholson.

Testify to God's Love

Growing in Grace



With the hustle and bustle of a high schooler's busy life, it often becomes easy to forget about what truly matters in life: one's relationship with God and each other. Class retreats not only gave students the opportunity to strengthen those connections, but also unite as a class. Campus Minister, Matthew Lohmeier, pictured right, made growing those relationships possible, and St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church was just the place for that. The spacious facilities, education atrium classrooms and large covered pavilion set the perfect atmosphere for games, prayers, skits and food!

1. Deepening their faith, missions leaders and juniors, Joelle Francois and Mary Fergie lead the Prayers of the Faithful at the Sophomore Retreat. 2. Bon Appetite! Taking a break from his breakfast taco, junior, William Beauchamp gets ready for the retreat day ahead. "The food was awesome; getting to eat pizza after all the fun activities we did really capped off the retreat nicely," said Beauchamp. 3. Hey yeah! Getting his energy going, sophomore, Justin Douglas, cheers on his classmates as they play "Hide the Eggs."



4. Putting together a building block masterpiece, sophomore, Olivia Stanton-Moretzshon, proudly unveils her work that correlated with Campus Minister, Matthew Lohmeier's lesson about the Works of Mercy. "My group and I got to exercise our creativity by building the 'path to Heaven,' which shows people going through life and up the stairs to Heaven," said Stanton-Moretzshon.

In what way do you connect with God the most at the retreats?



Noah Garcia, senior

"Through mass, because we are all able to connect as a class together, which is rare."



Madeline Thorud, junior

"By doing skits, because they are enjoyable and send a positive, faithful message."

Back to the Atrium

Filled with valuable lessons, the Atrium is a place for children of a parish to learn more about Christ. Incarnate Word parent and teacher, Mrs. Ann



Mrs. Ann Lippincott

Lippincott, has been teaching in the Atrium since 2002 and was more than happy to welcome students back into the atrium during their class retreats. "Hearing students share atrium memories is very fulfilling," said Lippincott, "It validates the lasting impact the Good Shepherd imprints on a person's heart." By returning to the atrium, students were able to re-apply what they learned as children to their lives as teens.



5. With his game face on, junior, William Anderson, goes in for his next kick in the "GaGa Ball" pit at St. Philip the Apostle's recreation area during break time in between sessions. 6. "Ships! Sailors!" Playing the classic group game, members of the Senior Class bond one last time by following the game's leader and running up and down the court. "Since we never really all get the chance to play games together we really have fun when we do," said senior, Mary Buhidar. 7. As a part of their group skit, sophomores demonstrate how blessed they are and how they must serve those who are more unfortunate. "I learned that we see people in need and if we helped them out we could really change their outlook on life," said sophomore, Elizabeth Nicholson.





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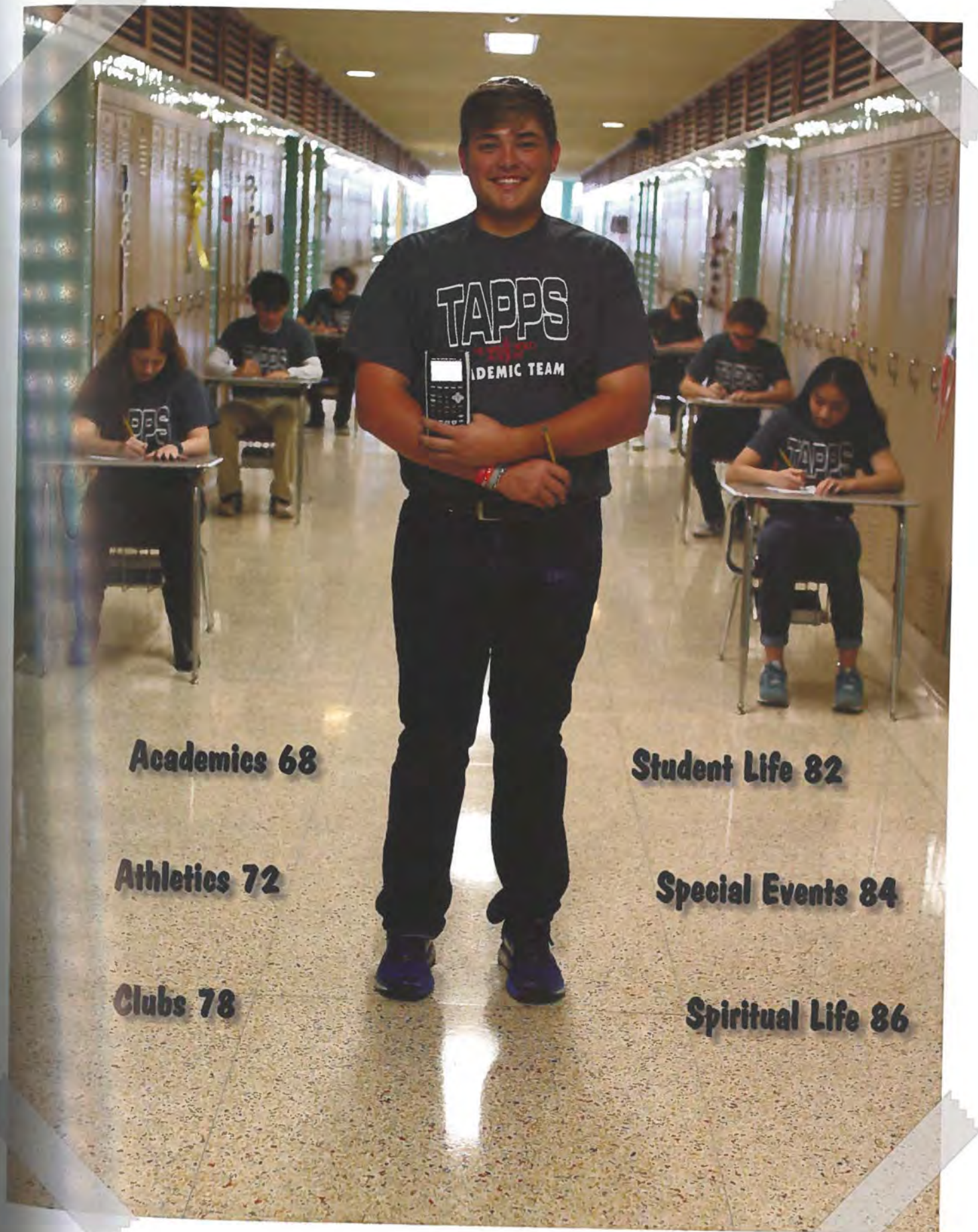
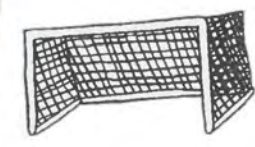
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School was back in session as students and faculty returned from the holidays. Well-rested and ready for the most strenuous academic quarter, students and teachers began returning to their academic ways. Additionally, athletic teams were in full swing. All teams fiercely competed against rivaling schools and proudly represented the Angels. Many teams advanced further than ever before in the school's history. Student organizations thought of creative ways to break up the monotonous school days as Student Council organized the first casual Favorites Dance that brought excitement and relief to a hard-working, academic and athletic environment. Back at work, students spent their extra time practicing after school with TAPPS advisers in their different areas of competition. Students then competed against other schools in various academic subjects. Additionally, the student body celebrated many Masses together sharing in and celebrating the Catholic faith. As the academic quarter came to a close students realized that hard work really does pay off and enjoyed the much deserved Spring Break.



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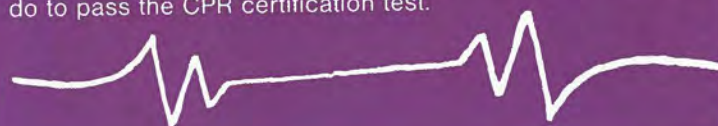
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RETHINKING YOUR HABITS

Changes Made For The Better



1. It is all in the packaging! Thanks to guest speaker, Madeline Hilliard, the truth about nutrition labels is revealed to freshman, Charlie Hornsby. "I chose a TWIX candy bar out of the options she gave us because I like them, but after talking about what they are made of I think I should stop eating them so often," commented Hornsby. 2. With some time off campus, teacher, Ashley Pettus' sixth period health class took a field trip to the Alameda School and Child Care. "We sat down for about 30 minutes and played with three year old children. I had a great time teaching kids about shapes by playing with blocks with them," sophomore, Joseph Afuso said. 3. Leading by example, teacher, Ashley Pettus demonstrates how to perform CPR correctly. This allowed the students to be prepared for their CPR certification test at the end of the semester. 4. CPR can be confusing, but with the help of teacher, Ashley Pettus, freshman, Juliana Bocanegra learns how to properly perform the life-saving technique on an infant. Bocanegra knew exactly what she needed to do to pass the CPR certification test.



OPENING DOORS



Keys To Success

Personal Development was a class like no other, because it developed skills that students would use in every aspect of their adult lives. Teacher, Ashley Pettus had her students participate in activities that helped them grow as people, and students knew right away that the skills they learned would benefit them in the future. "I learned about taxes, how to write a check, and how to fill out deposit slips which will be very useful when I am older," said freshman, Gilbert Chapa. From learning how to make great first impressions to mastering skills for the workforce and meticulously researching investments, the Personal Development students truly gained the knowledge they needed for their future journey in life.

How do you apply what you learned to your life?



"I learned how to properly speak in front of people, which helped with my speeches."
Keenan Harrison, freshman



"I should always save 10% of my earnings, because it helps me manage my finances."
Vanessa Zambrono, sophomore

What changes in your diet have you made?



"I have been eating a lot healthier by cutting down on the junk food that I eat since I joined health class."

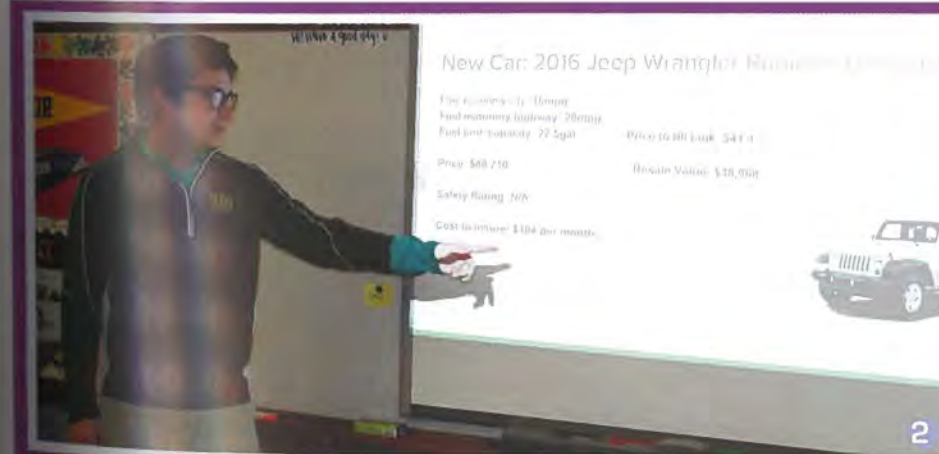
Patrick Shea, freshman



"Health class has made me more aware of what I am eating, but I still eat ice cream because I love it."

Emily Fleetwood, senior

Eat right to live right! A health student's job is not only in the classroom, but outside the classroom as well. Students worked to make sure they used teacher, Ashley Pettus' wisdom to their advantage in their daily lives. Pettus taught students critical information, ranging from CPR in emergency medical situations to the characteristics of a well-balanced diet. Through talks about healthy eating and activities that showed the reality of a unhealthy diet, the health students became aware of the changes they needed to make in their daily lifestyles. In addition, students learned the valuable skills of CPR. "I have always enjoyed the health field in general, so getting to use that joy along with information I learned in college is rewarding. I hope that my students carry some of the skills taught to create the best opportunity for longevity," Pettus explained. While all the changes students can make in their lives might seem overwhelming, Pettus worked hard to prepare her students to be their healthiest selves.



1. Picking her brain, freshman, Isabella Williams refreshes her mind by writing in her daily journal. At the beginning of class, teacher Ashley Pettus had her students answer a daily question that got them thinking. 2. There is power in a Power Point! "For my car presentation I used a Jeep Wrangler Sport. I learned that buying a car is a long process that takes planning and searching until you find the right car," said freshman, Peyton Thorud, who worked hard on his informative car-buying presentation. 3. First impressions matter! Sophomore, Howie Wang and freshman, Laura Perez perfect their handshake. "When you grow up and are part of a business, it is important to know how to shake hands," Wang said. 4. Money management can be confusing, so freshman, Sneha Reddy takes notes on speaker, Patrick Biggins, a financial adviser. "Now that I know how important it is to care about credit, taxes and money, I will be prepared for when I am an adult," Reddy explained.





DRUMROLL PLEASE... Fifth Time's a Charm

Fighting for their team, the Incarnate Word Band worked countless hours to prepare for another victory at the TAPPS State Competition. With performances at pep rallies, seasonal art festivals and campus-wide masses, the band had many performances in their pocket, helping them excel when it came to the competition. "We have been practicing everyday making sure we hit every note," said senior, Aaron Benavides. Not only did the long hours of practice and performances prepare the band for competition, but also created a wonderful bond between the members. "The band is like a family, we love being around each other and making music, but we also make sure everyone stays on track and performs well," said Benavides.



1. Drumming to the beat! Sophomores, John Paulson and Vanessa Zambrano have a ball at the Homecoming Pep Rally. "When we are all performing sometimes we'll make our own beat on the spot, and it quickly turns into something really cool, showing our creative freedom," said Zambrano. 2. Ready to show her pride, junior, Alexa

Mendoza prepares to play the Angel Fight Song at the Homecoming Pep Rally. 3. Full of flare, the band shows off their close-knit bonds before getting back to work and playing beautifully throughout the School Wide Mass.



For Your Info

If you were an instrument, what would you be?



"I would be a trumpet because I am a loud person."
Sarah Garcia, freshman

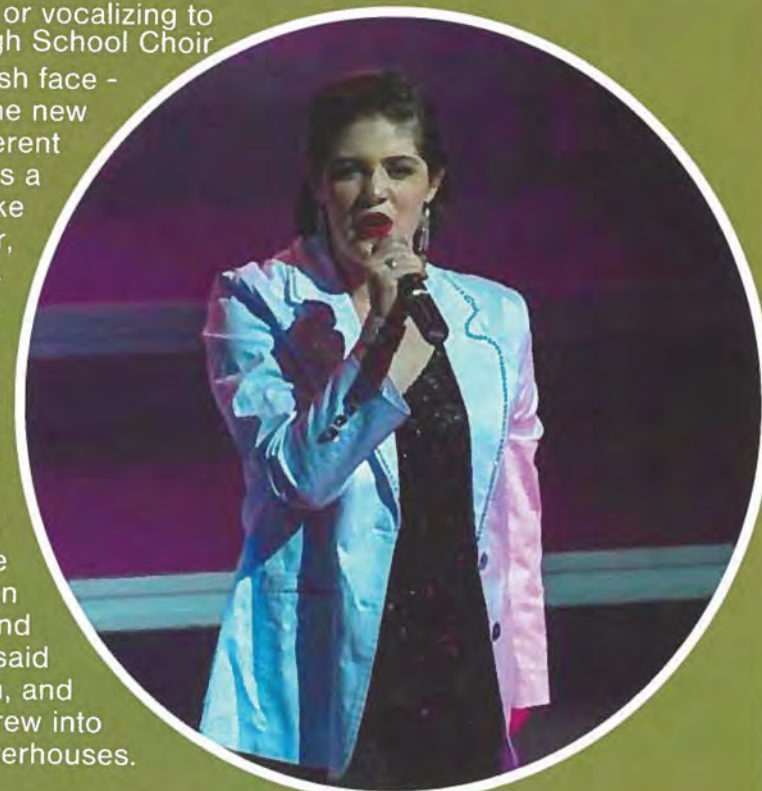
"I would be a saxophone because it is an interesting instrument."
Andrew Garcia, sophomore

BELTING OUT BEAUTY A New Harmony



1. Crowd pleaser, junior, Jacob Morrison makes waves with his choir members when singing the hymns at campus-wide mass. "We usually begin to prepare for mass, one or two weeks before hand. We practice daily in class and I never really get nervous because singing at mass comes naturally to me," said Morrison. 2. A matter of style, choir teacher, Mark Kellogg directs his choir members to the song "They Will Know We are Christians" by Jars of Clay, a crowd favorite. 3. Coordination is key! Sophomore, Lydia Jimenez, discusses song lyrics and melodies with guest guitar player and World History teacher, Benjamin Zaragosa. "He didn't understand how to do the songs at first, and I started to explain to him to just go with the flow!" said Jimenez. 4. Choir chic! Senior, Abigail Garcia and vice-principal, Darla Montano unbox the new choir vestments used for competitions.

Whether lifting up their voices at Mass, or vocalizing to modern melodies, the Incarnate Word High School Choir started a new chapter when welcoming a fresh face - choir star, senior, Eileen Paulson. With the new addition of a veteran, the choir had a different aspect. Paulson, a Chicago native, has a decorated past, filled with performances like *Clash of the Sequins*, an invitational show choir, and awards to show-off her one of a kind skills. "I have competed in show choir and we went to three or four contests each year. I have won awards like Grand Champions and Best Vocals. When I moved here from Chicago, it was a big change, but I would not have it any other way. Joining the IWA Choir helped me be a part of a community that shared my interests," said Paulson. Not only did Paulson influence the choir team as a whole, she influenced individual members as well. "Eileen has helped us out one-on-one with our solos and she brings a lot of energy to our choir team," said junior, Desirae McCracken. Thanks to Paulson, and the dedicated choir members, the choir team grew into musical powerhouses.

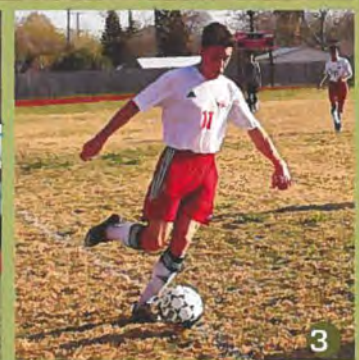


HARD WORK BEATS TALENT

But These Boys Have Both

Tim Notke once said, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." The saying was a popular theme as the boys prepared for the season. They focused on working together as a team and growing closer. "I view these guys as my brothers, on and off the field," said junior, Jack Harrison. "I know they have my back," Harrison continued. In addition, the boys' team showed a true passion and love for soccer each time they took to the field. "It's the most favored sport in the world. Why wouldn't you love it?" said Harrison. These boys showed that hard work *and* talent are one superb combination and truly proved their love for the sport by winning the first playoff game in ten years!

1. Inspiration is the key to success! Junior, Kyle Pekar, freshman, Ruben Resendez and junior, Jack Harrison listen to an informative and encouraging speech from Coach, Alex Ramos, during the half-time of an intense game. 2. Kicking it into gear, freshman, Ruben Resendez executes a pass during a game at the Angel's home field. 3. Lightning fast, senior, Gabriel Stacy dribbles around the St. John Paul II defense. 4. Waiting for the next drill, juniors, Evangelino Pangilinan and William Anderson take a breather during practice. 5. Waiting with anticipation, Coach, Alex Ramos and the team watch during the penalty kicks in the playoff game against Houston Baptist.



goal!



Jack Harrison, 14

William Beauchamp, 15

Romulo Corrada, 13

Manuel Lopez, 16

Hamilton Lee, 7

Kyle Pekar, 4



Luis Armstrong, 6

William Pettus, 10

Evangelino Pangilinan, 00

Alejandro Carreno, 12

Emilio Aguas, 17

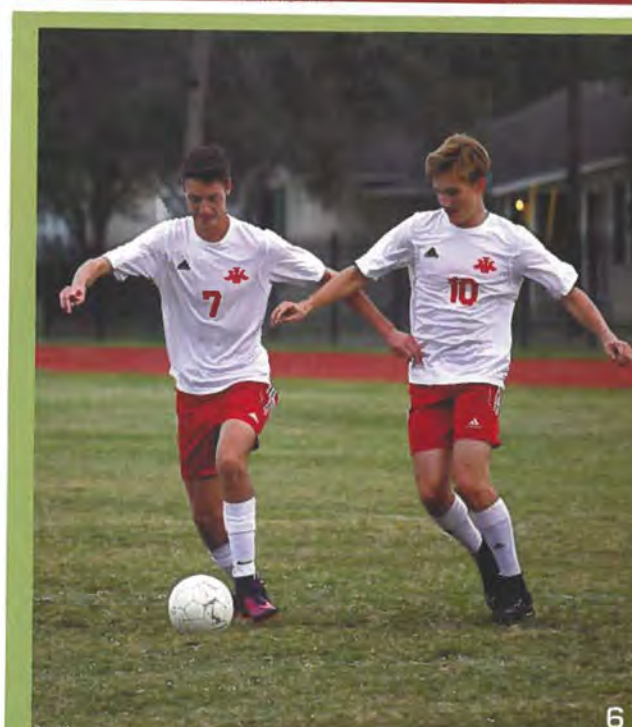
Santiago Mendizabal, 9



What is one word to describe the team and why?

"Family because over the course of the season we have come together and created bonds."
- William Beauchamp, junior

"Resilient because the team never quits."
- Alex Ramos, coach



6. A little friendly competition never hurt anyone! Junior, Hamilton Lee and sophomore, William Pettus practice with each other before their home game on December 13.

Scoreboard

Wins and Losses



With a need for speed, sophomore, Alejandro Carreno fights for the ball in the game against Houston Baptist, resulting in the first playoff win for the Angels in ten years!

Beeville	2-2 Tie
St. Augustine	0-3 Loss
St. John Paul II	0-2 Loss
St. Joseph	2-0 Win
Rockport-Fulton	4-2 Win
Houston Baptist	5-3 Win

Varsity Boys' Soccer



Front row: William Pettus, Emilio Aguas, Ruben Resendez, Manuel Lopez, Luis Armstrong, Alejandro Carreno
Second row: Coach Alex Ramos, William Anderson, Romulo Corrada, Kyle Pekar, Jack Harrison, Evangelino Pangilinan, Hamilton Lee, Gabriel Stacy, Santiago Mendizabal, William Beauchamp



ONE IN A BILLION

Heading to the Top



John Wooden once said, "A good coach can change a game, a great coach can change a life." Coach Bill Cleavelin has put in fourteen years of dedication and hard work towards the Lady Angels soccer team. "I admire Coach Bill for his extreme dedication to the program and how he makes sure we have the best of the best when it comes to uniforms and training equipment," commented senior, Claire Walsh. Coach Bill Cleavelin not only impacted the girls on the field, but off the field as well. "Over the past four years, I have watched myself and others grow not only as players, but as individuals," continued Walsh. Coach Bill Cleavelin's dedication paid off by forming one of the strongest teams in his coaching career at Incarnate Word Academy. "He has made the team stronger and has helped us become better athletes," said freshman, Sabrina De Santiago. The Lady Angels made history by defeating the toughest teams in San Antonio's district, becoming District Champs and most importantly, making it to the State Finals for the first time in the school's history.



HOME 28:37
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Front row: Mia Moore, Claire Thomas, Grace Walsh, Mary Matl
Second row: Madeline Villa, Amber Jones, Abigail Floerke, Claire Walsh, Chloe Heilman, Remy Ellison
Third row: Carrie Manna, Gabriella Ward, Theresa Salazar, Emma Becker, Sabrina De Santiago, Jacquelyn Douglas, Taylor Skrobarczyk, Luz Fernandez, Delayna Ramirez, Olivia Stanton, Moretzsohn, Bill Cleavelin

Score Board

	Wins and Losses		Wins and Losses
St. Joseph	10 0 Win	St. Joseph	5 1 Win
St. Augustine	9 0 Win	St. Augustine	10 0 Win
St. John Paul II	9 1 Win	St. John Paul II	9 0 Win



Abigail Floerke, 16 Delayna Ramirez, 21 Mary Matl, 02 Luz Fernandez, 05 Jacquelyn Douglas, 00 Remy Ellison, 01



1. "Fly ladies fly" was the code phrase for sophomore, Mia Moore to get wide on the field. Moore received a ball in the flank and took it down to the end line where she had a shot on goal giving the Lady Angels a win over San Antonio Christian School 5-0 on the home field for the first time in Coach Bill Cleavelin's coaching career at Incarnate Word Academy. 2. Cannot break through this defense! Freshman, Amber Jones is quick to get back and defend Grapevine Faith Christian School. 3. Let the feet do the talking! Senior, Claire Walsh dribbles her way through Laredo's Alexander High School defense during the CCISD tournament. 4. Running the defense ragged, junior and forward, Gabriella Ward runs with the ball down the flank and crosses it in the box, so that her teammates can try to score. 5. Actions speak louder than coaches! Coach Bill Cleavelin steps aside to demonstrate how to correctly receive the ball with their lead foot.





Gavin Vicknair, 09 Jacqueline Brown, 09 Sara Beth Becker, 11 Kelsi Wood, 09 Alyssa Milligan, 10 John McNiff, 12



David Villarreal, 12 Patrick Shea, 09 Lemuel Lopez, 09 Elizabeth Nicholson, 10 Matthew Charles, 10 William Yeager, 12

Varsity Swim Team



Front Row: Coach Myra Nelson, Jaqueline Brown, Kelsi Wood, Jullian Brown, Paige Lippincott, Hillary Aguilar, Alyssa Milligan
Middle Row: Drake Leeson, Matthew Charles, Gavin Vicknair, Patrick Shea, Elizabeth Nicholson, Kaci Garcia-Esparza, Sara Beth Becker
Back Row: Nicholas Hein, David Villarreal, John McNiff, William Yeager, Manuel Lopez, Connor Hein

How important is teamwork in swimming?

"Everyone has their own events that they excel in. This helps the team out as a whole by earning points, so we all work together to earn as many points as possible. We also encourage each other whenever we can and will always cheer for whoever is in the pool. I believe that is what makes this team work."



sophomore, Elizabeth Nicholson.

SPREADING OUR WINGS and Learning to Fly



Even though swimming is said to be an individual sport, the team proved that theory all wrong. With the time in between races, the swimmers found ways to help out their teammates from start to finish. "We all have a bond and help encourage each other to do better and I think that is really important in sports and in life," said sophomore, Hillary Aguilar. Bonding moments like pre-race pep talks, cheering teammates on and even helping each other out of the pool after a tough practice are just a few ways the team showed their togetherness. Though the team spent hours preparing for short races, their hard work was well spent.

Angel Times



Watching with anticipation, sophomores, Alyssa Milligan and Payton Vicknair talk about their upcoming races during their warm up at the Corpus Christi Natatorium.

William Yeager	22.51	50 Free
Paige Lippincott	7:01.99	500 Free
John McNiff	1:07.61	100 Free
Sara Becker	1:25.80	100 Back
Payton Vicknair	2:52.93	200 IM
Kyle Wendel	1:27.43	100 Fly
Kelsi Wood	29.62	50 Free



1. Living in the moment, Head Coach, Myra Nelson cheers on her team at the TAPPS State Swim Meet while Assistant Coach, Kevin Gossett writes statistics. 2. Daring to soar, the swim team stand on their blocks waiting for the signal to blast during warm up at the first swim meet of the year.



