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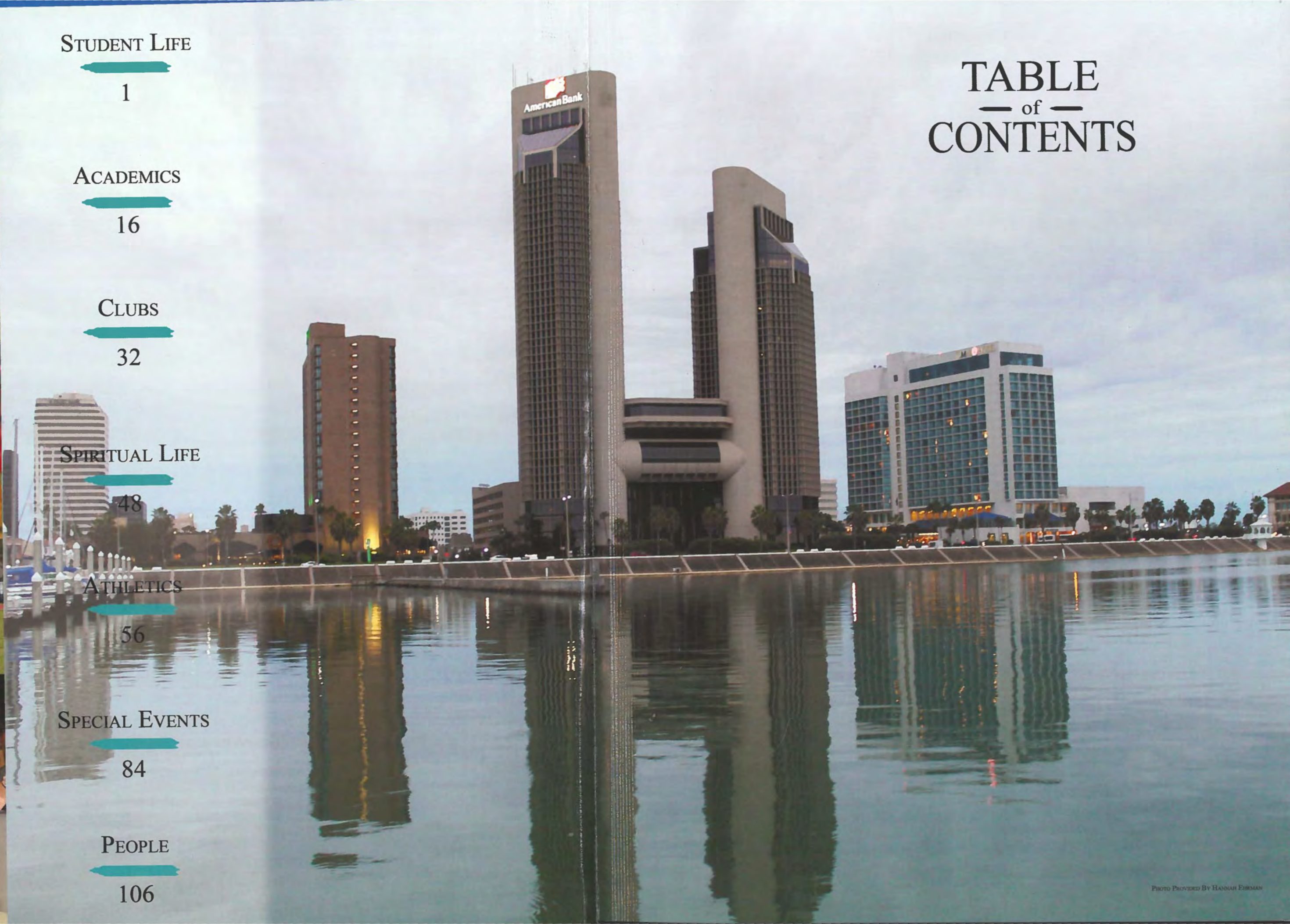
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# GIVE — a — and — TAKE

The spirit of service that echoes in the hearts of all who attend Incarnate Word Academy exemplifies the true meaning of Jesus the Incarnate Word. Inspired by our foundress, Jeanne Chezard de Matel, we strive to build a community centered around the service of others. Her order, The Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament are responsible for instilling our strong catholic values, which lead us on the path of righteousness. Their dedication to teaching us right from wrong has inspired our students and staff to dedicate this yearbook to them.

Students make serving others a top priority in their busy lives. They participate in a wide variety of activities, anywhere from big things such as volunteering at the animal shelter after school, to smaller things such as helping new students adjust to our school or holding the door open for others. Angels do this not to gloat or build up their resume, but because they know it is the right thing to do. That mantra is true for all who attend this school, and stays with them as they go out into the world beyond. The community that surrounds Incarnate Word takes notice of these acts of service, and benefits from the dedication we have towards making this city and world a better place.

This pattern of service that Incarnate Word students have is important because it showcases the commitment our students have towards helping other people. Week after week, quarter after quarter, year after year, students exceed their required semester's six hours of service. They do this because the spirit of Incarnate Word students yearns for more. More time, more talent, more service, more leadership, more of anything to display God's talents for all to appreciate.

As we go out into the community, we try our best to leave our mark. As Angels, we know what we do and say represents the school we come from and the tradition it upholds. Because of this, we are always mindful of our actions. We know that the red polo and khaki pants is much more than just a uniform, but an emblem of something much bigger than ourselves. We do our best to represent the spirit of the Incarnate Word each day as we step out into the world around us.

“Life is full of give and take,  
Give thanks and take nothing  
for granted.” - Unknown





What have you given to the community as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

During our basketball season, we played a variety of schools and represented Incarnate Word while we traveled. Hopefully we have a good representation of the respect and maturity of Incarnate Word angels.

Who stands out as someone who has given of themselves to the Incarnate Word community?

My teacher, Leonardo Alvarez, who was extremely supportive and helpful during my time in his math class. He helped us a ton!

What experiences do you take away as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

What I take away from Incarnate Word Academy is the aspect of family. Everyone knows each other and everyone is friendly to each other.

Herbert Morrison,  
freshman



What have you given to the community as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

Incarnate Word Academy has allowed me to participate in many service opportunities. Students have been able to travel to small towns and help foster community and stay local to beautify beaches.

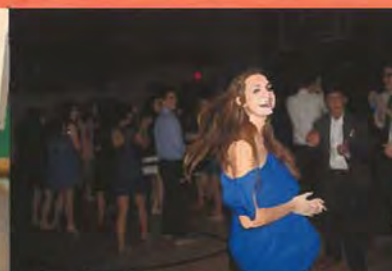
Who stands out as someone who has given of themselves to the Incarnate Word community?

Our teachers; They have been an important part of our lives. They have helped us grow in wisdom and maturity as well as help promote a community among students.

What experiences do you take away as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

All of my most memorable experiences have one key thing in common: my friends. Through IWA I have made lifelong friendships. When I am with my friends, I know I will have a good time, whether inside or out of IWA.

John Franey,  
senior





What have you given to the community as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

As a student of Incarnate Word Academy, I have served the community in different ways such as the Catholic Workers House and through missions.

Who stands out as someone who has given of themselves to the Incarnate Word community?

Sister Rosa is someone who has given a lot of her time to the Incarnate Word community. Through her service in missions and other forms of community service, she has been such a great role model for all of us at IWA.

What experiences do you take away as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

The experiences I will take away are the fun and loving memories I had with my friends.

Kristen Creamean,  
junior



What have you given to the community as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

I have given my time up to work and do community service for the people of Corpus Christi. I have been to events like the aquarium cleanup to help others.

Who stands out as someone who has given of themselves to the Incarnate Word community?

Sister Judith because she always does her best to better our school. She especially helps freshmen try hard and do their work consistently.

What experiences do you take away as an Incarnate Word Academy student?

I love the passion that the teachers have about helping their students. I also like the faith-based community.

Jonathan Deleon,  
sophomore



# TOGETHER

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# STAND



Incarate Word Academy students strive to become involved in outlets that benefit both themselves and the school they represent. These spirited students work together to express themselves within the walls of the school, and beyond. Whether it be through their enthusiastic energy at pep rallies or by serving their city as Eagle Scouts, our angels are capable of transforming their skills and talents in such a way that helps those in need and give others a boost in spirit. The thriving improvements contributed by our student body are what supports the wellbeing of our community, as well as every aspect of student life in our proud school.



Junior, Stephen McCullough



Sophomore, Sydney Allison



Senior, Claire Weis and Sophomore, Michael Rock



Sophomore, Bradley Tiering

# Here and There

## Angels Everywhere

We live in a small city and attend an even smaller school. The phrase "It's a small world" has become a reality for us as a student body and is part of our daily lives. As we pass familiar faces and places on our way to class, we remember the many different events that have formed our high school career. From the cheers echoing through the gymnasium during pep rallies to the silence filling the chapel during weekly masses, every location on campus has emotions linked to it. This school has not only become a place to learn and to grow; it has become a place all too familiar. It has become home.

The red polo shirt with khaki pants have become an icon for this school. These mass uniforms are recognized everywhere we go whether it is around campus or around Corpus Christi. We bring the name of the school anywhere we visit. This responsibility is carried with pride and with our heads held high. Whether we have attended Incarnate Word Academy since the beginning of our schooling or we joined during middle or high school, this school and the Catholic education we receive from it have given us the gifts and the resources we need in order to succeed. It is up to us, the students, to take these resources and apply them to achieve our highest of goals.



Senior, Paris Shirley



Seniors, John Franey and Roland Silva



Junior, Lillie Mills and Senior, Harmon Dobson



Sophomore, Caitlyn Martinez



# Spreading Our Angel Wings

## Serving Our Community

As Christians, we are called to serve others in our community. At our school, we make serving a top priority. From blood drives, to beach clean ups, to Operation Christmas Child, our students are given many different opportunities throughout the year to make a difference within the community. Every year, our students are invited to attend the Pro-Life Rally in our state's capital. It is a chance for us to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Freshman, Sara Beth Becker (pictured above) attended this rally in Austin. When asked about her experience at the rally, Becker responded, "I went to the rally because I believe that life is sacred and that no one has the right to take it away. By attending the rally, I showed that people do care about others, and hopefully I inspired others to stand up as well." Our students are constantly encouraged to take part in community service projects. Whether the project is something big, like the Pro-Life Rally, or something small, we can all make a difference.

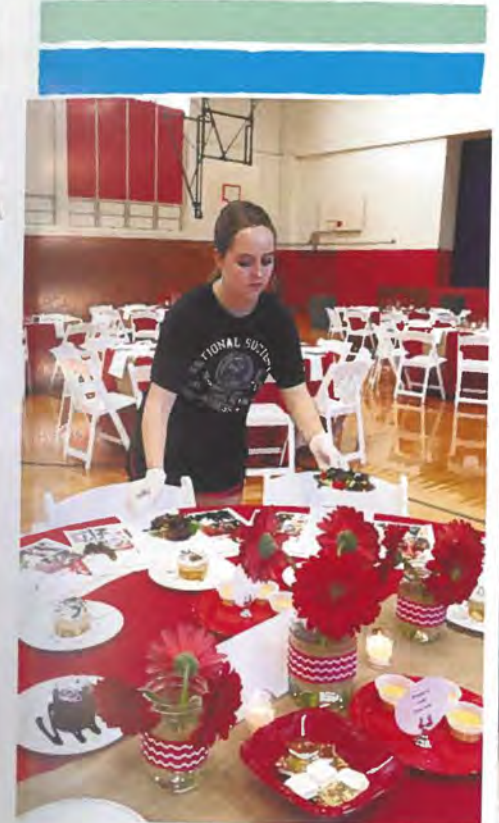
**"How does giving back to the community benefit you and others?"**



"I feel as though my "rent" to live here on earth is to do service for the community. It's really rewarding to know that I can improve someone's Christmas with my service and love." - Ava Buchan, senior

"Being a part of my community is one of the most important things to me. The people I am surrounded by impact my daily life, so it is rewarding to give back to them." - Marcos Tapia, sophomore

Below: Dinner is served! Junior, Dana Alonso-Bauer helps set tables for the Accreditation Dinner. The school is evaluated every five years by an accreditation team and to welcome them, the school hosted an elegant dinner.

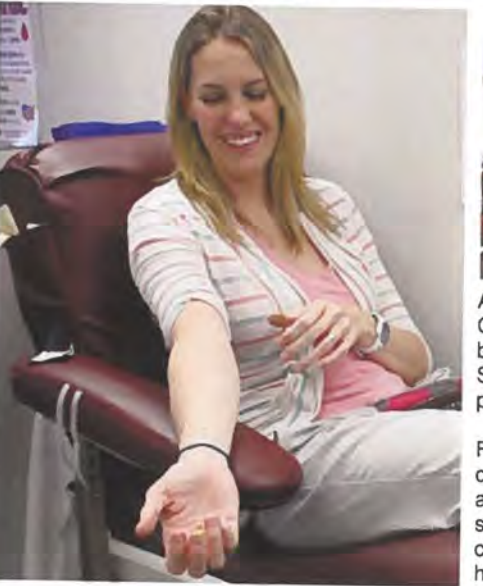


Left: Saving lives one stick at a time! Seniors, Michelle Ndwuru and Mary Dragon catch up while saving lives by donating blood at one of this year's blood drives.



Below Left: Lending a helping hand, seniors, Hannah Ehrman and Caitlyn Hornsby volunteer to serve breakfast to the homeless at the Catholic Worker one early Saturday morning.

Below: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! In hopes of making a difference in his community, senior, Enrique De La Garza takes part in a beach clean up at Malaquite Beach State Park.



Above: Lending a helping hand, seniors, William Gilmore and Michelle Ndwuru put together toiletry bags for the Whoever Welcomes a Child project. Students and faculty donated supplies for the project.

Far Left: Hoping to share the Christmas spirit with others in the community, senior, Arlene Castro acts as one of Santa's elves for the day. All of the students were encouraged to bring presents for children at Child Protective Services over the holidays.

Left: Prepped and ready to go, Coach, Ashley Pettus prepares to donate blood during the first blood drive of the school year.

*"Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service." - Mother Teresa*



Left: Senior members of The Crew II come together to spend their last Burning of the A with their closest friends.

*"Having worked on making the A all week with my fellow crew members, it felt great to stand back and watch the successes."* - Ethan Elizondo, senior



Left & Middle Left: The symbol of the night and our school, the A, is displayed to show student and faculty pride.

Far Left: Students aren't the only ones with glowing school spirit! Volunteer, Fred Johnson shows his pride in the Angels by decking himself out for the night in his most festive gear.



Top: Let's get excited! Sophomores, Catherine Schultz, Victoria Rangel, and Mikaela Rendon circle up and show their enthusiasm for the night! Above: Torch lit, senior James George eagerly waits to assist in lighting the A.

Left: The senior class gathers for a group picture at their last Burning of the A. "Taking the picture was a bittersweet moment for me because it hit me that it was our last Burning of the A," says senior, Hannah Ehrman.

# Our Angel Spirit

## Lights Up the Night

Our Angel Spirit, like the burning A, shines vividly for all to see. Nights like these are when our pride glows the brightest and lights up the night. As angels, we give our all to the school; our time, our hard work, and especially our service. However, the night of the Burning of the A embodies not only what we give, but also what we take from our time here. We gain knowledge, faith, and especially support from our tight knit community of students that radiates brightly on the special night of the Burning of the A.



*"It was a really emotional moment because I knew it was the last year I had with Caitlyn Hornsby and we've become really close."*

- Angela Hubbard, junior





Left: It's a race to the finish as sophomore, Mary Buhidar and seniors, Bianca Valderrama, Alfred Dimas, and Gasper D'Anna, hurry to put on the clothes of a fellow coach or teacher and find their match.

Below: Members of the Improvisation group, senior, Daniel Cassidy and sophomore, Maggie Hoffman, act out the emotional scene of a marriage proposal.



Left: Getting pumped for the first pep rally of the year, sophomore, Mikaela Rendon attempts to get sophomore, Victoria Rangel as excited as she is for the new school year.

Below: Reminiscing about her last four years in high school, senior, Gabriella Ruiz smiles about all the good times she has had and all the friends that she has made. "Throughout my four years of high school," Gabriella Ruiz explains, "pep rallies have always been the best way to get everyone excited for upcoming games and other events."



# Give Support Get Results

Crazy about their Angels, enthusiastic students and teachers crowd in the gym to cheer in the stands. The support of the hard work and successes of all teams, both academic and athletic alike, is overwhelming. Determined athletes and students dedicate their time to their school endeavors, and pep rallies are the best way to celebrate that dedication. With intense, competitive games to participate in, the red-hot spirit in the gym is fierce. This blazing spirit provides the perfect amount of support to pump up the teams and encourage great results.



*"Every time I attend a pep rally, I experience a strong feeling of support from my fellow classmates. I enjoy celebrating all the different activities that our school excels in." - Steven Wendel, senior*



Above Left: Eager for homecoming, the sophomore class cheers as loud as they can to show their Angel pride and try to win the prized spirit stick.

Above Right: Racing the clock, senior, Hannah Rodriguez rushes to complete her look to imitate Sr. Judith Marie Saenz during a heated game at the Homecoming pep rally.



Above: School pride is not the only pride we display. Freshmen, Abigail Sheets and Kelly Cortes show their support for the great United States of America.

Left: Showing his sophomore heart, Marcos Tapia uses all of his energy and voice to cheer "Let's go angels!"



Above: Anxious for the win, juniors, Cesar Hernandez, William Nicholson, and Alexander Villagomez use all their strength to tug and pull their way to victory.

Middle Left: Tensions are rising as sophomore, Jacob Gonzalez and freshman, Anna Simank use their cross country speed to wheelbarrow past the finish line.

# A Change in Routine

## Style For a Cause

For a few days out of the year, students get the chance to put aside their uniform and take the opportunity to dress in their most creative attire. Students were able to support their school during Homecoming week and display their opposition to drugs during Red Ribbon Week. Whether it was 'Merica Monday, Twin Tuesday, or Tacky Tourist Friday, spirit week was a mission to try and outdo their friends. The break from the routine of uniforms allowed students a chance to express themselves, while supporting a good cause!

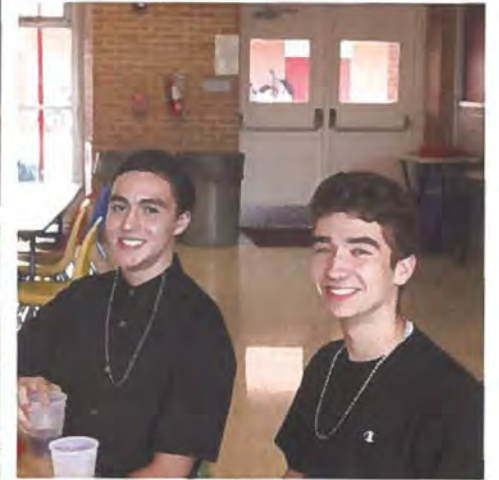


Above: AT-TEN-TION! Seniors, James George and William Carrillo stand tall in the courtyard, proudly representing their country with red, white, and blue attire for 'Merica Monday in the courtyard during Red Ribbon Week.

Left: Taking it to the next level, sophomore, Bradley Thering dresses as Walt Disney himself for *Walt Disney Wednesday*. Classmates and sophomores, David Villarreal and Molly Hoffman also dressed from classic Disney movies. "I dressed like Russell from *Up* because I like his 'adventure is out there' attitude," said David Villarreal.

Below Left: Pulling out all the stops, freshman, Michael Morales shows off his enthusiasm for *Walt Disney Day* in the courtyard during Lunch. "I wore five different characters from four different Disney movies," said Michael Morales.

Below Right: Intent on getting his work done in the classroom, senior, Chance Hunsaker, displays his crazy attire on *Tacky Tourist Friday* during homecoming week.



Center: Lighting up the campus, junior, Megan Santillan and senior, Lauren Martinez show they are "too bright for drugs" by displaying their neon colors during Red Ribbon Week.

Far Above: When Captain America throws his mighty shield, these two freshmen, Sofia Alonso-Bauer and Mckenzie McCoy, begin their mission to save the day against the forces of evil on *Superhero Day*.

Second to Top: Back in black! Sophomores, Stephen Parlamas and Noah Garcia don their favorite color for *Twin Day*: black. "It's a classic color," said Garcia. "We knew we both had black shirts and so that was our first choice for *Twin Day*."

Bottom: M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E! Junior, Briana Arriaga and senior, Natasha Villagomez show off their matching Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse outfits for *Walt Disney Day* in the courtyard.

Left: Partners in crime, sophomores, Elizabeth Webster and Olivia McClanahan take it back to the old Disney days imitating characters from the classic Disney movie, *Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century*.

# Out and About

## All Around Town

When a typical day of a student includes tests, pop quizzes, essays and assignments, it is important that students are involved in activities outside of school where they can express themselves. From a simple coffee date with friends to a part-time job after school, our students know how to spend their free time wisely. One example of time well spent is the Eagle Scout accomplishment two senior boys, Alfredo Arispe and John Franey, earned for their commitment to serving their community. "It was a really big moment for me," Arispe comments on his Eagle Scout ceremony, "It had been a goal of mine since I was a little kid. When it finally happened, I couldn't stop smiling." Both Arispe and Franey have been in Boy Scouts since first grade, and now pass on their talents to younger scout members. Regardless of what the activity is, our students strive to go out into the community and represent the name of the Incarnate Word proudly.



Right: Proud and honored to be Eagle Scouts, seniors, John Franey and Alfredo Arispe demonstrate Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath.



Left: Having her favorite drink, a hot chai latte from Coffee Waves, junior, Laura Garcia works diligently on her Pre-Calculus homework.

Below: Spending her Saturday morning at Khol's working, senior Moira McCandless respectfully greets customers and checks out bath towels.



Left: What a catch! Sophomore, Olivia McClanahan enjoys a day out at Port Aransas. "One thing I love about fishing is the feeling you get when you finally get the fish in the boat."

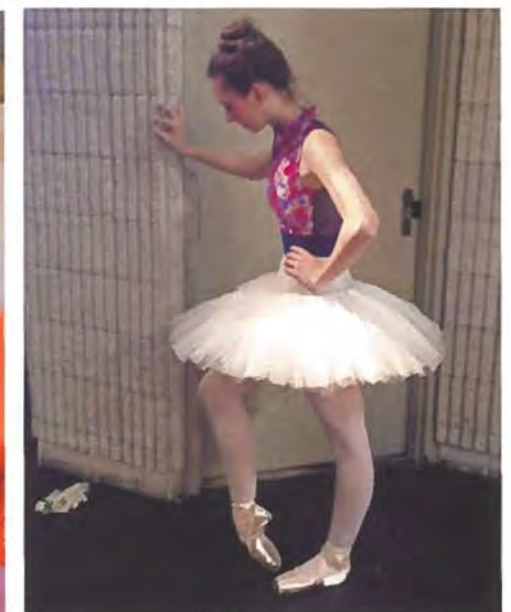
Far Left: Running the register, junior, Cristina Madero works at her mother's restaurant, Citrus.



Left Below: Order Up! Senior, William Gilmore pushes through the lunch rush at Whataburger and delivers customers their order with a smile.



Below: "I was really nervous," senior, Shaela Yeager admits, "I was just going over the moves in my head one final time." Yeager participates in the seasonal classic, The Nutcracker, every year with her ballet school.



# Preserving Earth

## To Honor God

Although most people recognize and celebrate Earth Day, students and staff here went above and beyond and allotted an entire week to the conservation of our world. The student body, through a multitude of activities, brought light to the subject of the preservation of our Earth. We came together as not only a school, but as a church family, to show love for God and His creation. We came together to show that people should treat the world that was given to us with respect. We must all do our part to care for God's creation.



Above: Admiring the beautiful altar setup for the Care of Creation mass, seniors Mary McCullough, Natasha Villagomez, and Sarah Garza wait for the service to begin.

Far Above: Making sure nothing is wrong with the construction of his solar car, sophomore, Nicholas Lee examines it closely before beginning the race.

Above: GO, GO, GO! A group of students excitedly race solar powered cars in the courtyard during lunch. "Seeing the structure of the cars and watching them race was quite fun and opens up the door for solar powered ideas," comments senior, Christopher Guerra.

Far Above: Taking recycling to heart, senior members of the science club, Belize Ellison and Zachary Hartman, attempt to make old shirts into bags.

Far Above: Giving her opinion on what the Environmental Club should do in honor of Care of Creation, senior Caitlyn Hornsby, suggests ways to better our environment.

Above Left and Right: Discussing the logistics of the week, faculty members, Whitney Gray, Debra Hernandez, Sr. Rosa Ortiz, and Ray Perrone have a meeting to review the itinerary and finalize the plans for Care of Creation week.

Far Above: Throughout the week, this poster served as a daily reminder of what Care of Creation was about and the significance of preserving our environment to revere God.

Above: Intently listening to guest speaker, Maclovio Perez, sophomores, Luz Fernandez and Alyssa Perez, and senior, Victoria Pena learn about the effects of global warming on the environment.

# MIND over MATTER

Incarinate Word Academy is well known for its rigorous academia and college preparatory classes. Students regularly attain above average grades, however this academic success does not come easily. Students must study, review, and prepare for every test, quiz, and assignment that is given to them. All of this is done often while balancing extracurricular activities and multiple AP classes. Many late nights and precious free time are devoted to the perseverance of students in their studies. With all the hard work the students give to their academic studies, they are able to take away a 4.0 GPA, a five on an AP test, a scholarship, or a college acceptance.



# Sonnets, Limericks and Odes

## Literature Lessons

From writing practice AP Test essays to presentations on Shakespeare's famous plays, English classes offer a wide variety of skills to be developed. The infamous vocabulary unit tests expand the dictionary within each of the students. The varying literature projects allow students to get lost within any novel. Many quirks of the English language are explored in depth and more easily understood and applied with the help of the teachers.

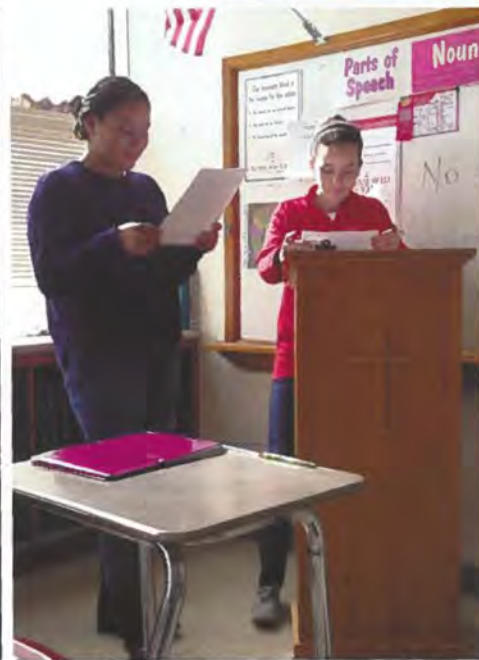
Right: After a long weekend of hard work, seniors, Jared Coco and Shaela Yeager present their brochure on the various locations mentioned in the novel *Frankenstein* during AP English IV.



Below: The fascinating techniques of Shakespeare are explained to all levels of English classes by Shakespeare expert, Jonathan Montgomery.



Above: Commanding his faithful followers, sophomore, Jackson Wallace portrays Julius Caesar as a part of an English II project to show everyone what Caesar was really like.



Above: Advertisement at its finest, sophomores Mikaela Rendon and Nicole Flanigan persuade the crowd to purchase their product for an English II infomercial project.

### Q&A

What is your favorite piece of classic literature and why?

"Julius Caesar because we had a lot of fun reading it in class and I enjoyed acting it out. I also enjoyed the political criticisms laced in Shakespeare's writing."

- Meredith Kirkland

"Romeo and Juliet because its a tragedy and a comedy. Romeo also emulates such a nice character and shows true loyalty."

- Michael Morales

"A Midsummer Night's Dream because of the way everyone is connected in the play and there isn't exactly a happy ending."

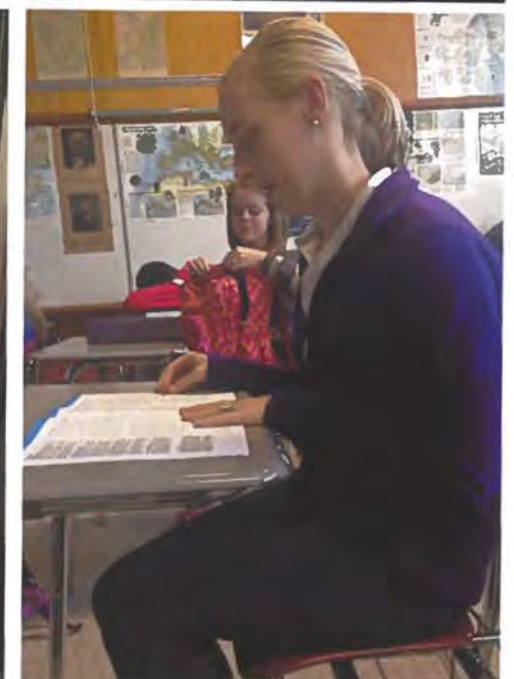
- Claire Weis

# Taking Notes

## Gaining Knowledge

At first, the history of the world and civilizations can seem daunting; however, with the help of teachers, understanding how and when certain events took place is possible and even fun! For sophomores, Advanced Placement World History provides the first opportunity to take college level classes. "I've been faced with new challenges and experiences ever since I enrolled in AP World History," said sophomore, David Villarreal, "but it has given me a better sense of what college classes look like." Day in and day out, students are challenged according to their grade level and are pushed further in learning just how the United States and the world at large came to be.

Below: During the few minutes before class is dismissed, teacher, David Screws and sophomore, Ronald Canales converse about specifics dealing with the upcoming test. Far Below: Just as the first bell of the day rings, freshman, Romulo Corrada asks a question concerning his World Geography homework to teacher, Matthew Petrone.



Above: With less than five questions left, sophomore, Natalie Trevino hones in to finish a test over the Renaissance in her World History class. Top: Feeling confident, sophomore, Abigail Ehrman turns in her final World History essay for the quarter after a long night's work.

Above: Upon arriving at the United States Court House during their AP Government field-trip, seniors, Phoebe Strain and Andrea Tinning view a mural upon the wall.

Above: Getting ready for the Advanced Placement test, sophomore, Meredith Kirkland looks over an informative packet on testing routines.

# Give Sum Up...

Get a Lot More

Mathematics is a subject that drives students to work hard to find the sums, differences, products and quotients of various problems. Students who take time out of their day in order to study a little extra do see the results. To guide these dedicated students to be the best mathematicians possible, the old and new teachers of this school give their time to teach and assist every student. The result of the commitment and perseverance the teachers sacrifice is reflected by the knowledge gained by the students. Teachers like Mathematics teacher, Theresa Mader commit their time to educate their students in different possible ways to solve the same equation.

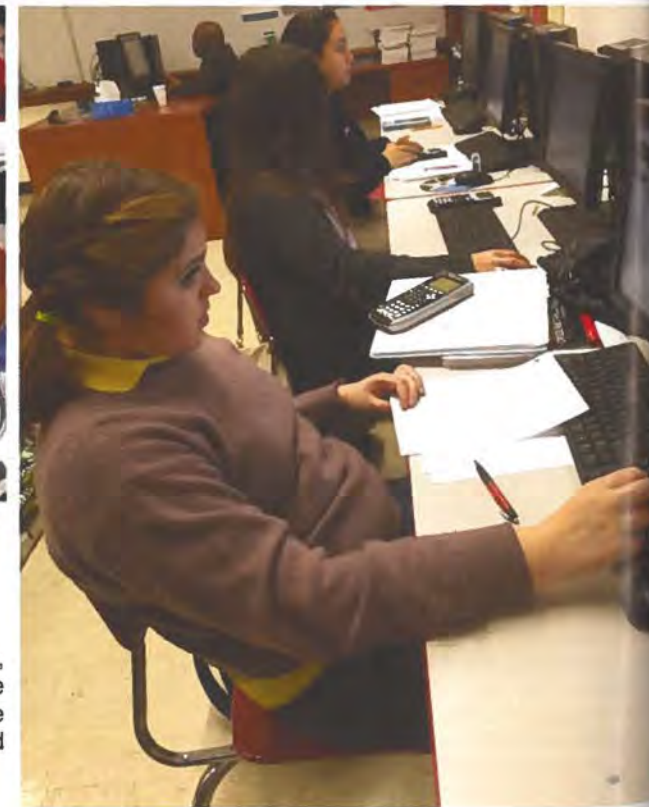
*"All the students are eager to learn, which makes teaching such a joy."  
- Ron Gressett, teacher*



Top Right: Rechecking over her work, sophomore, Luz Fernandez puts the finishing touches on her factoring test review for Pre-AP Algebra II.  
Above: With a burst of confidence, sophomore, Blake Herbst proudly answers a matrix word problem during teacher, Theresa Mader's Pre-AP Algebra II class.



Above: Drawing her attention to teacher, Theresa Mader, junior, Leslie Fagan absorbs the lesson on exponential growth during Pre-AP Pre Calculus.



Right: What is the answer? Senior, Angelica Reyes diligently works to solve a very difficult Texas A&M-Kingsville Dual Credit Trigonometry problem based on cosine equations.



# Test the Hypothesis

Find the Solution

The way the earth functions is all in the science of it. Its atoms, molecules, and compounds give it life and explanation. This explanation is what the students of this school observe, analyze, and learn in all of the various science classes. Classes like Anatomy, Aquatic Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics teach students to develop a hypothesis and then test it. Through the different experiments, students find their solutions and attempt to piece together the many mysteries of science.



Top: Carefully trying not to break any teeth, senior, Chance Hunsaker uses an airraq to open the airway of the mannequin to perform a quick endotracheal intubation procedure at the Future Health Professionals Conference at Del Mar College.

Left: Look out! There's a fire a blowin'! Using a Bunsen burner, sophomore, Jackson Wallace illuminates the room with the bright green flame of the element boron during teacher, Sandra Quintero's Pre-AP Chemistry class.

Below: Add a bit more... During Pre-AP Physics, senior, Kaleb Pena carefully pours in baking soda into a flask filled with water and lemon to observe the reaction.



Above: Testing his skills, junior, Brandon Camacho attempts to properly tie a tourniquet around a fake arm before drawing simulated blood during an interactive presentation in Anatomy.



Left: Raising their hands to the sky, Pre-AP Biology teacher, Debra Hernandez, teaches her freshmen students the "concentration gradient dance" to demonstrate the movement of molecules.

Far left: Analyzing the data during teacher, Facundo Vasquez's Anatomy class seniors, Ava Buchan and Hannah Ehrman record their observations and write down their results.

# One Bread, One Body

## Coming Together in Christ

Religious Studies classes offers students an opportunity to foster a relationship with God whilst growing closer to their peers through shared experiences. Lessons about God and His power encourage students to share their experiences, and class discussions help students see a different side of each other. The powerful connection that happens in these classes is taken from the classroom, and can be seen in the gym during games, on the bleachers during pep rallies, or in the hallways as new friendships are formed. This connection is one that will stay with everyone long after they leave, and is one that will never be forgotten.

Top Right: Putting the finishing touches on the tree, freshman, Mary Fergie adds the topper to the Freshmen Class Christmas tree to help it stand out against the other classes trees in the decorating contest.

Right: Presenting to the rest of her Religion II class, sophomore, Jacquelyn Douglas discusses what has rooted her in her faith and shares her knowledge about the Church.

Below: Sharing a prayer, seniors, Khoa Nguyen and Andrew Nicholson celebrate the feast day of St. Blaise. On this day it is customary to bless each other's throats.

Right Below: 'Tis the season for sharing! Teacher, Sr. Judith Marie and junior, Hicks Layton share a laugh while working on the Junior Class Christmas tree. "I was proud of them for adding to the spirit of joy during the Christmas season," said Sr. Judith Marie.



# Learning Life Lessons

## That Will Always be Remembered

Health and Personal Development are not your average classes. Lessons range from how to buy your first car to the power of super foods! This course is so unique because the students do not have to memorize dates or equations, but instead they are able to learn about the effects of their actions. "Health/ Personal Development has really taught me tips and lessons that will be helpful in the future," says freshman, Eleanor McClanahan. These classes give students useful information that they will take with them when they leave and enter the world.

Left Above: Putting his thoughts into words, freshman, David Pierce journals the question of the day in his sixth period professional development class. These questions can range from life topics to how to manage a credit card.

Left Below: With a new face in the classroom, seventh period health listen to Officer Ramirez and his talk about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Below: Laughing as well as learning, sophomore, Jurnee Simpson and senior, William Carrillo use goggles that impair their vision to that of someone who has had too much alcohol.



# Going Global

## Learning the Language

Language is an art that is very difficult to master, but in this ever evolving world, it is crucial to be able to be well versed in more than one language. For this reason, our school offers challenging classes in either Spanish or French. It is in these classes that the focus is put on the learning of the grammar and vocabulary of the language. Time is also taken for the students to explore the culture of the languages through different projects and food explorations. These experiences allow students to gain comprehensive knowledge of the language that they choose to study.



*"Doing exercises with the vocabulary helps me to learn new words and their meaning. It really allows me to immerse myself in the language."* - Eleanor McClanahan, freshman

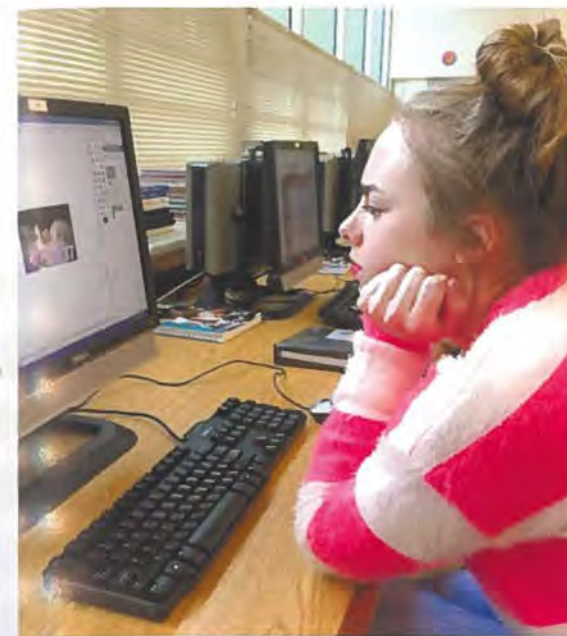
Right: One of the ways the French class works to understand the language is by reading stories from the textbook. Senior, Lena-Marie Wanzenried listens intently as teacher, Janet Lumley translates the text as they read aloud.

Below: Who said learning Spanish can't be fun? Junior, Justine Guzman especially loves learning about the history of this romantic language.



Right: Practice makes perfect! Working on the pronunciation of a few difficult words, junior, Helena Daubourg reads excerpts from the French textbook.

Far right: Tasty food is a big part of the Spanish custom. Senior, Andrew Nicholson is not slow to treat himself to the flavor of the culture.



# A Tech Future

## Getting Ahead

Our world seems to be run by technology. Because it has become a part of our everyday lives, it is of utmost importance that our school prepares its students to excel in this hi-tech world. Classes, including Web Mastering, Digital Graphics, and Computer Science, teach students to utilize basic and advanced technological skills. Technology will not only be prominent now, it will extend further in the upcoming years. It is clear that technology will continue to grow more as a constant force in our lives as the future progresses. Classes, such as the ones offered at our school, allow students to learn just how to cope with the challenges the future will bring.

## What is the best part of taking a computer course?



*"Digital Graphics is a great class. It taught me Photoshop skills as well as basic animation skills. The best part was making posters using Photoshop to display in school."* - Michelle Watts, sophomore

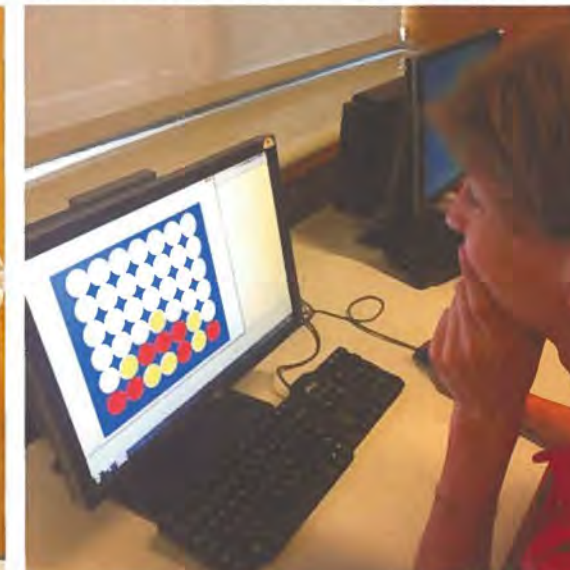


*"Web Mastering is interesting because I am learning things that I didn't know I could do, like write html. I didn't know that just anyone could do that."* - Isabella Pena, senior



*"The best part of Computer Science is having the freedom to create whatever you want, like a calculator or a game. There are endless possibilities of what you can do with computer programs."* - Bradley Thering, sophomore

Top Left: Master of the web, senior, Claire Weis expresses her love for cats through her animation for Web Mastering class. "I have gained the skills to start making website from Web Mastering. I have learned the steps to setting up a website and making graphics and animations for it," Weis says. "The skills I learned will be beneficial to my future," she adds.



Middle left: School pride makes its way into the Digital Graphics classroom as sophomore, Ian Simmons uses his Photoshop skills to design a poster to promote the school.

Left: Computer scientist, junior, Blake Herbst works on his connect four program. Who said computer science isn't a great time?

Far left: With the due date right around the corner, sophomore, Lorin Rodriguez and junior, Francesca Bendas show their teacher, Nicole Quintero, all they have done for their poster project.



# Beats and Rests

## Impromptu Directing

Inspired by band director, Joe Hernandez, Sr. Rosa Ortiz, directed the band at a school wide mass. "Directing band is one of my greatest passions because I love music and music is one of the ways that leads me to God," says Sr. Rosa Ortiz. "It brings freedom and joy, and I also love to direct the band and work with the musicians that are making music. I help them make that music, in part, by directing," adds Sr. Rosa Ortiz. Band is a class where students learn to master the instrument of their choice, whether it be the trombone, the drums, or the flute. Band students dedicate their time and energy to practicing various songs for both mass and concerts. Their music brings joy to all who hear them!



Top Right: Early to practice, senior, William Gilmore focuses on practicing the fight song on his trumpet in the gym with the rest of the band to warm up for the first pep rally of the year.

Right Middle: Get ready for the concert! Sophomores, Aaron Benavides and Shelby Saenz play music to cheer up patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Right: "Life is like a trumpet if you don't put anything into it, you don't get anything out of it," said senior, Harmon Dobson. "Music expresses that which cannot be said," comments junior, Mamiko Hosoe.



Above: All matching in red on mass day, choir students are focused and listening to the priest's homily before they sing a song during a school wide mass.

Left Above: Taking care of business, band teacher Joe Hernandez focuses on directing both the choir and band at the Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Right: Always prepared, the choir sings at the Ash Wednesday mass. "I feel excited to serve in mass and show God my love," said sophomore, Sheridan Steen.

Far Right: Laughing out loud! Sophomore, Julia Spencer loves choir and how it always brings her joy. "I like choir because I get to branch out in my music and interact with other people," comments sophomore, Julia Spencer.