1. Suiting up for the win, freshman, Gavin Vicknair finishes his warm up before the TAPPS State Championship. "I had butterflies, but I knew warming up would shake that off and help me perform my best," said Vicknair. 2. Looking back and moving forward, senior, Paige Lippincott and sophomore, Elizabeth Nicholson take a break to reflect on their swims. "I was nervous, but I used the time to strategize and cheer on my teammates," said Lippincott. 3 Unforgettable in every way, sophomores, Alyssa Milligan and Hillary Aguilar spend time together after their last meet at Fuddrucker's. 4. Things are looking up as freshman, Kaci Garcia-Esparza races for the finish. "I knew it was my time to shine, and I was not going to let my team down," Garcia-Esparza stated. 5. Determined as ever, senior, David Villarreal warms up his fly for the first leg of his 200 individual medley.

What has been the most eye-opening experience you've had in medical society?



"The most eye opening experience of the medical society was being able to shadow real doctors and see what they go through each and every day."
-Carly Tiechman, sophomore

"Looking inside the human body, seeing all the different parts work together is completely different from any picture from a textbook."

-Ashley Elliot, junior



"Through the society, I was able to see the many different cases the doctors go through and able to find what I wanted to do with my future and see what I would be doing first hand."
-Abigail Garcia, senior

Experiences for life LOOKING AHEAD



Through Medical Society, students who were interested in going into the medical field learned vital techniques and information that would one day pertain to their careers of choice. The Medical Society, led by adviser, Facundo Vasquez, offered students a firsthand look at the qualities necessary to make it in the fast-paced world of medicine, as well as provided students with experience through field trips and speakers. Club members looked into the future, earning valuable experiences that would further their academic successes and help them make great advances in the world.



Lending a Hand GOING GREEN

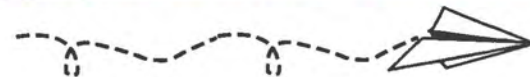


Members of the Environmental Club worked for change throughout the world, starting at school. Through recycling and efforts to raise awareness on environmental issues, students used their power for good and influenced others to be more conscious of how they impact the Earth. The combined efforts of all the members made a change in the environment through beach cleanups, recycling and picking up trash, all while making people more aware of what they can do to help the environment. Environmental Club adviser, Facundo Vasquez lead and organized beach cleanups and off campus field trips, using his many years of experience to help the environment and encourage students. "On our beach cleanups the students were really helpful and interested in cleaning up the beach while having a good time. In the end I couldn't have been more glad to have taken them because of the difference they had made. I feel really good about what they do," commented Vasquez, the club's passionate adviser. Step by step, the Environmental Club made a difference on the world.

1. Knowledge is power! Senior, Alexandra Gonzalez accompanies sophomore, Kensey McCain as they listen attentively and learn about the exciting and challenging future that lies ahead in the medical field. 2. All smiles, seniors, Jullian Brown and Eileen Paulson, junior, Desirae McCracken, and senior, Dominique Larioz pose for the camera with their new T shirts during a lunch meeting. Medical Society members proudly sported their purple shirts. These shirts were worn by members as they shadowed doctors and experienced working in a real hospital setting. This was one of the Medical Society's most important features. 3. Practice makes perfect, senior, Claire Walsh listens carefully during the presentation for shadowing students.



1. Environmental Club adviser and fearless leader, Facundo Vasquez, holds up a ghost crab during the February beach cleanup, showing the club members the animal's anatomy. 2. Picking up the pieces, junior, David Pierce carefully removes dangerous trash from the seashore. Beach cleanups help protect wildlife and their ecosystems as well as beach visitors. 3. Making their mark, sophomores, Theresa Salazar and Taren Moore sign the attendance list at the beginning of the first Environmental Club meeting of the year, ready to learn about conservation. 4. Ready to learn, sophomore, Nicholas Hein, listens intently to guest speakers at the first ever Environmental Club Earth Day Fair. The fair featured many clubs and environmental organizations throughout the Coastal Bend, and students were even able to cool off with snow cones!



The Art Of Working Together

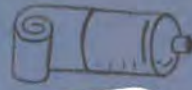
SKETCH IT OUT



Art club was not simply a time to sketch the day away, but a place to express one's self and work on artistic crafts of all types. The members of the club created Christmas cards for the children at Driscoll Children's Hospital, as well as bookmarks for the high school library. Plans were made months in advance and countless hours of work were put into each drawing. Many paintings at the Gala and different events for the school were carefully crafted by the club members. The Art Club sponsor, Ronney Heslip never let any work go unnoticed. "Over all it's great, exactly what I hoped this year would be," commented Heslip when asked about his first year acting as adviser for the Art Club. He worked very hard to make each individual feel as if all work had a purpose, and never kept any piece from the stage. Everyone pushed each other to do their best and new friends were made, along with new inspirations.



1. Sketch it! Junior, Sofia Aguirre finishes up her English drawing with the help of Art Club adviser, Ronney Heslip and his advice. 2. Starting anew, Art Club sponsor, Ronney Heslip hands out the t-shirt ideas to the new members of the art club as sophomore, Khelsey Smith waits patiently to place her vote. 3. Full of excitement, sophomore, Vanessa Zambrano gathers her belongings together at the end of the club meeting as Art Club sponsor, Ronney Heslip gives out final instructions for the next project. 4. Definite in her decision, junior, Brigid Sorrell votes for junior, Millicent Alvarado's club t-shirt idea that she agrees will suit everyone.



Why did you join art club?



"It was a place to create art with friends and get inspiration from Mr. Heslip."
Catherine Schultz, senior



"I thought it would be interesting to see what it was all about."
Sarina Garza, sophomore



"I joined, since I do sports and could not fit art class into my schedule."
Alejandro Carreno, sophomore



"I just really like art."
Millicent Alvarado, junior



Captured!

MOMENTS OF A LIFETIME

For the members of Photography Club, downtown Corpus Christi was the place to be, becoming the perfect classroom with its interesting settings and genuine character. Embracing the endless possibilities the city had to offer, Photography Club adviser, Ronney Heslip, led many student trips to practice photography skills. "Downtown trips are some really fun times to use the techniques first hand," commented sophomore, Alexandra Soliz. The trips provided the members of Photography Club opportunities to photograph the large ships, a wide variety of people and vibrant murals that dotted the seaside areas of downtown. While practicing with the different settings of their cameras, members of Photography Club perfected skills and drew close together as a group, forming bonds that would last a lifetime, all while capturing the moments with the click of a button.



1. Showing off, Photography Club sponsor, Ronney Heslip enlists the help of the club members in deciding which of the photos from the group photography expedition to the T-heads to display. 2. All in the spirit of Mardi Gras! Sophomores, Samuel Stallings, Alyssa Milligan and Howie Wang pose for photos taken by Photography Club students in the courtyard during lunch. 3. Preparation is key! Junior, Sofia Aguirre and senior, Jessica Bang listen to Photography Club adviser, Ronney Heslip's examples on which techniques and camera settings to use on the next trip downtown. 4. Working as a team, sophomores, William Pettus and Alexandra Soliz take turns manipulating different filters while photographing, which were used as examples for the next project.



Say cheese



What is your favorite photo taken this year?



"I took a photo downtown that I like because that day was misty and all the shots came out really cool."

William Pettus, sophomore



"A photo in Mexico I took that I felt was able to capture all the beauty of the city filled with people."

Sarah Cummins, junior

"My favorite picture this year is one Sofia Aguirre took. The way she uses the lighting is great."

Abigail Turner, sophomore





"I don't just throw my stuff in my locker, I try to keep everything upright. I have ribbons up from when my friends decorated for my birthday and I have pictures of my nephew."

"I arrange my locker items in pyramid fashion from biggest to smallest. I do not decorate my locker, but I usually put my lunchbox and backpack in it."



Mary De Arman, freshman



Nicholas Hein, sophomore

"I keep my locker pretty organized. I color code my textbooks to match my binder for each class, so each class is a different color. As far as decorating goes, I have a huge obsession with Stephen Curry from the Golden State Warriors, so you'll find my locker walls just covered with pictures of him and warriors stuff."



Nayah Chanyaman, junior

"I keep my books and binders from left to right in the order of my class schedule. As a backup, I have all of my binder and book covers color coded. My sister decorated my locker for my birthday with the help of some of the cheerleaders. I have kept the decorations up a year because they make my locker easy to locate."



Stephen Parlamas, senior

Behind Closed Doors

What's in Your Locker?

Whether upstairs or downstairs, underclassman or upperclassman, a locker played a special role as a high schooler's "home" for the year. Many an interesting thing could be found in the lockers, such as food, books, clothing, and even a stuffed-animal monkey! A student's locker served as a reflection of their style, interests and the amazing adventures they experienced throughout the year. "My locker isn't always the most organized, but it's the one part of the school that is truly mine for the year," said junior, Ashley Montgomery. Throughout their bustling schedules, students could always depend on their lockers to serve as home base for another amazing school year.

Make Your Mark



"It was really nice of Mrs. Mendizabal, Santiago's mom, and Mrs. Beauchamp, William's mom, for making our locker decorations."
Hamilton Lee, junior



"They were a birthday gift from Mia Moore. She got them from a farmer's market. I like them because they are different and colorful."
Devon Molina, sophomore



A Teacher's "Locker"



Her home base, Algebra I and Pre-Calculus teacher, Theresa Mader keeps everything she needs for a successful school day at her desk! From worksheets to holiday-themed pencils, her desk has it all!

A Tennis Racket:

"I love tennis because it's great to be a part of a team that supports you. I like the competition of tennis and playing singles."



Sofia Alexander, freshman

Decorations:

"They were in my locker for birthday decorations for my best friend's locker. These were left over as extras, so I just put them in my locker for fun!"



Hillary Aguilar, sophomore

Old Books:

"I love reading because you escape into the world that forms in the pages. It's like an adventure every time!"



Jacqueline Brown, freshman

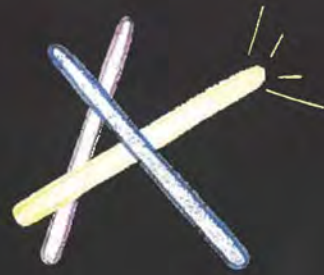
What unique and essential item do you keep in your locker?





Setirovaf

Morp 2.0



A typical favorites dance usually consists of formal dresses, fancy suits and colorful ties. However, this year, that was not the case. Instead, the dance took a spin on MORP with a casual theme called Setirovaf, or favorites backwards. "When helping come up with the theme, I wanted to change things up and raise the expectations. The theme had to be fresh and exciting; that's what made Setirovaf the obvious choice," said sophomore, Santiago Mendizabal. The dance was filled with colorful balloons and neon colors, but glow sticks were the favorite accessory. To set the mood of the dance, the stage had black lights and laser lights that shone onto the lively crowd.

1. Showing off her cheer skills, junior, Abigail Sheets does a hand stand on the dance floor. 2. Sporting the theme with their clothes, juniors, Sofia Alonso-Bauer, Natalie Smith and Sarah Cummins show off their attire. "I love the opportunities when I can express myself through clothing," Cummins explained. 3. Throwing their hands in the air like they just do not care, sophomore, Francisco Moreida and junior, Ava Constant dance passionately on the dance floor. "There is something about dancing wildly as if no one is watching that is truly liberating," Constant said. 4. Sharing in freshmen camaraderie, freshmen, Gavin Vicknair, Lemuel Lopez, Gilbert Chapa, Sofia, Alexander and Jacqueline Galvan sing along to *24K Magic* by Bruno Mars.



5. Dressed to impress, freshman, Gilbert Chapa dances with, fellow classmate, Isaiah Aguilar. "I dressed formal because we never get to, and it is fun to do every once in a while," Chapa explained. 6. Selena inspires sophomore, Brett Herbst to jam out with junior, Diego Elizondo. "My favorite song at Favorites was *Baila Esta Cumbia* by the famous Latina Singer, Selena Quintanilla, because I could feel Selena pulsing throughout the dance floor," said Herbst. 7. Rocking her bright colored jacket, senior, Meredith Kirkland jams out to *Shake It Off* by Taylor Swift with fellow senior, Olivia McClanahan. 8. Taking a break from the dance floor, seniors, Jack Wallace, Victoria Rangel and Catherine Schultz discuss the DJ's musical selections at Setirovaf. 9. Dance till you drop! Letting loose, senior, Ian Simmons puts his killer dance moves on full display while dancing with fellow classmates to the beat of their favorite songs in the Dougherty Center. 10. The perfect setting for a Favorites picture, sophomores, Pilar Elena, Hillary Aguilar and Alyssa Milligan take a break from dancing in a pile of balloons. "The balloons were a good idea because they were an awesome prop to take pictures with," explained Elena.

If you could glow in the dark what would you do?

"I would charge people to have me entertain at parties; that way I could meet new people and attend a lot of parties, all while getting paid."

William Beauchamp, junior



"I would not still be afraid of the dark and all of my childhood fears would be non-existent. I would also go out and find people of my kind to create a junta designed to rule the universe."

Nayah Chanyaman, junior



"I would probably try to be some kind of super-hero. I would fight darkness and be a glowing ball of happiness everywhere I go."

Patrick Shea, freshman



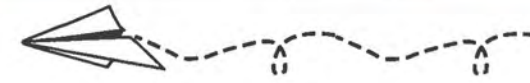
"I have always planned on raising sheep, so being able to glow would make that possible. The sheep would always follow me cause I would be glowing all the time."

Noah Garcia, senior



"I would convince everyone that I am an alien and go running in circles in the forest at night."

Francesca Alvarado, senior

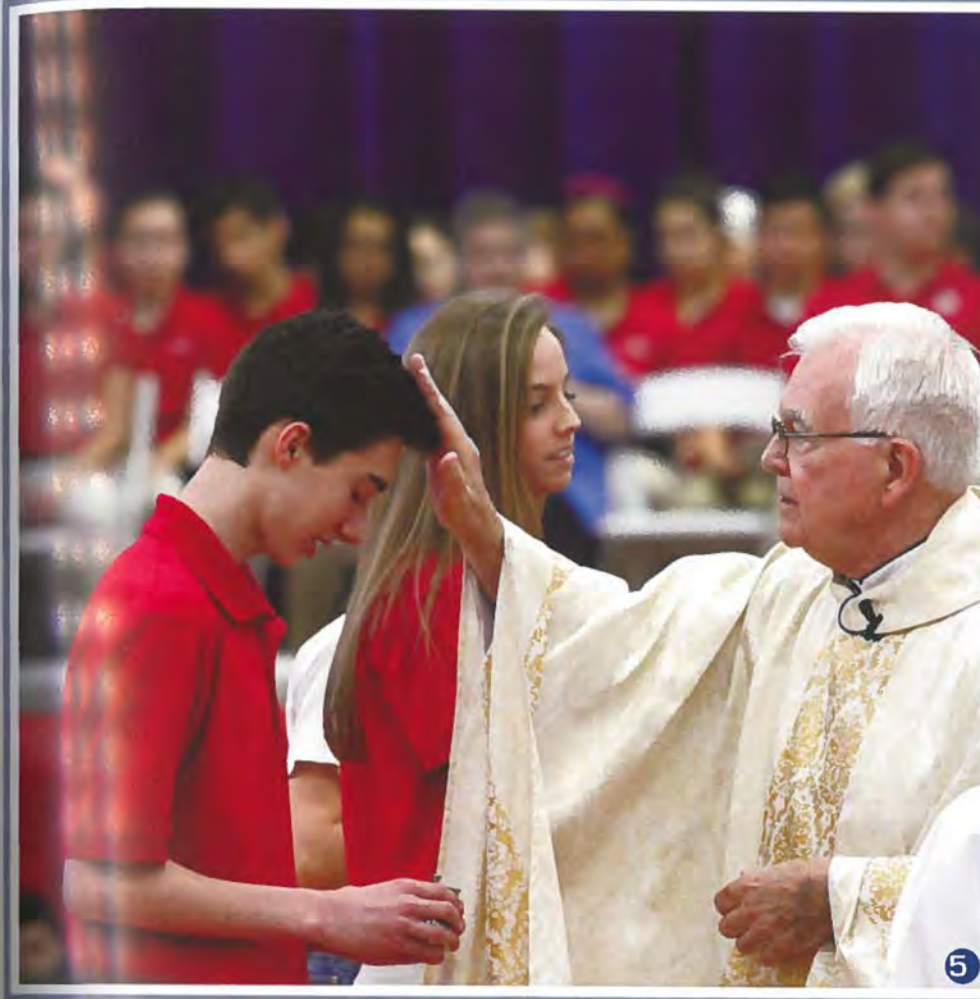


Preparing the Way

Setting Up for the Lord

Learning about faith is important, but faith is more than just knowledge. Putting faith into practice is even more important. This happens when students gather together in celebration of special feast days and weekday masses, and preparing for a mass requires more than calling a priest. You can trace a Mass all the way back to the Religious Studies classes where students dedicate days to practicing the readings, choosing the songs, gathering altar servers, and signing up ministers of hospitality to pass out song books. During choir, days are dedicated to practicing the music so students can confidently lead in song. As students of all grade levels participate in these beautiful celebrations of our Lord and try to find ways to help, they prove that faith is best exemplified when coupled with action.

1. In reverence of the Lord, sophomores, Vanessa Zambrano and Olivia Stanton-Moretzsohn practice songs during their sixth period Religious Studies class for Mass before the priest arrives. 2. With helping hands, senior, Maximiliano Elizondo works to put away chairs from the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception campus-wide Mass. 3. Together in communion, sophomores, Carly Teichman and Andrew Martinez assist Fr. Paul Hesse in preparing to distribute the Eucharist during their sixth period religion class Mass. "I love altar serving because I'm able to show my leadership to younger altar servers by helping and correcting them," Martinez shared.



4. That's a wrap! Juniors, Gabriel Sohn-Hunt and Joshua Guernsey put away the altar decorations at a campus-wide Mass in the Patricia Gunning Gymnasium where students and faculty celebrated the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple during National Catholic Schools Week. 5. Treasuring the moment, sophomore, Samuel Stallings pauses to receive a blessing while presenting the gifts during a school-wide mass. "Masses are important to me because they are ways to get closer to God. Mass makes my day that much better," Stallings said.

How do you contribute to school masses?



"I love singing the responsorial psalm because I feel more connected to the Mass."

Madeline Villa, sophomore



"I personally like to altar serve. I love the experience of being close up and personal."

Catherine Schultz, senior

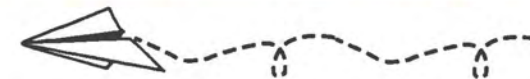
What does altar serving mean to you?

"Since I was little I always admired altar servers for their hard work and dedication. When I turned seven I began to serve and help the priest. Serving really has drawn me into the Mass and given me a form of joy like no other! To me serving isn't about the title, but about serving God and my Catholic community through something I enjoy taking part in."

Jullian Brown, senior



6. Picking up the pieces, freshman, Anthony Matl helps to collect the Breaking Bread hymnal books for his sixth period religion class Mass. "I enjoy being able to work in a group and collaborating to get the Mass planned," Matl says. The students take time out of their normal schedule to plan these Masses. 7. Setting the example freshmen, Mary De Arman, Claire Thomas, and Gabrielle Garcia all join in to lead the school in song during the Jeanne De Matel school-wide Mass. "It's fun, but also nerve racking," freshman, Thomas mentions. The choir students must prepare carefully as the celebrations approach. 8. Taking a moment to listen in while teacher, Sister Judith Saenz teaches freshmen, Isaiah Aguilar, Elysheva Barnett, and Amisha Agarwal how to properly set the table before a school-wide Mass.



1. Serving with seniority, seniors, Joseph Cook and Marykathryn Charles participate in a question and answer session about high school at the middle School. 2. Let the games begin! Senior, Madeline Thompson, zooms around the court of the Elementary School Pavilion while volunteering at the Elementary School Fall Fun Night. 3. With intense focus, junior, Kaylyn Dinh, demonstrates the combustion of magnesium while volunteering for AP Chemistry teacher, Nicolas Perez at Word 101. 4. One last question! Freshman, Josef Cuevas, discusses his responsibilities as a seater with Vice Principal, Darla Montano, while volunteering at the annual NAACP event at the American Bank Center. 5. Full of appreciation for wildlife, senior, Nicole Flanigan, participates in an Environmental Club beach cleanup.



Q What was your favorite part of participating in the toy toss for charity?


A "I really liked how many people participated. It really showed unity among the community."
William Yeager, senior

Service for the Greater Good

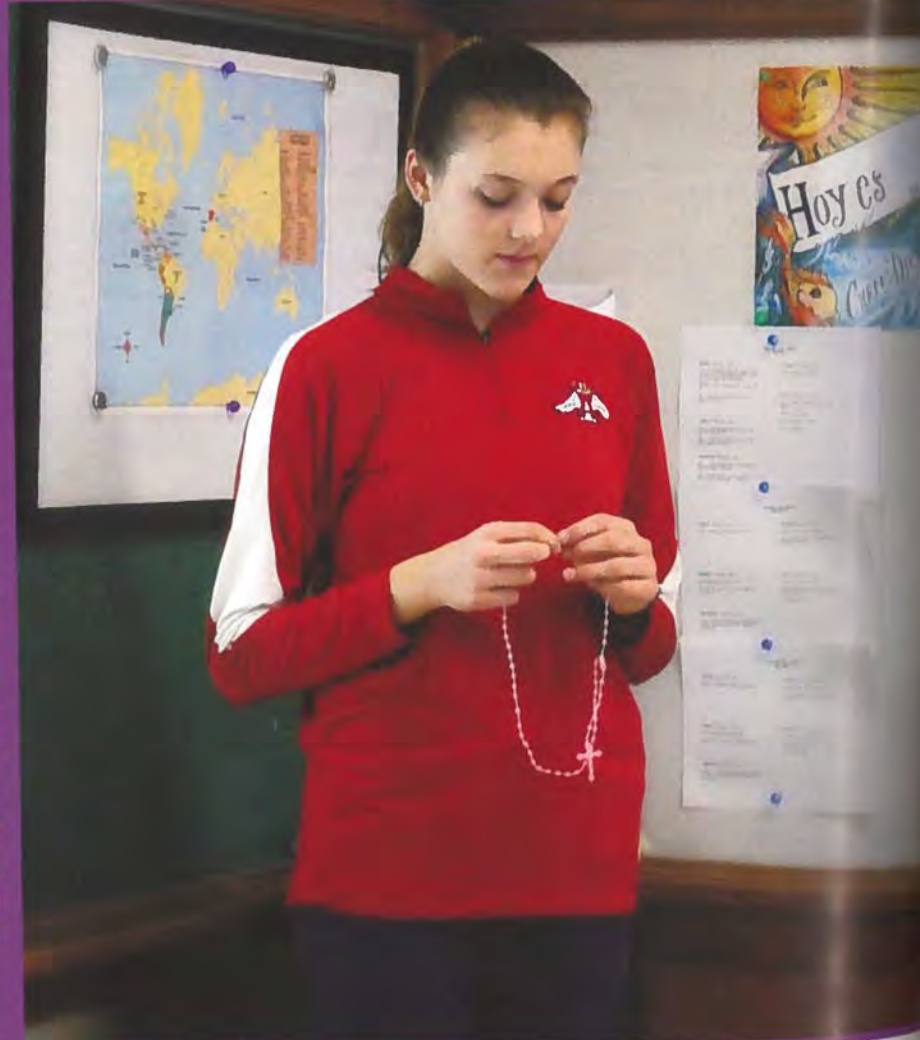
And the Greatest God



7. Spreading Christ's message, sophomore, Samuel Stallings staples Angels for Life ribbons to student's lockers in an effort to spread news of the new club. 8. These boots were made for service! Senior, Marcos Aguas, patiently waits while donating blood.

"Giving blood is giving back to those who need it more, so it makes you feel good."
Marco Aguas, Senior 

Year by year, students are asked to complete a minimum of 24 service hours in their religion classes, not to mention the added service hours required of members of organizations like National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Students were allowed to pick and choose creative and unique ways to serve the surrounding community of the school and the city. From freshmen excitedly pursuing new service opportunities to seniors participating in large projects, all members of the high school readily participated in carrying out good acts in God's name. Freshman, Claire Thomas, went a step further, spreading God's message by creating a new club, Angels for Life. "I started Angels for Life because I wanted to do something about the problems in our world regarding abortion and euthanasia. I think it's important that life is respected in all ages, from conception until natural death," Thomas commented. With the help of her classmates, including fellow freshman, Bethany Lopez, Thomas succeeded in shining God's light upon the Incarnate Word community, one prayer at a time.



<p>"I really like to do Vacation Bible School for my service hours because I like to work with little kids. I just started doing it this summer, but I plan on doing it every summer now." Jaqueline Galvan, freshman</p>	<p>"I help out at middle school swim meets, timing the events and giving the middle schoolers words of advice and support for my Boy Scouts service hours." Kyle Wendel, sophomore</p>	<p>I work a lot with my church and my youth group. I definitely love volunteering. I also volunteer at the Art Center, helping little kids draw and paint." Sofia Aguirre, junior</p>	<p>"I feed the homeless once a month and serve and sing at church every week. Service is a great way to truly learn more about others and have a good time as well." Aaron Benavides, senior</p>

How Do You Perform Acts of Service for the Community?



9. Teaching is learning! Junior and swim team member, Sara Beth Becker, instructs her students on the rules of pool safety while volunteering at Del Mar College. 10. Ready to lead, Angels for Life Advisers, Jacqueline Hein and Sister Eileen Oaherty discuss the goals of new club Angels for Life, which focuses on ending abortion.



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May 12



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May 11



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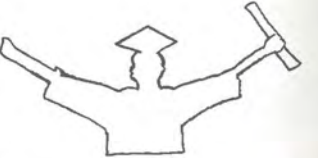
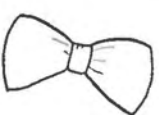


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Touch the stars

As the school year was coming to an end, the last few months came quickly and calendars filled with sporting events, academic meetings and special ceremonies. Students and faculty felt the end coming near and the anticipation for summer was at an all time high. Nonetheless, there was still much happening. The softball, baseball, and golf seasons were in full swing. Students in AP classes were spending the majority of their class time concluding their preparation for the Advanced Placement tests. In other classes, the subject matter was coming to a close. Many students and faculty remarked on how fast the time flew by as they shared their amazement that the end was so near. Seniors spent the last days of their high school journeys preparing final paperwork for college and spending valuable last moments with their underclassmen friends and fellow classmates. May came fast as students took the challenging AP tests, attended the Award Ceremony, made memories at Prom, and said their goodbyes at Graduation. The journey of this year ended with memories that would not be forgotten.

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TAKING ON TAPPS

With a New View

1. Lost in her graphing calculator, sophomore, Madeline Villa completes practice math problems before heading into her competition. "I decided to participate in TAPPS academics competitions because I believe its important to be strong academically and to challenge my usual way of thinking. It encourages me to improve not only in my studies, but also as an overall student," said Villa. After competing, Villa found that "Through hard work and studious habits, one can achieve wonderful things." 2. Mind and ears open, junior, Robert Walsh listened for the call for the calculator competitors during the Gregory-Portland practice academic meet. "Going into the academic meets can be nerve-racking sometimes," said Walsh, "but practices after school with Mrs. Mader helped me build my confidence." 3. The future looks bright! After getting more information about the TAPPS History Team, sophomore, Kensey McCain reviews the schedule for upcoming competitions. "I had never been apart of the TAPPS team before, so I was excited to finally learn what it was all about," said McCain. 4. Work hard, play hard! After all choir members earned "one" ratings for their solo performances and the ensemble earned a "two" rating at the TAPPS State competition, choir members enjoyed a shopping trip to the Rivercenter Mall in downtown San Antonio. "I didn't really shop much, but visiting the Disney store is always so much fun," said senior, Abigail Garcia.



What is your greatest gain from participating in TAPPS?



"Learning about American History, because it helps make decisions for the future." freshman, Connor Hein



"I think my interest in persuasive speaking sparked."

sophomore, Carly Teichman

Who do you think is the smartest person in the world?



"Xi Jinping, because he knows how to revolutionize the Chinese economy at half the cost."

Joseph Afuso, sophomore



"I'd have to say the character Walter O'Brien from the show *Scorpion*, because he has a crazy high IQ!"

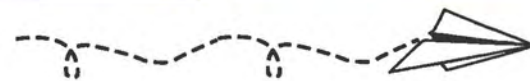
Roxanne Bruce-Beltran, sponsor



Through the previous leadership of former history teacher, David Screws, the school TAPPS team blossomed, with many students placing in various divisions. Following his decade-long tenure, sponsors, Theresa Mader, Jonathan Montgomery and Roxanne Bruce-Beltran jumped into action, ready for a TAPPS season full of competition in all categories. With many new members joining the teams, the energy and drive in students to excel built up in preparation for the competition season. "I never once thought I'd be able to place in a TAPPS competition, so I'm really glad I joined, because it opened up many opportunities," said senior, Jessica Bang. Bang, who says she has always had an affinity for vocabulary and "just decided to give TAPPS spelling a shot," grew into a dedicated participant, often practicing before and after school. With the dedication of sponsors and students alike, the TAPPS academics team was able to have another successful and active competition season.



5. Deep in the world of angles and degrees, TAPPS sponsor, Theresa Mader, reviews identity problems with TAPPS Mathematics competitors before the regional meet at Calallen High School. "Competing in TAPPS teaches students the importance of commitment, sacrifice and perseverance," said Mader. 6. All plugged in, junior, Kaylyn Dinh uses her laptop to study for her TAPPS calculator competition at the state meet. 7. Taking a much needed break, sophomore, Gabriel Rauen and junior, Nicholas Elizondo discuss the strategies for their competitions. 8. Applying her mathematics skills, junior, Thu Le attends TAPPS practice after school with coach, Teresa Mader. "TAPPS not only helps me enrich my knowledge, but also gives me a chance to compete against many strong candidates," said Le. 9. Ready to roll, juniors, Ashley Montgomery and Amille Bottom get seats next to each other on the bus ride to the TAPPS state meet in Waco, Texas. "TAPPS was a great experience! The bus ride up to the event is always fun, especially when everyone is rehearsing their pieces together and giving each other feedback," commented Bottom.





Marco Aguas, 06 Charles Hornsby, 08 Gregg Cervantes, 18 Zachary Rumley, 10 Perry Burkett, 21 Emilio Aguas, 17 Joseph Garcia, 7 Evangelino Pangilinan, 33 Jordan Salazar, 13 Jacob Gonzalez, 20 Nicholas Hoffman, 23 Reynaldo Garcia, Varsity

Boy's Baseball



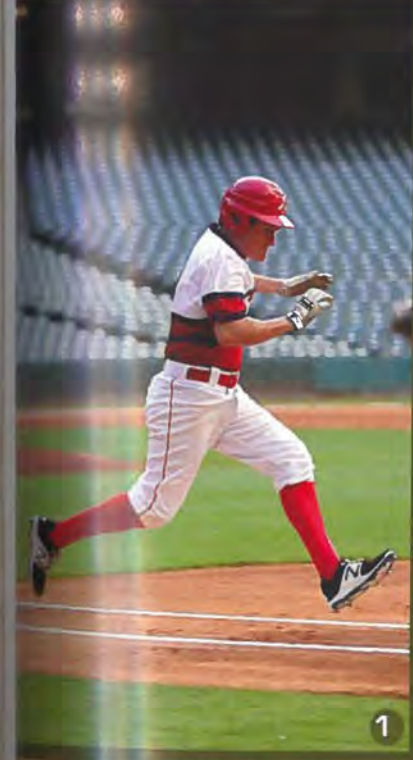
Front Row: Joseph Garcia, Emilio Aguas, Gregg Cervantes, Jordan Salazar, Marco Aguas, Charles Hornsby
 Middle Row: Michael Sifuentes, Perry Burkett, Richard Recio, Ronald Canales, Zachary Rumley, Jacob Gonzalez, Estefan Resendez
 Back Row: Joshua Guernsey, Jesus Mireles, Nicholas Hoffman, Nicholas Lee, Robert Walsh, John McNiff, Evangelino Pangilinan

How will seniors leaving affect the team?

"There are 11 seniors on the team and every one of them impacts us. Whether it's the mental or physical aspect of the game, as seniors we advocate for the juniors and the lower classmen. They look up to us, and we lead the way to success for them. We are all brothers and we're in this together."
 Michael Sifuentes, senior



Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now Go Big or Go Home



Teamwork makes the dream work! Everyday at practice, in games, and even in the halls the senior boys seek to inspire and influence their team in every way possible. Each year, freshmen are put to the test to learn from their leaders, strive to do their best, bond as a team, and leave a legacy younger generations will remember. Incoming freshman, Joseph Garcia, son of Coach Reynaldo Garcia, there was a new father-son dynamic on the team. "Being the coach's son definitely comes with some pressure and people may expect more, but I am still treated like any other player on the team," said Garcia. He and his freshman teammates revered and admired the upperclassmen for their strong bond on and off the field, hoping one day to illustrate the same teamwork and leadership for future generations to look up to.

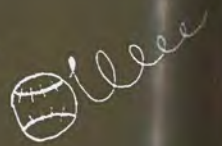


1. Keeping a straight face, team manager, Benjamin Zaragosa observes the team at the game against St. John Paul II High School. The team gave it their all and won with a score of 5-4. 2. Keeping an eye on the ball, senior, Estefan Resendez has his head in the game against Brazosport in Houston, Texas.



Scoreboard

Wins and Losses



Goliad HS	4	3	Win
San Diego	18	0	Win
London	8	2	Win
Ben Bolt	22	0	Win
St. John XXIII	9	3	Win
Trinity Christian	11	7	Win



Batter up! Sophomore, Zachary Rumley steps up to the plate ready for the next ball. "It's not the feeling before you hit the ball, but after is what counts," said Rumley.



1. With first base on his mind, senior, John McNiff races to the plate at Minute Maid Stadium in Houston, Texas. 2. It's the little things that count. Senior, Ronald Canales and Assistant coach Josh Aguas high-five as Canales made it to third base at the Minute Maid stadium. 3. Practice makes perfect! Freshmen, Richard Recio, Charles Hornsby and Emilio Aguas refine their batting skills on campus in the batting cages by the track. 4. It all starts with a pitch! Senior, Jordan Salazar throws the ball to the next batter. 5. Diving for a save, junior, Evangelino Pangilinan jumps to protect first base during a game against St. John Paul II High School.

THE GRAND SLAM

Leading Off

Back at it and better than ever, the Lady Angels' softball team worked hard with hopes to get back to state. With new coaches, new players and a new district, the season was filled with opportunity and a desire to win. "This year, we were way more motivated to get to state because half of our team is seniors. All the other teammates wanted to win so we could make this softball season one to remember for them," said junior, Kimberly Ramirez. A lot can be learned from any sport, and the seniors, many of whom were involved in athletics all four years of high school, had gathered immense wisdom. "Softball taught me that when you have a team, it's better to use your resources. Together as a team we got things done right," said senior, Hayley Guerra. The softball girls never failed to show off their close bond, teamwork and pride for each other, and the team came together to help make this year as memorable as possible not for the softball team, but for the softball family..



Riley Arreola, 13

Nicole Flanigan, 07

Natalie Smith, 15

Savannah Bevalet, 11

Madeline Thompson, 14

Alexis Cervantez, 04



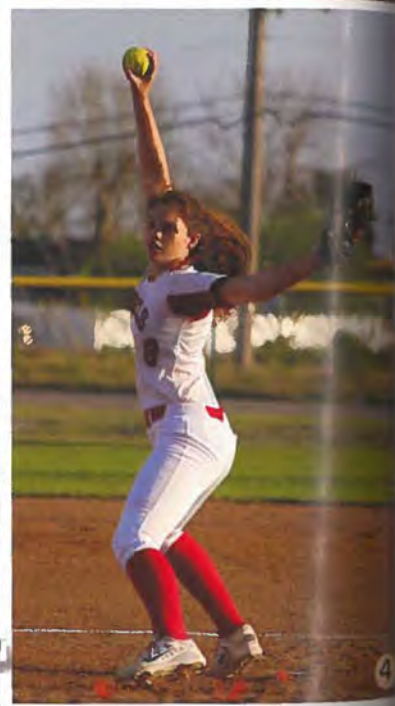
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Varsity Softball

Score Board

Saint John Paul II	11 - 7	Win
Kingsville	10 - 8	Win
London High School	12 - 1	Win
Mathis	4 - 0	Win

Front Row: Savannah Bevalet, Gillian Olvera, Riley Arreola, Alexandra Beltran, Madeline Thorud, Mary Buhidar, Nicole Flanigan Second Row: Kimberly Ramirez, Isabela Ysassi, Sophia Cheaney. Alexis Cervantes, Madeline Thompson, Hayley Guerra, Coach Melanie Cavazos



1. Celebrate good times! Seniors, Mary Buhidar and Hayley Guerra jump for joy when junior, Kimberly Ramirez hits a game winning hit in the playoff game against Holy Cross. 2. Amen! Junior, Kimberly Ramirez leads the prayer before the game against Mathis High School. With a smile, Ramirez prays that all play fair and that the game goes well. 3. Break it out, the whole team keeps tradition and gets together to start off every game with a prayer and a good luck yell of "Go Angels!" 4. Strike! Freshman, Sofia Cheaney winds up to strike out the last batter in Mathis' line up. 5. Scream and shout, juniors, Natalie Smith, Savannah Bevalet, freshman, Isabella Ysassi, Alexandra Beltran, and senior, Alexis Cervantes, hype up their batter junior, Kimberly Ramirez to give them all a home run.

ALL IT TAKES

Is all
You've Got!



Jeremy Degaish, 9 Caleb Williamson, 10 Daniel Diejomaoh, 10 Daniel Rock, 10 Elizabeth Nicholson, 10 Mia Moore, 10
Paige Lippincott, 12



Mary Ann Fergie, 11 Caitlyn Biggins, 10 Jacob Gonzales, 12 Steven Silva, 12 Khelsey Smith, 10 Anna Simank, 11 Michael Diejomaoh, 12

Time, determination and energy. That is what it takes for student athletes to be successful in track events like pole vaulting, shot put and relays. "All the work we put in culminates at the last three meets of the season, so focus and dedication throughout the season is very important," said senior, Elizabeth Webster. That same drive seen in track athletes during events is also seen in the team as a whole. Under the leadership of coach, Donald Patterson, students not only strengthened their endurance for running and skills for long jump, but also their relationships with each other. As the team grew closer over the year, they were able to develop relationships that helped them on and off of the track.

1. We are just warming up! Sophomore, Katherine Skrobarczyk, senior, Elizabeth Webster and freshman, Emily Sheets warm up before their relays for their track meet. 2. Using his power, sophomore, Luke Trevino prepares to throw his shot put for the team. 3. Focused as ever, sophomore, Joseph Afuso gives it his all as the race comes to an end. 4. Lead the pack, run track! Senior, Kesi Harris does just that as she sprints to the finish line. 5. Caught in the moment, sophomore, Joseph Nicholson pole vaults his way to victory during practice at the track.

Mr. Patterson



The heart and soul of the team, coach, Donald Patterson spends his days training the track team alongside some great coaches. A typical day can be comprised of what only Mr. Patterson can call a "maximum effort." Throughout the year, the entire track team worked hard as Patterson stated, "the team's ability to overcome extreme diversity" was his favorite part of this 2016-2017 season. After all, the team went on to make it all the way to State.



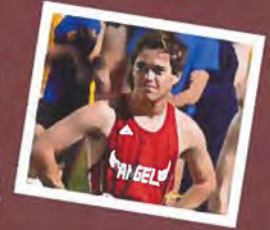
Varsity Girls' Track



Front Row: Valeria Villagomez, Paige Lippincott, Elizabeth Webster, Kesi Harris, Caitlyn Biggins, Remy Ellison, Elizabeth Nicholson
Second Row: Emily Sheets, Mia Moore, Riley Gourley, Katherine Skrobarczyk, Hayley Guerra, Abigail Ehrman, Mary Fergie, Anna Simank

How Does It Feel When You're Running?

"A battle goes on between my mind and body."
-Alejandro Carreno, sophomore



"My heart beats out of my chest. Honestly, I feel happy when I run."
-Jack Harrison, junior



"I'm so focused. Listening to people screaming at me, I kind of forget that my legs hurt!"
-Mia Moore, sophomore



Varsity Boys' Track



Back Row: Daniel Rock, Joseph Nicholson, Francisco Moreida, Jack Harrison, Stevan Silva, Gabriel Stacy, Michael Diejomaoh, Trevor Creamean, Jacob Gonzalez, Stephen Parlamas, Jeremy Degaish, Paxton Longwell
Middle Row: Brett Herbst, Evangelino Pangilinan, Anthony Matl, Kevin Morrison
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Kensey McCain, 10 Donte Joseph, 11 Coach Hernandez, Junior Varsity Marcos Tapia, 12 Coach Gressett, Varsity Emmarie Rossiter, 9

Varsity Tennis



Front Row: Paris Hanna, Joyce Hunsaker, Meredith Kirkland, Sofia Alexander
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Junior Varsity Tennis



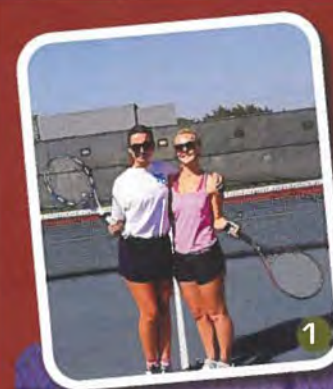
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READY, SET, RALLY!

More Spin to Win



Swinging away after school at the Del Mar College East Campus tennis courts, the Angel tennis team could often be found working late into the afternoon running drills and playing matches to prepare for the season's intense tournaments. "The drills and games at practice not only improve my endurance, but also help me bond with my teammates. I think having a good relationship with my doubles partner, Meredith Kirkland is very important," said senior, Paris Hanna, pictured bottom. Though the team is not the largest in size, the bond and relationships with each other are vital to their success.



1. Ready to start the season off right, sophomore, Kensey McCain and senior, Mary Matl stop for a quick break after practicing their volleys. 2. Driving her way to first place in her division, freshman, Sofia Alexander comes in to hit a winning shot at the net. "Being the only freshman on the varsity team is very rewarding," said Alexander.



Scoreboard

Tournament Placings



Serving up his A-game, sophomore, Alejandro Carreno prepares to close out a match against Beeville High School with his doubles partner junior, Michael Orgil.

Tuloso Midway Tournament	7th
Spring Fling Tournament	11th
Aransas Pass Invitational	1st
Calallen Tournament	7th

1. Perfecting his killer overhand, senior, Michael Rock, reaches up for the incoming ball to make sure he and his doubles partner, senior, Jonathan Deleon are prepared for the CCISD Spring Fling tournament. 2. Meet in the middle! After playing a friendly match of singles, juniors, Michael Morin and Herbert Morrison approach the net to shake hands after a 6-4 win for Morin. 3. Awaiting his next feed from Coach, Ron Gressett, junior, Michael Orgil approaches the net to put away the next point. 4. Practice makes perfect! In addition to the five and a half hours of tennis practice spent outside of school each week, senior, Jonathan Deleon perfects his serve during after school practice. "If I have to say why I love tennis so much...it would be because tennis is life," said Deleon.

Celebration of the Nations

ENCOURAGE. UNDERSTAND. RESPECT. COMMUNICATE.

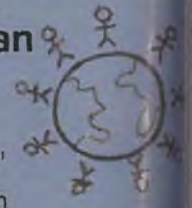


"De una sangre El ha hecho todas las naciones," is the official motto of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas, translating to, "From one blood He has made all the nations." These nations include the Americas and Spanish-speaking countries that unite under the Pan American Student Forum, which allows students to celebrate and enhance their knowledge about the rich and diverse Hispanic culture in their communities. Participating members in the Incarnate Word Academy Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas established a mission to offer students and teachers exposure to Hispanic culture. The Forum has participated in numerous activities around the Incarnate Word community, including freshman, Elysheva Barnett's favorite club activity, which she said was "planting blue bonnet seeds with the Elementary kids." The colorful and fun Incarnate Word Academy Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas provided students with opportunities to practice speaking Spanish, with the intent of members learning the language as a medium of communication. When asked why she joined the Forum, freshman, Victoria Smith said "To show that anyone can join. I want everyone to have a chance to learn about different places and cultures."

What is the Pan American Student Forum?



"A Spanish Club in IWA."
Alison Duncan, freshman



"It is a forum dealing with Spanish."
Joseph Hall, sophomore



"My best guess is that they are a group of students that want to learn more about Spanish across America."
Desirae McCracken, junior

"I'd say it would be preserving an old, antiquated lifestyle or to unify everyone in the melting pot."
Matthew Olivera, senior



1. Kaleidoscope colors, freshman, Victoria Smith completes a project to promote the new Pan American Club around the school. 2. All about perspective, club sponsor, Jacqueline Hein teaches the members about communication and culture as a part of the club's mission. 3. It is not just giggles and glitter! Freshman, Elysheva Barnett takes a trip to the Incarnate Word Academy Middle School Spanish class to spread Christmas cheer, as well as to share information with the students about the club's mission and exciting upcoming projects. "I joined the Pan American Student Forum for future reference and experience with planning and organizing events," said Barnett. 4. Pass the glue! Sophomore, Nicholas Hein, with the help of fellow club members, assembles a poster board for Word 101 in order to inform prospective students about the Pan American Student Forum of Texas. "My favorite activity has been putting together the bulletin board," said Hein.



We Triumph!

RAISING AWARENESS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER.

Did you know each year about 175,000 children are diagnosed with pediatric cancer? At just 13 years old, James A. Ragan was one of many children whose life was immensely impacted by pediatric cancer. James would battle against osteosarcoma, an unforgiving bone cancer, until 2014 when the cancer could not be fought any longer. James dedicated the final years of his life to raising awareness for pediatric cancer and successfully funded over \$3 million dollars to research of pediatric cancers. However, the formation of the foundation would not have been possible without the help of a supportive community. Today, Incarnate Word Academy, along with other schools in the Coastal Bend community, continue James' mission to ultimately improve the lives of children with cancer. The Incarnate Word Academy High School Chapter of Do That One Thing, confidently led by ambassador and president, senior, Paige Lippincott, collectively volunteered over 50 hours of community service this year alone, all in the name of finding a cure to end pediatric cancer.



1. Putting pen to paper, senior, Paige Lippincott opens Do That One Thing by taking role. Lippincott, an ambassador for the Triumph Over Kid Cancer foundation, has volunteered much of her time to fundraising and living out James' mission to "Do That One Thing." 2. Way to go! Coach, Donald Patterson, official Incarnate Word Academy High School adviser of Do That One Thing, encourages his runners to join. Cross Country runner and freshman, Gilbert Chapa said, "Since this is a new program, I am looking forward to seeing where it goes and I am hoping to help this program grow throughout my next four years of high school and help kids with pediatric cancer." 3. A special guest for a special cause, Gloria Ragan, mother of James Ragan, delivers some words of inspiration to the Incarnate Word Academy High School Chapter of Do That One Thing. After speaking with Ragan about her new knowledge of James' cause, senior, Eileen Paulson, stated "I didn't know about James or his foundation until my friends suggested I join Do That One Thing, now I am excited to learn more about James' amazing character and spirits that sparked the creation of this foundation." 4. Luck of the draw! Senior, Blake Herbst participates in the Do That One Thing raffle to win gift-cards. All proceeds from the raffle went to benefit the Triumph Over Kid Cancer Foundation.

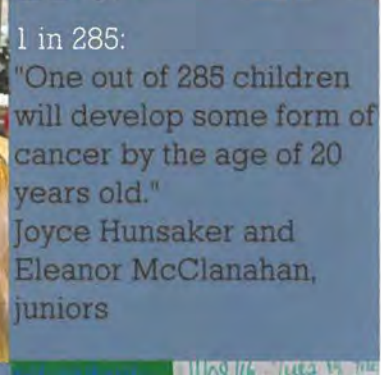


Ask me about...

4%:
"Did you know that only four percent of federal research funding goes to pediatric cancer research?"
Ava Constant, junior



1 in 285:
"One out of 285 children will develop some form of cancer by the age of 20 years old."
Joyce Hunsaker and Eleanor McClanahan, juniors



2/3rds:
"Did you know that two-thirds of children treated for cancer will have long-term, serious side effects that last a life time?"
Gabriella Ward, junior





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Brainstorming Projects

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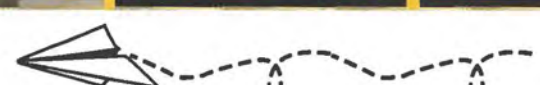
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Dedication For The Gift OF OUR SALVATION



Commitment to serving others through Missions began the year with former Missions Adviser, Matthew Loameier. Showing good-hearted leadership, Lohmeier guided the Missions Team on the path to helping others and staying close to God. However, in the middle of the school year, Lohmeier left his position in order to combat homelessness, which sparked a new adventure for the Missions Team. For some, Missions was a third-time journey, but it was a brand new start for others. Regardless of when students joined, they were able to spend time with friends and help others in the community. "As a Missions leader, I strongly believe helping our community is a really good way to spread our faith and there's no better group to do that with than the people in the Missions program," said junior, Justin Cavazos. By the end of their years of dedication to Missions, seniors were able to obtain the special chords for their graduation. Meanwhile, juniors and sophomores had the opportunity to express their faith for a few more years while freshmen were able to make a difference in the community, starting their high school years off with care and love.



1. Channeling his inner warrior, sophomore, Justin Douglas and senior, Trevor Creamean battle in the last round of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" while freshman, Alissa Hernandez captures the moment on *Snapchat*, and freshman, Sabrina De Santiago cheers on both Douglas and Creamean. 2. Leading by example, seniors, Abigail Floerke and Paige Lippincott show the Missions Team how to play a game involving hula hoops. 3. A time for prayer, Missions Adviser, Haley McPhail leads a group reflection and prayer during the weekly meeting. 4. All in a row, juniors, Remy Ellison and Joelle Francois and senior, Paige Lippincott sort and count the poinsettias for sale for the annual Missions fundraiser during the holiday season.



Why did you join Missions?



"I do missions because I feel it helps me to get in touch with my religion and celebrate my love for Christ."

Kaci Garcia-Esparza, freshman



"I do missions because I like the idea of sharing what I have been given with others."

Joseph Afuso, sophomore



"I do missions because my friend Isabela Huerta told me to do it and I love it because of the games and talks we have at the end of each meeting."

Claudette Lara, junior



"Would you rather be hot or cold all of the time?" was one of the many questions asked by Missions Adviser, Hayley McPhail and seniors, John McNiff and Maximiliano Elizondo for their game of "Choice" in the second-to-last meeting of the year. "This game was different from the other ones. I thought it was funny. It really made everyone laugh," said junior, Valeria Villagomez.

What is the best game at the meetings?

Jacqueline Brown, freshman
"The best game was 'This or That.' I like that one the best because you got to see other people's opinions"



Joseph Nicholson, sophomore
"My favorite game at Missions was 'Ninja' because it was a long game."



"The best game at Missions was when the girls were blindfolded and put makeup on the guys. It was really funny to see the guys with makeup on."



Isabela Huerta, junior



"The best game was 'Barnacle' because it was a fast-paced game that required team work, and at the end of the game we won."

Estefan Resendez, senior



The team covered in shaving cream, seniors, Michael Diejomah and John McNiff walk in defeat after losing in a game involving balloons filled with shaving cream.



Camera ready, junior, Wilson Strain prepares for eyeliner to be put on him by junior, Valeria Villagomez, who was blindfolded while applying Strain's makeup during the weekly meeting.



Everyman for himself! Seniors, Jesus Mireles and Marco Aguas stick together, as senior, Mikaela Rendon and freshmen, Sabrina De Santiago and Kaci Garcia-Esparza pull them apart in a game of "Savage Woman."



Through tangled teamwork, freshmen, Marina Salinas, Isabella Williams and Peyton Thorud make an effort to stand up while linked together, eventually beating the other teams.

|| Making time for Missions throughout the year is worth it because you get to spend a week with all of your friends, helping people and having a good time. ||

Joelle Francois, junior



1. Spread the joy! Sophomore, Theresa Salazar and junior, Abigail Sheets place pinwheels in front of CASA of the Coastal Bend. The pin wheels were used to try and "pin hope on the community to step up and help prevent child abuse," said marketing and events coordinator, Kathryn Hyatt. 2. Full of Angel Pride, the Missions team gathers in the First Baptist Church Gym to cheer on basketball coach, Mark Nichols, during his adult basketball game. 3. Rain, rain, go away! Sophomore, Alexandra Soliz waits with her work crew in a tool shed due to the sudden downpour of rain that slowed down their progress. 4. Working hard, seniors, Paige Lippincott and Alexis Cervantes tie blue ribbons to the trees at CASA of the Coastal Bend. The 945 ribbons represented the kids in foster care in the coastal bend. 5. Time to call it a day! Muddy but full of smiles, the team heads back to the buses and back to First Baptist Church for lunch. 6. Sharing is caring, juniors, Sofia Alonso-Bauer and Natalie Smith meet in the middle of a paint bucket, as they help finish re-painting the Saint Teresa rectory. 7. Hugs for a job well done, Missions sponsor, Haley McPhail gathers the group together for a final meeting outside of a house they helped finish for Habitat for Humanity. 8. Piling on, sophomore, Santiago Mendizabal and seniors, Victoria Rangel and Catherine Schultz shovel dirt to level out the grounds for building the new house. 9. Packing it in for the day with a smile, juniors, Joelle Francois and Justin Cavazos head back to the buses with the rest of the missions group after praying over the Habitat for Humanity house everyone worked on.



Helping Hands

Close to Home



If you could go on a mission trip anywhere in the world, where would you serve?



"I would serve in India. Many orphans and need homes and further help to aid their communities."
- Madeline Thorud, sophomore



"Kenya! I want families to have the privilege of clean water too."
- Maximiliano Elizondo, senior

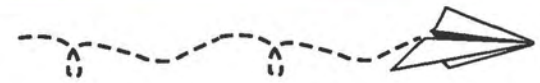


"India because it is so over populated that I could make a difference, but a small one."
- Caitlyn Biggins, sophomore



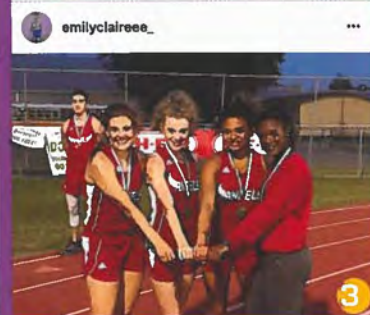
"I would want to go somewhere in Africa because they are in need of more schools and medical facilities."
- Victoria Rangel, senior

While missions trips usually included long bus rides, unfamiliar faces and foreign towns, the Missions Team put a new twist on the word "trip" and stayed close to home. Missions members spent four days of Holy Week helping out various organizations around Corpus Christi. After their work was completed, which included cleaning church buildings, painting homes with Habitat For Humanity, and assisting the Casa Center, the team retired to First Baptist Church on Ocean Drive during the evenings. During the down time, Missions members were able to finish assignments, reflect on their day, and even enjoy basketball games in the First Baptist Church Recreation Center. "It was very empowering to go out among the community, volunteer and create unity amongst the Incarnate Word family," said junior, Sofia Alonso-Bauer.