# Raise Your Voice and.... Sing a Song

Reaching new heights, the voices of the Angel Choir are a constant reminder of God's love and mercy, and are widely admired by all those who hear them. Sophomores, Lorin and Sarah Rodriguez, and senior, Victoria Pena (pictured left), raise their voices to reach harmony at the Driscoll Children's Hospital concert. The Rodriguez sisters favorite part of being a part of choir is singing at school wide masses and choir concerts. "In choir, not only me, but also my fellow classmates, get to grow in our singing," Sarah Rodriguez said about the power of choir. Her sister Lorin added, "Doing choir allows me to do the thing I love." Choir singers shared love of singing is apparent to all who enjoy their talent!



# Talent and Technique

## Right Brained Thinking

"Once I knew that I wanted to enter a piece of art into the Renaissance festival, I immediately thought of painting Anne Bolyen," states sophomore, Alexandra Gonzalez (pictured Above Right). Gonzalez, who is only in her first year of art, has already developed a natural talent for painting and sketching. "Painting has always been a passion of mine. My dad works with charcoal and my sister paints landscapes. They've both been major influences in my work." Although she is talented in many aspects of art, Gonzalez claims that portraits are her specialty. "I love working with acrylics," comments Gonzalez. "This particular piece took me about three days to finish. It ended up winning an honorable mention at the festival and I couldn't be happier with how it turned out." Art classes allow students like Gonzalez to express themselves creatively through a variety of mediums. Students can discover new passions or develop previous skills. There's endless opportunities to make and share great art!



Right: So many shades of gray! Sophomore, Jacquelyn Douglas works on shading her grayscale project for Art I. "We had to draw organic shapes and fill them with seven different shades of gray," said Douglas.

Below Right: Precision is key! Senior, Lois Pierce uses an X-acto knife and a ruler to cut precise shapes out of form core for her 3D dollhouse.

Below: Feeling blue, seniors, James George and Alexa Mora put the finishing touches on their Art III paper mache action figures. "I cut the base out of form core and then I arranged the figures to look like they were dancing," commented George.



# From Auditions To Opening Night

Lights, camera, action! There's no doubt that it takes lots of hard work and preparation to put on a show stopping performance. Lines must be memorized, costumes must be designed, and stage props must be decorated, all before opening night. However, this is all second nature for senior, Daniel Cassidy, who has been in theater all four years of his high school career. "We had a lot of fresh faces this year," states Cassidy. "I couldn't have asked for a better cast and crew. The entire cast was so dedicated, and the one act play went spectacularly. Knowing that this was Mrs. Myers' last year, the students really wanted to put their all into the performances and make them memorable."



Left: Remembering the good ol' days, sophomore, Caitlyn Martinez and junior, Angela Hubbard reminisce about their character's lives together in the one act play, "A Christmas Dinner."

Below Left: Passing out lines for the play *Antigone* by Sophocles, sophomore, Mary Buhidar and junior, Mark McCracken begin reading over the first act for their sixth period theater class.

Below: Producing a play is no easy task! Sophomore, Joshua Ramirez begins researching plays for his latest theater assignment, a technical production portfolio. Students were required to build a portfolio that included: costume design, set production, and other aspects of technical theater production.



# Taking Excellence with Each Stride

## Routines Get Results

Without the work of the incredible TAPPS sponsors, the students would not be the excellent participants they are today. Teachers stay hours after school printing out practice tests and reviewing new material and tricks to offer their students. They make sure that their students are as prepared as possible. It is not an easy job, but is very crucial to the success of the various academic teams. Senior, Madeline Baker has Social Studies Sponsor, David Screws to thank for her success. "I was told to study all of the time," she said, "and to do my own research on the topic in order to have as much information as possible for the competition." By taking their teacher's advice, students became much more competitive and truly rose to the occasion.



Making an effort to lighten the mood while taking a practice Social Studies test, senior, Andrea Tinning makes a joke about one of the answers to senior, Katie Duncan.



Top: "We're number one!" exclaims senior, Daniel Cassidy as he sits on a bench with his fellow teammates, seniors, Claire Weis and Katie Duncan.  
Center: During lunch, students like senior, Analisa Cantu take the extra time to study to prepare for the Art History TAPPS test.  
Above: Taking a break from a problem is sometimes the best way to solve it! Freshman, Ashley Montgomery attempts to piece together a tricky word problem during TAPPS Math practice after school.

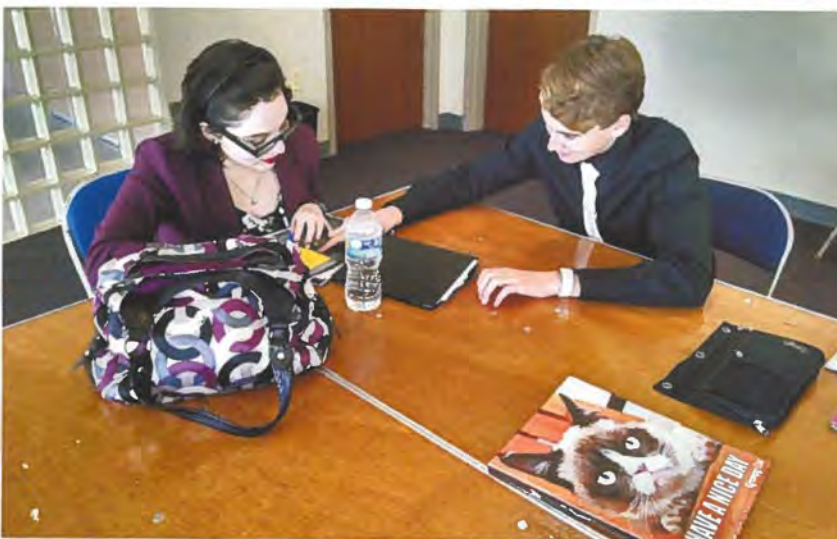
Below: TAPPS Math Sponsor, Theresa Mader always provides snacks for her participants to help them beat the after school hunger. Freshman, Robert Walsh takes advantage of these snacks while reviewing difficult formulas.



With all attention drawn to the smart board, sophomores, Jessica Bang and Avina Bhakta gather the information needed to create an op art cube.



Left: Searching for some competition, seniors, Joseph Gore and Caitlyn Hornsby peer out while seated on a bull during their break between the competitions in Waco, Texas.  
Below: For freshmen, TAPPS competition is a new world. It is important to explore all of the different subjects available for testing. Current Events Sponsor, Shannon Seale informs freshman, Sofia Aguirre about the aspects of this particular test.  
Bottom: Gathered with the rest of the competitors to study, sophomores, Caitlyn Martinez and Joseph Cook review their notes before entering the Solo Acting competition in Waco, Texas.



## A Word from Our Sponsors



**Event:** Spanish  
**Sponsor:** Beatriz Marlow

**Kimberly Fernandez, senior**

"Senora Marlow told us to go with our instincts and to not second guess ourselves because our first answer would usually be the right one."



"I was told the not everyone is going to like you, but thats the best part about acting."

**Event:** Duet  
**Sponsor:** Tabitha Duncan

**Joseph Gore, senior**



**Event:** Spanish  
**Sponsor:** Beatriz Marlow

**Lupita Leon, sophomore**

"We always had Spanish conversations that helped with practical application."





The demanding academic and athletic schedule of an Incarnate Word Angel does not leave much free time. Despite their hectic schedules, students find creative ways to participate in school related activities by joining clubs that ignite passion within them. There are a myriad of clubs and organizations offered, varying from Cinema Club to National Honor Society. From early Saturday morning beach clean-ups to late Wednesday night Missions meetings, the commitment our Angels have towards being involved in our school is evident.



# EXPLORING out INTERESTS



# Take Time To Make a Difference

The Environmental Club is so much more than weekly lunch meetings on Thursdays. It is a club that takes the extra step to help make a difference in the environment around us. Members participate in various events throughout the year such as beach clean ups and Citgo's Caring for Our Coast. These events allow students to go out and conserve the natural environments of Texas by collecting trash and planting trees. The time the students take from their busy schedules to make a difference will be what they leave behind for future generation to follow.

Bottom Right: Discussing future events with Environmental Club Adviser Facundo Vasquez, Vice President senior, Joshua Rasmussen suggests a fundraiser idea to help raise awareness for the club.

Bottom Middle: After collecting all the recyclable materials from the second floor, seniors, Austen Soliz and James George haul the weighted bag down to throw in a recycling bin.

Below: One, two, three, up! During one of the beach clean ups freshman, Joshua Guernsey uses his strength to help protect the beaches of Corpus Christi.



Above: Using their muscles, freshmen, Millicent Alvarado and Gabriella Taylor only have a couple more inches left to plant a tree at the Tenth Annual Citgo's Care for our Coast event. This cause is dedicated to conserving the natural wetlands of Texas.



# Giving Our Time To Spread the Gospel

The Missionaries are guided by Sister Rosa Ortiz and the Mission Leaders to better understand God through PowerPoint presentations, activities, and scriptures. Staying late on Wednesday nights is a sacrifice that every missionary gives up to be apart of a faith filled organization. For its students, it is well worth it. Missions gives the students a chance to discuss and grow in their faith as a community. However, Missions is not all spiritual, there are numerous activities that allow students to have fun and relax from a busy day.

Top Left: It is a tradition to share what students have learned at the end of every Missions meeting. Junior, Draven Reyes shares his positive message learned during the peer pressure presentation given that day.

Left: On a cold winter Wednesday, junior, Kristen Creamean participates in an activity where her group must melt a block of ice with their bare hands. The block has clothes inside, and whoever melts the ice first wins. In the end, Creamean and her group came out on top.

Bottom Left: Watch your head! Junior, Stephen McCullough leads his Missions group below a screen to help his blindfolded team overcome this strange obstacle during a group activity.

Below: During the Missions leaders meeting, seniors Jared Coco and Austen Soliz share a funny moment in the library when their fellow leaders explain the exciting game of "Dragon Tag".



# Spreading School Pride

*One Poster at a Time*

One down, three hundred more to go! The Spirit Club does more than just making the school "spirited" with posters and goodie bags. Assigned with the task of promoting Anti-Bullying Week in November, the Spirit Club did so by hanging orange ribbons on everyone's lockers to remind students of the impact bullying can have. In addition to ribbons, members also created posters for the hallways and handed out dog tags inscribed with powerful phrases. "Anti-Bullying week is a big week for our school," says sophomore, Abigail Ehrman, "It's great to know that we could help end bullying by hanging up ribbons and posters!" However, Anti-Bullying week isn't the Spirit Club's only responsibility. The Spirit Club is also in charge of Athlete of the Week, a program that involves the club randomly picking an athlete and honoring them with a special prize. "I was so surprised when I received Athlete of the Week," stated sophomore, Mary Buhidar. "It made me happy to know that the athletes at this school are so appreciated by the student body."



Right: Fold, staple, next! Sophomore, Abigail Ehrman begins the daunting task of hanging Anti-Bullying Week ribbons on every single locker. "We cut the ribbons out of orange construction paper. With all the club members helping to cut out the ribbons, it ended up taking about an hour," said Ehrman.



Go for Gold! Before the swim team leaves for state, senior, Gingerine Villarreal helps decorate the goodie bags with gold ribbons.



Preparing to support the swim team at their big CCISD meet, junior, Janel Soliz adds embellishments to her sign.



Spirit Club President, senior, Caitlyn Hornsby and sophomore, Olivia McClanahan create Athlete of the Week bags for the soccer and basketball teams.



## Being Loud Standing Proud

"Warm up the bus! Warm up the bus!" led by the Crew II echoes throughout the gym as the volleyball team is about to defeat St. John Paul II in three sets. The Crew II, consisting of sophomore, junior, and senior boys, is an essential and traditional part of any home sporting event. Known for their loud cheers and ability to psych out opponents, the Crew II truly provides a "home court advantage." Cheering at games is not the only thing the Crew II is known for. The Crew II is responsible for making sure that the Burning of the A is a success. Senior Crew II members are in charge of creating, lighting, and finally, extinguishing the "A". The Crew II bring energy and excitement to all of the sporting events they attend and work together as a team to instill school pride throughout this school.

Left: Starting off the first pep rally of the year, senior, Zachary Hartman leads the rest of the Crew II and the athletes out onto the gym.

Far Below: Broadcasting live from the Gunning Gymnasium! SportCenter Anchors, seniors, Jared Coco, John Franey, and Zachary Hartman provide play by play commentary on the Boy's varsity basketball game against St. Joseph's.

Below: "I finally get to put out the fire!", exclaims Crew II sponsor, Sr. Raquel Newman as she extinguishes the "A" to cap off a memorable Burning of the A.



What has been your favorite memory of Crew II this year?

*"I really enjoyed Burning of the A. It was great to see a group of guys I have been buds with for a long time put together that event."*  
John Franey, senior  
Crew II Leader

*"Attempting half court shots during half time of the Boys varsity basketball games."*  
Jacob Gonzalez, sophomore

*"The John Paul volleyball fans were getting rowdy so we had a battle with them to see who had the loudest chants and we came out on top!"*  
Gasper P. Anna, senior

# Leadership with Confidence

## Service with Pride

With great anticipation of what is to come, all the high school students gathered in the gym to watch the first "Yes, We Can!" talent show. National Honor Society members spent months planning this event to collect cans for their food drive. There were a wide variety of talents displayed, such as, singing, dancing, and tae kwon do. It was fitting that NHS' own member, senior, Sean Dinh (pictured right) received first place with his phenomenal piano piece. When asked why he choose to participate, Dinh said, "I wanted to show the diversity and individuality that all students here are capable of." The talent show was not only a fun event for all students and performers, but also raised cans for the Corpus Christi Food Bank.



Above: After lighting her candle, senior, Bianca Valderrama recites the NHS pledge with her fellow inductees.



Right: In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, juniors, Reema Bhakta and Karina Melchor read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to first grade students at Incarnate Word Elementary



Far Right: In preparation for Word 101, senior, Paris Shirley designs a poster board that displays the club's accomplishments for this year.



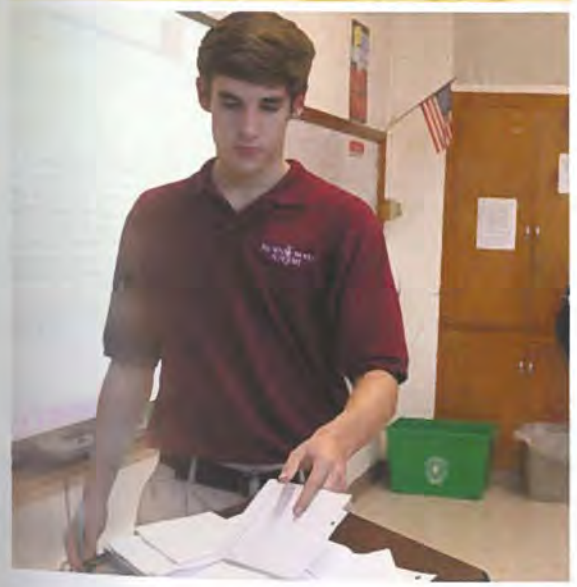
# Have a problem?

## We have a solution.

Mu Alpha Theta is the perfect club for students who excel in all aspects of math. Students like, senior, Christopher Guerra (pictured left) feel at home. "Mu Alpha Theta has given me the confidence to excel not only in math, but also in my other classes," said Guerra. This club spreads their love of math by tutoring underclassmen who need a helping hand in understanding concepts. The clubs impact goes beyond what happens during the meetings. Guerra said, "Mu Alpha Theta will allow me to pursue my major in Pre-Business in college." The club members love of math is contagious and helps other students grow to love math as much as they do.

Middle Left: Preparing for the upcoming Geometry final, freshman, Anna Martin asks, senior, Sarah Garza to explain how two column proofs work. "At first I was a little confused, but with Sarah's help I was able to understand the concept and do well on my final," said Martin.

Bottom Left: Red or white? At the end of the first meeting, junior, Stephen McCullough casts his vote for what color t-shirt and design he prefers.



What have you gained from joining this club?



Madeline Baker, senior

"I enjoy tutoring underclassmen and helping them grasp the concepts of Geometry and Algebra II."



George Novack, senior

"I enjoy being around people who share my interest in math and being able to learn from their perspectives."



Mary Hubert, senior

"My favorite part is the meetings because its a big group of friends who all have a passion for math."

# The Verdict is In... Not Guilty!

Mock Trial is the perfect preparation for students who have dreams of becoming future lawyers. Senior, Pedram Salamat had a hunch that he wanted to be a lawyer and joined mock trial to see if it was right for him. After the long hours of practice sessions, rehearsals and competitions, Salamat now understands the scope of what being a lawyer involves. "Our competitions are set up like actual court rooms," Salamat explained, "We used actual cases and it felt like we were really in trial." After placing second at the local mock trial competition, the team advanced to the state competition in Dallas. Even though they did not place in top 10, all the dedication was worth it for students like Salamat who gained real world experience.



Above: Capping off a long day, the Mock Trial team with Coach, Debra Rodriguez proudly show off their second place trophies they received from the local competition.

Right: Representing Mock Trial at Word 101, sophomore, Julio Ramos and Coach, Debra Rodriguez explain to future students all the preparation that goes into memorizing the case information for competitions.

Below: The night before the state competition, senior, Joshua Rasmussen, junior Gabriella Vargas, freshman, Sofia Aguirre, and senior, Sean Dinh go through the case information one last time while sharing a meal.

Right Below: Getting in one last practice session, seniors, Alma Tamez and Taylor Jones prepare for the practice meet the team competed in at Incarnate Word Academy middle school.



# Keep Calm & Lead On Cast Your Ballot

One of the main missions of Student Council is to give back to the community. This year with a generous grant from the Meadows Foundation, students were able to provide the Ronald McDonald House, a place where families can stay for little or no cost while their children are in the hospital, with much needed supplies. Students and club sponsors, Shannon Seale and Matthew Petrone, spent two afternoons of finals week shopping for and delivering baskets full of linens, towels, and cleaning supplies. Giving back to the community through service projects really helps students achieve the mission of Student Council—being an active participant in the community.

Left: Taking time out of a busy exam week, sponsor, Matthew Petrone, and seniors, Caitlyn Hornsby and Hannah Ehrman deliver supplies donated to the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to all of these household supplies, students and teachers also donated pop tabs from soda cans.

Bottom Left: During Red Ribbon Week, Student Council raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project. Senior, Paris Shirley decorates the senior class jar that was used to collect the donations from the penny wars.

Below: Let the races begin! Sophomore and Vice President, Blake Herbst rushes to add his name first on the Favorites committee. "I loved being on Student Council freshman year," says Herbst "I just had to make sure my name was first on the Favorites committee!"



# Paint and Create

## It's a Masterpiece!

Art Club is the place for all students to come together to celebrate their love of art. If you walked into a weekly Art Club meeting, you would see students finishing up their latest piece, talking about their favorite artists, and enjoying each other's company. "I really like being in Art Club because we always talk about what pieces we are working on," says sophomore, Jessica Bang. "It is cool to see other peoples work." Make no mistake, Wednesday afternoon in the art room is the place to be.

Below: It's crunch time! Sophomore, Dominique Larioz catches up on her collage during an Art Club meeting. "Once I finish I take a step back. I like seeing the end result," says Dominique Larioz.

Right: One stroke at a time! Senior, Gabriella Ruiz works diligently on her painting in the classroom. As an Art IV student, she has learned quite a bit over the years.



Right: As calm as ever, freshman, Sara Beth Becker takes to origami to relieve some stress during Art Club. "I really like it because it relaxes me," says Sara Beth Becker.

Far Right: Patience is a virtue and it looks like sophomore, Victoria Rangel has a lot of it while working on her optical illusion cube. "I can be working on a piece for hours and not even realize it," says Victoria Rangel.



# Snapping the Day Away

## Capturing Life's Patterns

With each new year, the Photography Club keeps growing and growing. Members seem to thrive in the competition world, a perfect example of this is sophomore, Caitlyn Martinez. Caitlyn received first place at the renaissance fair for her work. "I had no idea I would win. There were a lot of really good pieces," said Caitlyn. From a young age, Caitlyn has always enjoyed photography. "My dad is a photographer so I guess I picked it up from him." Photo Club is a great way for student photographers to share their work and gain some pointers.



Above: Choosing a shirt design is no easy task. Enlisting photo club members for their opinion, senior and Photo Club President, Katie Duncan shows the group their options before taking it to a vote.

Left Center: Pictured is an example of one of the Photography Club's finest works. This photo taken by sophomore, Jessica Bang, shows that a little bit of what downtown Corpus Christi has to offer.

Far Left: Sharing some laughs, seniors, Mary Dragon, Jazzmin Hernandez, and Moira McCandless bond over their love of photography during their Photo Club lunch meeting.

Left: Practicing their skills, sophomores, Marcos Tapia and Caitlyn Martinez discuss how to improve their photographs during their weekly meeting in the art room.

# Eclairs et Macarons

## Mardi Gras Munchies

Being part of the French Club allows students to immerse themselves in the wonderful and exciting world of French culture! The club encourages students to come together and discuss the French language with people who share the same interests. The students plan various events throughout the year to share their love of the French culture, such as bake sales to raise money for the club. This bake sale was a huge hit among students who enjoyed treats such as eclairs, macarons, and king cake.

Above: Next on the agenda! Teacher and Club Sponsor, Janet Lumley, discusses possible French Club activities, such as Jeanne de Matel Week, volunteering as French tutors, and watching popular movies in the French language.

Middle: Before eating their lunches, juniors, Dana Alonso-Bauer and Helena Daubourg participate in a discussion about the upcoming Jeanne de Matel week events.

Bottom: Delicious goods for sale! Senior members of the French Club, Grecia Corrada and Analisa Cantu pass out eclairs to hungry students during the French Club Bake Sale.