Capturing the Best Memories

One Post at a Time



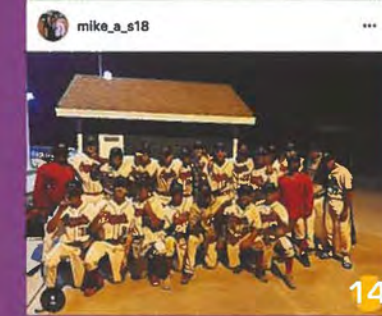
1. "#SicEmBears" Junior, Romulo Corrada and his family visit Baylor University to enjoy a football game. 2. "Happy Diwali!" Senior, Avina Bhakta celebrated one of her favorite cultural festivities by lighting up some sparklers. 3. "Just run faster!" Freshman, Emily Sheets, sophomores, Caitlyn Biggins and Khelsey Smith and senior Kesi Harris placed first in the 4x100 relay at a track meet held at Falfurrias High School. 4. "Taco 'bout a fiesta!" Freshmen, Jacqueline Brown, Eleanor Greco and Sneha Reddy take a break from dancing to enjoy the photobooth. 5. "Such a bittersweet feeling as this season came to an end, but I couldn't be any prouder of this team." Senior, Delayna Ramirez and the girls' soccer team stopped at Buc-ee's while on their way to Waco for the State Championship.



6. Fists up for the Irish Leprechaun! Senior, Aaron Benavides took a trip to Indiana to visit his future school Notre Dame. 7. "It feels so good to be back..." #OneLastRide" Senior, Madeline Thompson shared a photo taken by Rebecca Flanigan, mother of Nicole Flanigan, of doing what she loves the most, playing softball. 8. "First time going to playoffs in over 10 years!" The boys' soccer team made it to round two of playoffs against TMI and could not help but "dab on 'em" after the game.



9. "Harrison men take on Colorado." Junior, Jack Harrison and his family took a trip to Breckinridge for their very first ski trip. 10. "#ChristmasRecital" Senior, Paris Hanna and junior, Kaylyn Dinh performed at Del Mar College Wolfe Recital Hall for their annual piano recital. 11. Celebrating Lizzie's birthday with an adventure, senior, Paige Lipincott and sophomore, Elizabeth Nicholson stopped by the pet store to pick out some goldfish.



12. Peace out junior year! Junior, Claudette Lara is ready to cruise around town in her new Jeep. 13. "Game Day #SeniorYear" Seniors, Ronald Canales, Estefan Resendez, and Marco Aguas dress up nicely for game day. 14. "We came. We saw. We furthered. #tourneychamps" The varsity baseball team came home with a victory after playing in Banquet. 15. "Ya girl got first!" Senior, Franceska Alvarado competed in the Visionarios Contest for the category Art IV Wet Media which was held at the Art Museum on February 26. 16. "I like you almost as much as I like Sam Hunt!" Freshmen, Amber Jones and Riley Arreola took a trip to San Antonio to watch country singer, Sam Hunt, perform.



From Athens to Olympus


A Night in Paradise



As students arrived at Prom, they were transported into the mystical world of "A Grecian Paradise," where soft blue lighting mimicked the Mediterranean and tall white columns created the junior and senior classes' very own Mount Olympus. A night full of dancing, eating and mingling with friends ensued as both upperclassmen and underclassmen alike partied unlike any other dance. "Prom was distinctly different from the other Incarnate Word Academy dances, which I enjoyed! I had a great time," said junior, Kaylyn Dinh. Students partied through the night at Mansion Royal, taking advantage of the sheer white curtains to create photo opportunities, while photographer Carrie Nichols roamed the ballroom, capturing candid moments for students to cherish forever. Rocking out to the latest hits and creating exciting new memories with friends, students rang out the end of the year on a mystical and fun note.

1. With love in the air, senior, Jullian Brown and junior, Herbert Morrison dance the night away at Prom. "Prom was the highlight of my year, especially because I was spending it with Jullian," said Morrison. 2. Picture-perfect memories, seniors, Aaron Benavides and Delayna Ramirez pose for a picture. 3. Full of laughs, junior, Sarah Cummins dances with fellow junior, Sofia Alonso-Bauer under the twinkling lights of the "Grecian Paradise." "Prom night was a night to remember because I got to kick back and enjoy myself with all of my friends," commented Cummins. 4. One step, two step! Senior, Claire Walsh dances with alumni, James George, to "Neon Moon" by Brooks & Dunn.



 Dance!

5. Royalty for the night, seniors, Stevan Silva and Abigail Ehrman, slow dance with the rest of the court after being crowned Prom King and Queen. 6. Dance off! Seniors, Meredith Kirkland and Jackson Wallace show off their best dance moves, working the dance floor for hours on end. 7. Only with you! Junior, Allison Burda and senior, Nicholas Hoffman, slow dance during one of the many country songs played throughout the night. 8. Talk about a great night! Seniors, Ian Simmons and Nicole Flanigan take a break from dancing and enjoy each others company while reflecting on the night's events. 9. Picture this! Juniors, Mary Fergie and Remy Ellison pose for a picture in front of the "Grecian Paradise" backdrop, taking advantage of the dozens of props available. 10. The final twirl, seniors, Sheridan Steen and Maggie Hoffman take a break from dancing with their dates to enjoy one last trip to the dance floor together.

"This prom was unique through the intensity of the dance floor, music and overall atmosphere." William Yeager, senior



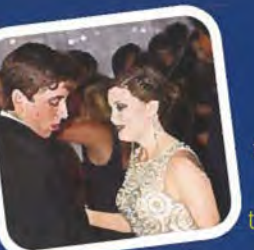
"It's definitely more formal for the girls, so it lets the girls dress up more for it." Hayley Guerra, senior



"Prom was different in that I asked someone to this dance." Diego Basaldu, junior



"There were more people and everyone was dancing and having a good time." Gabby Ward, junior



"There was a bittersweet atmosphere because it was the last dance we would have together." Bradley Thering, senior



"Prom felt more relaxed than the other dances." Madeline Thorud, junior





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1. Reaching for the prize, senior, Julio Ramos taunts junior, Ashley Elliott with the rose during the ceremony. 2. Now a foot taller, junior, Gabriella Ward uses a stool to catch up to her senior partners, Abigail Floerke and Claire Walsh. "We decided to be partners because we are in soccer together and we wanted to be equal height for one picture," said Ward. 3. For the love of the game, seniors, Robert Patrick and Marco Aguas pass down their baseball jerseys to junior, Joshua Guernsey, who will now fill their shoes in the next baseball season. 4. Bursting out in song, the senior class vivaciously recites their graduation mashup including "Don't Stop Believin" by Journey and "Good Riddance" by Green Day, along with several others. 5. Taking it all in, the Senior Class takes part in their last mass with the rest of the school before the Ring and Rose Ceremony. "I was grateful to be able to celebrate the mass together with my friends one last time and pass on our legacy as seniors," said senior, Franceska Alvarado.

FUTURE

Worth Gold



What

To

Do?

Handshake or Hug?



"We handed Wilson the rose and put it in his mouth. Then we had to play rock, paper, scissors and the loser had to hug Wilson. I lost." -Bradley Thering, senior

"We walked up to the center and I gave her sunglasses so we could take an anime selfie together."

-Diego Basaldu, junior



A Time to Cherish The Time of Our Lives



Shake Herbst, Evangelino Pangilinan and Jonathan Deleon Franceska Alvarado and Milicent Alvarado David Barrera, Romulo Corrada and Matthew Oliveira David Villarreal and William Beauchamp Elizabeth Webster, Anna Simank and Mary Matl Catherine Schultz and Madeline Peetz



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Will you accept this rose as a symbol of responsibility? The juniors and seniors twinned and color coordinated as they enjoyed the last few days of school together. "My favorite part was seeing everyone dress up and do cute little skits when the rose was passed on to juniors," said junior, Nayah Chanyaman. Ring and Rose celebrated the juniors as they moved on to their last year of high school and cherished the seniors as they prepared for a new chapter in their lives. The seniors were great role models and impacted the lives of each and every student in the High School. "They taught me how to be the best I can be as I mature into my last year of high school. The seniors set a perfect example for the rest of the school, and are people that I think all juniors can say they aspire to be," stated Chanyaman. The Junior and Senior Classes grew ever more united as the juniors prepared to take on the responsibility of being seniors.

Why did you choose your junior partner?

"I chose Molly Flood because we are close friends and did ballet together." Michelle Watts, senior



"Meredith Kirkland and I chose Joyce Hunsaker because we are the tennis trifecta and we have had this planned since day one!" Paris Hanna, senior



"Noah Garcia and I chose Sang Hoang because we felt as though his style complimented us." Stephen Parlamas, senior





Celebrating Success & Honoring the Best

One of the greatest rewards for a student, after a year full of balancing sports, academics and extracurriculars has always been the annual Awards Ceremony. Each teacher chose students to recognize for achievement in specific subjects, paying special attention to attitude as well as performance. "Choosing students to receive the awards for my classes is always hard," said social studies teacher, Shannon Seale, "but I base it on a combination of performance, grades and behavior." Truly, the Awards Ceremony honors distinguished students in various aspects of their high school endeavors, making proud moments for underclassmen and bittersweet moments for seniors. From achievement awards to hard earned graduation cords to all the athletic awards in between, the night was a dedication to the effort, consistency and talents of the student body.



Nine
To
Five

How did you manage balancing school, sports and clubs with so few hours in a day?

"By focusing on my work without procrastinating so that I can participate in other activities."

-Acadia Tamez, sophomore



"With little sleep, self motivation and determination to excel in all aspects of school."

-Jesus Mireles, senior



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1. He's still the one! After it was officially announced that senior, Michael Rock, was valedictorian, classmates stood and celebrated with him. "It took lots of hard work as well as help from friends, family and teachers," said Rock. 2. Cherishing a final moment, seniors gather during the Awards Ceremony to take a picture after receiving their graduation chords. 3. Great athletes think alike! Seniors, Mary Matl, Claire Walsh and Natalie Trevino beam with their senior athlete awards, showing their pride in their high school sports careers. 4. All smiles, junior, Thu Le accepts her achievement awards from vice principal, Darla Montano. 5. Long at last, senior, Sheridan Steen is awarded her plaque from principal, Jose Torres for attaining the title of Salutatorian.



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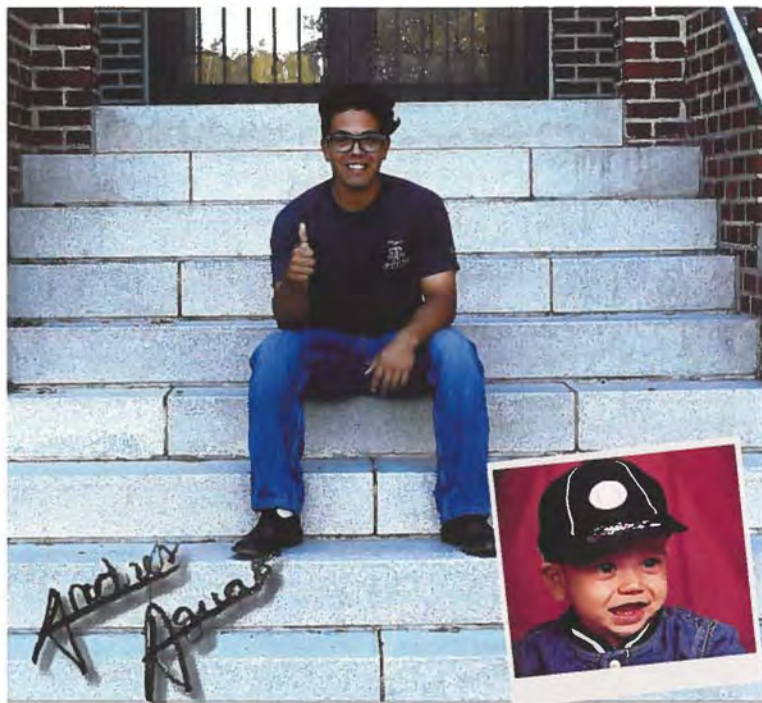
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6. Scout's honor! Seniors, William Yeager, John McNiff and Michael Rock accept awards for attaining the title of Eagle Scout, the highest rank available in the Boy Scouts of America. 7. Putting the pieces together, registrar, Sandra Trevino and secretary, Sylvia Reta, organize the student awards before the ceremony begins. 8. The final stretch, junior, Joyce Hunsaker receives awards for AP Chemistry and Dual Enrollment United States History. "I had to study really hard," said Hunsaker on how she was able to accomplish her achievements. 9. Job well done! Sophomore, Sarina Garza receives her Religion II and Alebra II awards from principal, Jose Torres. Underclassmen worked hard throughout the school year and rightfully earned a spot at their first Awards Ceremony.





Marco Aguas

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." -Babe Ruth



Sydney Allison

"Life is not the amount of breaths you take, it's the moments that take your breath away." -Will Smith, Hitch



Margaret Bandas

"Admire as much as you can, most people don't admire enough." -Vincent VanGogh



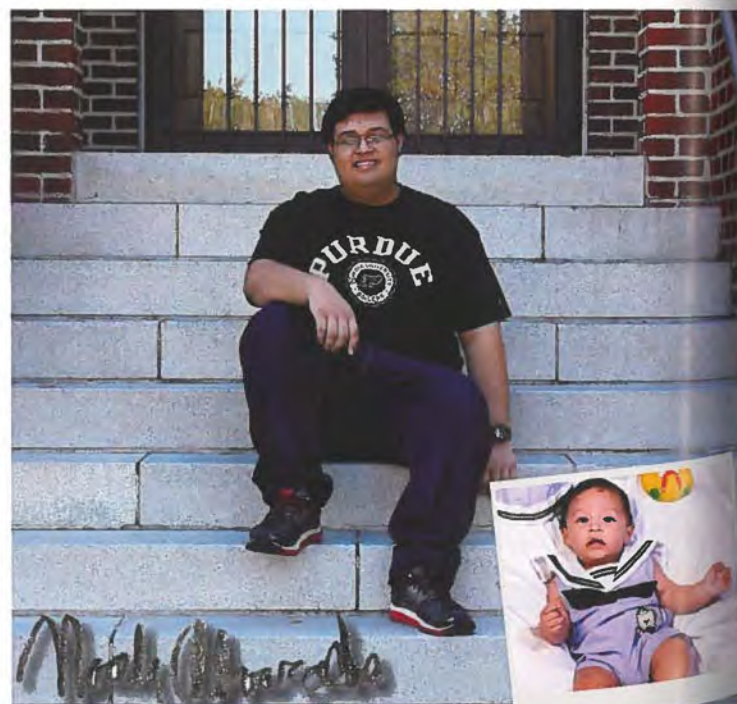
Jessica Bang

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value." -Albert Einstein



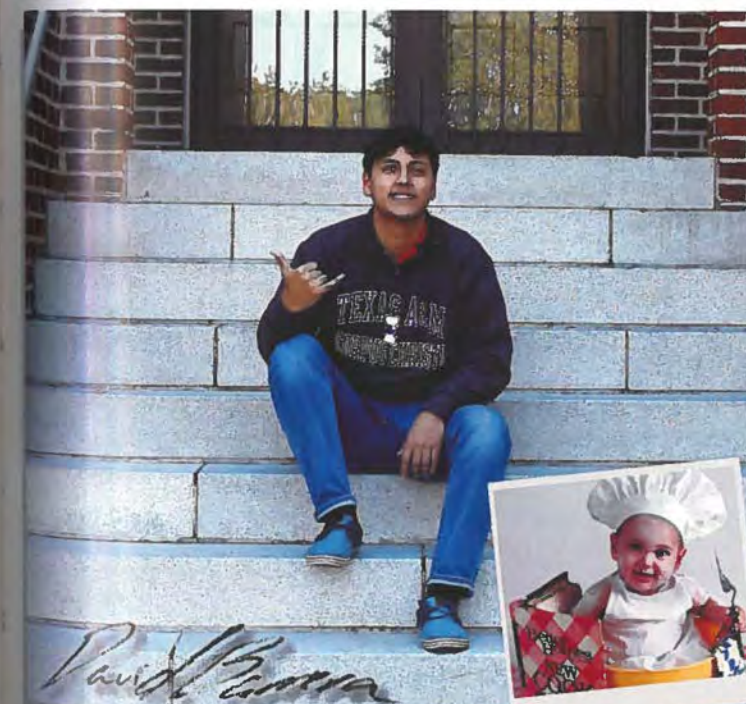
Franceska Alvarado

"I never paint dreams or nightmares. I paint my own reality." -Frida Kahlo



Noah Alvarado

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." -Winston Churchill



David Barrera

"It's too early. I'm going to bed." -David 2k17



Kassidee Beal

"Keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." -Walt Disney





Allison Beltran

"Be kind to yourself so you can be happy enough to be kind to the world." -Misha Collins



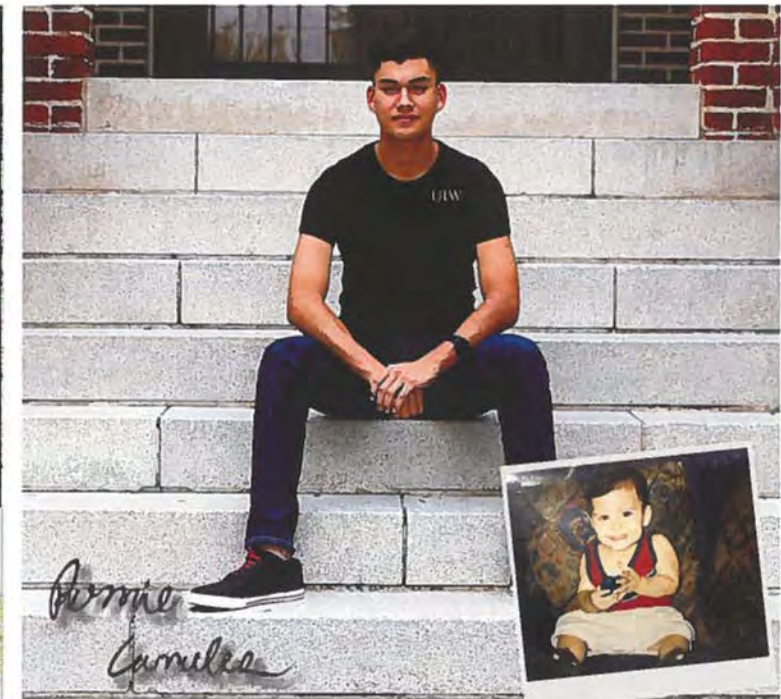
Aaron Benavides

"A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it." -G.K. Chesteron



Mary Buhidar

"I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them." -Andy Bernard



Ronald Canales

"Life is a gamble, bet on it." -Ronald Canales



Avina Bhakta

"Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going. I just hope to find it along the way." -Michael Scott



Jullian Brown

"Little defeats big right from the start, first with the head, then with the heart." -Bill Cleavelin



Alexis Cervantes

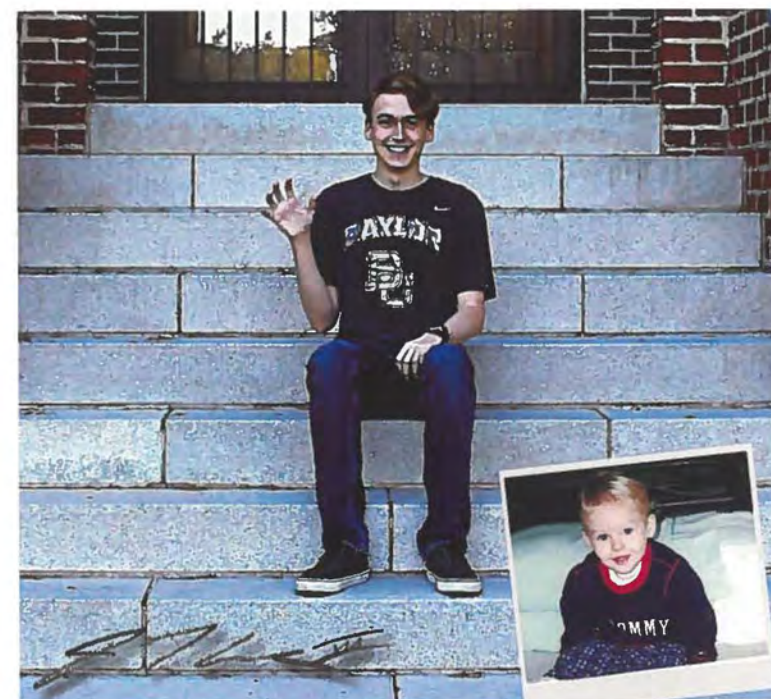
"The world will see you the way you see you, and treat you the way you treat yourself." -Beyonce



Marykathryn Charles

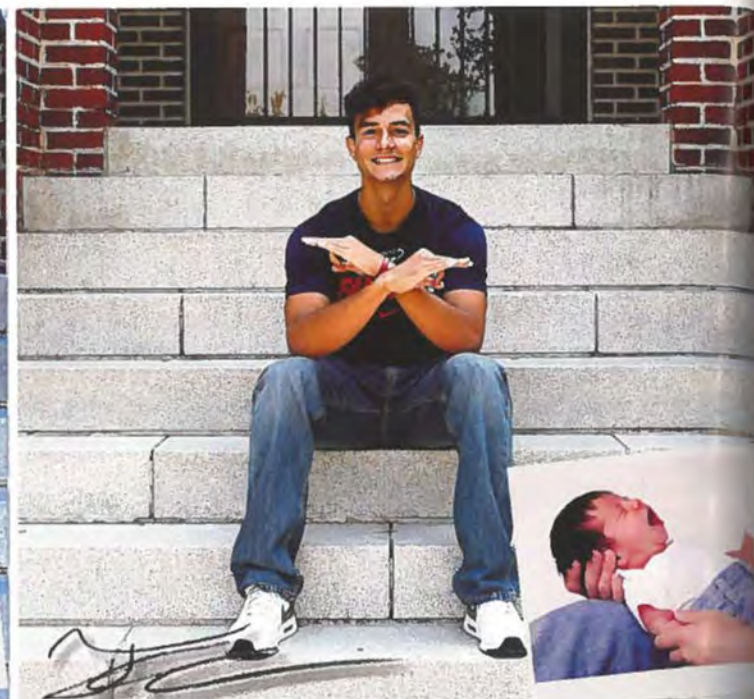
"Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you, I have been changed for good." -Linda, Wicked





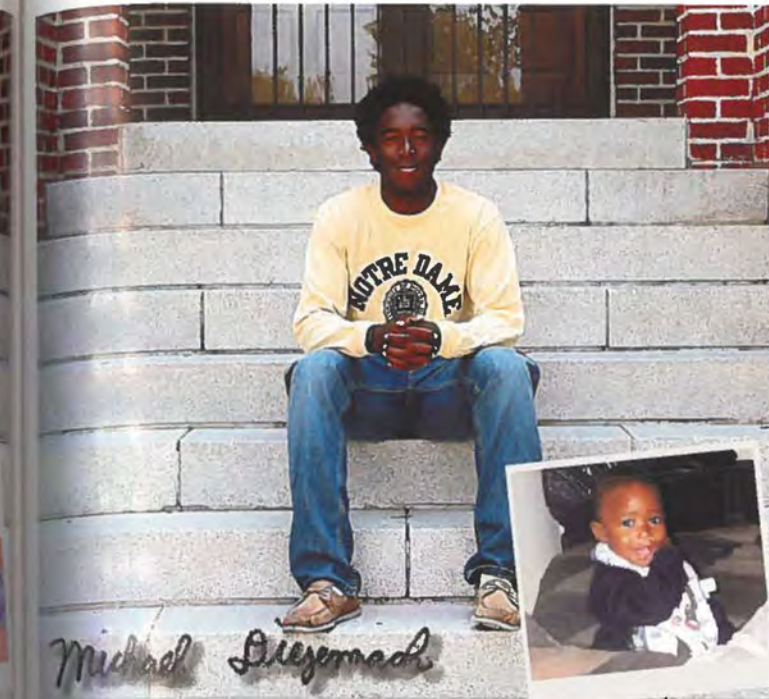
Joseph Cook

"I never give up, that's my ninja way!" -Naruto



Trevor Creamean

"Be formless, shapeless, like water." -Bruce Lee



Michael Diejomaoh

"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." -Elbert Hubbard



Jacquelyn Douglas

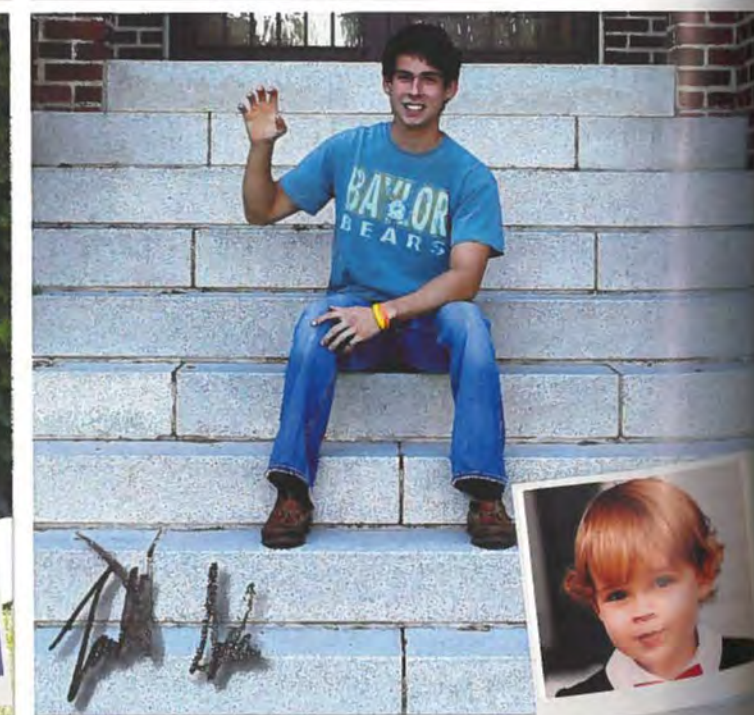
"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." -Philippians 3:13



Hannah DeLeon

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"It's better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both." -Nicolo Machiavelli



Jonathan Deleon

"We get one opportunity in life, one chance at life to do whatever you're going to do, and lay your foundation and make whatever mark you're going to make." -Ray Travis



Abigail Ehrman

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"Do something you really like, and hopefully it pays the rent. As far as I'm concerned, that's success." -Tom Petty



Maximiliano Elizondo

"Strength and Honor." -Maximus Meridius





Luz Fernandez

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." -Ralph Waldo Emerson



Nicole Flanigan

"You can't always see the light at the end of the tunnel, but if you just keep moving, you will come to a better place." -Uncle Iroh, Avatar



Abigail Garcia

"Breaking through the atmosphere, and things are pretty good from here." -Harry Styles



Noah Garcia

"Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man how to fish, feed him for a lifetime." -Maimonides



Emily Fleetwood

"Just keep swimming." -Dory, Finding Nemo



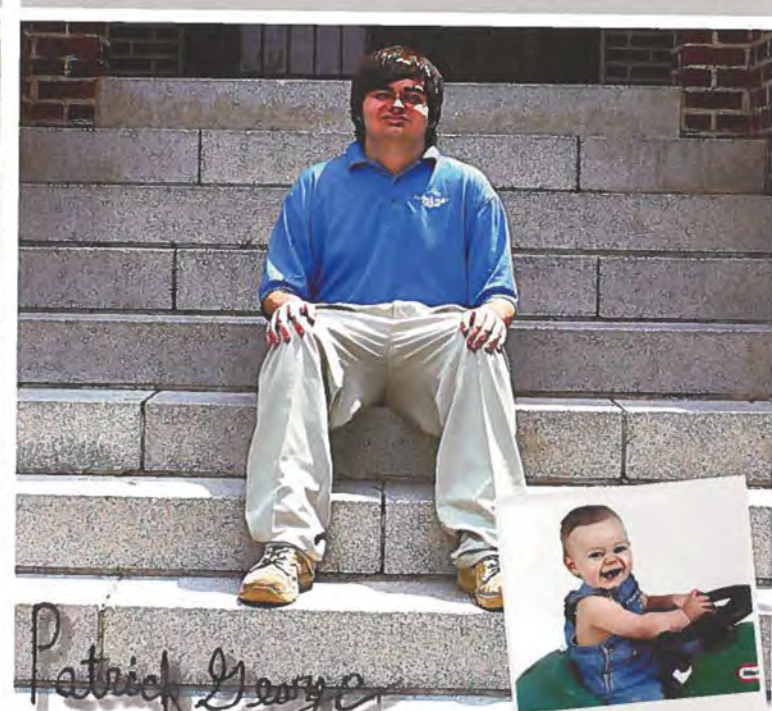
Abigail Floerke

"Everything happens for a reason." -unknown



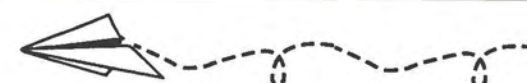
Milan Garza

"I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring." -David Bowie



Patrick George

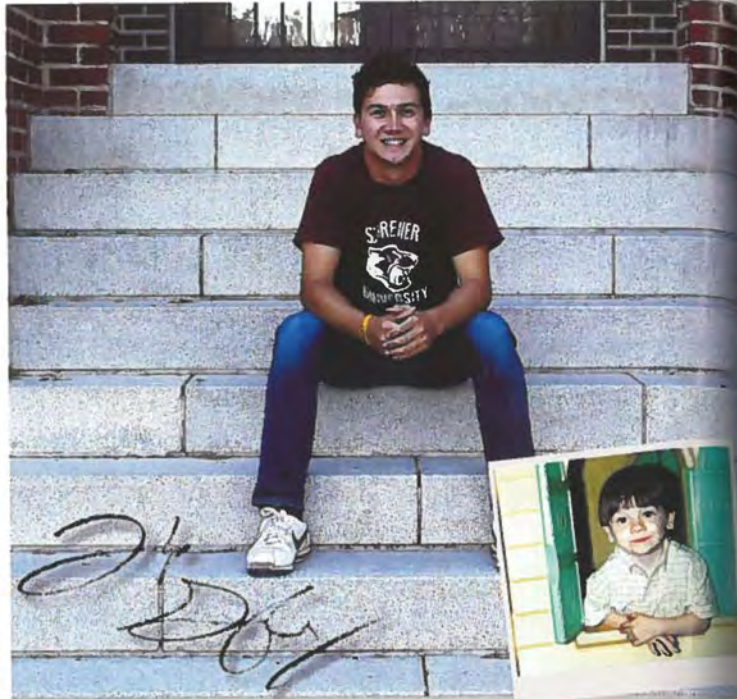
"Remember the Happy Days." -Unknown





Alexandra Gonzalez

"She is clothed with strength and dignity. She laughs without fear of the future." -Proverbs 31:25



Jacob Gonzalez

"I know what I have to do now. I've got to keep breathing, because tomorrow the sun will rise. Who knows what the tide could bring?" -Tom Hanks, Cast Away



Kesi Harris

"We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated." -Maya Angelou



Blake Herbst

"May your hats fly as high as your dreams." -Michael Scott



Hayley Guerra

"Remember kid, there's heroes and there's legends. Heroes get remembered, but legends never die. Follow your heart, kid, and you'll never go wrong." -The Sandlot



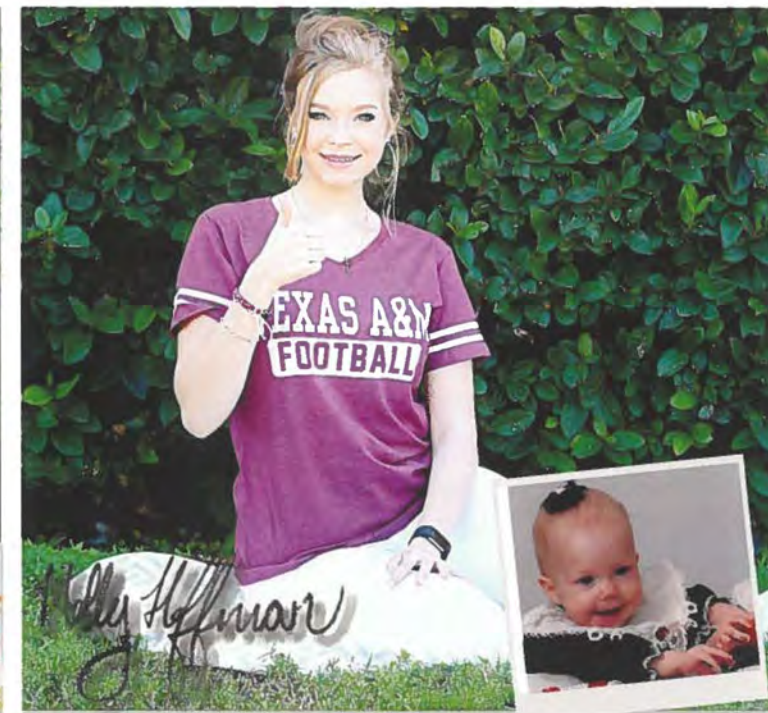
Paris Hanna

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." -Ferris Bueller



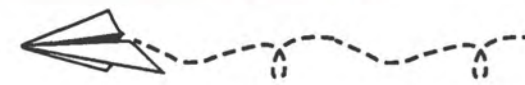
Maggie Hoffman

"Sometimes you just have to put on lip gloss and pretend to be psyched." -Mindy Kaling



Molly Hoffman

"I am big enough to admit that I am often inspired by myself." -Leslie Knope





Nick Hoffman

Nicholas Hoffman

"Life's a garden... dig it!" -David Spade



Meredith Kirkland

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"I think I can, I think I can, I think I can."
-The Little Engine That Could



Lupita Leon

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"Keep away from people who try to belittle your dreams. The great ones make you feel that you, too, can become great." -Mark Twain



Paige Lippincott

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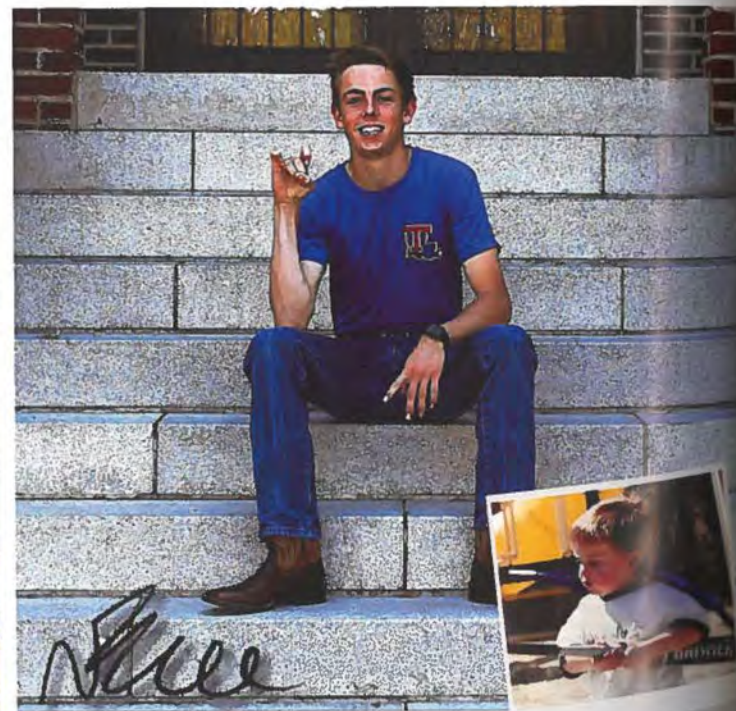
"Do that one thing!" -James A. Ragan



Dom Larioz

Dominique Larioz

"From now on I'll connect the dots my own way."
-Calvin & Hobbes



Nicholas Lee

Nicholas Lee

"In two years it won't even matter." -Jaran Cadena



Caitlyn Martinez

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"You never really know the true value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." -Spongebob Squarepants



Mary Matl

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"I think the tiniest little thing can change the course of your day, which can change the course of your year, which can change who you are." -Taylor Swift





Olivia McClanahan

"The question isn't 'What are we going to do?' The question is 'What aren't we going to do?'"
-Ferris Bueller



John McNiff

"I know I'm going to get got, but I'm going to get mine more than I get got, though."
-Marshawn Lynch



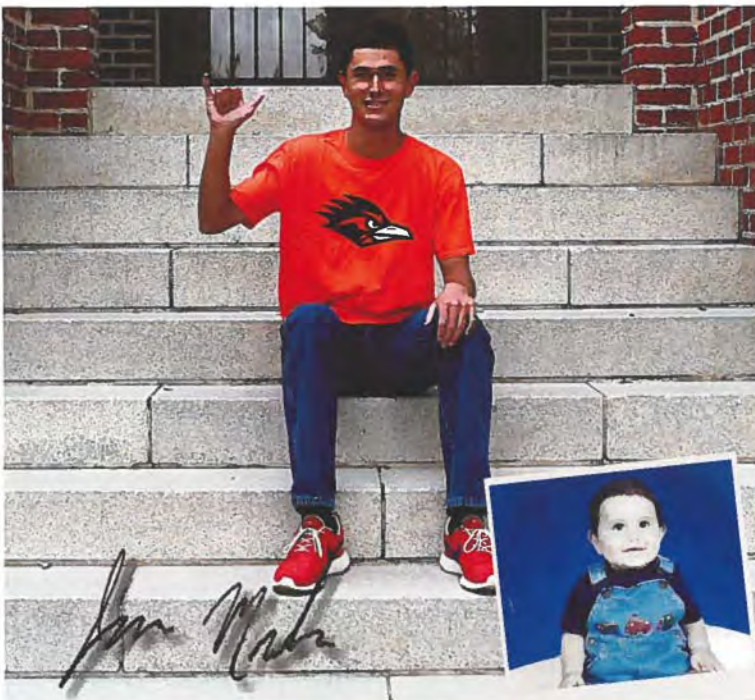
Stephen Parlamas

"He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened." -Lao Tzu



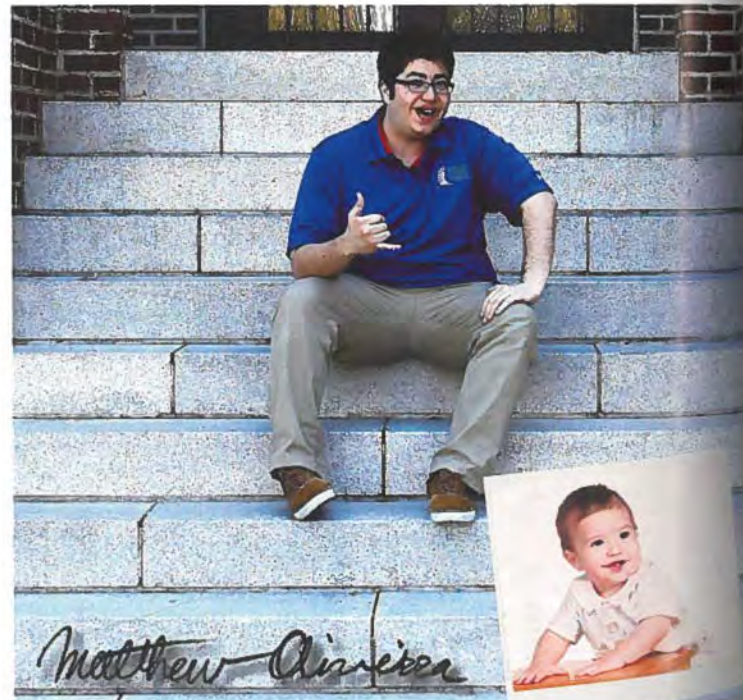
Robert Patrick

"You can't get anywhere in life with a Tundra!"
-Robert Patrick



Jesus Mireles

"Don't do they. Do you." - Russell Westbrook



Matthew Olivera

"Life is one big question, but it doesn't mean it has to be answered, just lived." -Hank Hill



Eileen Paulson

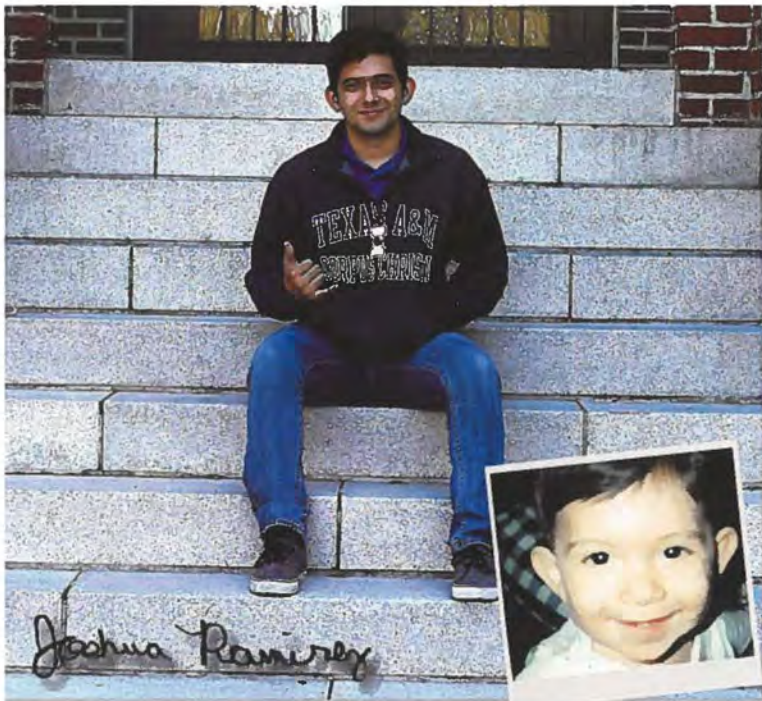
"Remember you're the one who can fill the world with sunshine." -Snow White



Delayna Ramirez

"Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see." -Mark Twain

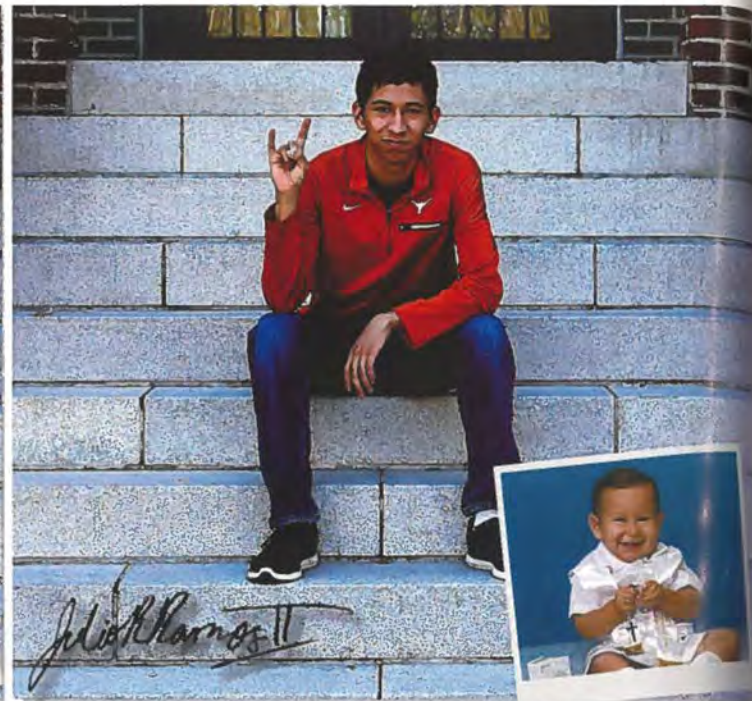




Joshua Ramirez

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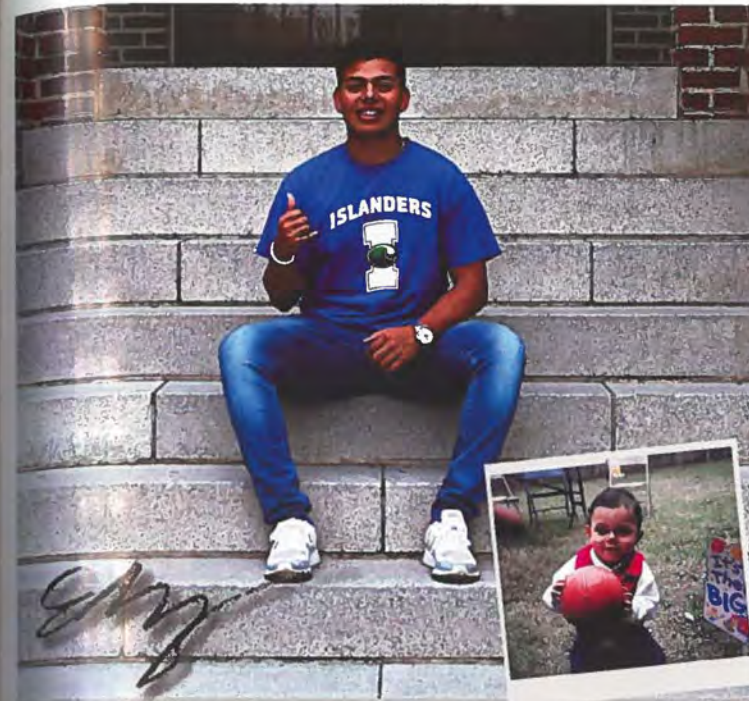
"Consider only victory, make defeat an impossibility in your mind." -Shambali monk, Tekhartha Zenyatta



Julio Ramos

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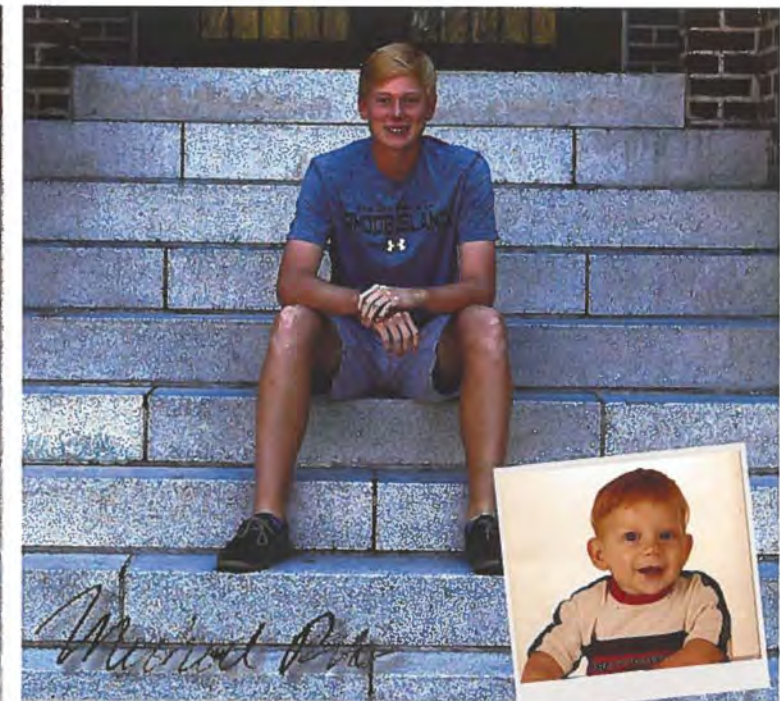
"Know this: you can start over each morning." -Tyler Joseph



Estefan Resendez

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"The greater the sacrifice, the greater the reward. But most importantly, don't be afraid to make a mistake." -Coach David Galan



Michael Rock

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"Some people are going to reject you simply because you shine too bright for them. That's okay, keep shining." -Anonymous



Victoria Rangel

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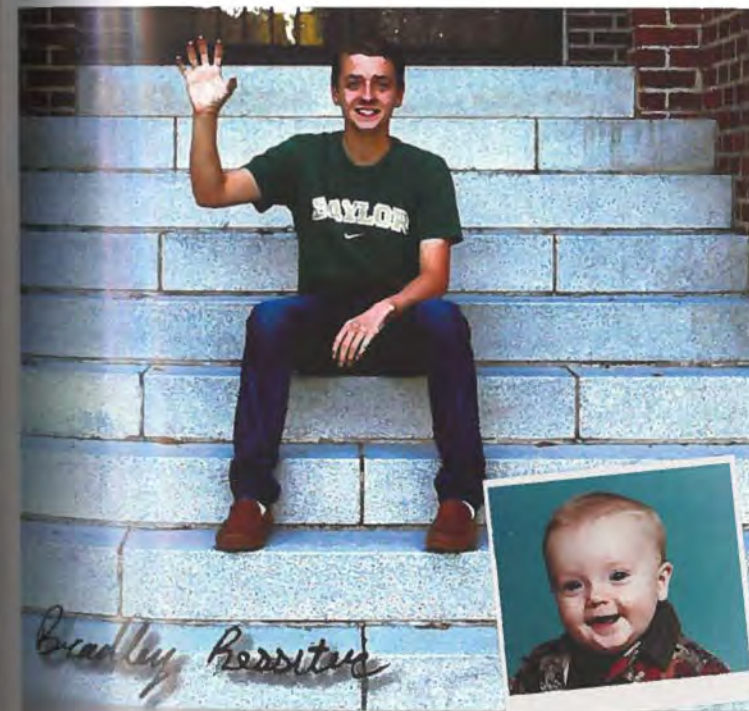
"Believe in your flyness, conquer your shyness." -Kanye West



Mikaela Rendon

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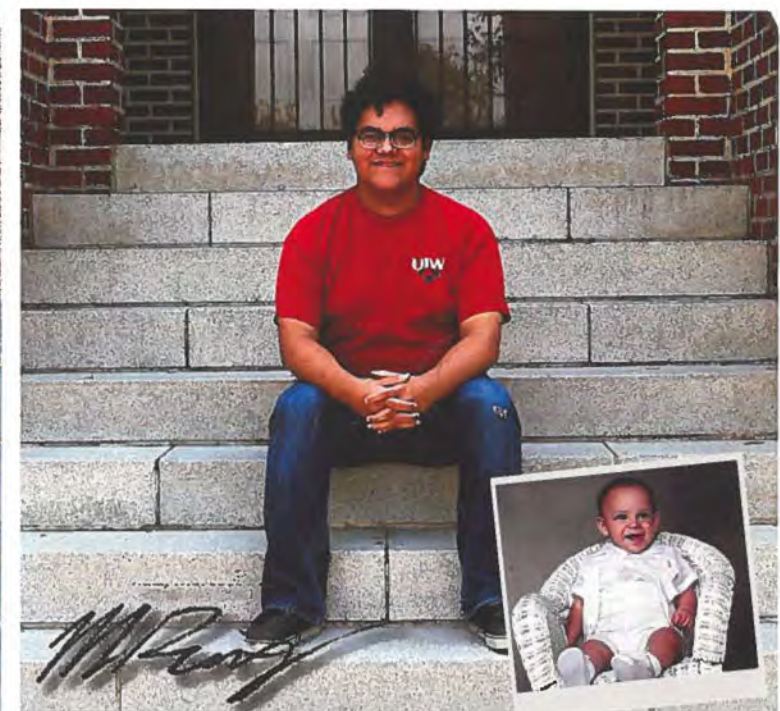
"Yes we can. Yes we did. Yes we can." -President Barack Obama



Bradley Rossiter

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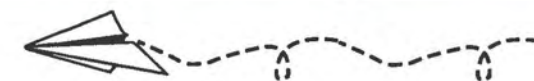
"I would start a revolution, but I just bought a hammock." -Zach Galifianakis



Marcos Ruiz

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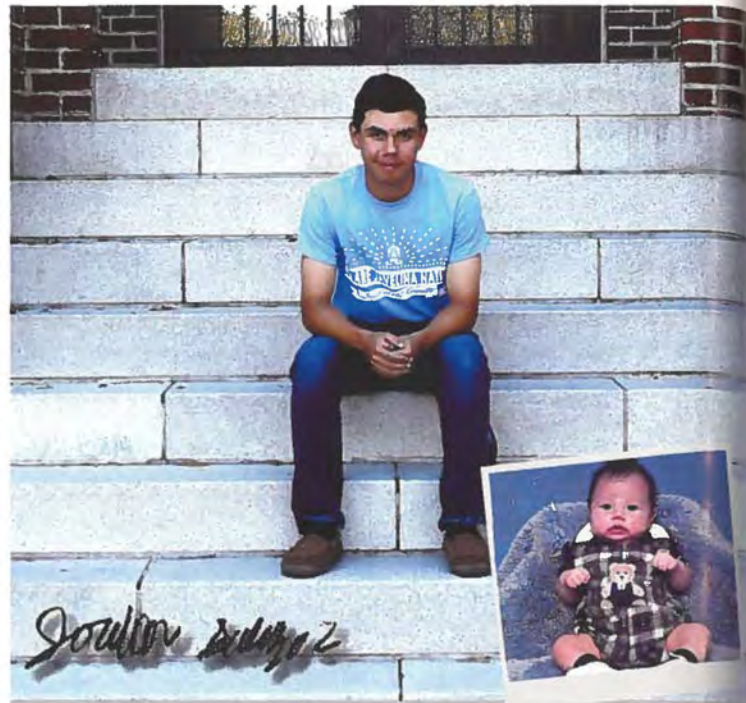
"This cosmic dance of bursting decadence and withheld permissions twists all our arms collectively, but if sweetness can win, and it can, then I'll still be here tomorrow to high-five you yesterday, my friend. Peace." -Pendelton Ward