Below: Sharing some of their food before their meeting begins, juniors, Thalia Parizot and Francesca Bendas discuss recipes for the bake sale on Fat Tuesday.



# Cultivating Cultures

## Exploring Hispanic Heritage

Spanish Honor Society offers students the chance to enhance their knowledge of the Spanish language. Students in this club gain the chance to learn in-depth about Spanish and share their newfound knowledge with the rest of the school. Spreading their lessons beyond the club members is done through creative bulletin boards, informative conversations, and community outreach. The Spanish Honor Society has a goal to promote the continued study of the Spanish language so every member can continue to strengthen their speaking skills throughout their high school careers and beyond.

Above: In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, juniors Mamiko Hosoe and Karina Melchor create an informative bulletin board so students could learn more about the Hispanic history and culture.

Center: During one of the first meetings of the year, senior, Alma Tamez diligently takes notes on the upcoming plans for the year ahead.

Below: Club Sponsor, Beatriz Marlow explains important information about the guidelines and instructions to the newly inducted members of Spanish Honor Society from the rulebook.

### Q&A What have you learned about Spanish culture this year?

*Spanish Honor Society has instilled a deep appreciation for the Spanish language and Hispanic culture.*

*Karina Melchor, junior*

*Spanish Honor Society has taught me a lot about the Hispanic culture from foods to dialects used in different countries.*

*Alexander Villagomez, junior*

*While being a part of this amazing society I have learned the true importance of learning and being able to use Spanish in my everyday life.*

*Cesar Hernandez, junior*

# Problems, Procedures, and Data

## Exploring and Learning

Not only do Science Club members have great opportunities to learn more about their favorite subject during their lunch time, but they are also able to buy a good boxed lunch from Jason's Deli. "I really like being able to take part in the experiments we do during lunch and I'm always interested to know what kind of experiments we are going to do at the next meeting," says junior, Emily Adams. Students come for the fun experiments and also come for the great food. Room 214 is always filled eager students waiting to explore the world of science during their weekly Wednesday meetings.



Right: Meeting called to order! Junior, and Science Club President, Kristen Creamean reviews with Science Club Sponsor, Maria Alvarado about the agenda for the meeting.



Above: Line up everyone! Seniors, Zachary Hartman, Jared Coco, Harrison Longwell and many more take part in a Science Club lunch. Students were able to have a tasty lunch and make recyclable bags out of old t-shirts.

Right: Exploring what is under the sea, sophomores, Paige Lippincott, Maria De Ases, and Blake Herbst receive a special tour of the Texas State Aquarium while on a field trip with the Science Club.



# For the Love of Manga

## Expanding Our Interests

What is Manga? Although it has been around since the late 19th century, Manga has recently been introduced to America and even more recently, introduced to our very own school. Manga is a style of Japanese comic books and graphic novels. Being a fairly new addition to the clubs and organizations aspect of the school, the Manga Club is getting more and more exposure and is growing every year. Students who share the same interest for these comics and novels are able to interact with one another, share their favorites, and even introduce this unique and interesting club to their friends!



Above: Sharing a few laughs, freshman, Sara Beth Becker and junior, Mckinna Gourley talk about Mckinna's attire. "I dressed up as my favorite mascot from a Manga series," said Mckinna Gourley.



Center: Bonding over one of the many things they have in common, freshmen, Zoe Kim and Millicent Alvarado attend a Manga Club meeting during lunch with club sponsor, Whitney Grey.



Below: First in line, sophomore and returning member, Sarah Rodriguez attends the first Manga Club meeting of the year in the art room and signs up to be a member once again.

Describe Manga in one word



Sara Beth Becker, freshman

"Interesting, because there are so many topics and you can read about almost anything."



Lauren Rodriguez, sophomore

"I would use the word comics to describe Manga because that is basically what Manga is. It is just a comic book with regular book paper."



Lois Pierce, senior

"I have to use two words and say ridiculous fun. It is just a blast to read."



"To reflect Jesus the teacher." With a mission statement such as this, it is no surprise that at Incarnate Word Academy, spiritual life and academics go hand in hand. Incarnate Word is a school where students can receive both a well-rounded Catholic education and prepare themselves for college level curriculum. Whether it be in the class masses, campus wide liturgies, or prayers at the beginning of each period, our Angels honor Christ in every aspect of their academic career.



# SHARING his GRACE



# Showing God's Love

## By Serving Others

Giving up their comfortable bed, warm showers, and Easter break to serve God and others is what Missions is all about. Along with all the hard work comes great experiences and relationships. The missionaries receive the opportunity to spread the word of Christ. God's love shines through the missionaries as they paint houses, build ramps, or porches, and do yard work. Serving the less fortunate and making their lives better shows God's love to the families that are being served. Along with the work the missionaries create everlasting relationships with one another, and strengthen their relationship with the Lord. "I was able to meet new people and make great memories," says senior, Katie Duncan. In missions the students give their time, effort, and skills to take away great memories, new friendships, and knowing that they made a difference for others.



Top: A blast from the past, seniors Belize Ellison, Rolando Silva, Jared Coco, and sophomore Noah Garcia take part in the live stations of the cross. This is a tradition where the passion of Jesus is reenacted. This scene depicts Mary seeing Jesus right before he is put inside his tomb.



Center Above: Time to relax. Taking a break from their work, seniors, Alfred Dimas and James Faught participate in a ping pong game.

Above: Precision with every move, senior, Sean Dinh uses a circular saw to cut exactly where he wants, so that the wood fits the porch he is working on.

Right: Proud of what they have done, sophomore, John McNiff and junior, Cristina Madero show off their completed work to the owner of the house.



Center: Lending a helping hand, sophomores, Olivia McClanahan and Stephen Parlamas dig holes so they can build a porch for a family in Asherton, Texas. "It feels great to know that you really made a difference in someone's life," says Olivia McClanahan.

Middle Above: Soaking up every second, the group in Asherton pose for a picture, in front of The Church of the Immaculate Conception before their final event- the live stations of the cross.

Above: Resting from their laborious work, junior, Alexander Villagomez and sophomores, Michael Diejomaoh, Juan Lugo, and Noah Alvarado chat and admire the work that they have already completed.

Far Left: Hard at work, senior, Abigail Thorud and sophomore, Maximiliano Elizondo make the holes to secure the frame and foundation of their ramp.

Middle Left: Concentrating on the task at hand, senior, Nicolas Rodriguez uses a drill to finish the frame for the porch and ramp that he and his group have been working on for an elderly woman.

Left: Using their time wisely, seniors, Alejandro Barrera and Margaret Martin take part in a game of chess before getting to work. It is times like these that help create the unforgettable bonds made during the trip.

Right: Focusing on the lesson at hand, freshman, Donte Joseph listens intently and reflects on the gospel lessons told by the priest.

Below: Go forth and proclaim the Word of God. Brave enough to face his class, freshman, Robert Walsh volunteers to read the Responsorial Psalm to being the freshmen retreat.



Above: Setting the atmosphere for the retreat, president, Charles Imbergamo, gives an introduction to the faculty about the schedule for the day.

Right: Relaxed in the soothing and meditative power of prayer, sophomores, Claudia Leal and Michelle Watts strengthen their faith by praying the Rosary along with their friends.

Far Right: The meditative coloring relaxes the student by representing their search for completeness. Looking for that calming effect, sophomore, Luz Fernandez participated in a mandala activity as a form of prayer.



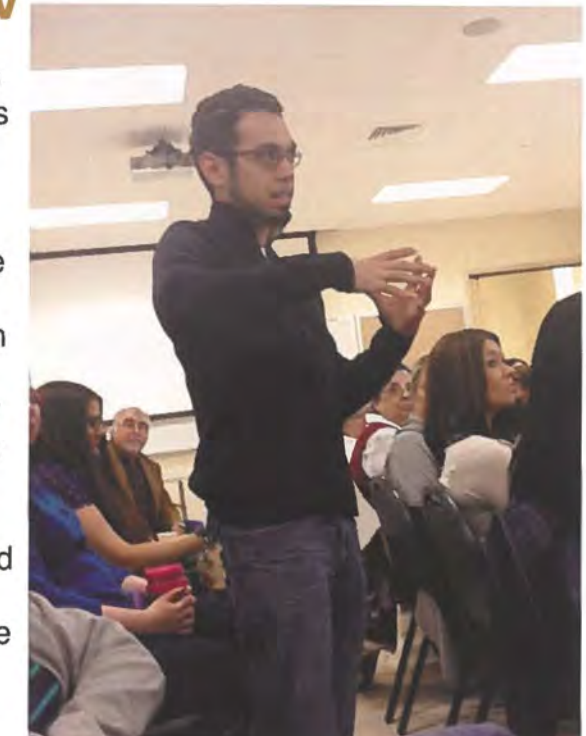
Left: Grab the tail! Grab the tail! Leading as the head of the dragon, sophomore, Jacob Gonzalez, followed by, sophomores, Jesus Mireles and Dalton Zawicky, rush with their teammates to grab the bandanna off the tail of another dragon to earn another point in "Dragon Tag."

Below Left: It's not Mozart or Bach, but it is pretty close. Taking advantage of their break time, seniors, Sean Dinh and William Carrillo play classical music and give each other quick tips while performing for those around them.

Far Left: Having had the privilege of being chosen as one of the senior leaders to speak at the retreats, senior, Michelle Ndwaru exclaimed, "God has given me the strength to be His instrument and help others as people before Him helped me." She preached about her faith life, how God can help everyone, and how the students can strengthen their own spiritual lives.

# Give Your Day And Start Anew

School, work, family, and friends are all part of the day to day lives of our students and faculty. But one day a year, the opportunity arises for a day to relax and worship, a day that they can give their hearts to God. The Pax Christi Retreat Center in Calallen provided the perfect area for students and faculty to take their minds off of their work and focus on their own personal relationships with God. Participants came back refreshed and renewed from their experience and ready to continue to build their personal relationships with Jesus.



Left: Our students care about each other. Offering his opinion on education at the faculty retreat, Chemistry teacher, Nicolas Perez explains his passion for teaching in a private school setting.

Above: Is it a bird? Is it a plane? The freshmen class ponders over these questions as the team demonstrates a helicopter during the game of "Human Machine" at their very first high school retreat.



# Taking the Opportunity

## To Worship God

School wide and campus wide masses offer students the opportunity to reconnect and strengthen their relationship with God in a peaceful setting. Students of all faiths and cultures are invited to stand together and worship our God. Masses range from honoring our school's foundress, Jeanne de Matel to a somber Ash Wednesday celebration to begin the Lenten season. Going to mass is a weekly routine which allows all students to fully participate in through altar serving, reading the Word of the Lord, bringing the gifts to the altar, and singing songs. The students are blessed everyday, and the masses are a reminder of those blessings.



Top Right: Singing with reverence, freshmen, Romulo Corrada, Sean Crosby, and Philip Hall actively participate in their class mass.

Above: In the spirit of Christ. During Sr. Raquel Newman's sixth period class mass, senior, Andrea Tinning receives the Body of Christ in practice of her Catholic faith.



Above: Senior, Joshua Rasmussen blesses freshman, Philip Hall with a cross of ashes during the Ash Wednesday mass.

Left: Raising her voice to the Lord, sophomore, Alexis Brown sings "Here I Am, Lord" during the Jeanne de Matel mass.



Main: Meditating on their final year, the Senior Class take time to contemplate the past years during the Back to School Mass at the Cathedral.

Left: Junior, Gabriel Hinojosa bows his head to receive God's blessing from the priest and prays for guidance during Reconciliation.



Above: Setting an example for the student body, junior, Amber Cox proclaims the Word of the Lord during the Jeanne de Matel mass.

Middle: The Freshman Class attentively listens during the Immaculate Conception Mass to express gratitude for Mother Mary.



# SPIRIT

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# DEEP

Free throw after free throw, pitch after pitch, and mile after mile, athletes at Incarnate Word Academy are constantly testing their athletic ability and endurance. Many long and arduous hours are put into perfecting basic skills and acquiring new ones. The tiring workouts in the weight room and the pre-season running on the track may not be evident to the spectators, but they help define each athlete. Players and coaches alike give their time and ability to take away well-earned success and the satisfaction that their hard work paid off.

# High Standards

## And Better Expectations

Dedication leads to good outcomes. The baseball team has shown how strong willed and dedicated they are towards their team and their sport. "We have high hopes for this season. So far, it has been going better than last year. We have been working very hard at practice and it has been paying off in our district games so far," says senior Captain, Gasper D'Anna (pictured right). Practice isn't easy; the baseball boys have to travel to National Little League at least three or four days a week for practice. The remaining days they stay in the weight room while others are out at the batting cages. These athletes play as a whole; they all have a unique love for the game. The 2015 season had been the strongest one for the school's baseball team in recent years, exceeding everyone's expectations. The strong bonds with each other, made it possible for the boys baseball team to get the desired outcomes, they worked to achieve.



Above: Bring your spirit! Cheering together during the spring pep rally, freshman, Joshua Guernsey fights off his fellow teammates for a bag of candy.

Right: Leading off the second inning, sophomore, Ronald Canales looks at Coach Reynaldo Garcia for signals on what will be the next play.

Far Right: Prior to the start of the district game against San Antonio Christian, senior, Clayton Anderson loosens up his throwing arm.



## wins & losses [scoreboard]

opponent	score
TMI	5-4 win
Holy Cross	9-6 win
St. John Paul II	3-2 win
SAC	12-8 win
Cornerstone	3-4 loss
Port Aransas	15-0 win
St. Josephs	2-3 loss



**Joseph McNiff**  
(Team Captain)

"A lot of folks ask me, 'Hey chief how do y'all do it?' I ask, 'Do what?' They say 'Succeed.' I say, 'It's the only way we know how.'"

Center: Focused on the base runner, senior, Rolando Silva deceives the opponent by throwing the ball to first base making an amazing play and getting the third out. "I have been a pitcher ever since little league and it has always been my favorite part of baseball when I know I have my team there supporting me on the mound. It feels like no one can hit off me," Silva says.

Far Above: Hard work definitely pays off! Practicing during the offseason, sophomore, Jordan Salazar concentrates on his aim. "Two to three hour practices are tough, but we all work very hard as a team to fix our mistakes," Salazar comments.

Middle: Third baseman and sophomore, John McNiff warms up right before the first inning against St. John Paul II at home. "Without a proper warm up how are you supposed to establish your dominance on the field?" says McNiff.

Bottom: During one of their long practices, the baseball team listens to Coach David Galan's instructions about proper fielding techniques.

Far Right: Fighting for inside position, freshman, Nayah Chanyaman boxes out her defender in order to secure the rebound.

Right: Leaving it all out on the court, sophomore, Abigail Ehrman does whatever it takes to get the loose ball to her teammates.

Below: At Parent's Night, the varsity girls presented their parents with a rose to thank them for their continued support. Freshman, Allison Burda gives her dad a hug to show him her appreciation of his support.



Above: Reacting to a bad call during the rival game against St. John Paul II, senior, Bianca Valderrama, questions head coach, Malcolm Smith how she fouled. "I asked my coach if I really did foul, but he looked at me and said he did not see any contact," says Valderrama .

Above Right: With five seconds remaining in the second quarter, sophomore, Hayley Guerra listens as head coach, Malcolm Smith draws up an inbound play for the junior varsity team to run in their scrimmage against Mathis.

Right: Waiting for the screen set by the post on the offensive play "1-4", senior, Hannah Ehrman looks to either drive into the key or pass to an open teammate.

Far Right: With defenders rushing towards her, sophomore, Madeline Thompson looks to pass to an open teammate during the last district home game against St. Joseph's.



# New Team Same Dream

Even with the loss of five seniors, the Lady Angels still remained the team to beat in district. With the addition of new underclassmen, the team's chemistry was formed in summer camps and fall leagues. "As time progressed, we developed bonds and friendships that made us closer than it would have seemed possible. We really lived up to our new motto: 'New Team. Same Dream'," says junior, Dana Alonso-Bauer. The team's newly formed chemistry and their record of 15-1 allowed the team to finish as district co-champions with their only loss to St. Joseph's. The varsity team would advance to the regional round before losing to St. Michael's by 8 and the junior varsity team would finish with a perfect record of 12-0 in district. "The team's chemistry really had a huge impact on how far we made it," says senior, Sarah Garza. This newly formed chemistry aided the Lady Angels in having yet another unstoppable season.

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## [scoreboard]

opponent	score
St. Augustine	54-26 win
Holy Cross	44-43 win
TMI	60-16 win
SACS	78- 37 win
Providence	57-7 win
St. Joseph	54-45 win
Cornerstone	53-25 win
St. John Paul II	64-17 win

Above: Checking the time remaining on the clock, senior, Christina Matt prepares to speed past her defender for an uncontested layup.

Left: Trying to get a defensive stop late in the fourth quarter against St. Joseph's, freshmen, Madeline Thorud, and Mckenzie McCoy deny the pass inside into the post.

# Work Hard

## Play Harder

"At first waking up early was hard," varsity basketball player senior, Rolando Silva comments, "But the early morning practices really paid off this year." The man behind those killer 6 a.m. practices and this impressive team is Head Coach, Casper Wenzel (pictured right). Coach Wenzel clearly has the formula for the perfect team down as he celebrated his 900th career win with his team this year. "I was honored to be a part of Coach Wenzel's 900th win. It is nice to see all his dedication to the basketball program payoff," says senior, Paris Shirely. Through the boys hard work and Coach Wenzel's guidance, the boys varsity team made it to playoffs for the first time in five years. Despite the boys best efforts, they lost a hard fought game against Second Baptist High School. This season was the perfect example of how determination and guidance can set anyone on a path to success.



Above: Down by two points, coach, Tyler Gentry draws up the final play hoping the junior varsity boys are able to make the last shot.

Left: Moments before his last home game, senior, Alfred Dimas gives his mom a big hug and thanks her for her continued support throughout his basketball career.

Far Left: With determination on his face, sophomore, Stevan Silva blows past his defender and breaks the press from Holy Cross High School.



## wins & losses

### [scoreboard]

opponent	score
St. Augustine	38-55 loss
Holy Cross	55-52 win
TMI	39-50 loss
SACS	17-55 loss
St. John Paul II	38-47 loss
St. Joseph's	60-48 win
Cornerstone	54-63 loss

*"The outcome of this season was more than we could have hoped for. The team's dedication and special bond made it possible for us to make it to the playoffs."*

*-Omar Pagan, sophomore*

Center: Quick on his feet, junior, William Nicholson tips the basketball to his teammate to start their play.

Far Above: Taking a deep breath, sophomore, Maximiliano Elizondo concentrates on his shot to put his team ahead by a point in the fourth quarter.

Second to top: Waiting for his teammate's screen, sophomore, Jackson Wallace looks for an open lane to the basket or a teammate to dish it off to.

Second to bottom: Trying to avoid a five second call, sophomore, Omar Pagan uses his elbows to break the trap during the big game at the AT&T Center against Central Catholic in San Antonio, Texas.

Bottom: Counting to ten, junior, Joshua Peetz and sophomore, Michael Diejomach stretch before their big Homecoming game against Carroll High School.



## Following in the Footsteps

Just as her sister Catherine Fergie played a tremendous part in the cheer team during her high school career, freshman, Mary Fergie (above) hopes to become an integral member on this year's team.

Were there any words of advice your sister gave you for your tryouts?

My sister told me to be very sharp in all of my motions and to get my jumps as high as I could. With her help, I have learned not to be afraid.

What do you aspire to do while on the cheer team?

I hope someday to be captain of the cheerleading team. I want to make this team a symbol of our school's spirit. Competing would also be something I would love to try to organize.

What have you done to follow in the footsteps of your sister?

I love to tumble just like she did. I strive to become as good as or even better than she was. She has taught me most of what I know and I hope that her name as a great cheerleader lives on through me.

Top: Counting together, freshmen Mary Fergie and Madison Leeves lift teammate freshman, Alysa Brady in order get the students excited for the second half of the volleyball game.

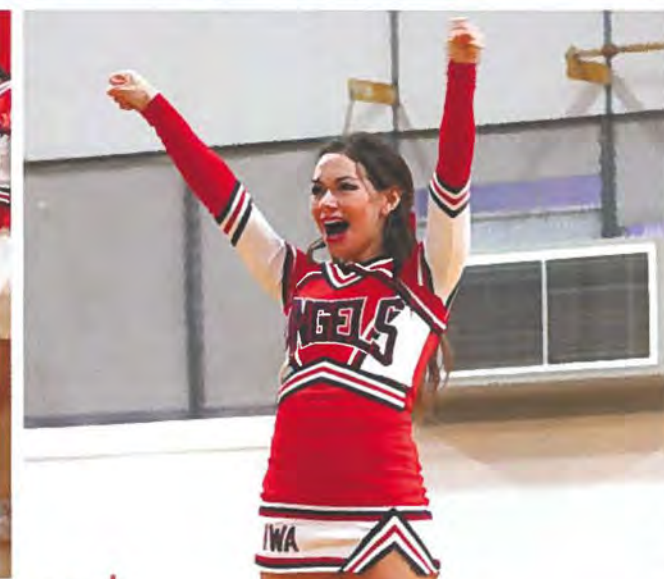
Right: Waiting for the high school students to enter the gym to start the homecoming pep rally, sophomore Alexandra Gonzalez looks over the gym and admires the decorations the cheer team produced.



# When I Say BIG

## You Say RED

Bigger and better than before, the Angels' cheer team has grown tremendously. With a brand new dance team, experienced coach, and a large number of freshmen, this group of girls is able to do more than ever. This peppy team brings and spreads spirit throughout the school during various events such as homecoming, favorites, and sports games. Every routine and stunt is critiqued continuously in order to ensure a flawless performance. Not every practice or performance goes as planned but this team knows exactly how to deal with any mishap. Junior, Janel Soliz mentions, "Cheerleading is a contact sport. We fall all of the time, but every single time we get up like it didn't happen and try again. All we can do is give the school an amazing performance." Through any pain or frustration, this team works together in order to put on the best show possible.