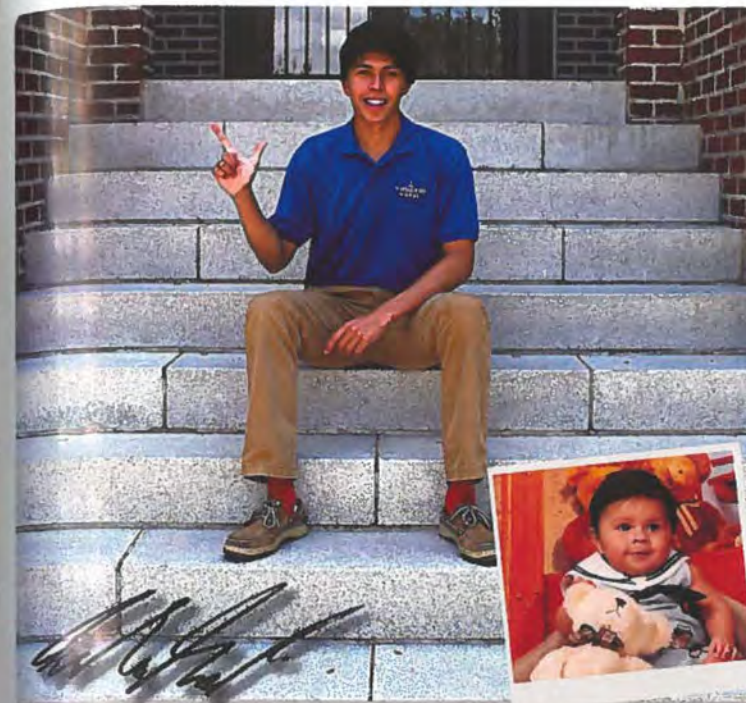
Shelby Saenz

"Never accept the world as it appears to be, dare to see it for what it could be." -Dr. Harold Winston



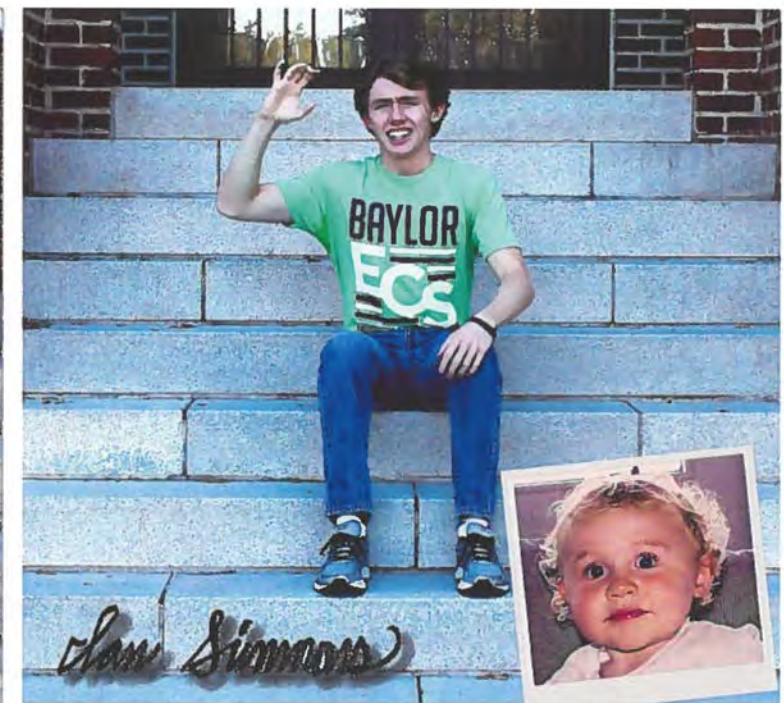
Jordan Salazar

"It's ok to think about what you want to do until it's time for you to start doing what you were meant to do." -Jim Morris



Stevan Silva

"All things are difficult before they are easy." -Thomas Fuller



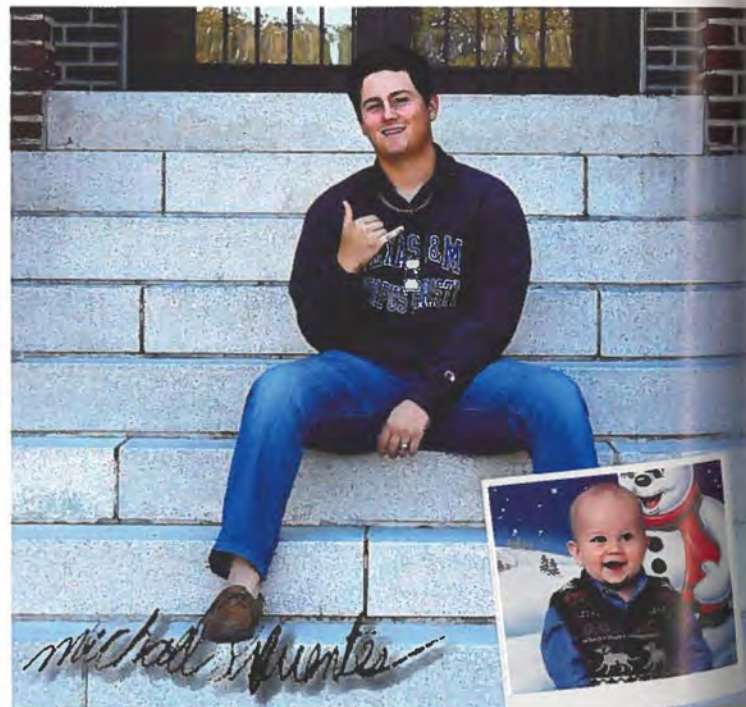
Ian Simmons

"We have to dare to be ourselves, however frightening or strange that self may prove to be." -May Sarton



Catherine Schultz

"Well, I'm usually not one for speeches. So goodbye." -Ron Swanson



Michael Sifuentes

"I used to be legit. In fact, I was too legit. I'm un-legit. And for that reason I must quit." -Rod Kimble



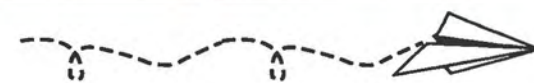
Jurnee Simpson

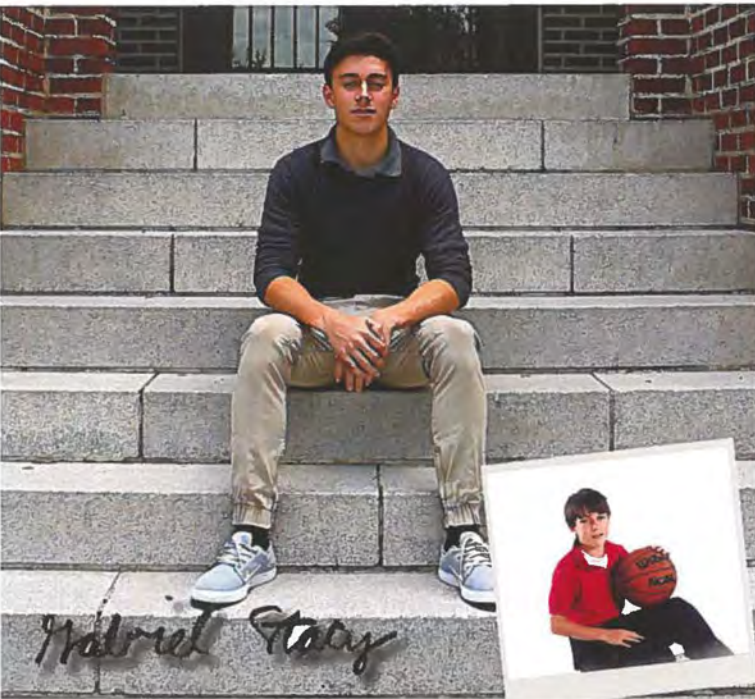
"Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress people." -The Breakfast Club



Julia Spencer

"Maybe God has bigger plans for me than I have for myself." -A Walk to Remember





Gabriel Stacy

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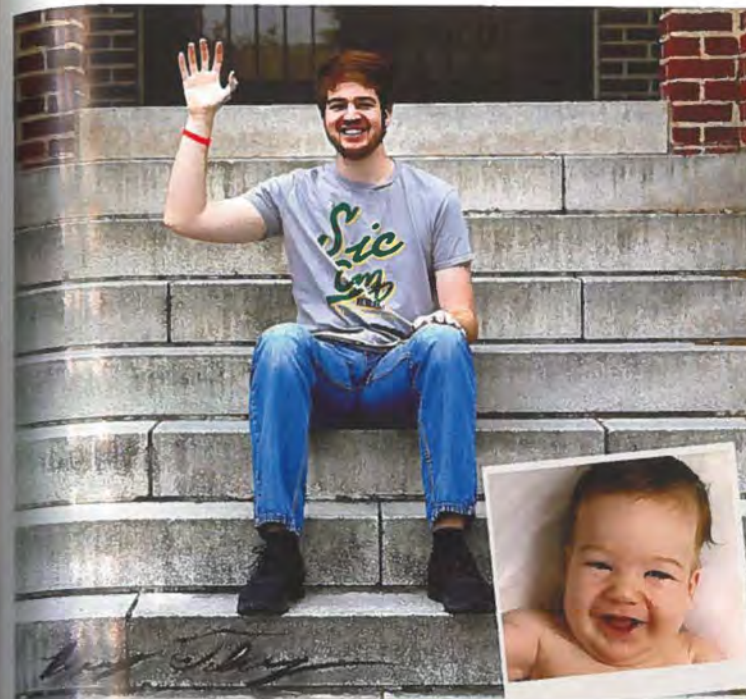
"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing." -Pele



Sheridan Steen

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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." -Mother Teresa



Bradley Thering

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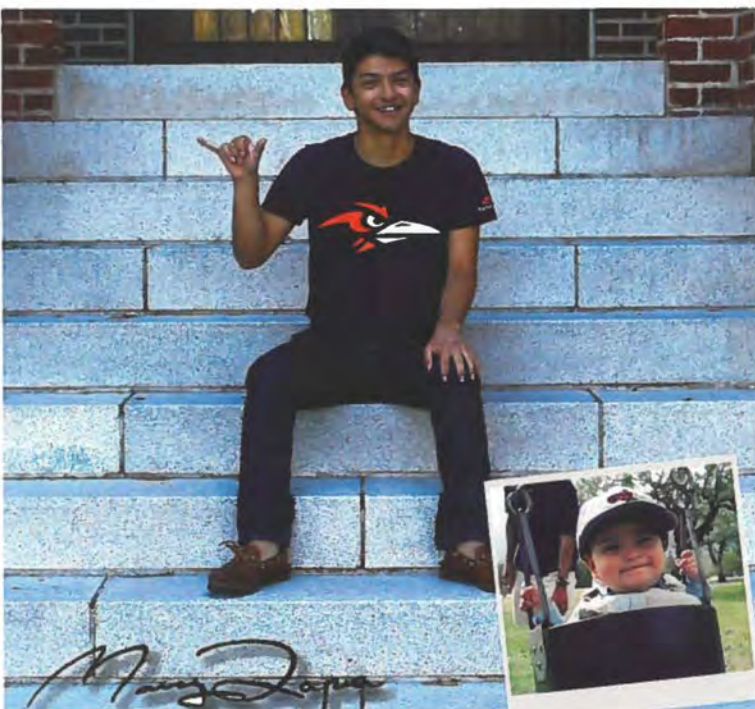
"Everything not saved will be lost." -Nintendo Quit Screen



Madeline Thompson

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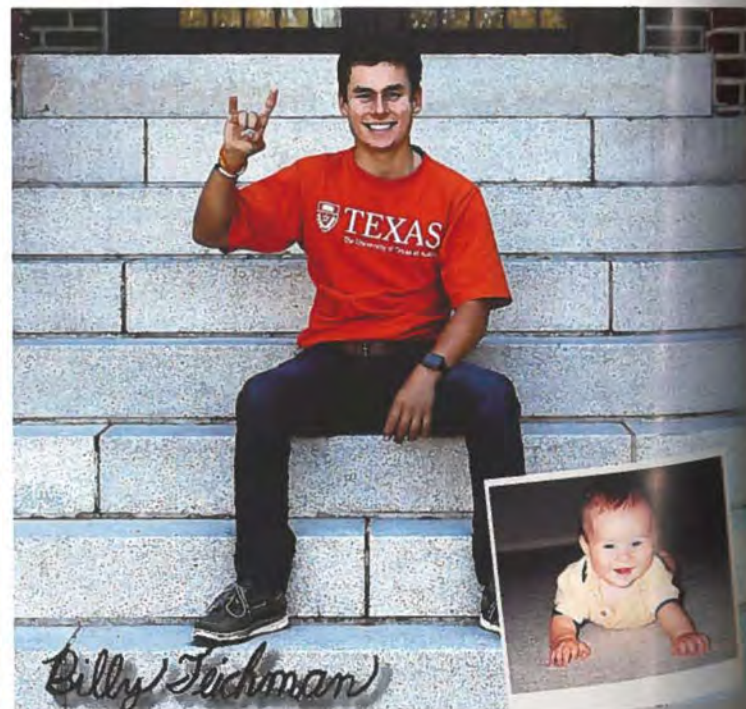
"Knowing is better than wondering. Waking is better than sleeping, and even the biggest failure, even the worst, beats the heck out of never trying." -Meredith Grey



Marcos Tapia

Marcos Tapia

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take, Wayne Gretzky." -Michael Scott



Billy Teichman

William Teichman

"Nobody ever remembers who finished second at anything." -Jack Nicklaus



Natalie Trevino

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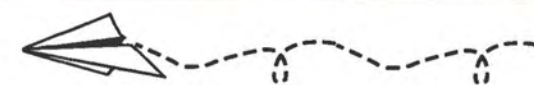
"I haven't even begun to peak." -Dennis Reynolds



David Villarreal

David Villarreal

"You, the people, have the power, the power to create machines, the power to create happiness! You, the people, have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful adventure." -Charlie Chaplin





Jack Wallace

Jackson Wallace

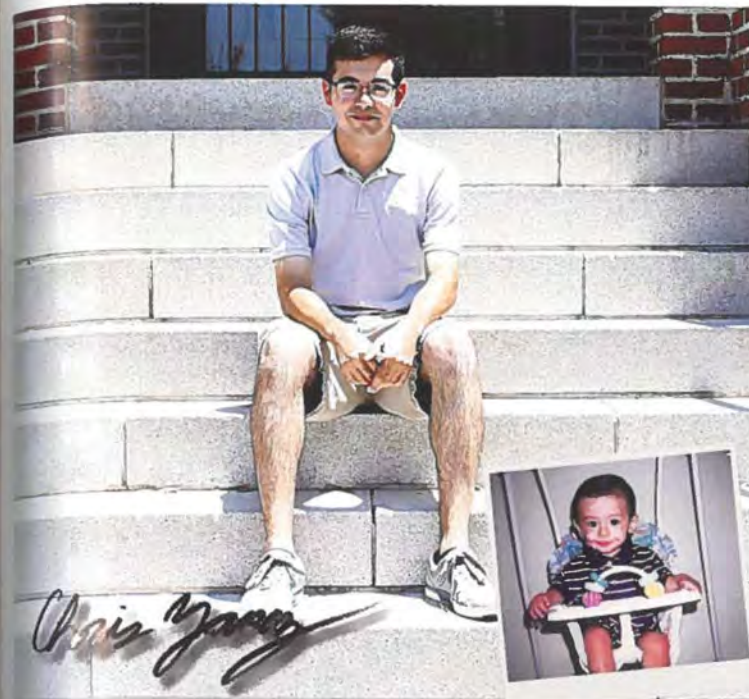
"If you don't believe in yourself, why is anyone else going to believe in you?" -Tom Brady



Claire Walsh

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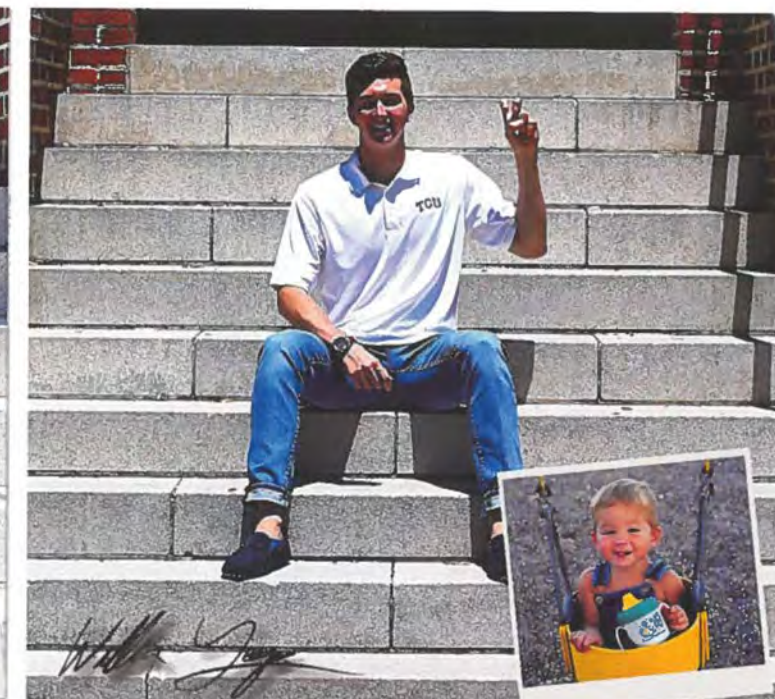
"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." -Pablo Picasso



Chris Yanez

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"How 'bout them cowboys!" -Jimmy Johnson



Will Yeager

William Yeager

"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so." -Mark Twain, Attributed



Michelle Watts

Michelle Watts

"The dance is over, the applause subsided but the joy and feeling will stay with you forever." -W.M. Tory



Elizabeth Webster

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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill



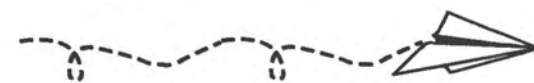
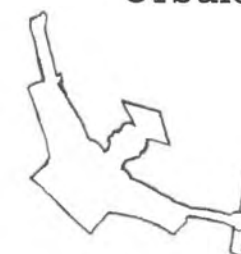
Dalton Zawicky

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"I live in my own head and it all makes sense to me." -Tyler the Creator



|| It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end. ||
-Ursula K. Le Guin



The Final Year

Moments of Greatness

It seems like only yesterday that the members of the Class of 2017 were young freshmen, unaware of the upcoming four years that would be filled with success, trials, and unforgettable memories. Senior year, the year of the future, was one like no other, with benefits like off campus lunch and off periods, and meaningful traditions such as cap and gown pictures and the annual convent lunch with the Incarnate Word Sisters. As seniors neared the end of the school year, they were able to not only reflect on the moments that made senior year great, but the moments that made their high school experience great. However, being so close to the end of an era made for an emotional last few weeks. "It's bittersweet that I'm leaving friends that I have known for so long, but it's exciting because we are all going off to do great things. This year, although stressful, was a final hurrah with my friends and classmates, especially my boy Brad," said senior, Joseph Cook. With high school flying by, each day was cherished by the seniors, and the school proudly watched as they prepared for the new trials and memories yet to come.



The college journey for Caitlyn Martinez involved not only her true self, but many characters she became to fully understand what college she wanted to be a part of and what performance road she would take. By participating in the Texas Educational Theatre Association, Martinez was able to prepare and choose Texas State University, where she will earn her Bachelor in Fine Arts.



The college journey for David Villarreal consisted of numerous and strenuous hours of physical and mental training all leading up to his application to the Air Force Academy. Once he received his acceptance letter, Villarreal began counting down the days to becoming a part of an environment where there are others who share the same passions as him.

Top Ten

Listed in Alphabetical Order



Aaron Benavides



Marykathryn Charles



Hayley Guerra



Mary Matl



Eileen Paulson



Victoria Rangel



Michael Rock



Sheridan Steen



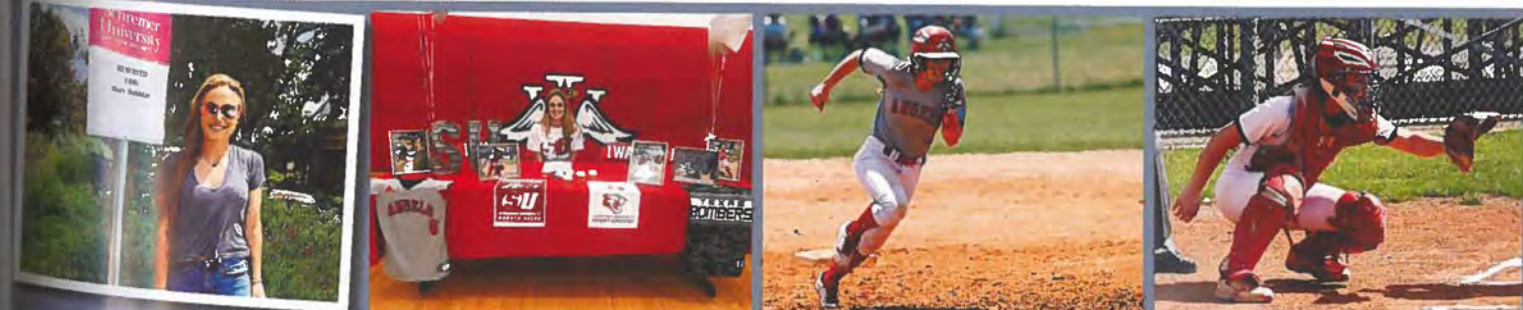
Bradley Thering



Jackson Wallace



1. Well dressed and poised, senior, Olivia McClanahan smiles and shines as she takes her senior cap and gown pictures at the beginning of the school year. 2. What should I order? Senior, Molly Hoffman takes advantage of extended off-campus lunch and eats at local lunch hotspot Hester's with fellow classmate, Sheridan Steen. "We go to Hester's because the food is always really good, and eating there with friends is fun," said Steen. 3. Trust is a must! Senior, Bradley Rossiter helps senior, Meredith Kirkland do a headstand in the courtyard. 4. A peak into the world of college, seniors, Michelle Watts and Alexis Cervantes discuss all things college, from living expenses to admission rates at the St. Edwards University presentation. 5. New generations exploring the past, seniors, Jesus Mireles, Bradley Thering, and Joseph Cook visit the newly built convent for the Incarnate Word sisters by learning each story behind every artifact in their large collection of memories. 6. With his college goal accomplished, senior, Joseph Cook celebrates with High School Counselor, Sherilyn Calhoun on getting into his first choice of college Baylor University.



The college journey for senior, Mary Buhidar started when she began to play softball at age eight, and continued her career throughout her middle and high school years. Having a strong pull towards the sport, and with her parents' and team's support, Buhidar signed to play softball with Schreiner University and will continue her love for the game during her college life.





Most likely to cure a disease:
Ian Simmons & MaryKathryn Charles



Most likely to win the Nobel Peace Prize:
Victoria Rangel & Michael Rock



Most likely to have a show on Food Network:
Franceska Alvarado & Nicholas Lee



Most likely to star on Broadway:
Caitlyn Martinez & Joseph Cook

Never
stop
dreaming



Most likely to become Twitter famous:
Blake Herbst & Mary Buhidar



Most likely to travel the world in 80 days:
Jackson Wallace & Paris Hanna

Claim to Fame

Our Road to the Top

Class
of
2017

The best of the best, most commonly known around Corpus Christi as an award for the best restaurants or stores, but at Incarnate Word Academy it stands for the best to achieve something in the senior class. One must have hard work ethic, confidence to do anything and the mental and physical drive to get there. "Being the best of the best means giving 100 percent," said senior, Kassidee Beal. All the way from most likely to cure a disease to most likely to become a famous athlete, these spots have been given to students of the senior class who were nominated, and won the category that their peers thought most likely suited them. Look towards the future because these students may just likely achieve the spot that they won!



Most likely to become Times person of the year:
Meredith Kirkland & Marcos Tapia

Vote!



Most likely to become president:
John McNiff & Mikaela Rendon

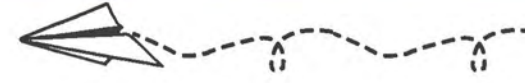


Most likely to write a bestselling novel:
Catherine Schultz & Bradley Thering

best of the
BEST



Most likely to be a famous athlete:
Hayley Guerra & Stephen Parlamas



This WILL Be...

The Legacy We Leave!

Class
of
2017

Time flies! Before you know it, "this will be" becomes "this has been" and some of the best years of your life will have come and gone. The undying tradition of the Senior Will lives on, as senior, Blake Herbst passes down his Crew II captain hat to future Crew II captain and junior, Evangelino Pangilinan, as a symbol of leadership and legacy. As many who have come before us know, the key to success is not easy to find; and so, the seniors of 2017 have left behind a statement of their greatest legacy for generations to remember them by. In particular, senior, Jacob Gonzalez said "I want people to remember me for who I was, the man who contributed to the energy brought every single night in the gym.... the pizza guy."

The Crew II



1. Pass the hat! Crew II captain and senior, Blake Herbst participates in the traditional ceremony of passing down his captain's hat, status and leadership position to a junior. Herbst chose junior, Evangelino Pangilinan, with confidence, knowing that Pangilinan would rise to the occasion and accept the responsibilities, challenges and joys of leading The Crew II.

Locker Shelf



School Spirit



3. Who has spirit? As a freshman, Gabrielle Garcia has shown great potential and leadership skills throughout the year. This is why senior, Avina Bhakta has willed Garcia her Spirit Club President tee-shirt in hopes that Garcia will become the next Spirit Club President. Bhakta said "I have high hopes for Gabrielle next year. She always has great ideas and is respected by her peers. I think she is perfect to fill my position."

2. Staying in style, senior, Sheridan Steen passes down essential locker accessories to junior, Christiana Bocanegra. Steen willed Bocanegra a mirror with a dry-erase board to write down assignments and stay looking good all day long. Because the senior lockers do not have shelves, Steen thought her pink locker shelf was the perfect accessory for Bocanegra to stay organized senior year.



"The fastest typist at IWA."
- Aaron Benavides



"The guy with the sine-wave hair."
- Joseph Cook



"The actress."
- Caitlyn Martinez



"The most unpredictable."
- Ian Simmons



"An Angels' loving fan on and off the field."
- Jacob Gonzales



"The most swagtastic runner."
- Natalie Trevino

"I hope to be remembered as being the person that always helps people find the best lighting for photos. Bad lighting can ruin everything, believe me."

- Catherine Schultz, senior

I want to be remembered as...



Ending this Journey

College Bound

And Starting a New One

After surviving a year of college applications, fast-approaching deadlines, gown fittings and many exams, Graduation seemed horribly far away for the senior class. Nevertheless, as Graduation drew closer, anticipation increased as well. Ready to finish high school and excited to begin new chapters in their lives, the seniors began counting down as the days before Graduation slowly but surely decreased to the single digits. While new beginnings weighed on the seniors' minds, students could not ignore the fact that a significant era of their lives had reach the end. Prior to Graduation, seniors reflected on their roots as they cleaned out their lockers, filled with well-worn textbooks that they will never again use, and visited elementary school students. "It's a bittersweet feeling to know that I'm starting a new journey tomorrow but that I'm ending my time at IWA," said senior, Milan Garza. With hearts full of memories and brains full of knowledge, the Class of 2017 proved they are destined and prepared for newer and bigger journeys.

1. Practice makes perfect! Senior, John McNiff runs through his reading prior to the Graduation Ceremony with the help of Sister Raquel Newman.
2. Smile and wave, boys! Seniors, Blake Herbst, William Teichman, and Jesus Mireles accompany the rest of the Senior Class as they walk through the Middle Level. Seniors helped inspire younger Angels by visiting classrooms before Graduation.
3. Taking time to relax, seniors, Avina Bhakta and Nicole Flanigan color during the Senior Luncheon.
4. On a foundation of family, senior, Delayna Ramirez thanks her mother with a rose during the Graduation Mass.