Below: In honor of our troops, freshman, Ashley Elliott salutes the crowd as part of the opening cheer routine during the spring pep rally. Students were asked to invite family and friends who are members of the military to be honored.



Above: Upper and lower classmen come together during dress up week for homecoming. Wearing matching t-shirts, senior Caitlyn Hornsby and freshman, Mary Fergie and junior, Angela Hubbard and freshman, Madison Leeves show their school spirit.

Top Left: "Red and white, red and white," yells senior, Caitlyn Hornsby during the first home basketball game.

Bottom Left: With half of the game to go, sophomore, Hannah De Leon gets the crowd pumped up to support the boys basketball team.

Left: "Go Angels," yells junior, Angela Hubbard as she hits this prep position during the first pep rally of school year.

# One Foot in Front of the Other

## GOING PLACES

The school days are long, but Cross Country practices are even longer. Two hours every morning, six days a week, adds up to a level of commitment that is unmatched around the campus. Dedication is not hard to find within both the boys' and the girls' cross-country teams. The grueling practices in the blistering sun, pouring rain, and treacherous terrain help shape the runners to compete with their best foot forward. Both teams took home a TAPPS state title: the girls brought home first place and the boys were right behind them with second. These teams took the lessons and the skills they were given all the way to Waco.

Right: As her last district cross-country meet quickly approaches, senior, Madeleine McCutchon focuses on making this her best run yet.



Top: Full of anxiety, sophomore, Trevor Creamean and senior, John Franey push their way out of the pack.

Above: After an exciting win, seniors, Christina Matl and Samantha Simank, junior, Cristina Madero, and seniors, Madeleine McCutchon and Hannah Rodriguez show off their state plaque.

Top Right: Looking cool, calm, and controlled, junior, Alexander Villagomez takes the race one step at a time.



Above: With grins all around, the boys' varsity cross-country team gathers together to commemorate their incredible accomplishments as both a team and individually.

Left: Wishing each other luck, sophomore, Noah Garcia and senior, John Franey share tips before the beginning of the meet.



Left: Taking it all in, sophomore, John McNiff soaks up the feeling of victory as he lines up at district for finishing in the top ten boys division.



## A Chat with the Champion Jared Coco, senior

(pictured above)

What did you do to train for this season?

"Every morning I would wake up and run about six miles. It was a routine I just had to get myself into."

What were you telling yourself throughout the race in order to make it to the finish line?

"I couldn't live my life knowing that I didn't do everything in my power to finish. I knew that the team needed me."

What was the first thought that crossed your mind as you finished the race?

"I couldn't stop smiling. Honestly, I wanted to sit down for a long time and take it all in."

Top Left: Moments before their first district race, coach Donald Patterson imparts some final words of wisdom on his girls varsity runners.

Bottom Left: Moving forward and sticking together, freshman, Remy Ellison, senior, Hannah Rodriguez, and freshman, Anna Simank take on the last curve and set their sights on the finish line ahead.

Left: Music, having a calming effect, allows senior, Samantha Simank to clear her head and focus on having a great run.



Above: Trying to par on the hole, junior, Lillie Mills squares her body up and hits her chip shot onto the green.



Right: Preparing for his final tee shot of the tournament, senior, Paul Flood goes through his pre-shot routine.



Far Right: With tensions high, sophomore, Mikaela Rendon drives the ball down the middle of the fairway during the TAPPS State Championship. Along with being the only girl to qualify, Rendon went on to place in the top ten.

Right: Studying the layout of the fairway, senior, Daniela Carreno discusses with Head Coach, Keno Aleman about her club selection and what her target should be.

Bottom Far Right: Following through his tee shot, sophomore, William Teichman watches for his ball to land in the middle of the fairway.

Bottom Right: After his tee shot, junior, Hicks Layton assesses his competitor's strengths and weaknesses.



# Outdrive your Competition

*Believe and Achieve*

Through freezing temperatures or the hot blazing sun, the boys' and girls' golf teams consistently found themselves on top of their game this year. Facing the challenges head on, both teams found ways to work together for the win. Golf is a true team sport as the score is calculated from the combined efforts of each individual. The long hours of practice afterschool and countless away tournaments were all in preparation for the tough district competition in San Antonio, Texas. Summing up the seasons hard work, junior, Hicks Layton commented, "Our team played their hardest and demanded the best from ourselves and each other." Now that is a winning combination!



## Asking the Ace

*Hannah Hall, junior*

**Q: What is the hardest course you have ever played on and why?**

**A:** "North Shore because the holes seem long and curve at weird angles so you have to have really good aim."

**Q: What has been your favorite memory from playing golf?**

**A:** "Sophomore year when we got to leave a tournament early because it was too cold and we went to Starbucks!"

Above: Practice makes perfect! Junior, Wills Layton gets in one last practice putt before the start of the River Hills tournament in Calallen.

Left: After two long, hot days, sophomore, Mikaela Rendon, senior, Daniela Carreno and juniors, Lillie Mills and Hannah Hall proudly show off their second place trophy from the King tournament.

## wins & losses [scoreboard]

opponent	score
<b>Boys:</b>	
Bastrop	9th place
CC. Ray	3rd place
SA Warren	3rd place
<b>Girls:</b>	
Victoria East	10th place
Rockport	1st place
CC Ray	3rd place

# Practice and Dedication

## A Winning Combination

Brush burns, shinguard tans, and the constantly changing South Texas weather are some of the things that you have to endure while playing soccer. This requires devotion and a special love for the game. The girls put in hours of practice a week with the hopes of achieving success, and that is exactly what they got. The girls hosted a playoff game against Emery/Weiner High School. This was the first home playoff game in five years. "We struggled with constant injury but we worked hard as a team and stayed focused and determined during the season," says senior, Madeline Brown. This season held great achievements, and the girls' hard work paid off.



Left: Sharing a moment, the girls gather into a huddle right before penalty kicks. These took place after one full game and a double overtime in the long fought game against Emery/Weiner High School.

Below: Warming up, literally, the team stretches before the game against San Antonio Christian in the freezing cold. "Playing in the cold is a factor you really have to overcome," says freshman, Remy Ellison.

Center Below: With stakes running high, senior, Hannah Rodriguez uses all her might to send a long ball to her teammate down field. Rodriguez's efforts kept her team in play throughout the game and double overtime.

Far Below: What a save! Sophomore, Jacquelyn Douglas keeps the ball out of the net yet another time. Douglas stood up and took charge as goalie as the season progressed.



## wins & losses

### [scoreboard]

opponent	score
TMI	0-8 loss
Cornerstone	1-0 win
St. Joseph	6-2 win
St. John Paul II	4-0 win
Holy Cross	5-0 win
SAC	0-5 loss
Emery/Weiner	7-6 loss



Far Above: Focused all around, the girls warm-up before the game against St. John Paul II. Since St. John Paul II is their big rival, the girls were out for the win.

Above: With a defender on her back, sophomore, Mary Matl uses her excellent footwork to keep the defender from gaining possession.

Right: Cool, calm, and collected, Head Coach, Bill Cleavelin watches as the girls execute with ease what he has taught them so many times during practice.



Far left: With her mind on the game and her eyes on the ball, senior, Madeleine McCutcheon sends a corner kick across the goal in hopes that a teammate can score.

Left: Trying to get the ball in quickly, sophomore, Delayna Ramirez prepares for the throw-in. Time is a key part of the game, so going as quickly as possible is absolutely necessary.



Above: Stop! Cutting off his opponent, junior, Andrew Montgomery uses his ability of speed to get through the Holy Cross High School tough defense.



Above Far Right: Way to take control! With five minutes left in the first half, freshman, Jesse Casas kicks back the ball to keep it in play and get near the goal against San Antonio Christian High School.



Above Right: What a save! In his first year as a goalie, freshman Evangelino Pangilinan dives for the ball to keep the score in favor.

Center: In the spot light, senior and Team Captain, Chance Hunsaker kicks off the ball, trying to reach the goal. "It's been a great season, new teammates helped the team a lot," said Hunsaker



Right Below: Three.. two.. one.. throw! Reaching back as far as he can for a strong throw-in freshman, Romulo Corrada gets the ball in bounce quickly.

Far Right Below: Supporting his team even with a broken collar bone, junior, Daniel Deleon chats with junior, Andrew Montgomery about the challenging game against San Antonio Sacs High School ahead of them.

# wins & losses

## [scoreboard]

opponent	score
St. Augustine Catholic	0-6 loss
TMI	0-9 loss
St. Augustine Catholic	0-3 loss
Cornerstone Christian	0-4 loss
St. Joseph's	3-5 loss
St. John Paul II	3-2 win
Holy Cross	0-2 loss
San Antonio Christian	0-9 loss



# Reaching New Goals

## A Dream Set In Motion

Reaching new goals, the boys' varsity soccer team worked very hard and won their first game in five years. This year, the team worked together on their weaknesses to attain better results. "This season was quite a challenge, but we did much better than last year," junior, Pablo Mendizabal comments (pictured left). Compared to last year, this year's team had a lot more players. Fresh faces and new teammates helped the team grow together as one. It took a lot of commitment from the teammates and captains to make the soccer team happen. Even though it is the second year coming back from a three year break, the soccer team is overcoming a rough start and reaching success.



Above: Breaking through the defense sophomore, Marcos Ruiz uses his strength to get the ball. "This is my first year playing and it has been a very tough and fun season," said Ruiz.

Left: Twenty yards away from the goal sophomore, Jerod Alanis manages to get through the last defender. "The game against Holy Cross was definitely one of the most challenging ones, I think we could have beaten them if we were a little more organized in our plays," said Alanis.

# Leave It All On The Field

## Keep The Dream Alive

With a team filled with underclassmen playing important roles, returning sophomores and juniors stepped up to become leaders. One underclassman, sophomore, Alyssa Perez (pictured right), has emerged as one of the leaders of the team. "I always try to motivate the girls and keep them pumped up especially since we are out to win this season," says Perez. Perez is not only an amazing softball player and student, but also the daughter of Head Coach, Robert Perez who has coached her for 10 years. "It's an honor to coach her in high school, but an even bigger honor to be her dad," says Robert Perez. After a slow start to the season, with key players out with injuries, the girls remained positive and finished the season as co-district champions with a record of 10-2, securing a home playoff game.



Above: With her foot firmly on first base, freshman, McKenzie McCoy prepares to scoop the ball up for a force out at first.

Right: After rounding third base, sophomore, Hayley Guerra keeps her eye on the catcher before making a decision to run home.

Far Right: With eyes following the pop fly all the way to her glove, center fielder, junior, Amanda Spiegelhoff gets the third out of the fifth inning against St. Joseph's.



## wins & losses [scoreboard]

opponent	score
John Paul II	5-3 win
TMI	10-0 win
Cornerstone	16-0 win
St. Joseph	7-4 win
SACS	20-0 win
Holy Cross	10-0 win

"We started off slow because most of the girls were injured. As district began we started winning games and bonded well as a team. I think we can do anything as long as we trust in God."

Mary Buhidar,  
sophomore catcher

Far Above: Choking up on the bat, junior, Janel Soliz concentrates on getting on base to start the fourth inning against Odem. The girls would end up winning 4-3, in nine innings.

Middle Above: Keeping her eye on the pitcher, sophomore, Madeline Thompson leads off from first base hoping to steal second without getting caught. "One of the biggest thrills in softball is stealing because it is a challenge that you can only win by running your heart out," says Thompson.

Above: Prior to the start of the district game against TMI, sophomore, Nicole Flanigan keeps her arm loose. "In order to get focused for the game I like to listen to some of my favorite music," says Flanigan.

Center: Going through her pitching motion, junior, Taylor Guzman delivers her signature curve ball to the St. Joseph's batter. Guzman would strike out four batters, earning the win.

# Give It Your All!



**Take the Win!**  
 With a 5:30 a.m. daily practice schedule, Angel swimmers know the true meaning of dedication. Their rigorous practices are held near long to ensure the team stays in tip top shape. The loss of early morning sleep is well worth it when the swimmers get to compete against 5A and 6A schools, and come out on top! Accepting the challenge head on, Angel swimmers get the chance to show off their speed and agility throughout the district meets they participate in. After an unforgettable season, the swimmers made a name for themselves amongst the TAPPS district.

Above: Before diving into the deep blue, sophomore, David Villarreal relaxes his mind on the block and concentrates on his top priority at the time, his first swim of the season at the CCISD Sprint Meet.



Above: You're almost done! Sophomore, Jessica Bang attaches the lap number to the lap counter board at a Tri Meet against Calallen and Tuloso Midway to inform the swimmers that they are almost finished.

## wins & losses [scoreboard]

opponent	place
CCISD Meet	B: 1st place
	G: 5th place
Tri Meet	B: 2nd place
	G: 2nd place
Double Dual Meet	B: 3rd place
	G: 3rd place
TAPPS Central Region Swim Meet	B: 4th place
	G: 7th place
TAPPS State Swim Meet	B: 8th place
	G: 16th place



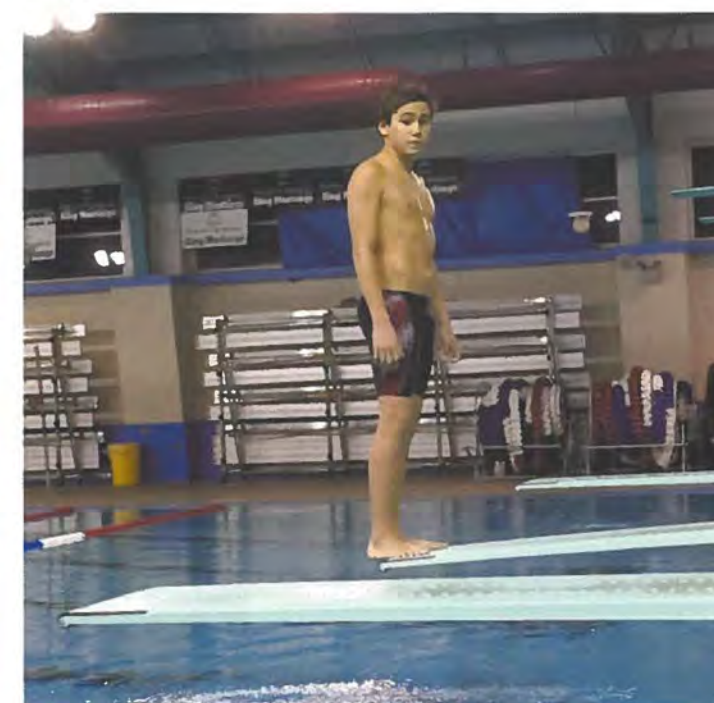
Left: Hanging out with the pros, sophomore, Mikaela Rendon shares a smile with Adam Brown, the fastest man in Texas, during the Battle of the Crown Meet.

Middle: Checking the stats, senior, Angelina Wolfe discusses with head swimming coach, Myra Nelson about what she must achieve in her next swim.

Below: Preparing for his dive, freshman, Elijah Wolfe takes everything he has learned from practice and takes a leap of faith during their CCISD Holiday Classic.

*"It was exciting! It was fun going to a big meet with friends that were just as inspired as I was."*

*-Robert Anaya, sophomore  
 (Placed 2nd in 100 free and 3rd in 100 backstroke at TAAPS State)*



Left: The last year is unforgettable, and seniors, William Carrillo, William Hall, Kaleb Pena, Steven Wendel, and Angelina Wolfe take a second to reflect on their last Battle of the Crown meet.

Above: Going into the woods with a pair of twins! Sophomore, David Villarreal and Mikaela Rendon and senior, Angelina Wolfe make a memory at their Halloween Dinner.

# Serving It Up

## Get Ready to Rally!

The countless hours of practice are well worth it for seniors like Chance Hunsaker, (pictured right) who compare their time to being on the tennis team to spending time with family. "We're a tight-knit team, we are there for one another through ups and downs." Hunsaker shares that one way the tennis team stays close is by swapping their tips and tricks, "We do share our skills and secret tricks. We just want to help each other out." Angel tennis players take their advice from fellow teammates and coaches on their serves, grips and sportsmanship and apply it. From there, the players are able to strengthen their score and their relationship with one another, join their skills together and compete in tournaments while representing the school. Each team member brings something to the Angel tennis team, whether it be a perfect serve, nice forehand, or great spirit.

## wins & losses

### [scoreboard]

opponent	score
Gregory-Portland Scrimmage	Girls - 1st Boys - 1st
Spring Fling Tournament	Mixed Doubles - 1st Girls Doubles - 1st Consolation Boys Singles - Quarter Finals
Aransas Pass Invitational	Girls Singles - 1st & 2nd Boys Doubles - 3rd & 4th
District Laredo, Texas	Girls - 2nd Boys - Consolation



Above: Basking in the warm South Texas sun, seniors Kristen Biggins and Mary Hubert, take a break from playing doubles for a picture.



Right: A tennis player of six years, sophomore, Paris Hanna perfects her serve to prepare for the upcoming spring tennis season.



Center: Bringing her A-game to the 2015 Battle of the Bay regional tennis tournament, sophomore, Meredith Kirkland returns a serve from her opponents at Flour Bluff High School.

Below: We are the champions! Senior, Claire Weis and freshman, Michael Morales celebrate after winning first place in the mixed doubles division of the 2015 Spring Fling tournament.

Far Below: Practice makes perfect! Sophomore, Jonathan Deleon practices his serve to prepare for the new season. "I enjoy practicing, because I like to see the hard work pay off," says Deleon.



Above: Standing proudly in front of the school, the varsity tennis team is recognized at the 2014-2015 spring sports pep rally. "I put in 12-16 hours of practice a week, so it's cool to be on varsity," says freshman, Michael Morales.

Left: Practice makes perfect! Coach, Ron Gressett, and sophomore, Michael Rock, practice playing doubles to get the team ready for the first tournament of the season, The Battle of the Bay.

Far Left: Freshman, Carolina Munoz, gets ready for her first tennis match during practice.



Left: As she flies through the sky, freshman, Mckenzie McCoy soars right over the crossbar.

Far Left: One lap to go! Sophomore, Trevor Creamean starts to kick it in for the last 400m of his two mile race.

Below: Putting all of her strength behind her last throw, senior, Bianca Valderrama throws a staggering distance of 37'4 to win district.

Far Below: With 250m to go in her leg of the 4x400m relay, freshman, Madeline Thorud stays focused on keeping her team in the race. "Running is hard, but it pays off when you win," commented Thorud after her team won the race.



Center: With the team's district title on the line, senior, George Novack passes his competitors during his leg of the 4x400m relay. The boys' relay won district for the third consecutive year with a time of 3:32.43.

Right: And they're off! Freshman, Valeria Villagomez competes in the girls' 100m dash at Calallen High School. "That was a really close race, but I ran hard and I was able to set a new personal best time for myself," commented Villagomez after her race.

Far Right: Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee! Junior, Cesar Hernandez matches his opponent's stride and hugs the curve as he begins the final leg of the 4x400m relay. The relay team would end up placing first in the event.



# Runners To Your Marks

## Finding our Footing

Track and Field is one of the most physically demanding sports there is. Runners are constantly pushing themselves to their breaking point to reach that goal, beat that time, or to pass up that one last person in front of them. Whether it's knocking a couple seconds off of your record time, or jumping a few feet further, our athletes never give up. It is obvious that our Angels are dedicated to their sport, and that is what makes them such a strong team. Day in and day out, our athletes are striving to not only reach, but to exceed the goals they set for themselves. This kind of commitment and discipline is what allowed both the boys' and girls' teams to defend their district champ titles for another year.

*"As a coach, there is no greater feeling than to be a small part of your athlete's success. Luckily for me, our athletes have an abundant amount of success resulting from their dedication and hard work day in and day out."*

*- Donald Patterson, Head Coach*



Above: Soaring to new heights, junior, Joshua Peetz jumps a new personal best of 5'6 at the district meet in San Antonio.

Center: With just one goal in mind, junior, Amber Cox focuses on her form and perfects her jump.

Left: To make sure they have ENOUGH energy for their race, sophomores, Blake Herbst and Paige Lippincott rest their legs before the two mile event.

# Whatever it Takes

## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

The Lady Angels had one goal in mind from the beginning of the season: developing great teamwork. "I hoped we'd come together as a team more and develop our leadership skills as upperclassmen," says junior, Jian Cruz. After losing nine players, the team wanted to develop their own chemistry and teamwork. Their teamwork improved gradually, day by day during practices and games. "It was really great to see our whole team come together, play our hardest, and win. We worked so hard preparing for that game, and it really paid off," says sophomore, Catherine Schultz talking about the big win against St. John Paul II. The varsity team's great teamwork also had an effect on the junior varsity and freshmen teams as well. All three teams came together during the season and accomplished their goals. The great attitude the girls had helped them achieve their goal of teamwork. They gave their time during practices over the summer, on the weekends and after school to take away memories of a great season.



Above: Another win for the books! Freshman, Nayah Chanyaman helps lead the team to a score against TMI.  
 Above Right: SCORE! The varsity celebrates gaining an edge on their big rival St. John Paul II. They went on to beat the Centurions in three games.  
 Right: Dynamic duo juniors, Jian Cruz and Avery Cohen use their great team work to get the block. Cruz and Cohen totaled 25 blocks during the season.  
 Far Right: Giving advice, Coach Ashley Pettus tells the girls where to be on the court. Her coaching led the Lady Angels to a victory over St. John Paul II.



Center Above: Coming together as a team, the players focus their minds on the game ahead of them. They went on to beat Providence High School in four games.