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5. Fly high! The Class of 2017 celebrates their Graduation with the tradition of throwing their caps as family and friends applaud.
6. Words of wisdom, senior and Valedictorian, Michael Rock speaks to his classmates about the years of memories they have shared, as well as their potential and the bright future ahead.



7. Finally! Senior, Marcos Ruiz, happily accepts his diploma from Bishop Michael Mulvey.
8. Show time! Teachers, Erica Engel, Benjamin Zaragosa, and Jonathan Montgomery prepare to sing the opening hymn to begin the Graduation Mass.



9. All together! Senior, Meredith Kirkland spreads smiles, joy, and excitement to her classmates before Mass begins. Seniors arrived at the Cathedral an hour prior to the ceremony and were anxious to receive their diplomas together.
10. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, senior, Abigail Floerke receives the Eucharist.

Bradley Thering
"I feel elated, but I'm nervous about the future."



Marykathryn Charles
"I'm excited and looking forward to officially getting out of school."



Ronald Canales
"I'm ready for the future."



Caitlyn Martinez
"Right now? My feet really hurt."



Joshua Ramirez
"I'm excited and sort of nervous, but I know everything will go well."



Claire Walsh
"I'm nervous but excited. It's bittersweet knowing everyone is together for the last time."



In **20 YEARS** it won't be **EASY**

to **REMEMBER** what

OUR JOURNEY was like in high school. Fill out this page.



Rolling Stone Best Movies of 2016

- 1. La La Land
- 2. Manchester by the Sea
- 3. Moonlight
- 4. Fences
- 5. Silent



Favorite Movies

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Billboard Top 10 of 2016

- 1. Love Yourself- Justin Bieber
- 2. Sorry- Justin Bieber
- 3. One Dance- Drake
- 4. Work- Rihanna Feat. Drake
- 5. Stressed Out- Twenty One Pilots
- 6. Panda- Desiigner
- 7. Hello- Adele
- 8. Don't Let Me Down- The Chainsmokers
- 9. Can't Stop the Feeling- Justin Timberlake
- 10. Closer- The Chainsmokers feat. Halsey



Favorite TV Shows

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Keep track of your

MEMORIES

and

FAVORITE THINGS



RESTAURANT: _____

SONG: _____

STORE: _____

APP: _____

CLASS: _____



Ten years from now, I will be in: _____

Right now, my dream job is: _____

My BEST FRIENDS are:

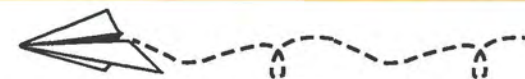
My favorite teacher is:



My most difficult teacher is:

During **LUNCH** we:

In my free time I:



Our Journey Through the Year



One Spread at a time...

Yearbook. A special elective where commitment begins day one, and the feeling of accomplishment ends the following year when students hold the tangible creation. Not only did the Yearbook students have the power to capture memorable moments throughout the year and bring them to life in the pages, but gained insightful skills for both the class and the real world. "In just my first year of this class, I have learned how to channel my creativity, improve my writing drastically, and learn new photography methods. I'm definitely coming back next year," said sophomore, Chloe Heilman. Through trials and tribulations, the Yearbook team persevered in their journey of achieving perfection, focusing even on the smallest details. Whether choosing fonts, creating page designs, or brainstorming themes, staffers were kept busy using their valuable skills, improving the quality of the yearbook, and the quality of their character.



Grace Walsh, Student Life Editor



Nicole Quintero, Adviser



Amille Bottom and Ashley Montgomery, Co-Junior Editors

Editors' Notes



While I have been on the Aurora staff for three years now, working my way up, I can easily say this has been the toughest year by far. The step from Junior Editor to Editor-In-Chief is a big one, and I could not have done it without the staff we had, but especially the two amazing Junior Editors, Amille and Ashley. They were there when I needed them and always helped get the job done. Last, but most definitely not least, I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Quintero who goes above and beyond her job description for this book. Although I can say she can be too nice at times, Mrs. Quintero was always there to talk when we needed it and there to push us to strive for perfection. It is with that I can say we all poured our hearts and souls into making this book, something that I hope you hold on to for a long time.

-Mika



In truth, yearbook is unlike any other class I have ever taken. When you are in yearbook, you are part of a team. As an individual it is your responsibility to do your part to make your team successful. In my time spent in yearbook, I have gained practical real life experience and gained tremendous insight into what making a yearbook fully entails. While at times, I experienced overwhelming amounts of stress and pressure to deliver; I also felt the giddy feeling when a page was finished, my idea was met with excitement, and when we used team work to meet deadlines. I hope you cherish this yearbook as a snapshot of your journey this year and appreciate every little doodle, remembering that it was tailor made for you.

-Mary



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Amille Bottom, Co-Junior Editor, Sarah Cummins, Photo Editor



Marcos Tapia, Creative design



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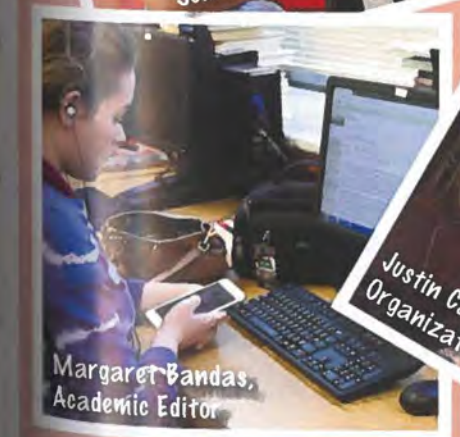
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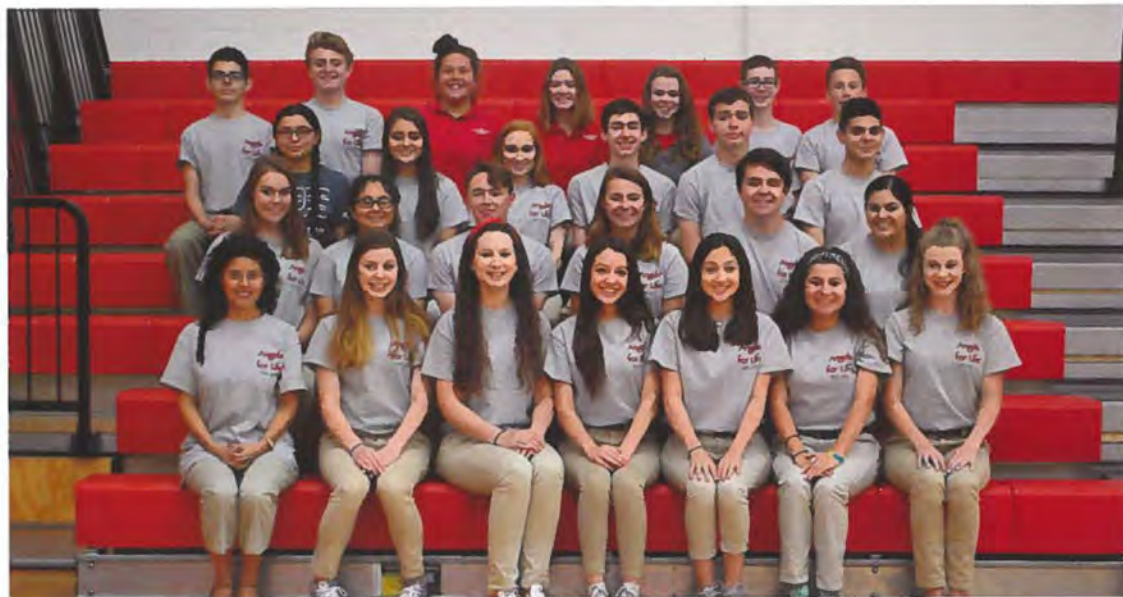
The 2016-2017 Aurora staff would like to extend a thank you to everyone who contributed towards this book,

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Angels for Life



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Art Club



Front Row: Millicent Alvarado, Theresa Salazar, Franceska Alvarado, Madeline Villa, Khelsey Smith, Alejandro Carreno **Second Row:** Sofia Aguirre, Vanessa Zambrano, Sarina Garza, Victoria Rangel, Jessica Bang, Alexandra Soliz **Back Row:** Brigid Sorrell, Marcos Ruiz, Sarah Cummins, Catherine Schultz, Hayley Guerra



Band



Front Row: Shelby Saenz, Vanessa Zambrano, Alexa Mendoza, Sarah Garcia, Joe Hernandez
Back Row: Esteban Moreida, Aaron Benavides, Andrew Garcia



Choir



Front Row: Mary De Arman, Gabrielle Garcia, Abigail Garcia, Desirae McCracken **Back Row:** Mark Kellogg, Lydia Jimenez, Claire Thomas, Eileen Paulson, Jacob Morrison



How do you contribute to your club's success?

"I show up to as many meetings as possible and participate in every activity."
-Samuel Stallings, sophomore



"I help run meetings when the president is absent."
-Millicent Alvarado, junior



How do you contribute to your club's success?

"I practice routines and dedicate my time for an amazing outcome."
-Vanessa Zambrano, sophomore



"We helped each other improve technique."
-Eileen Paulson, senior





Crew II



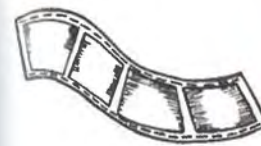
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Environmental Club



Front Row: Mia Moore, Gabrielle Guernsey, Claudette Lara, Facundo Vasquez, Debra Hernandez, Avina Bhakta, Delayna Ramirez, Abigail Floerke **Second Row:** Ashley Elliott, Kassidee Beal, Robert Patrick, Alexandra Gonzalez, Maximiliano Elizondo, Julia Spencer, Madeline Villa, Theresa Salazar **Third Row:** Devon Molina, Franceska Alvarado, Abigail Sheets, Millicent Alvarado, Isabela Huerta, Thu Le, Claire Walsh **Fourth Row:** Dominique Larioz, Kesi Harris, Marcos Ruiz, Anna Simank, Brigid Sorrell, Joelle Francois, David Pierce **Back Row:** Sang Hoang, Jack Harrison, Kyle Pekar



Film Club



Front Row: Caitlyn Martinez, Wilson Strain, Justin Cavazos, William Beauchamp, Hamilton Lee, Jonathan Montgomery **Second Row:** Jacqueline Brown, Jullian Brown, Jack Harrison, Carly Teichman, Brett Herbst, Jon-David Vasquez **Third Row:** Ava Constant, Alejandro Carreno, Jacob Gonzalez, Santiago Mendizabal, Isabela Huerta **Back Row:** Bradley Thering, David Villarreal, Ashley Montgomery, Millicent Alvarado



French Club



Front Row: Abigail Turner, Rachel Gayle, Olivia Stanton, Janet Lumley, Carolina Munoz, Gabriel Sohn-Hunt, Luke Trevino **Second Row:** Desirae McCracken, Devon Molina, Anna Simank, Brigid Sorrell, Chloe Heilman, Millicent Alvarado **Back Row:** Romulo Corrada, Sabrina de Santiago, Gabriel Rauen, Joseph Afuso, Khelsey Smith



How do you contribute to your club's success?

"Relentless dedication and participation in my club's activities."
-Stephen Parlamas, senior



"I attend meetings and help participate in activities."
-Delayna Ramirez, senior

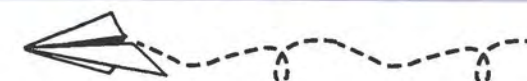


How do you contribute to your club's success?

"I believe I contribute to the club's success by always being there when needed."
-Jon-David Vasquez, sophomore



"I helped draw more people into the club, especially during the bake sale."
-Khelsey Smith, sophomore

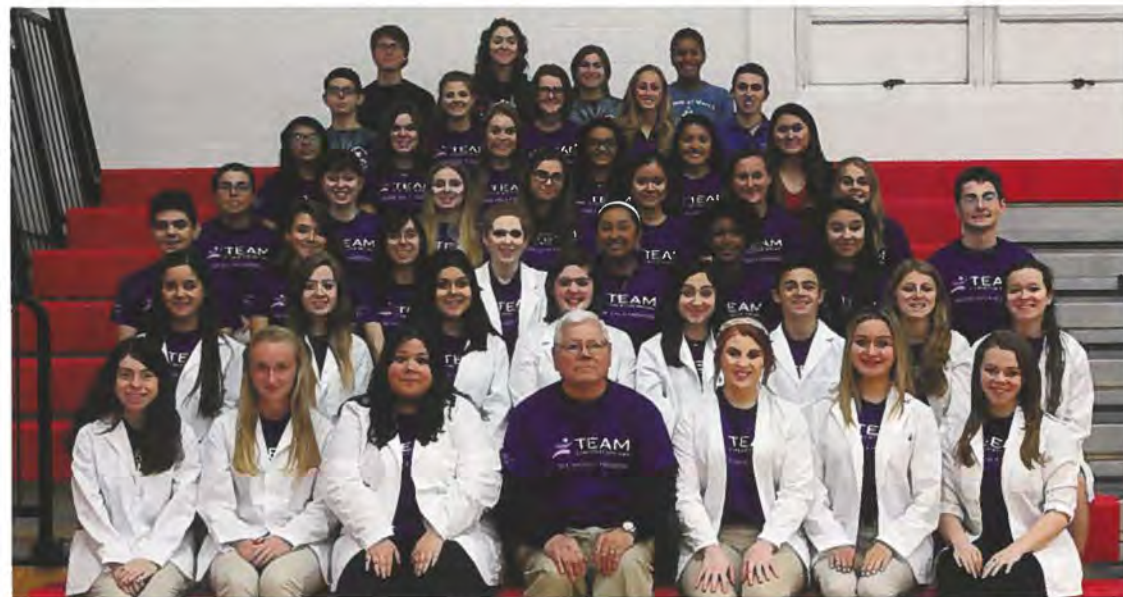


French Honor Society



Front Row: Janet Lumley, Carolina Munoz, Ian Simmons **Back Row:** Anna Simank, Romulo Corrada

Medical Society



Front Row: Acadia Tamez, Taylor Skrobarczyk, Dominique Larioz, Facundo Vasquez, Jullian Brown, Carolina Munoz, Ashley Elliott **Second Row:** Savannah Flores, Kassidee Beal, Laura Perez, Eileen Paulson, Bethany Lopez, Charles Hornsby, Madeline Thompson, Nicole Flanigan **Third Row:** Nicholas Hein, Mia Moore, Shelby Saenz, Abigail Garcia, Julia Spencer, Kesi Harris, Alexandra Gonzalez, Maximiliano Elizondo **Fourth Row:** Lupita Leon, Marykathryn Charles, Abigail Turner, Devon Molina, Thu Le, Claire Walsh, Paige Lippincott **Fifth Row:** Desirae McCracken, Madison Leeves, Carly Teichman, Avina Bhakta, Delayna Ramirez, Jessica Bang **Sixth Row:** Connor Hein, Caitlyn Biggins, Kelly Cortes, Abigail Floerke, George Malouf **Back Row:** Kyle Pekar, Brigid Sorrell, Gillian Olvera, Joelle Francois

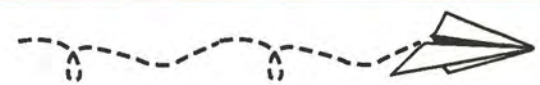


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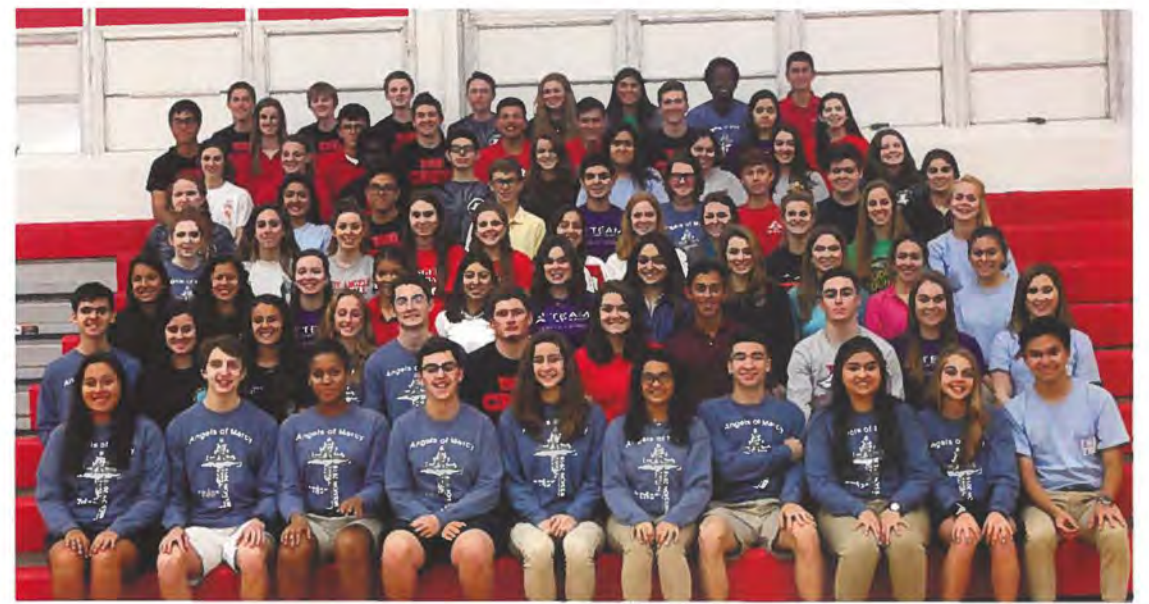
"I do my best to make the school a place that promotes a diverse environment."
-Romulo Corrada, junior



"By participating in the shadowing program and by attending the meetings."
-Acadia Tamez, sophomore



Missions



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Mock Trial



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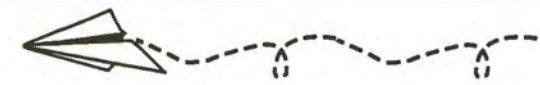


How do you contribute to your club's success?

"Assuming a leadership role and having a direct hand in the many fundraisers."
-Justin Cavazos, junior



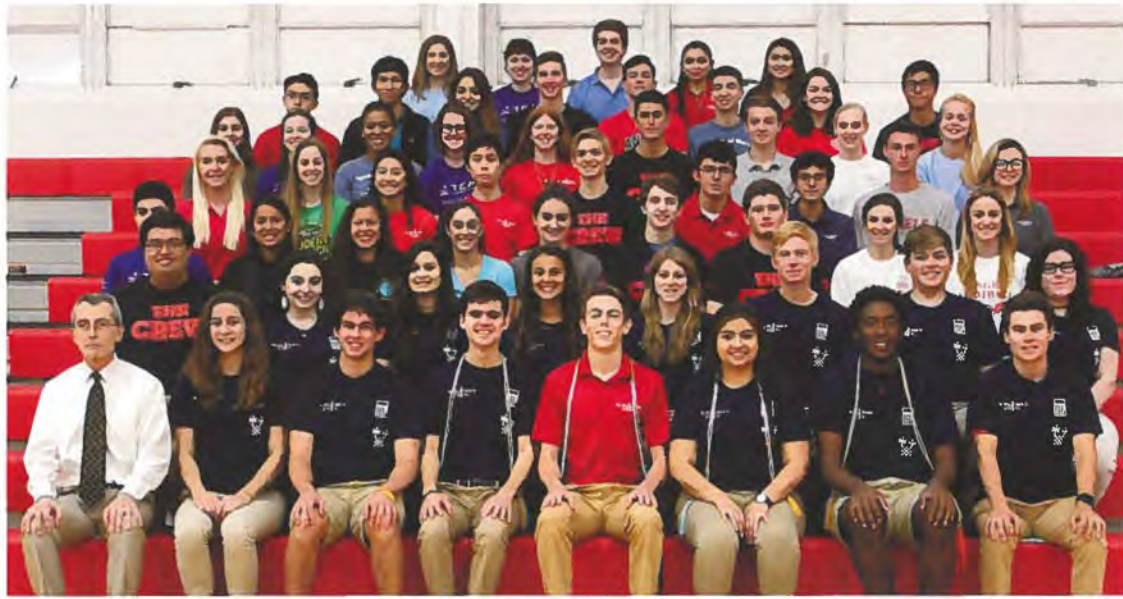
"I work hard and dedicate my time to being the best witness I can be!"
-Olivia Stanton-Moretzhon, sophomore



Mu Alpha Theta



National Honor Society



Front Row: Joseph Vallone, Mary Fergie, Jonathan Deleon, Aaron Benavides, Nicholas Lee, Victoria Rangel, Michael Diejomaoh, William Teichman **Second Row:** Noah Alvarado, Caitlyn Martinez, Sheridan Steen, Remy Ellison, Madeline Thompson, Michael Rock, Robert Walsh, Nicole Morrison **Third Row:** Nicholas Hein, Theresa Salazar, Madeline Villa, Natalie Trevino, Elizabeth Webster, Blake Herbst, John McNiff, Hayley Guerra, Mary Buhidar **Fourth Row:** Joyce Hunsaker, Eleanor McClanahan, Kaylyn Dinh, Gabriel Rauhen, Daniel Rock, Joseph Afuso, Kevin Morrison, Hamilton Lee, Ashley Salinas **Fifth Row:** Michelle Watts, Nicole Flanigan, Joelle Francois, Kelly Cortes, Sarah Beth Becker, Jesus Mireles, Bradley Rossiter, Meredith Kirkland, Mary Matl **Sixth Row:** David Pierce, Julio Ramos, Alexis Cervantes, William Yeager, Trevor Creamean, Noah Garcia, Catherine Schultz, Santiago Mendizabal **Back Row:** Ashley Montgomery, Marykathryn Charles, Bradley Thering, Sofia Aguirre, Jessica Bang



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How do you contribute to your club's success?

"Participating in meetings and encouraging other students to join."
-Ashley Salinas, junior



"I do my best to make myself available when I'm needed."
-Sara Beth Becker, junior



Pan American Club



Photography Club



Front Row: Madeline Peetz, Madeline Thorud, Jacqueline Hein, Gillian Olvera, Elysheva Barnett **Second Row:** Michael Morin, Peyton Thorud, Gabriella Ward, Emily Sheets, Jacqueline Brown **Third Row:** Connor Hein, Joshua Guernsey, Victoria Smith, Joseph Cuevas, Claire Thomas **Back Row:** Nicholas Hein, Gilbert Chapa, Sara Shaw, Madison Leeves, Isaiah Aguilar



Front Row: Ashley Elliott, Abigail Turner, Sarina Garza, Alejandro Carreno **Back Row:** Sofia Aguirre, Alexandra Soliz, Sarah Cummins, Khelsey Smith

How do you contribute to your club's success?

"In PASF, I help bring awareness to different traditions and cultures by introducing others to our club."
-Jacquelyn Brown, freshman



"Helping prepare for and participate in practice shoots downtown."
-Ashley Elliott, junior



Spanish Honor Society

español

Spirit Club



Front Row: Jacqueline Hein, Mary Fergie, Marykathryn Charles, Sofia Aguirre, Lupita Leon, Christiana Bocanegra, Alexa Mendoza, Victoria Rangel, Joelle Francois, Melva Garcia **Second Row:** Allison Burda, Aaron Benavides, Luz Fernandez, Meredith Kirkland, William Teichman, Nicole Flanigan, Delayna Ramirez, Kelly Cortes, Claudette Lara **Third Row:** Robert Walsh, Mikaela Rendon, Sheridan Steen, Abigail Sheets, Ashley Salinas, Natalie Smith, Hayley Guerra, Jacquelyn Douglas, Diego Elizondo **Fourth Row:** Marco Aguas, Claire Walsh, Valeria Villagomez, Madeline Thorud, Madeline Peetz, Mary Mati, Paris Hanna, Bradley Rossiter, Alexis Cervantes **Back Row:** Alyssa Brady, Jonathan Deleon, David Pierce, David Villarreal, Bradley Thering, Kyle Pekar, Herbert Morrison, Ashley Montgomery



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How do you contribute to your club's success?

"I suggest ideas for potential service projects for la sociedad."

-Sofia Aguirre, junior



"Enlighten the student body on teen driving, and anti-bullying."

-Avina Bhakta, senior



Student Council



Do That One Thing



Front Row: Robert Byrd, Blake Herbst, Alejandro Carreno, Meredith Kirkland, Eleanor McClanahan, Nayah Chanyaman, John McNiff, Jonathan Deleon, Shannon Seale **Second Row:** Michelle Watts, Santiago Mendizabal, Michael Diejomaoh, Gabrielle Guernsey, Kelly Cortes, Joelle Francois, Mary Fergie, Elysheva Barnett, Paris Hanna **Third Row:** Kesi Harris, Matthew Charles, Ashley Elliott, Gabriel Rauen, Remy Ellison, Caitlyn Biggins, Ashley Montgomery, Madison Leeves **Fourth Row:** Diego Basaldu, Diego Elizondo, Justin Cavazos, Victoria Rangel, Catherine Schultz, Natalie Smith, Abigail Sheets **Back Row:** Michael Rock, Gabriella Ward, Joyce Hunsaker, Katelyn Dinh, Mary Mati, David Villarreal



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How do you contribute to your club's success?

"I try to hear everyone's opinion and to take people's advice to better the student council."

-Diego Elizondo, junior



"I try to spread awareness of the cause and the club."

-Gabriella Ward, junior



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Michelle Watts



Congratulations to our amazing daughter! You light up our life with your smile! You have made us so proud over the years, and we know this is only the beginning.

We love you and pray for your continued success, Mommy and Daddy

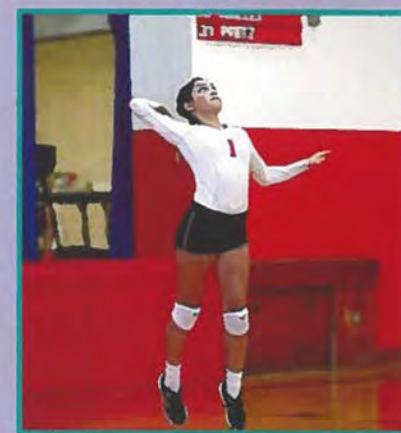
*For with God, nothing is impossible
Luke 1:37*



Alexis Cervantes

She turned her can'ts into cans and her dreams into plans!