Far Above: Emotional but excited, Coach Ashley Pettus presents seniors, Jazzmin Hernandez, Abigail Thorud, and Mary Dragon on parents night.

Second to top: Setting up for success, sophomore, Jacquelyn Douglas sets her mind on sending a hard hit to the opponent, Providence High School.

Second to bottom: Let's get rollin'. The freshmen warm up using their favorite passing drill to get ready to beat the Cornerstone Warriors. They wore pink in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Bottom: Starting things out right, sophomore, Luz Fernandez makes it hard for TMI to defend against her signature hard serve. Luz helped her team to a victory in two games.

## wins & losses

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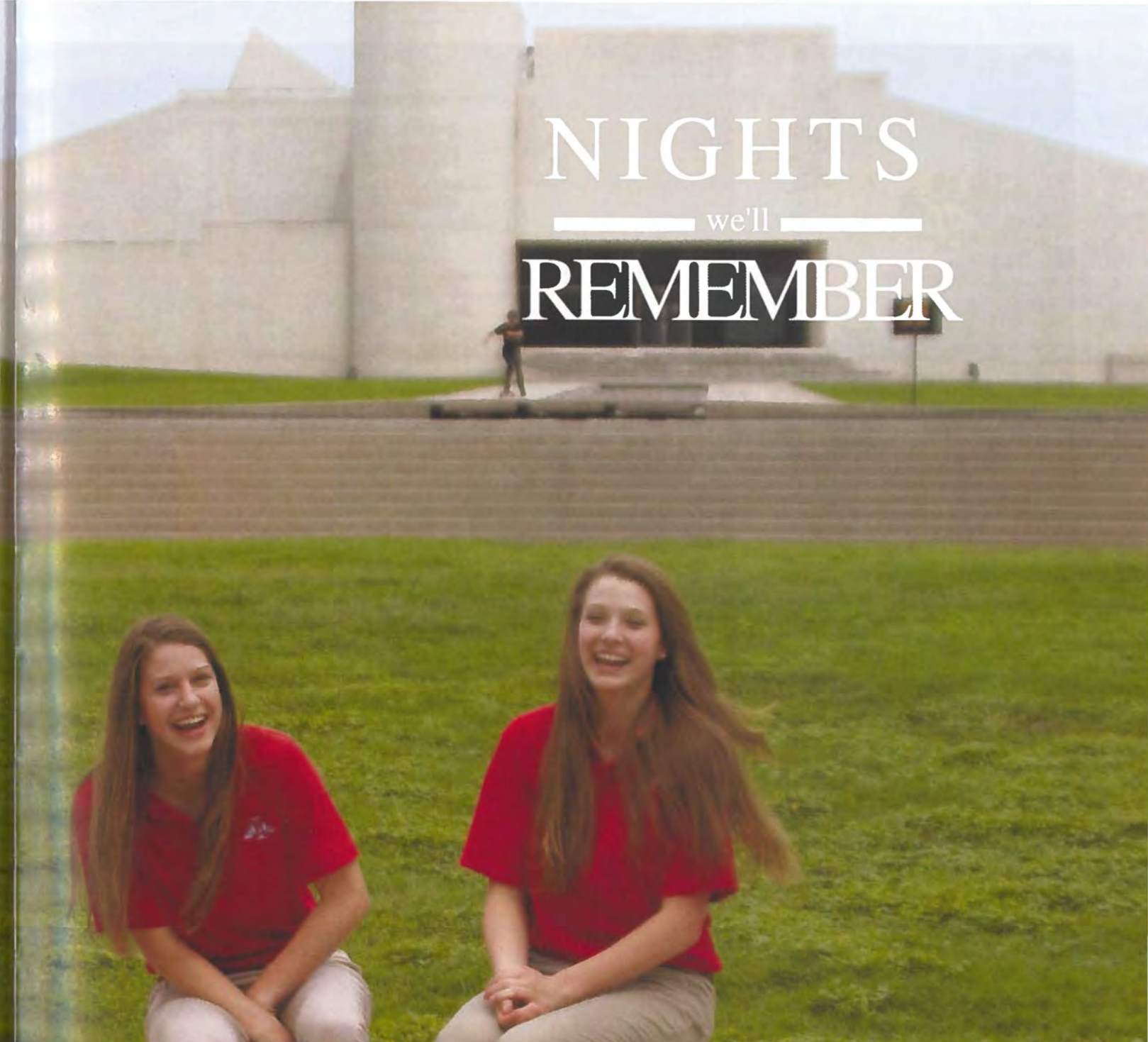
opponent	score
St. Augustine	3-0 win
Providence	3-0 loss
San Antonio Christian	3-1 win
TMI	3-0 loss
Holy Cross	3-0 loss
Cornerstone	3-1 win
St. Joseph	3-0 loss
St. John Paul II	3-0 win

*"The teamwork and chemistry that our team developed throughout the season helped us to bond tremendously both on and off the court. Our great relationship with each other made it easier for us to work well together and play like a great team."*

*- Anna Martin, freshman*



The students and faculty of Incarnate Word Academy have the opportunity to grow closer as a community throughout the year in events ranging from MORP to Ring and Rose. These events allow students and faculty to express themselves outside of the classroom. Through the process of planning and executing these dances and ceremonies the students, as well as the teachers, form bonds with each other and create memories that they will always cherish. Members of Incarnate Word Academy give their time and effort into the preparation of special events and form bonds that last far beyond their high school career.



# NIGHTS

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Above: Dancing to the country ballad, *Neon Moon* by Brooks & Dunn, teacher, Ron Gressett and his wife Cindy Gressett enjoy a fun night at their first MORP.



Above Far Right: Queen of the Jungle, senior, Andrea Tinning gets excited when her favorite song is played.

Above Right: Showing off their moves, seniors, Samantha Simank and Hannah Rodriguez dance along to the beat.

Right: Dance battle! Sophomore John McNiff and senior, Ava Buchan entertain the crowd.



# Out of the Ordinary Into the Jungle

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! Everyone's favorite dance of the year, MORP, exceeded every expectation and was a memorable night for the students and teachers alike! Traditionally planned by the senior class as a gift to the underclassmen, the nights theme was Jungle Boogie. The Dougherty Center was filled with swinging vines and roaring animals to truly embrace the nights theme. "It was a lot of fun to paint posters and set up the room with my friends," senior, Hannah Ehrman comments about the extensive preparations that took place before the dance. The seniors hard work paid off, and students dressed from cheetahs to cavemen had a wild night filled with unforgettable memories.



Left Above: Dancing to the *Cupid Shuffle* by Cupid, sophomore, Sydney Allison and junior, Dana Alonso-Bauer enjoy the classic dance.

Bottom Left: Soaking up their last moments of MORP, seniors, Bianca Valderrama and Kaleb Pena share a laugh on the dance floor.



Above: Embracing the theme, sophomores, Omar Pagan and Alexis Cervantes reveal their awesome tiger like outfits.

Below Far Right: Taking a break from the dance, seniors, Ethan Elizondo and Kristen Biggins hang out in the well decorated tables while having a drink.

Below Right: Seeing double? Seniors, Jazzmin Hernandez and Hannah Ehrman joke around about who wore their matching outfit best.



# Dark Night, Bright Lights

## Arabian Nights

For one night a year, the Dougherty Center transforms from a typical gym to an elegant ballroom. This night is a big night for high school students as there is a lot of anticipation and hype for the classic Homecoming Dance. This year the theme was Arabian Nights and the cheerleaders spent hours hanging drapery and placing Arabian elements around the room to help people feel like they were in a far away place. One highlight of the decorations was the fun and festive photo booth, which offered plenty of props for people to wear. From start to finish, students felt like they were on a whirlwind of an adventure without even leaving the campus!



Above: Smile and wave! Homecoming Princess, junior, Kate Pekar, and Homecoming Duchess, sophomore, Abigail Ehrman congratulate each other before returning to the dance floor.

Above Left: Three cheers for the homecoming court! After announcing the winners, this year's homecoming court came together to show off their crowns.

Above Right: Throwing their hands in the air, senior, Antonio Vidal and junior, Alexander Villagomez lead some of their fellow students in a group dance.

Right: Enjoying a laugh before the dance, seniors, Jacquelyn Salazar and Kimberly Fernandez have a fun girls dinner.



Left: As they climb on to the stage, a group of sophomore and junior boys take advantage of the fun photo booth props and form an impromptu band.

Bottom Left: Time for a slow dance! Senior, Enrique De La Garza enjoys his last Homecoming Dance as he and his date, junior, Angela Hubbard, join the dance floor.

Bottom Middle: As they take a quick breather from dancing, senior, Alejandro Barrera and junior, Cristina Madero catch up with their friends.

Bottom Right: Hitting the dance floor, senior, Gasper D'Anna shows off his dance moves by teaching everyone how to Dougie.



*"With all the music, snacks, and friends there with me, it was an overall great experience! I would rate it 12/10!"*

*- Blake Herbst, sophomore*



Top: As they move to the beat, cheerleaders, sophomore, Cheyenne Moreno-Arispe and senior, Caitlyn Hornsby show their school spirit on the dance floor.

Middle: Old friends, seniors, Jazzmin Hernandez and Taylor Jones enjoy being able to catch up during the dance.

Bottom: Co-workers, teachers, David Screws and Matthew Petrone enjoy taking a break from the classroom and chaperoning the dance.



Top: To the left, to the left! The girls take control of the dance floor as they hear the Cupid Shuffle start to play.

Above Right: Say cheese! Seniors, Victoria Pena and Moira McCandless make sure to take plenty of photos of their very last high school Favorites dance.

Above Left: Slowing it down, freshman, Ashley Salinas and sophomore, Joshua Ramirez dance together during a slow song.

*"When you have good friends in your life, every day is filled with laughter, adventure, and unforgettable memories."*

*- Cheyenne Moreno-Arispe, sophomore*



# Painting the Town

## Purple, Green, and Gold

This year's Favorites dance was one for the books. The students had fun dressing up in Mardi Gras themed attire, complete with purple, green, and gold beads. The dance could not have been pulled off without the help of the student council and its sponsors. Student council members, sophomores, Mary Matl and Meredith Kirkland played a major role in putting the dance together. "We came up with the theme because Mardi Gras was coming up and we loved the color scheme! We also had a bunch of ideas for decorations that we thought would work well," mentioned Kirkland, "We were very pleased with how everything turned out! The DJ played great music, the decorations were awesome, and the food was excellent. I was more than thrilled with the outcome." A big thanks to Mary, Meredith, and the rest of the student council for all of their hard work!



Top Left: Dancing the night away, freshmen, Natalie Smith and Elijah Wolfe share a slow dance.

Middle Left: Taking a break from the basketball court for the night, sophomore, Sydney Allison and senior, Paris Shirley step on to the dance floor for a slow song.

Left: As one of the students in charge of the Favorites dance, sophomore, Mary Matl continues to work hard setting up for the dance.

Above: Pumpin' up the party, freshmen Madeline Peetz and Anna Martin dance along to one of their favorite songs.

Below: Soaking up the moment, seniors, Victoria Pena and Moira McCandless dance at their very last Prom. "It is crazy knowing this is our last year," said Moira McCandless.

Center Below: With all the responsibilities in the rear view mirror, students are finally able to enjoy the night with one another at the Texas State Aquarium.

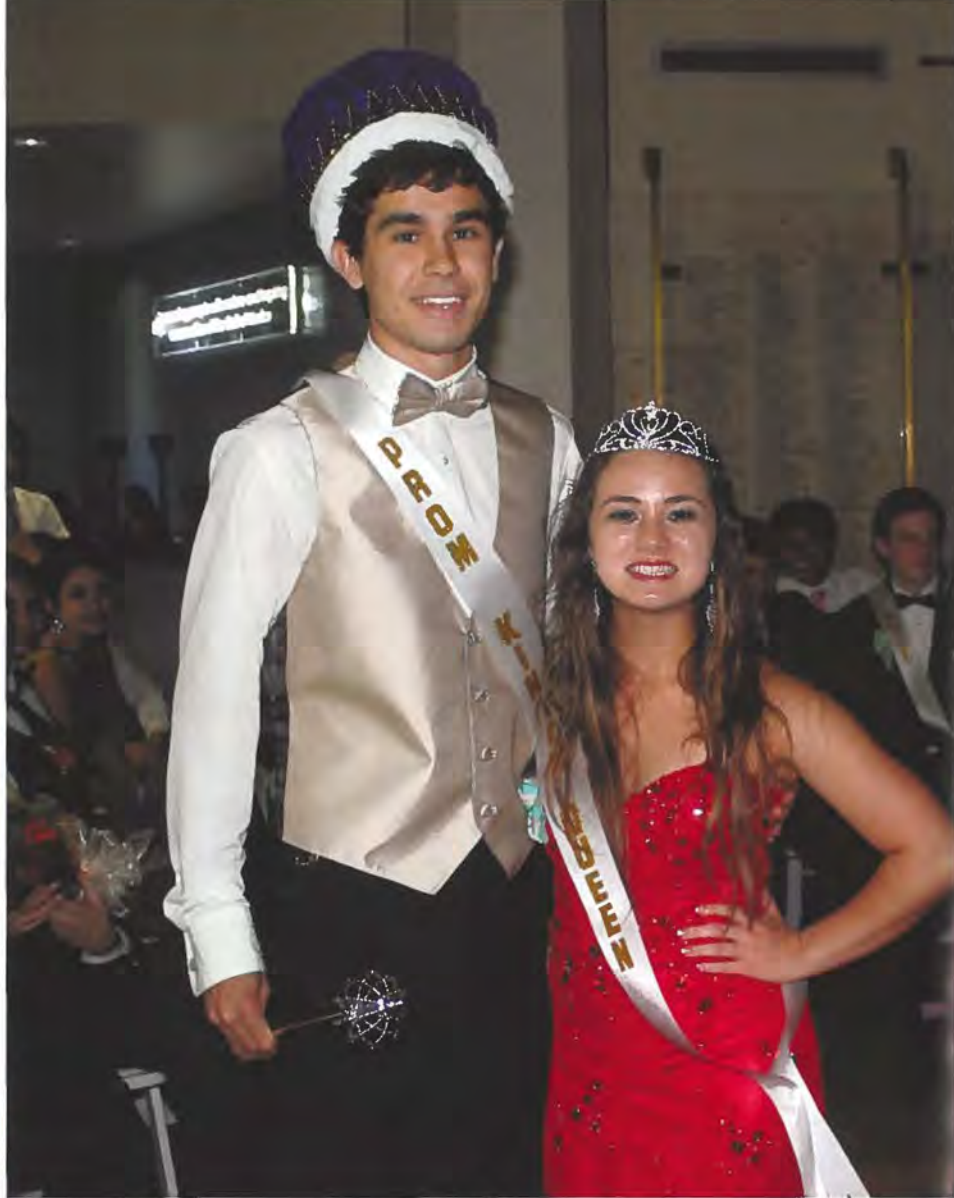
Far Below: Posing with their best faces on, senior girls, Hannah Ehrman, Madeleine McCutcheon, Christina Matt, Caitlyn Hornsby, Sarah Garza and Arlene Castro enjoy the photo booth one last time.



Center: Angel Royalty, Prom Queen and senior, Caitlyn Hornsby poses with her royal companion, senior and Prom King, Jared Coco.

Right: Sharing a smile, seniors, Claire Weis and Joseph McNiff take their prince and princess titles to the dance floor.

Far Right: Presenting the Duke and Duchess of IWA! Seniors, Madeline Baker and Alfredo Arispe pose for a quick photo before their first dance.



Three.. two.. one.. smile! Excited about the photo booth, juniors, Hicks Layton, Wills Layton and sophomore, Mikaela Rendon take a nice picture. "It was really fun being able to take silly pictures with the twins," Rendon says.



Far Above: Let's dance! Senior, Taylor Jones and junior, Karina Melchor looked fabulous dancing to the infamous song *Cupid Shuffle* by Cupid.

Above: Gathered together before Prom, seniors, John Franey, Alejandro Barrera and juniors, Joshua Peetz, Dana Alonso-Bauer, Kate Pekar and Cristina Madero enjoy an elegant dinner provided by the Alonso-Bauer family.

## quotes OF THE NIGHT

"I liked walking around while looking at the fish."

*Pablo Mendizabal*

Prom was very different this year, in a good way. The students seemed to enjoy everything, but mainly the aquariums.

*Laura Garcia*

"This was definitely the best prom we've had and I really liked the aesthetics."

*Alejandro Barrera*

The highlight of this years Prom was definitely the parrot and porcupine dancing on the floor.

*Helena Daubourg*

# Sea of Dreams

## A Night Under the Sea

With hard work, weekly meetings, and poster design, the prom committee accomplished the ideal dream Prom. "We could've had a decent prom if we went with the initial plans, but we pushed and pushed for our dream venue, and we held arguably, the best prom IWA has ever seen," juniors, Hicks Layton and Wills Layton commented. Seniors and Juniors spend a lot of time waiting for the most special dance of the year. Seniors got to decide where Prom should be held, and The Texas State Aquarium came to be the perfect decision. From amazing long dresses and black tuxedos, students enjoyed every detail about this special event.



"Will you roll with me to Prom?" During the annual Ring and Rose ceremony, senior Zachary Hartman surprised senior, Natasha Villagomez and the whole crowd with a creative promposal, ending the ceremony on a very good note.

# Achieving Excellence

## In All They Do

Many of our Angels are recognized for their outstanding service, academic, and athletic achievements throughout the year. Not only are students awarded for their success inside the school, but also in the Corpus Christi community. Some of our students have been recognized by the Rotary Club, National Hispanic Recognition Program, HOBY Leadership Program, and the Ragan Family (pictured right). The Ragan family recognizes two students that encompass James and Mecklin's courage and humanity. The two recipients, seniors, Madeline Baker and Shaela Yeager would have made James proud for their excellence not only in the classroom, but also outside of it. "It meant so much to me to receive this scholarship because I have so much respect for James and Mecklin," said Madeline Baker.



Above: After a year of hard work, senior, Andrew Nicholson receives an award for outstanding performance in both academics and athletics.



Right: ¡Muy Bien! Senior, George Novack receives his cords for his participation and dedication to the Spanish Honor Society.



Far Right: It's only fitting that future serviceman senior, William Hall receives the Army National Scholar Athlete award from Sgt. David Camarillo.



Far Above: After three plus years of commitment to the Fine Arts Department, members of the band and choir receive their pink cords.

Above: Standing proud, seniors, Katie Duncan and Joseph McNiff pose for a picture after being honored by the Rotary Club for their outstanding service to their community.

Dominant: Finding a balance between school and sports is hard, but seniors, Jared Coco and Christina Matt found a way to make it work and received the Senior Academic Athlete Award.

Left Below: Shaking hands, senior, Phoebe Strain is congratulated by principal, Jose Torres, for being recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar.

Below: Leaders of tomorrow, sophomores, John McNiff, Jackson Wallace, and Michael Rock are commended by the National Sojourners John J. Harris Chapter Award for their leadership throughout the school and community.

## DESCRIBE

*your recipient in one word*

**"Hardworking"**  
*Erica Engel*

**"Outgoing"**  
*Ron Gressett*

**"Determined"**  
*Daniel Goddard*

# Passing Down Traditions



## Moving On & Moving Up

One of the final events of the school year is the Ring and Rose Mass and Ceremony. During Ring and Rose, the student body comes together to say goodbye to the graduating seniors and welcome the upcoming senior class. The graduating class of 2015 passes down the traditions and responsibilities of being a senior through the symbol of a rose. The rose symbolizes the everlasting bond shared between the senior and junior class that has been created throughout the three years. The upcoming seniors are expected to take on the leadership role and oversee that the underclassmen carry on the traditions and expectations of the school.



Center: Overwhelmed with attention, junior Kristen Creamean accepts her rose with a laugh from seniors William Hall, Daniel Cassidy, and Arlene Castro.

Above: "And now you're going to be with me for the last ride." The senior class sang "See You Again" by Wiz Khalifa as their senior song. After four years together, their high school careers are coming to an end.



Left: With a beautiful smile, upcoming senior, Justine Guzman receives a rose from upperclassmen Madeline Brown and Gabriella Ruiz. "I was so excited to receive my rose from Maddie and Gabriella. It really symbolizes that I am going to be a senior next year," commented Guzman.

Below Left: The Fantastic Four, seniors Rolando Silva, Trey Dimas, and Gasper D'Anna come up with a creative way to present junior, Joshua Peetz with his rose.

Below: Best friends and fellow seniors, Hannah Rodriguez and Daniela Carreno pose for pictures after their last Ring and Rose. "Ring and Rose was bittersweet for me. I am excited to be moving on and going to college, but I am going to miss all of the friends I have made at Incarnate Word," commented Rodriguez after the ceremony.



Above: Hand in hand, at their last campus wide mass, the senior class prays together during the Our Father.

Left: Anchors Away! Junior, Pablo Mendizabal receives the symbolic Crew II captains hat from senior, John Franey while fellow senior, Chance Hunsaker bestows on him the coveted title of soccer team captain.



Left: Smile! The Senior Class prepares to pose for picture on the steps of the Corpus Christi Cathedral before the Graduation ceremony begins.  
Below: School's out! Senior, Arlene Castro drops off her gown to Sandra Trevino in the Registrar's office. "I was so excited to finally receive my diploma after so many years of hard work," said Castro.



Left: Lending a hand, senior, Madeline Baker places a gold cord around senior, Paris Shirley's collar. The gold cord represents the Advanced Diploma awarded to Shirley at Graduation.



Left Middle: On your mark! Seniors, Antonio Vidal, Belize Ellison, and Alejandro Barrera race tricycles at Operation Graduation. After a close race, Vidal pulled ahead and finished in first place.

Below: It's the moment she's been waiting for. Senior, Phoebe Strain walks across the stage at Graduation to receive her diploma. "I can't believe this day is finally here!" exclaims Strain.



# It's Time

## To Begin Again

For seniors, graduation marks a new chapter of their academic career as well as their lives. The moment they walk the stage they are no longer students in high school, but are transitioning into being students in college. This moment brings about a plethora of emotions. "I'm so grateful for the knowledge and preparation I've received from Incarnate Word Academy," commented senior, Lena Wanzenried. "I'm so sad to be leaving this wonderful community." The diploma a senior receives at graduation is so much more than a simple piece of paper. A high school diploma represents every homework assignment completed, every grueling AP test aced, and every exam studied for. No matter where an Incarnate Word Academy graduate ends up, our community knows that they will do great things when they get there.



Above: Valedictorian, senior, Christina Matt, and Salutatorian, senior, Katie Duncan give their respective speeches at the 2014-2015 Graduation. Matt's speech discussed the importance of courage and integrity while Duncan's whimsical speech paid homage to all those who contributed to her academic career.



Above: Something smells good! Seniors, Mary McCullough, Natasha Villagomez, and Gabriella Ruiz wait in line to be served at the Senior Luncheon.  
Left: It's time to celebrate! In the final moments of the Graduation Celebration, the Senior Class throws their caps in the air.  
Far Left: Senior, Claire Weis smiles as she receives her diploma from President & CEO, Charles Imbergamo and Bishop Michael Mulvey. "It's been an amazing four years," said Weis. "I'm sad to see that it's over."

*"Graduation was scary but exciting. My favorite part of the ceremony was being able to be with my class one last time." - Arlene Castro, senior*



Resemate Word students and faculty share an incredible bond that is formed in the classroom during tutoring sessions, on field trips to the beach or the court house, and during the final moments of the big game. The relationship between faculty and students is so strong because it is fostered in a caring environment where students are given the chance to spread their creative wings and fly, knowing they have their mentors watching over them. This special bond brings the overwhelming spirit and pride that flows freely throughout this school.



# EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

# Working as One

## Planning our Future

The school's faculty and staff are equally devoted to both the mission of spreading the word of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, and serving their students with compassion and understanding. A school as special as ours requires a faculty that is willing to spend hours upon hours working to benefit our student body. Students that emerge from this school leave with levels of knowledge and service that is unmatched from other schools. That dynamic is what keeps generations of families sending their students to get a wholesome, Catholic education here at our school.

The pattern of student involvement beyond the graduation date is evident in the faculty for this year. Teacher, Shannon Seale can now be found in room 104 teaching Government, Economics, and World History, but she used to sit in the desks of the classroom, as a student! Shannon Seale, then Shannon Craft, graduated from this school in 1999 and has since returned and joined the faculty as a teacher. Some of her former teachers, such as Ray Perrone and Sr. Eileen Doherty, are now her coworkers. One of her coworkers is another former student, art teacher, Whitney Gray. It was Whitney Gray's devotion to art that impressed longtime teacher, Kathy Towers, to seek her as her replacement. Whitney Gray graduated from this school in 2007, and returned in 2014 to share her love of art with the students. Both teachers offer a unique experience for students who take their classes as these teachers know exactly what it feels like to be an Angel. They understand the pressure and responsibilities and are able to offer advice and guidance when students need it the most. This is just one example of the many special relationships students are able to have with their teachers and coaches at this school. Both students and staff understand how important it is to learn from what each has to offer, while sharing God's everlasting grace.



Above: Darla Montano, assistant principal, makes sure things are in place for the upcoming "Word 101" Open House.



Above Left: Shannon Seale during her senior year of high school in 1999.

Above Right: Whitney Gray during her junior year in 2005.

Right: Moments before giving out her Economics test on inflation rates, teacher, Shannon Seale checks over student's study guides.

Far Right: Giving pointers, art teacher, Whitney Gray directs a student in shading with ebony pencils for a grayscale project.



Left: Innovative plans for the new school year had teachers, Leonardo Alvarez and Beatriz Marlow discussing their ideas before parents arrived for Follow the Schedule Night.

Below: Bon Appetite! French Teacher, Janet Lumley plans a French Club bake sale to celebrate Mardi Gras.

Far Below: "Estos son las maninitas!" Principal, Jose Torres, greets a guest singer who led coworkers and students in singing Hispanic birthday classics to surprise him on his special day.



Above: Sister Judith Marie Saenz was jumping for joy when the San Antonio Spurs won their 5th NBA Championship! She proudly wore her Spurs t-shirt on favorite team day.

Left: "1...2...3..4" Band director, Joe Hernandez accompanies his band on the tuba during the Winter Fine Arts Festival. Far Left: Angelfest wouldn't be the same without these smiling faces greeting guests at the door! Faculty, JoAnn Garcia and Sylvia Reta share a laugh after checking in many guests at Angelfest.



### Q&A Where do you run into most students outside of school?

" I see most of my students when I'm shopping at the grocery store. "

Mary Ederer

" I usually run into big groups of students at nearby restaurants. "

Tabitha Duncan

" I run into students everywhere I go, but especially at the mall. "

David Screws



Keno Aleman, Golf  
 Maria Alvarado, Science  
 Leonardo Alvarez, Mathematics  
 Janel Benavides, Central Office  
 Sr. Catherine Brehony, Textbook Dist.

Connie Cadena, Central Office  
 Sherilyn Calhoun, Counselor  
 Amy Canterbury, Central Office  
 Maria Cantu, Counselor  
 Bill Cleavelin, Soccer

Kerri Craig, Central Office  
 Dominique Damian, Central Office  
 James De Hoyos, Central Office  
 Audra Deleon, Central Office  
 Debbie Diegel, Central Office

Sr. Eileen Doherty, Religious Studies  
 Tabitha Duncan, Theatre  
 Mary Ederer, English  
 Erica Engel, English  
 Tanya Estes, Librarian

David Galan, Health/ Baseball  
 Jo Ann Garcia, Attendance/Athl. Secretary  
 Reynaldo Garcia, Athletic Dir./ Baseball  
 Ruben Garcia, Cross Country  
 Jacob Garza, Cross Country

Tyler Gentry, Basketball  
 Daniel Goddard, Technology  
 Whitney Gray, Art  
 Ron Gressett, Mathematics/Tennis  
 Jacqueline Hein, Spanish

Debra Hernandez, Science  
 Joe Hernandez, Band Director/Tennis  
 La Quita Hilzinger, Librarian  
 Paul Jimenez, Maintenance  
 Mark Kellogg, Band

Sharodon Lester, Student Teacher/Choir  
 Janet Lumley, French  
 Theresa Mader, Mathematics  
 Beatriz Marlow, Spanish  
 Amanda Matlock, Central Office

**Q:** What have you taken from your experience as an IWA teacher?

**A:** "The religious education that is provided to our students, teachers, and the whole IWA community. Prayer is powerful!"  
 - Facundo Vasquez

**A:** "The students at Incarnate Word Academy are unique in that they are responsible and trustworthy in all they do."  
 - La Quita Hilzinger



Carrie Moore, Soccer  
 Karen Morrow, English  
 Jean Myers, Theatre/ Speech  
 Myra Nelson, Swimming  
 Sr. Raquel Newman, Religious Studies

Sr. Rosa Ortiz, Spiritual Director  
 Ashleigh Pannell, Cheer Coach  
 Donald Patterson, Cross Country  
 Crystalina Perez, Central Office  
 Nicholas Perez, Science

Robert Perez, Softball  
 Raymond Perrone, Science  
 Brittany Petrone, Central Office  
 Matthew Petrone, Social Studies/ Volleyball  
 Ashley Pettus, Prof. Development/Volleyball

Nicole Quintero, Technology/Yearbook  
 Sandra Quintero, Science  
 Robert Ramirez, Soccer  
 Priscilla Ramos, Central Office  
 Sylvia Reta, Secretary

Elizabeth Robertson, Cheer Coach  
 Sr. Judith Saenz, Religious Studies  
 David Screws, Social Studies  
 Shannon Seale, Social Studies  
 Danielle Smirman, College Mentor

Malcolm Smith, Basketball  
 Lucille Snapka, Nurse  
 Patrick Stark, Central Office  
 Courtney Thorud, Cafeteria Manager  
 Sandra Trevino, Registrar

Joseph Vallone, Mathematics  
 Facundo Vasquez, Science  
 Victoria Villarreal, Central Office  
 Casper Wenzel, Basketball  
 Christina Zuniga, Volleyball

Charles Imbergamo, President & CEO  
 Jose Torres, Principal  
 Darla Montano, Assistant Principal

# Faculty





Sofia Aguirre  
Adriel Alaniz  
Sofia Alonso-Bauer  
Millicent Alvarado  
William Anderson  
Diego Basaldu



William Beauchamp  
Sara Becker  
Savannah Bevalet  
Christiana Bocanegra  
Amillie Bottom  
Alysa Brady



Allison Burda  
Carson Burns  
David Casas  
Jesse Casas  
Justin Cavazos  
Nayah Chanyaman



Amanda Chappell  
Ava Constant  
Romulo Corrada  
Kelly Cortes  
Tyler Cortes  
Sean Crosby



Sarah Cummins  
Andrew Deleon  
Kaylyn Dinh  
Nicholas Elizondo  
Ashley Elliott  
Remy Ellison



Mary Fergie  
Molly Flood  
Joelle Francois  
Joshua Guernsey  
Philip Hall Jr.  
Jack Harrison



Sang Hoang  
Isabela Huerta  
Joyce Hunsaker  
Donte Joseph  
Zoe Kim  
Claudette Lara



**Q:** What experiences have you taken from your Freshmen year?

**A:** "Freshman year was full of new experiences. I met new people, discovered new talents, and made new friendships. I truly love my class and I am looking forward to graduating with them." - Jesse Casas

**A:** "As someone who has gone to IWA since preschool, I can say that this school challenges you academically. Freshman year has been challenging but I have loved it. Having such good friends here has made it even better." - Anna Simank

**A:** I have felt really welcomed here at school, and have enjoyed making new friends." - Eleanor McClanahan



Hamilton Lee  
Zachary Lee  
Madison Leeves  
George Malouf  
Anna Martin  
Esteban Martinez



Eleanor McClanahan  
Mckenzie McCoy  
Desirae McCracken  
Alexa Mendoza  
Mariah Montemayor  
Ashley Montgomery



Michael Morales  
Michael Morin  
Jacob Morrison  
Kevin Morrison  
Nicole Morrison  
Herbert Morrison IV



Carolina Munoz  
Michael Orgill  
Evangelino Pangilinan  
Madeline Peetz  
Kyle Pekar  
David Pierce



Kimberly Ramirez  
Ashley Salinas  
Abigail Sheets  
Anna Simank  
Natalie Smith  
Gabriel Sohn-Hunt



Brigid Sorrell  
Wilson Strain  
Gabriella Taylor  
Madeline Thorud  
Daniel Tindall  
Valeria Villagomez



Robert Walsh III  
Elijah Wolfe

**A:** "I just moved here from El Paso and have made a lot of amazing new friends. Freshmen year was a lot of fun and I can't wait to see what sophomore year has to offer." - Carolina Munoz

**A:** "What can I say about freshman year that sums up all the good times and all the lessons learned? I can say that freshman year is what you make it and we definitely made it the best year ever." - Justin Cavazos

# Freshmen





Marco Aguas  
Jerod Alanis  
Sydney Allison  
Franceska Alvarado  
Noah Alvarado  
Robert Anaya

Margaret Bandas  
Jessica Bang  
David Barrera  
Kassidee Beal  
Aaron Benavides  
Avina Bhakta

Chianna Bostick  
Alexis Brown  
Jullian Brown  
Mary Buhidar  
Ronald Canales  
Alexis Cervantes

Marykathryn Charles  
Joseph Cook  
Trevor Creamean  
Maria De Ases  
Hannah De Leon  
Jonathan Deleon

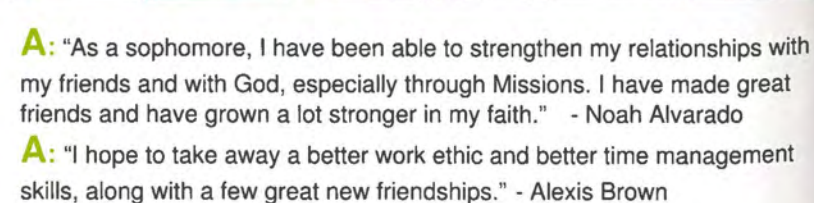
Michael Diejomaoh  
Jacquelyn Douglas  
Abigail Ehrman  
Maximiliano Elizondo  
Luz Fernandez  
Nicole Flanigan

Emily Fleetwood  
Abigail Floerke  
Abigail Garcia  
Noah Garcia  
Samantha Garcia  
Milan Garza

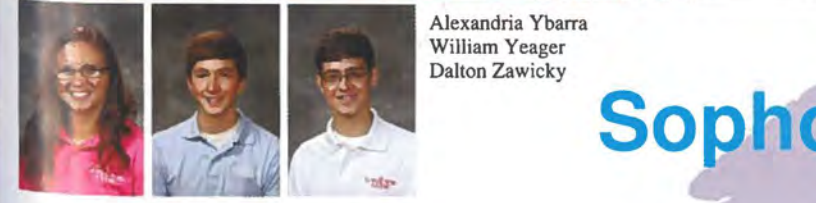
Patrick George  
Alexandra Gonzalez  
Jacob Gonzalez  
Hayley Guerra  
Paris Hanna  
Blake Herbst

Maggie Hoffman  
Molly Hoffman  
Nicholas Hoffman  
Meredith Kirkland  
Elaina Lara  
Dominique Larioz

**Q:** What are you going to take away from your sophomore year of high school?



**A:** "As a sophomore, I have been able to strengthen my relationships with my friends and with God, especially through Missions. I have made great friends and have grown a lot stronger in my faith." - Noah Alvarado  
**A:** "I hope to take away a better work ethic and better time management skills, along with a few great new friendships." - Alexis Brown



Alexandria Ybarra  
William Yeager  
Dalton Zawicky

Claudia Leal  
Nicholas Lee  
Lupita Leon  
Paige Lippincott  
Juan Lugo III  
Caitlyn Martinez

Mary Matl  
Olivia McClanahan  
John McNiff  
Jesse Mireles  
Cheyenne Moreno-Arispe  
Matthew Oliveira

Omar Pagan  
Stephen Parlamas  
Robert Patrick  
Alyssa Perez  
Delayna Ramirez  
Joshua Ramirez

Julio Ramos II  
Victoria Rangel  
Mikaela Rendon  
Estefan Resendez  
Michael Rock  
Lorin Rodriguez

Sarah Rodriguez  
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 IV  
Bradley Thering  
Madeline Thompson  
Natalie Trevino

David Villarreal  
Jackson Wallace  
Claire Walsh  
Michelle Watts  
Elizabeth Webster  
Christopher Yanez

# Sophomores





Emily Adams  
Dana Alonso-Bauer  
Briana Arriaga  
Francesca Bendas  
Reema Bhakta  
Brandon Camacho

Jenna Clark  
Avery Cohen  
Erin Cohen  
Steven Coutin  
Amber Cox  
Kristen Creamean

Jian Cruz  
Helena Daubourg  
Daniel Deleon Jr.  
Leslie Fagan  
Laura Garcia  
Hunter Garza

Justine Guzman  
Taylor Guzman  
Hannah Hall  
Cesar Hernandez  
Gabriel Hinojosa  
Mamiko Hosoe



Angela Hubbard  
Bella Kim



Alexsander Villagomez



Hicks Layton  
Wills Layton  
Thomas Loeffler  
Cristina Madero  
Ellis Martin  
Isabella McCabe

Mark McCracken  
Stephen McCullough  
Karina Melchor  
Pablo Mendizabal  
Lillie Mills  
Andrew Montgomery

William Nicholson  
Thalia Parizot  
Joshua Peetz  
Kate Pekar  
Andrea Puyol  
Draven Reyes

Sarah Rosales  
Megan Santillan  
Victoria Shull  
Janel Soliz  
Amanda Spiegelhoff  
Gabriella Vargas



## Service by the Sea

Sixty hours of service. That's how many service hours Jenna Clark does in one year. Impressive, right? "I do Sea City Work Camp and other smaller projects," says Jenna. This camp is a week long camp during the summer where Jenna and her fellow workers go out to fix and build houses for those with lower incomes. "The work day is from seven in the morning to five in the afternoon," says Clark. Service for others is something that Jenna is really passionate about. "I enjoy helping others and knowing that their life is better because of the work that I have done," says Clark about her service. Jenna also runs her own jewelry business and is an active surfer out in Port Aransas. With so much going on, Jenna balances everything by allotting a certain amount of time for each task. "It has given me the drive to do well in school," says Jenna about what this school has given to her. Clark states, "What I'll take away from this school is the need to help others because of the constant service we are doing." This school leaves a mark on each student, and the student on the school and the surrounding community. Jenna is a good example of a student who has taken what she has learned here and applied it to her life outside of school. Service might be a requirement for students here, but Jenna Clark gains much more than a grade from it.



*"My favorite part about this school is that we are so close knit and family like."*  
-Jenna Clark

## Juniors

Clayton Anderson



"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."  
- Jerry Rice

Alfredo Arispe



"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."  
- Steve Martin

David Berry



"If you can't explain it simply, you don't know it well enough."  
- Albert Einstein

Kristen Biggins



"Things never happen on accident. They happen because you have a vision, you have a commitment, you have a dream."  
- Oscar De La Renta

Madeline Baker



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

Alejandro Barrera



"All I'm going to do is just go on and do what I feel."  
- Jimi Hendrix

Thomas Bostick



"The inner machinations of my mind are an enigma."  
- Patrick Star

Madeline Brown



"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."  
- Dr. Seuss

Ava Buchan



"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."  
- Buddha

Analisa Cantu



"Life would be tragic if it weren't funny." - Stephen Hawking

Daniel Cassidy



"They got a great performance from me. I was happy."  
- Jimmy Fallon

Arlene Castro



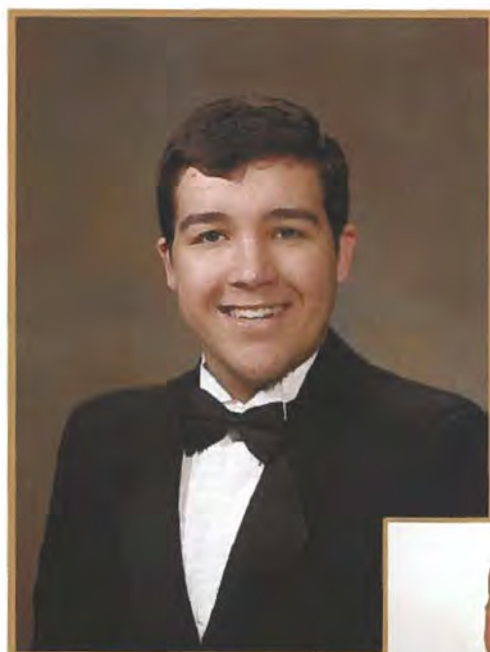
"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny."  
- C.S. Lewis

Daniela Carreno



"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."  
- Bernard M. Baruch

William Carrillo



"There's a fine line between not listening and not caring. I like to think that I walk that line every day of my life."  
- Pvt. Leonard Church

Antonio Cisneros



"Do your own thing on your own terms and get what you came here for."  
- Oliver James

Jared Coco



"Sometimes goodbye is a second chance. This is my chance."  
- Shinedown

Grecia Corrada



"Some are born great. Some achieve greatness. Some get it as a graduation gift."  
- Robin Williams

Gaspar D'Anna



"Rally caps boys!"  
- I. W. A. Baseball Team

Alfred Dimas



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge."  
- Lebron James

Sean Dinh



"He who learns but does not think, is lost. He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger."  
- Confucius

Enrique De La Garza



"I'm sorry if my handsomeness breaks your concentration."  
- Enrique De La Garza

Loren De Leon



"Keep yourself amused and others confused!"  
- Benedict Cumberbatch

Harmon Dobson



"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."  
- Robert Frost

Mary Dragon



"So, I guess we are who we are for a lot of reasons, and maybe we'll never know most of them."  
- Perks of Being a Wallflower

Katie Duncan



"Taking risks and making choices is what makes life exciting." - Amy Poehler

Hannah Ehrman



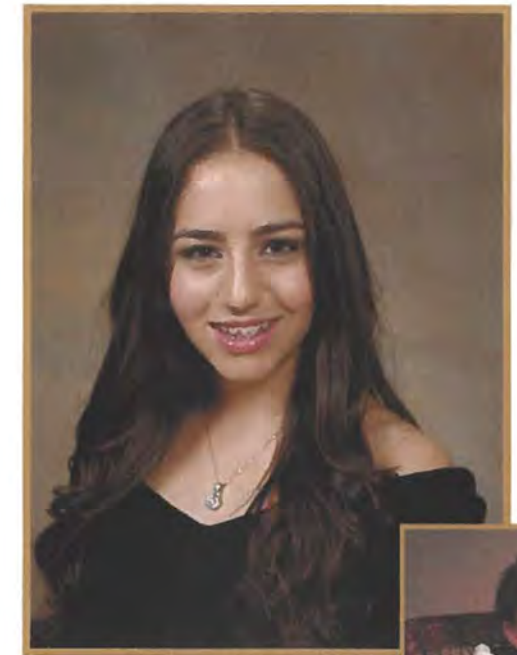
"People are going to say what they want to say and think what they want to think, and I can't change their minds." - Hilary Duff

James Faught



"Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kimberly Fernandez



"The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem." - Captain Jack Sparrow

Ethan Elizondo



"I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant. It is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are." - Mewtwo