We love you! Dad, Mom, Matthew, Bubba, Alex, and Alayna

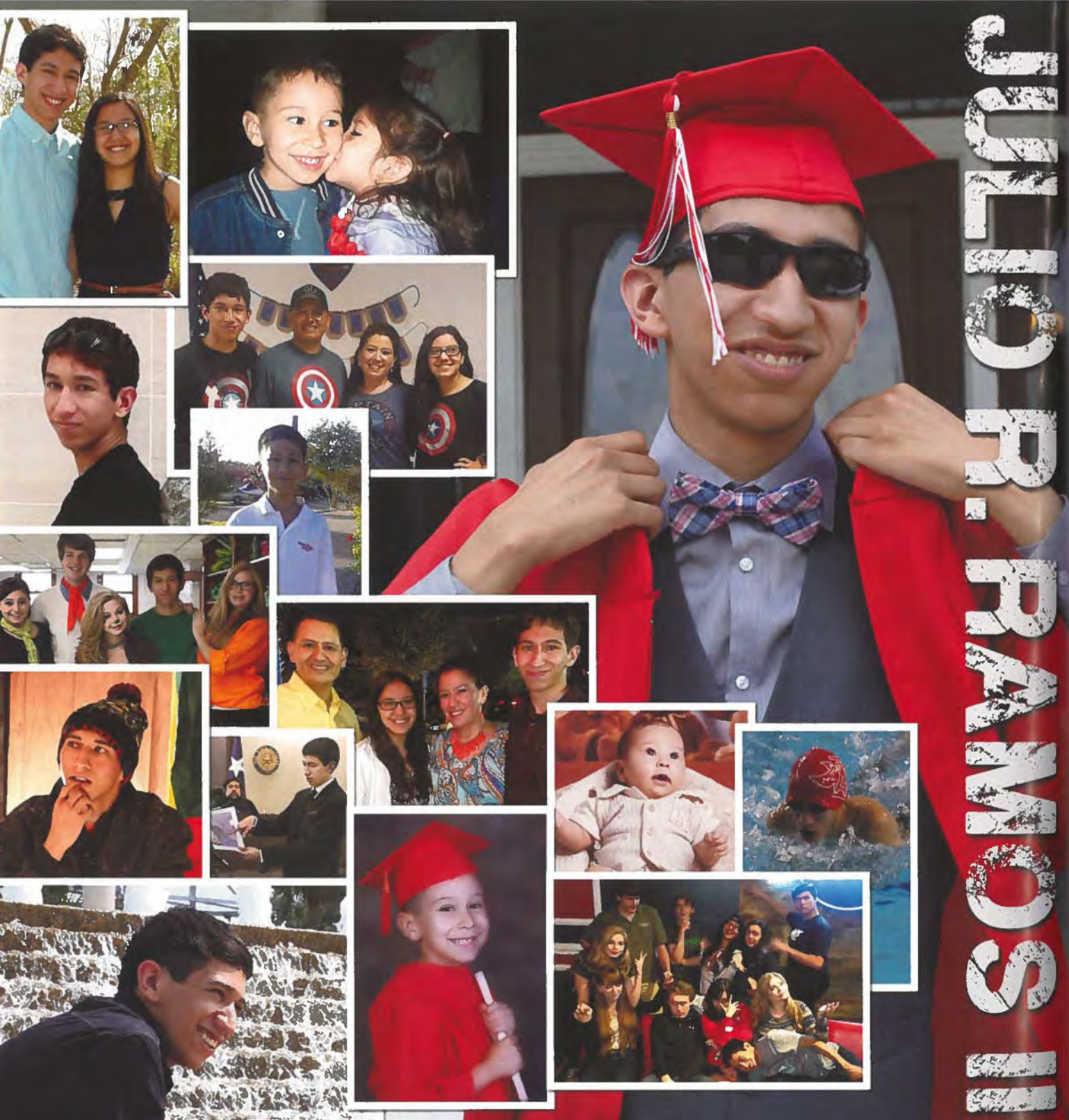


Mikaela Rendón

It has been amazing to watch your dedication and commitment to this yearbook. Congratulations on all your accomplishments, we can't wait to watch you thrive at UT! Pura Vida!

Te queremos,
Mom and Dad





Dear J.R.,
 You lit up our lives from the moment God brought you to us. The best years of our lives have been sharing the journey through your young life. We absolutely love your originality and your determination to forge your own path. You are loyal, faithful, strong, determined, passionate, and you make us proud. We are excited to see what awesome plans God has in store for your future. Always stay lighthearted, strong spirited, and keep believing in yourself. Most of all, may you always feel the special bond you have with each of us. No matter where life takes you, may love and happiness always stay in your heart.

Your biggest fans,
 Mom, Dad, and Haley

Thank you to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament!



Matthew Oliveira



You are an amazing and creative young man. We are so proud of you. God bless you always. We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Daniel & Alex



Jacquelyn Douglas

You have made us very proud!
 You are the best daughter and sister ever!

Love always,
 Dad, Mel, and Justin



Jonathan Deleon

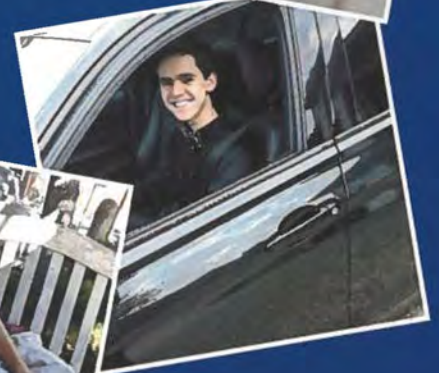
"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work growing in the knowledge of God."
Colossians 1: 9-10.

Congratulations Jonathan!
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Alex and
Christopher



Aaron Benavides

Congratulations on your graduation! In the blink of an eye, a toddler became a boy, then became a young man. We are so incredibly proud of your many accomplishments, but most of all we're so proud and blessed to be your parents!
We love you Aaron!
Mom and Dad



Tennis Team

Thank you for a great year Coach Gressett!

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MARCOS TAPIA

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON
YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE
UPON YOU,
AND GIVE YOU PEACE."

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CONGRATULATIONS, MARCOS!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU
AND LOVE YOU ALL THE WAY TO
THE MOON AND BACK! 
- MOM AND DAD



Kassidee

Our precious baby girl has all grown up. Time flew by in the blink of an eye. We are all so proud of you and so blessed to have you in our lives. You will always be our baby



PAIGE LIPPINCOTT

Paige,

Being your family has been a wonderful journey and words cannot express how much we love you and how proud you continue to make us!

Gig 'em little Aggie!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Michael and Gillian



You have truly grown to be a beautiful young lady who's also become an intelligent human being. You've accomplished so much since your childhood years but there's so much more ahead as you embark upon the building of the next phase of your life and career. We pray that you always put The Lord Jesus Christ first in everything you do. Here are two powerful scriptures to remember through life: Phillpines 4:13, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me and Ecclesiastes 9:10, Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Love You Keeks, Your Harris Family!

KESI HARRIS



Caithyn,
We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. With God by your side this new journey will be all you dreamed it would be Always remember that "With God All Things Are Possible" Mt. 19:26 We Love You, Mom, Dad, James & Paul





Marykathryn Charles

We have watched you grow from a little angel to a lovely young lady. We cannot wait to see what the next chapter of your life will bring.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Matthew, &
Grandma



Michael Sifuentes

We are so proud of the genuine young man that you are. Your kind heart and perseverance are an inspiration to those around you. You have such a big and bright future ahead of you. Keep going!

Love,
Dad, Mom and Hannah



Maggie Hoffman

We love you so much and we are so proud of you! We

know you are going to go far in life! Good luck on your new adventures!
Love, Mom and Dad



William Yeager

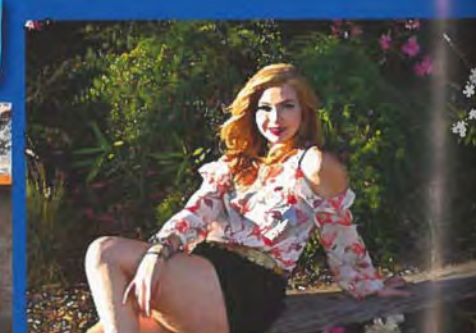


William, we are very proud of you! You have blessed our lives with your charm and your humor. Always follow the "Scout Law" which you know so well and you will fulfill God's plan for your life. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand. We Love you!

-Mom Dad and Shaela



Hoffman MOLLY



Delayna Ramirez

Delayna, You have become such an amazing, beautiful young woman. Life will be filled with hard times and good times, but if you remember to always put your faith first, everything else will follow. And don't forget to be the woman that you know you can be.

Love, Mom



Blake Herbst

Congratulations on graduation Blake! We are proud of your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Monica,
Stevens and Brett

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11



Jesse Mireles

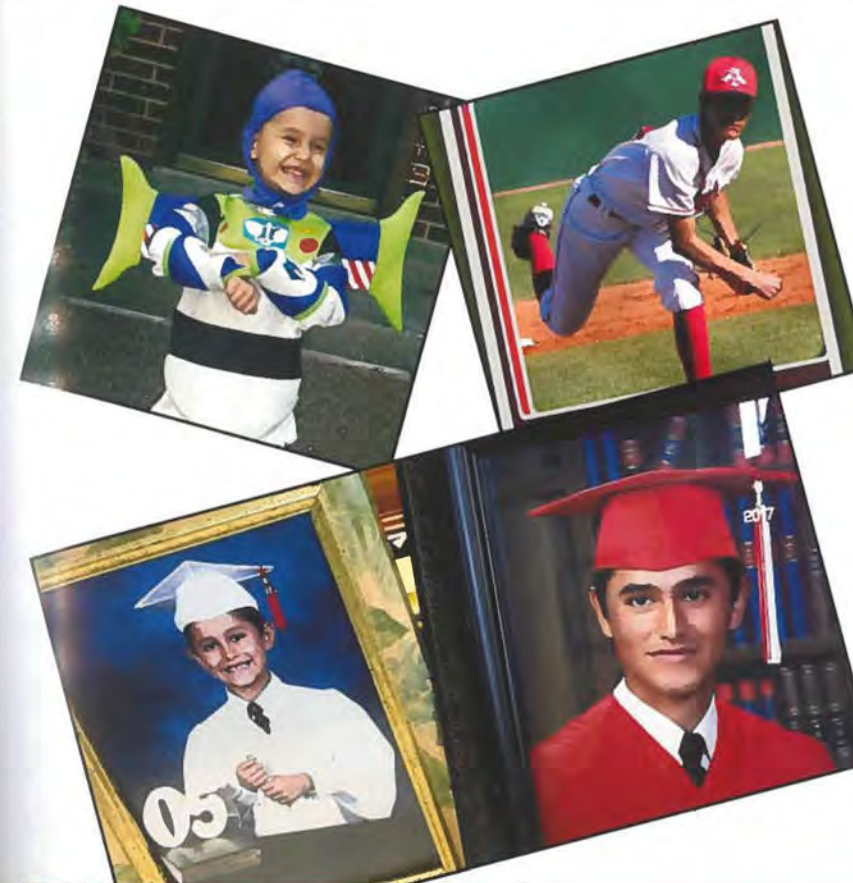
Jesse,

We are so very proud of you!! You have accomplished so much and have worked so hard to lay the ground work to become anything you want to be. We can't wait for you to begin your next journey in life and pray that God blesses you with all the love, kindness and compassion that you have bestowed upon others.

Always stay true to yourself. Never forget who you are or where you came from. Make the choice every day to be happy. Choose your battles carefully. Follow your heart. Believe in yourself. Help those that have less than you. But most of all, never, ever underestimate the power of prayer.

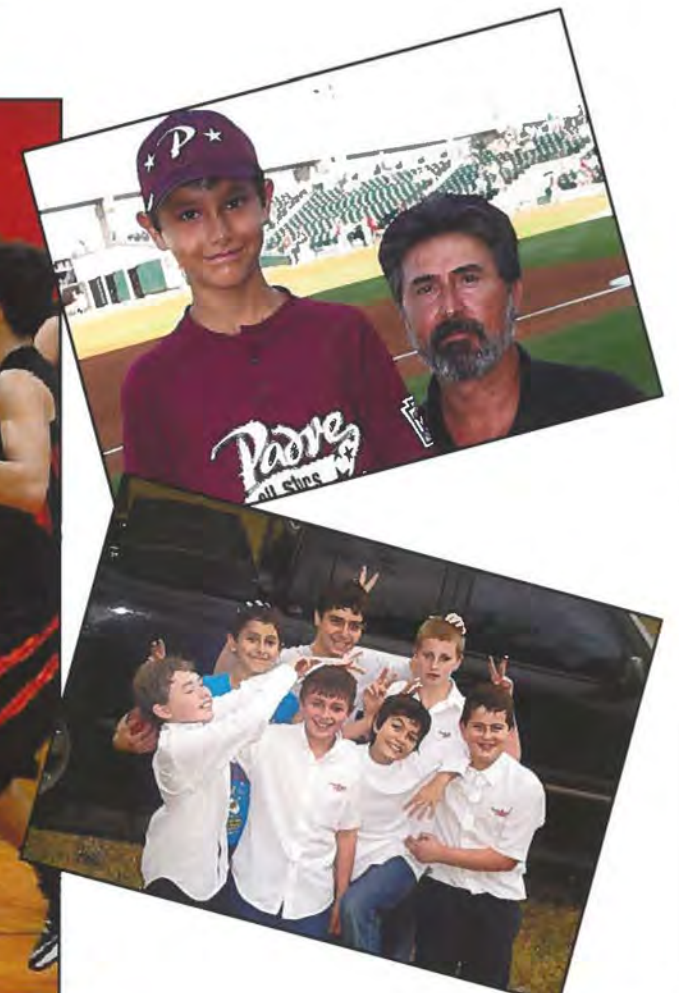
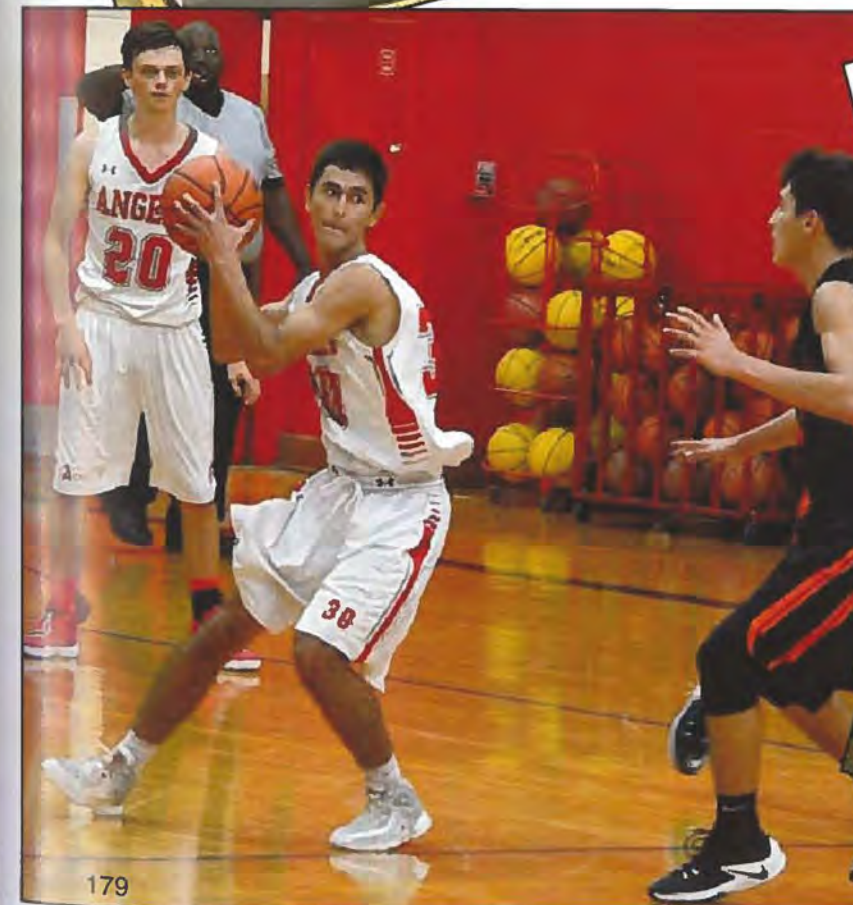
Love always,

Mom, Dad, Dara, Bill,
Rick, Desi and all your
nieces and nephews



Catherine Grace

With much love, Mom & Dad
Will, Jessica & Matt, Jonathan & Cara
Proverbs 3:5



Ian Simmons



May light, love and laughter always be yours,
And be sure to listen to the day unfold around you.
The book is open -
Time to turn the page, take up the pen,
And write your story.

Keep growing in dignity and truth,
And keep looking up to the sky.
Know that, no matter what path you choose,
We're behind you -
So proud of the bright, strong and compassionate
Young man you've become.

Love always,
Mom & Dad



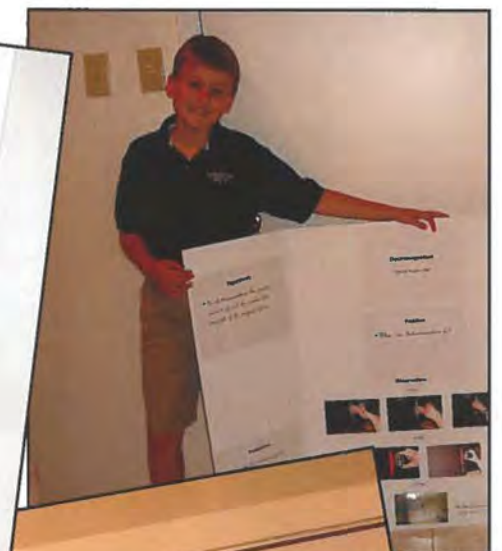
Congratulations Joseph Cook



We thank God every day
for blessing us with you.
You are amazing and we
know that you have a
bright future!

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Love Mom and Dad



Jack Wallace



Congratulations Jack!

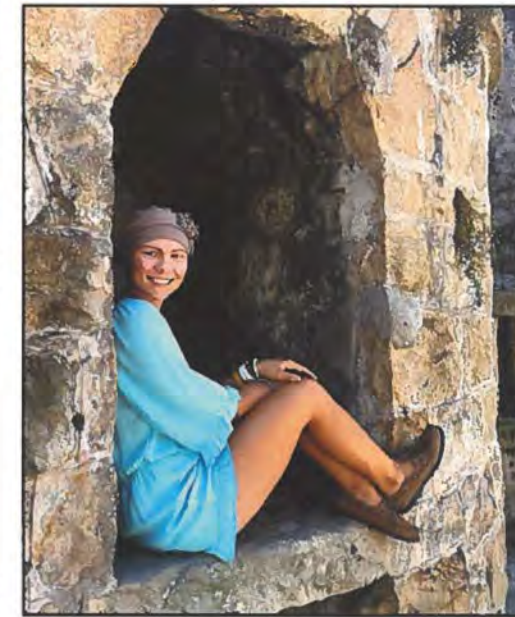
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Will

Eileen Paulson

Eileen ~ it has been a joy to watch you grow from a happy, inquisitive child into a kind, generous and hard-working young woman! You have achieved so much, always with a smile and a song. We're proud of you!



Paris Elizabeth Hanna



"People will stare - make it worth their while."
- Harry Winston



INOAH ALVARADO



CONGRATS



YOU ARE SUCH AN AMAZING GIFT FROM GOD! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND THE YOUNG MAN YOU HAVE BECOME. ALL YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND OCCASIONAL PROCRASTINATION IS FINALLY PAYING OFF. MAY THE LORD BE YOUR GUIDE AND DIRECT YOUR STEPS ALWAYS. WE LOVE YOU, MOM, DAD, GRANDMA & GRANDPA

Congratulations Michael!

Greet the future with anticipation.
Dream big & work hard.
Remember your roots, manners
& the way home. Let your light
shine! So proud of you, Love
You! Mom, Dad and Danny



Michael Diejomaoh



CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL!!

We are very proud of you.
You are a source of joy to
us and we love you very
much.
Wishing you the best
always!!

Love from,
Mom and Daniel



Mary Buhidar

Behind you,
all your memories.
Before you,
all your dreams.
Around you,
all who love you.
Within you,
all you need.





Jurnee Simpson

We are proud of who you have been, we are proud of who you are, and we are proud of what you will become.



Jurnee,

Continue to be strong and push through all of your obstacles. Remember that if you fall, we'll always be there to pick you up... after we finish laughing.

*Love,
Amber and Lauren*

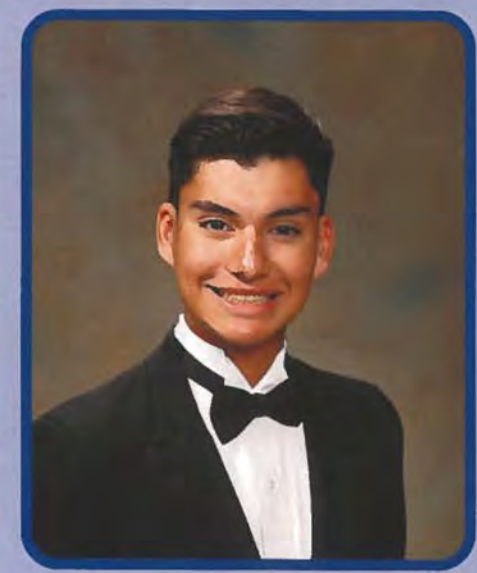


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We are proud of you and all you have accomplished. We love you,

Mom, Dad, & Kaitlyn



Stephen Frank-Anthony Parlamas



...And God opened up the Heavens and Blessed us with a most wonderful gift. Thank you Lord Jesus.

Congratulations Stephen! We are very proud of the young man you have become. May God continue to bless you and lead you safely through his Glorious plan for you.

We love you, Mom, Dad & Family



Bradley Rossiter

Bradley,
You have been such a blessing to our family. We are so proud of the young man you have become. We know you will do great things. Keep God first and seek His guidance. Baylor won't know what hit them next fall! Sic'em Bears!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jeff, and Emma



Olivia McClanahan

Congratulations, Olivia!
We love you and are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Eleanor



Abigail Adelina Garcia

Congratulations, You have always captured your dreams and we know you will continue to do so... May God bless you on your journey...
We love you, Dad, Mom, Gabrielle, Jacqueline, and Jaime Jr.

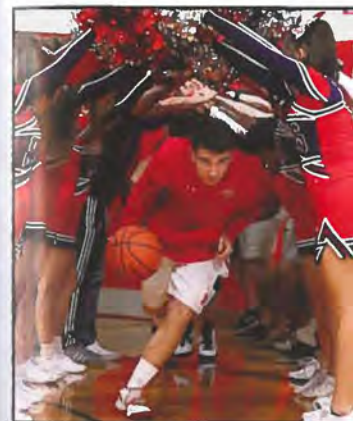


Jordan Dean Salazar

No words could ever express how honored I am not only to be your mother but the mother of a High School Graduate. I am so proud of the person you've become & wish nothing but the best for you on your next journey. I never expected this day to come as quick as it did, not quite sure I'm ready. Just remember where there's a will there's a way, never give up, & continue to pray. Keep on shining and continue to set a good example for your brother. I love you son.



Noah A. Garcia



Dearest Noah,

As you go on your way, May Christ go with you. Please remember to trust in the Holy Trinity. Please call upon the Holy Spirit each day. May Christ go before you to show you the way; behind you to encourage you; beside you to befriend you; above you to watch over you; and within you to give you peace, joy, and love!!!

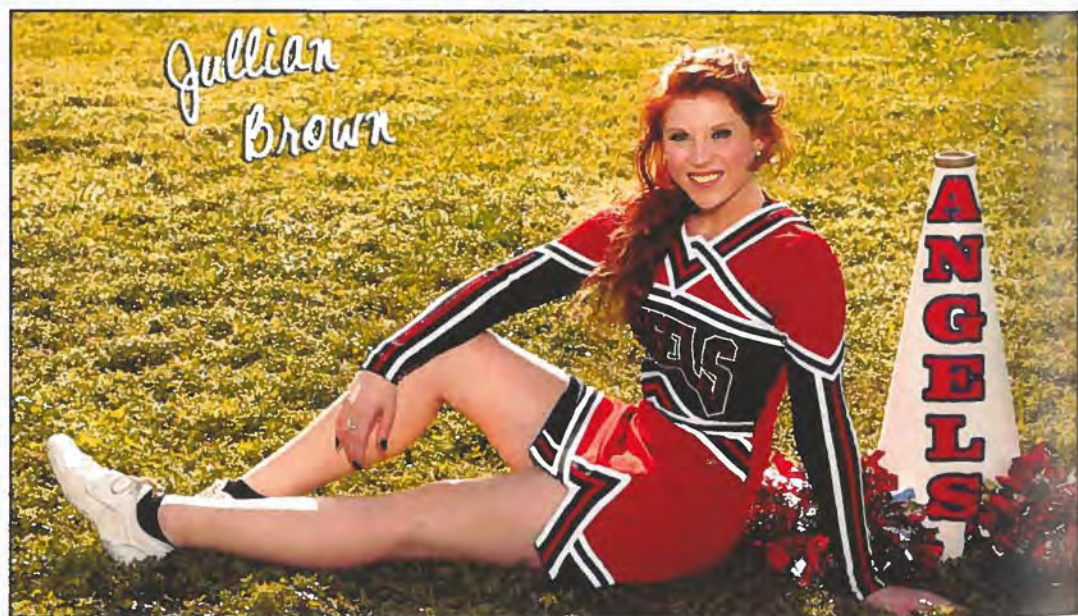


We love you so very much and believe in you and your bright future!!!

Love, Mom and Dad




Jullian Brown



Congratulations to our darling Jullian. You are an amazing blessing that has brought so much joy to our lives. We look forward to all the wonderful plans God has for your future. Celebrate every moment, count your blessings and always remember, We love you!
Mom, Gabe, Madeline, Jacqueline, Gammy & Pop Pop

Be who God created you to be, and you will set the world on fire. ~ St. Catherine of Siena



The memories made the past 293 days were ones to remember. This is why the Aurora staff worked tirelessly to create a book that was more than just a yearbook. We wanted to create a personal record of the school year to capture and memorialize the little moments of our journey that are often overlooked. We hoped to personally connect each student to their experiences, so that students can look back on their high school journey as they prepare for the journeys yet to come.

Colophon




Theme

The theme of the 2016 - 2017 Aurora was "jOURney," which sought to capture the special moments and memories made by the Incarnate Word Academy community, throughout the school year. The theme showcases the growth of students and other members of the Incarnate Word community, demonstrating their individual growth spiritually, physically, and academically. The underlying message throughout the book is that each person underwent a journey of their own this year with new experiences, thrilling memories, and much growth. Ultimately these pages feature Incarnate Word Academy as a place where people strive to be better and come together, united by faith to share in each others' journeys.




Photography

Photographs were taken with four Canon Rebel SLR's as well as our staff's personal SLR cameras and camera phones. Underclassmen portraits were taken by Eagle Imaging. Senior Portraits were taken by Eagle Imaging.



Cover & Endsheets

The cover design was the original idea of the Aurora Committee, with Editor in Chiefs, Mikaela Rendon and Mary Matl, Junior Editors, Amille Bottom and Ashley Montgomery, Yearbook Staff and Adviser, Nicole Quintero, having chief input. The cover was custom screened in a Tumbleweed material, with Burnishing and accents of Goldbrush Foil.



Fonts & Styles

Headlines and body copy consisted of variations of the Litho Antique font and FoundationSans font by Jostens. All pages were printed in four color process on glossy 80 pound paper by Jostens Publishing Company in Visalia, California and was represented by Carlos Trejo and plant consultant Taiko Bennett.



Production

300 copies with 192 pages of the 2016 - 2017 Aurora yearbook were produced for print. The Aurora Staff worked in class, before and after school, and on breaks and weekends to produce the book.



Design

The design and theme of the 2016 - 2017 edition of the Aurora are original concepts by Editor-In-Chiefs, Mikaela Rendon and Mary Matl, Junior Editors, Amille Bottom and Ashley Montgomery, Staff Members, Alejandro Carreno, Alex Soliz, Meg Bandas, Marcos Tapia, Paris Hanna, Delayna Ramirez, Claudette Laura, Grace Walsh, Chloe Heilman, Justin Cavazos, and Sarah Cummins, with input and guidance by Adviser, Nicole Quintero. Additional guidance came from Jostens Sales Representative, Carlos Trejo. The cover and spread designs are original designs by the Aurora Staff.