Belize Ellison



"Don't you want a little taste of the glory? See what it tastes like?" - Nacho Libre

Liam Fincher



"Put your future in good hands — your own." - Author Unknown

Paul Flood



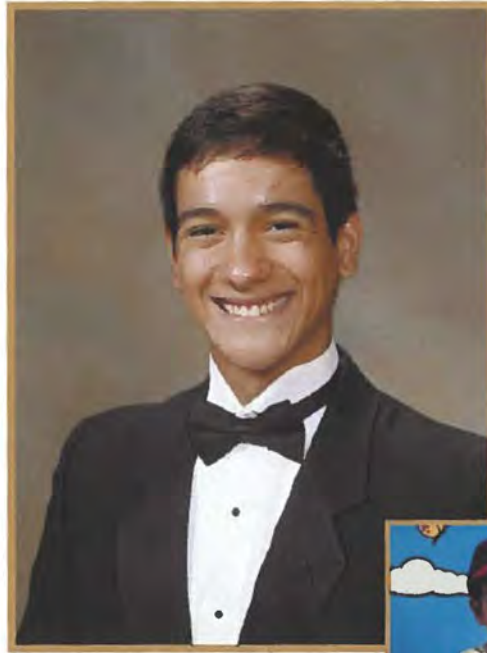
"There's an old saying about those that forget history. I can't remember it, but it's good." - Stephen Colbert

John Franey



"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Marcos Garcia



"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - Thomas A. Edison

William Gilmore



"The present is theirs; the future, for which I really worked, is mine." - Nikola Tesla

Joseph Gore



"What do you mean I'm funny? You mean the way I talk? I'm funny like a clown? Do I make you laugh? I'm here to amuse you? How am I funny? What is so funny about me? Tell me! Tell me what's funny!" - Tommy Devito

Sarah Garza



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

James George



"Do not fight a battle if you gain nothing by winning." - Field Marshall Erwin Rommel

McKinna Gourley



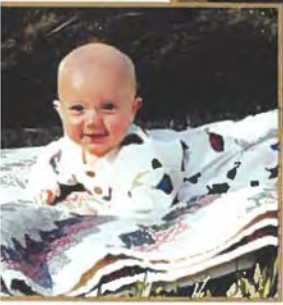
"Every coral has its thorn." - Palutena

Christopher Guerra



"Simplicity is the key to brilliance." - Bruce Lee

William Hall



"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles"  
- Theodore Roosevelt

John Harney



"It's the questions we can't answer that teach us the most. They teach us how to think. If you give a man an answer, all he gains is a little fact. But give him question and he'll look for his own answers."  
- Patrick Rothfuss

Caitlyn Hornsby



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

Mary Hubert



"You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."  
- J.R.R. Tolkien

Zachary Hartman



"And so castles made of sand, fall in the sea, eventually."  
- Jimi Hendrix

Jazzmin Hernandez



"We are going to live like we're telling the best story in the world. Are you ready?"  
- The Brothers Bloom

Chance Hunsaker



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

Taylor Jones



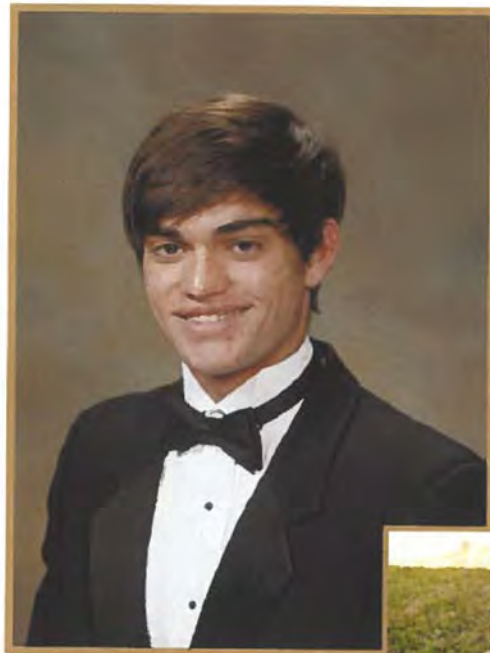
"Every moment spent in unhappiness is a moment of happiness lost."  
- Leo Buscaglia

Minseong Kim



"It ain't luck, it's Destiny."  
- Twisted Fate

Harrison Longwell



"I'm just 'bout that action boss."  
- Marshawn Lynch

Christina Matl



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

Moira McCandless



"I think... It kind of feels like childhood ending."  
- Emma Watson

Margaret Martin



"Some feel the rain, others just get wet." - Bob Marley

Lauren Martinez



"Work until your idols become your rivals."  
- Drake

Mary McCullough



"Normal is an illusion. What is normal for the spider is chaos for the fly."  
- Morticia Addams

Madeleine McCutcheon



"The harder I work, the luckier I get."  
- Samuel Goldwyn

Joseph McNiff



"All you gotta do is keep your eyes on the road and foot on the gas." - Kenneth Powers

Alexa Mora



"Sometimes the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly on the path to the best things that will ever happen to us." - Nicole Reed

Andrew Nicholson



"If a man does his best, what else is there?" - George S. Patton

George Novack



"If this is all a dream, don't wake me up." - Cloud Strife

Michelle Ndwaru



"Goodbye everyone, I'll remember you all in therapy." - Sheldon S. Plankton

Khoa Nguyen



"If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you'll never get it done. Make at least one definite move daily toward your goal." - Bruce Lee

Dilan Patel



"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." - Mahatma Gandhi

Isabella Pena



"True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country." - Kurt Vonnegut

Kaleb Pena



"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."  
- Robin Williams

Victoria Pena



"A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart."  
- Hercules

Joshua Rasmussen



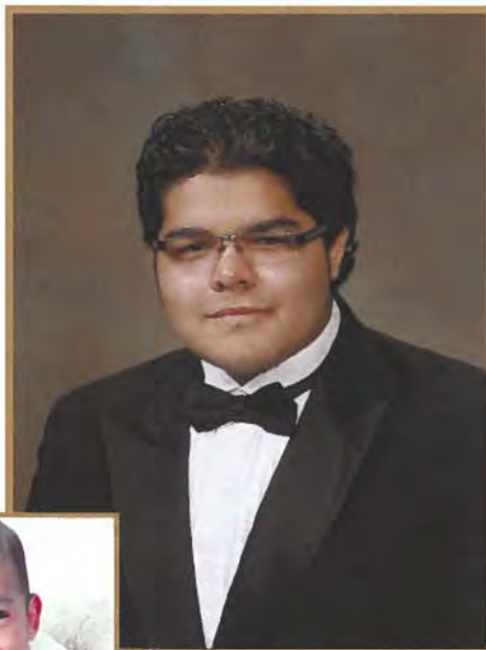
"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."  
- Napoleon Hill

Angelica Reyes



"We'll love again, we'll laugh again, we'll cry again, and we'll dance again."  
- My Chemical Romance

Albert Perez



"Every man's heart one day beats its final beat, his lungs breathe their final breath and if what that man did in his life makes blood pulse through the body of others and makes them believe deeper in something larger than life, then his essence, his spirit, will be immortalized, forever."  
- Ultimate Warrior

Lois Pierce



"Believe in your strengths."  
-The Happy Mask Salesman

Hannah Rodriguez



"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to success is always to try just one more time."  
- Thomas A. Edison

Nicolas Rodriguez



"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."  
- Carl Sagan

Gabriella Ruiz



"The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all."  
- The Emperor, Mulan

Pedram Salamat



"In the end, People are persuaded not by what we say, but by what they understand."  
- John C. Maxwell

Rolando Silva



"You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them." - Michael Jordan

Samantha Simank



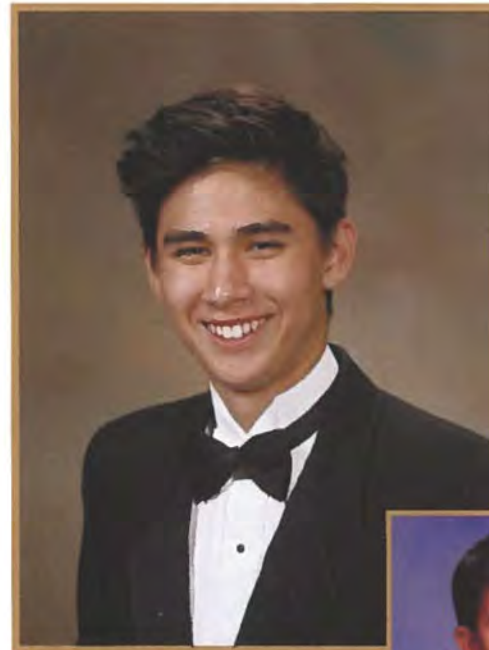
"I'm pretty sure there's a lot more to life than being really really good looking. And I plan on finding out what that is." - Derek Zoolander

Jacquelyn Salazar



"Dream big while you sleep and even bigger when you wake."  
- Jared Leto

Paris Shirley



"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."  
- Mae West

Austen Soliz



"Put your future in good hands-Your own." - Unknown

Phoebe Strain



"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."  
- E.E. Cummings

Alma Tamez



"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever." -Walt Disney

Winter Tate



"There is nothing so dangerous as a headstrong girl who knows her own mind." -Mary Yellan

Bianca Valderrama



"The competitor to be feared the most is the one who never worries about others at all and goes on making himself better. All the time." - Blake Griffin

Antonio Vidal



"Life isn't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward, how much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done." - Rocky Balboa

Abigail Thorud



"Not all those who wander are lost." -J.R. Tolkien

Andrea Tinning



"We have to remember what's important in life: friends, waffles, and work. Or waffles, friends, work. But work has to come third." -Leslie Knope

Natasha Villagomez



"In the end only three things matter: how much you loved, how greatly you lived and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you." - Buddha

Gingerine Villarreal



"If you believe, you will achieve." - Author Unknown

Lena Wanzenreid



"Life is like bleachers you may fall, but only you can really pick yourself up." - Author Unknown

Claire Weis



"In our world, we have lots of ups and downs, pleasure and pains, but that's life, and we learn to accept the bad with the good. Without the bad times, we wouldn't appreciate the good times. Life is precious, and I cherish every moment!" - Sailor Moon

Shaela Yeager



"Sometimes the key to making progress is to recognize how to make that very first step. Then you start your journey." - Meredith Grey

**TOP TEN**  
(in alphabetical order)

- Madeline Baker
- Jared Coco
- Sean Dinh
- Katie Duncan
- James Faught
- John Franey
- Caitlyn Hornsby
- Christina Matl
- Madeleine McCutcheon
- Shaela Yeager

**Valedictorian, Christina Matl**

Steven Wendel



"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

Angelina Wolfe



"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain." - Vivian Greene

**Where will you be attending school in the fall?**  
Princeton University



**What does obtaining Valedictorian mean to you?**

With my two older brothers making Valedictorian, there has always been a certain pressure placed upon me. I always have focused on doing the best that I can in my academics and athletics. This title represents all of my hard work and determination.

**What do you hope to achieve during college and even after graduation?**

After graduation, I hope to attend medical school and perhaps specialize in dermatology.

**What have you taken from Incarnate Word Academy that will help carry you throughout your life?**

The spirit of service has always been evident in the education provided here. I have gained an incredible work ethic and have learned how to use my time wisely.

# Small and Large

## Leaving a Legacy



Madeline and Julian Brown



Anna and Samantha Simark



Elijah and Angelina Wolfe



Molly and Paul Flood



Alejandro and David Barrera



William and Clayton Anderson



Grecia and Romulo Corrada



Abigail and Madeline Thorud



John and Joseph McNiff



Joyce and Chance Hunsaker



Hannah and Abigail Emmerich



William and Shaela Yeager



Nicholas, Ethan, and Maximiliano Elizondo



Gabriella and Marcos Ruiz



Remy and Belize Ellison



Natalie, Alexander, and Valeria Villagomez



Phoebe and Wilson Strain



Mary and Christina Mell



Kaylyn and Sean Dillit



Mary and Stephen McGullough

As seniors prepare to leave for college, they spend their last year passing down what they have learned to their younger siblings. It's much more than rides to school and homework help, but guidance and advice that leads their brothers and sisters on the right path they belong on. Showing that there is a strong link between faith, learning, and leadership, seniors prepare their siblings for their bright futures.



Stevan and Rolando Silva



Andrew and William Nicholson



James and Patrick George



Lois and David Pierce



Chianna and Thomas Bostick

*"As an older sibling, I give my brother advice and hugs (whether he wants them or not), and I take my rightful place as favorite child and his X-box."* - Grecia Corrada, senior



**MOST LIKELY TO BECOME PRESIDENT**



**BEST PERSONALITY**



**MOST TALENTED**

Above: Abounding talent is obvious in these two seniors. Sean Dinh, with his piano proficiency, and Lois Pierce, with her amazing artistic abilities, both have vowed the student body.

Above Middle: The likable personalities of seniors, Joseph McNiff and Michelle Ndwaru are enough to put a smile on anyone's face.

Far Above: These two seniors have expressed a knack for politics. With their strong leadership skills, Christina Matl and Paul Flood have obvious presidential potential.

Top Right: With their captivating charm, seniors, Alfredo Arispe and Abigail Thorud know exactly how to light up a room.

"I think our class, for the most part, is very relaxed, so it's easy to be around everybody."  
- Abigail Thorud, senior



**MOST CHARMING**



**MOST ANGEL SPIRIT**

Top Left: They've got spirit! How 'bout you? Seniors, Caitlyn Hornsby and Kaleb Pena display their red-hot spirit for all to see.

Top Right: They've got a passion for fashion and people have taken notice. They don't let the school uniforms stifle their unique styles. Senior, Ethan Elizondo shows off his stylish sock and shoe combo, while Senior, Lauren Martinez flaunts her chic jewelry.



**BEST DRESSED**



**MOST LIKELY TO LIVE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**



**MOST ATHLETIC**



**MOST CHARITABLE**



**BEST SENSE OF HUMOR**

Above: LOL. The jokes of seniors, Daniel Cassidy and Andrea Tinning never fail to have everyone rolling on the floor laughing.

Left: Service is the main focus of our school and seniors, Jazzmin Hernandez and Christopher Guerra demonstrate it beautifully. From participating in service opportunities to just helping with homework, they give of themselves to the assistance of others and are always eager to help.

Middle Left: Top senior athletes, Jared Coco and Samantha Simank have represented the school well throughout their high school running careers. Both students have won many awards in both cross country and track because of their dedication to athletics.

Top Left: Although seniors, Dilan Patel and Ava Buchan are making it in America, these two could definitely thrive in a foreign country with their adventurous nature.

# Making A Mark

## How They'll Be Remembered

Our seniors are a motley crew and this crew is soon off to college. Through their years of high school they have definitely made their mark and the underclassmen have a lot to live up to. Our seniors display a wide range of talents and various notable characteristics. Students from our school are always commended for their academic achievements, but our spectrum is far wider than that. From fashionistas to comedians, we have a miscellaneous group. We are a diverse school and diverse senior class, which means it is only right that we highlight that. This is why, every year, the senior class takes time to vote for their favorite seniors to represent the colorful range of attributes that we possess. We have athletes; We have musicians; We have explorers; We have do-gooders; We have it ALL. The senior class of 2015 has made their mark and they will be remembered.



"We're like a television show with a hundred different characters. We put on a good show and have fun while we're young." - Daniel Cassidy, senior

# Passing Down a Legacy

## Taking up the Responsibility

Senior by senior, everyone has something that they wish to pass down to an important someone. To some, it may be their lucky shoes, others, a musical talent, and some have a great position that needs to be filled. With much anticipation, underclassmen await to discover what lucky individuals will receive a legacy from a senior. The concept of the senior will is to maintain a long lasting connection between a senior and their school. This is a bond that goes throughout every person who has ever encountered this school. The underclassmen are the ones who take up the responsibility and work through the rest of their high school career to bring up this legacy for years to come.

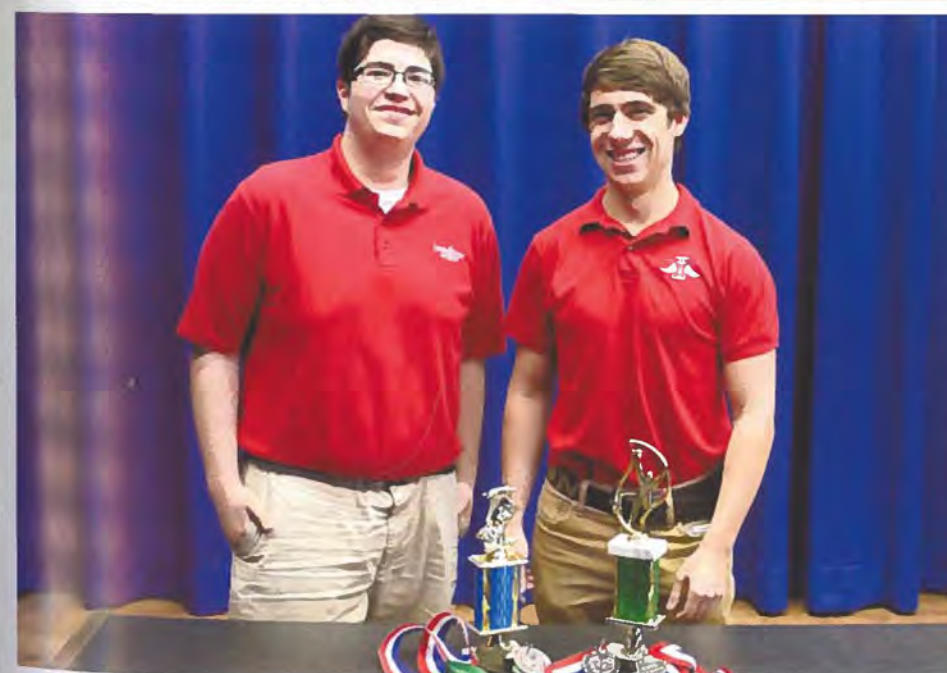


"I'm so happy to have had a great season this year with my girls! It's safe to say we definitely shared blood, sweat, tears, smiles, laughs, and a bond of sisterhood that we will cherish forever! I'm truly blessed to have ended my senior year with a group of girls who are dedicated and will carry on the Angel spirit without me. Lots of love." - Caitlyn Hornsby, Senior

Top: Style and science makes this sisterhood work as senior, Samantha Simank passes down the Simank "jeans" (genes) to freshman, Anna Simank.  
Above: With Angel spirit, senior, Caitlyn Hornsby gives her cheerleading sisters her pep, smile, and pom-poms.

Right: Ready to grant him the coveted position, senior, John Franey passes down leadership and full control of The Crew II to junior, Pablo Mendizabal.

Below: We can tell this family bond is strong by their unity! Senior, Natasha Villagomez gives this message of support to siblings, freshman, Valeria Villagomez and junior, Alexander Villagomez. "I hope that though I will not be here with you guys next year, you always remember to stick together and continue to push each other to be the best that you can be."



Above Center: In order for sophomore, Stephen Parlamas to fill in his shoes, senior, Alfred Dimas leaves a pair of basketball shoes so that he may also excel in the sport.

Above: The heart and soul of soccer is not the only strength, but senior, John Harney also passes on the knowledge to survive senior year to junior, Andrew Montgomery.

Upper Left: After fixing their luscious locks for the day, senior, Paris Shirley bequeaths his collection of combs and morning blow dryer to sophomore, Stevan Silva.

Center: As a symbol of their appreciation for the sport, senior, Rolando Silva passes down a basketball to junior, Joshua Peetz.

Left: Their love of acting will keep them together. Sharing his passion, senior, Joseph Gore, passes down his State Championship Theater Arts trophies and medals to sophomore, Matthew Oliveira.

# Making the Most of It

## Round Four

With the days slowly dwindling down until graduation, you can find any senior preparing for their last few days of high school. Although many students will be leaving their home, family, and friends, college is just around the corner and students look forward to even more new experiences. They are taking their education to the next level! For now, students are enjoying the last precious moments together as a class while continuing to make memories that will last a lifetime.



Right: More than ready for their last basketball season of their high school career, seniors, Hannah Ehrman, Bianca Valderrama, and Sarah Garza wear their warm-up suits and show their angel pride for spirit day during Homecoming Week.



Above: One, two, three, four it looks like these seniors, William Carrillo and Alfredo Arispe are declaring a thumb war! These seniors took a break during class to see who will reign as thumb war champion.

Right: As they strike their best pose, seniors, Ava Buchan and Christina Matl look their best for their last year at MORP in the Daughtery Center.



Left: Using his resources at his last class retreat, senior, Chance Hunsaker tries his hand at juggling. As a varsity tennis player, it seems Chance is better at juggling school and athletics rather than apples.

Below: Say cheese! Senior, Paris Shirley tries to look his best as he prepares for his senior pictures to be taken in the senior lounge. "I had a lot of emotions going on, but all I could think about was 'Does my hair look good?'" said Paris Shirley.

Far Below: Completely focused on his work, senior, Gasper D'Anna shows his true colors as class clown and goofs off during class. Borrowing a headband from a fellow, classmate, D'Anna poses with his best funny face.



Far Left: Nothing is better than the senior lounge. At least that's what seniors, James George and Loren De Leon are thinking as they battle each other out for the top spot in their game during lunch.

Left: Jumping for joy, senior, Andrea Tinning shows her enthusiasm for her senior year outside of the Pax Christi Retreat Center in Calallen during the senior class retreat.



**SAD GOODBYES** Science Teacher, Sandra Quintero retires after 20 years of teaching. She will be dearly missed.

**STEPPING STONES** This year, the Incarnate Word Academy Library received brand new tile in its walkway.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS** President and CEO, Charles Imbergamo, says farewell as he retires after 5 years of serving the Incarnate Word Academy community.

**A Year Embraced**

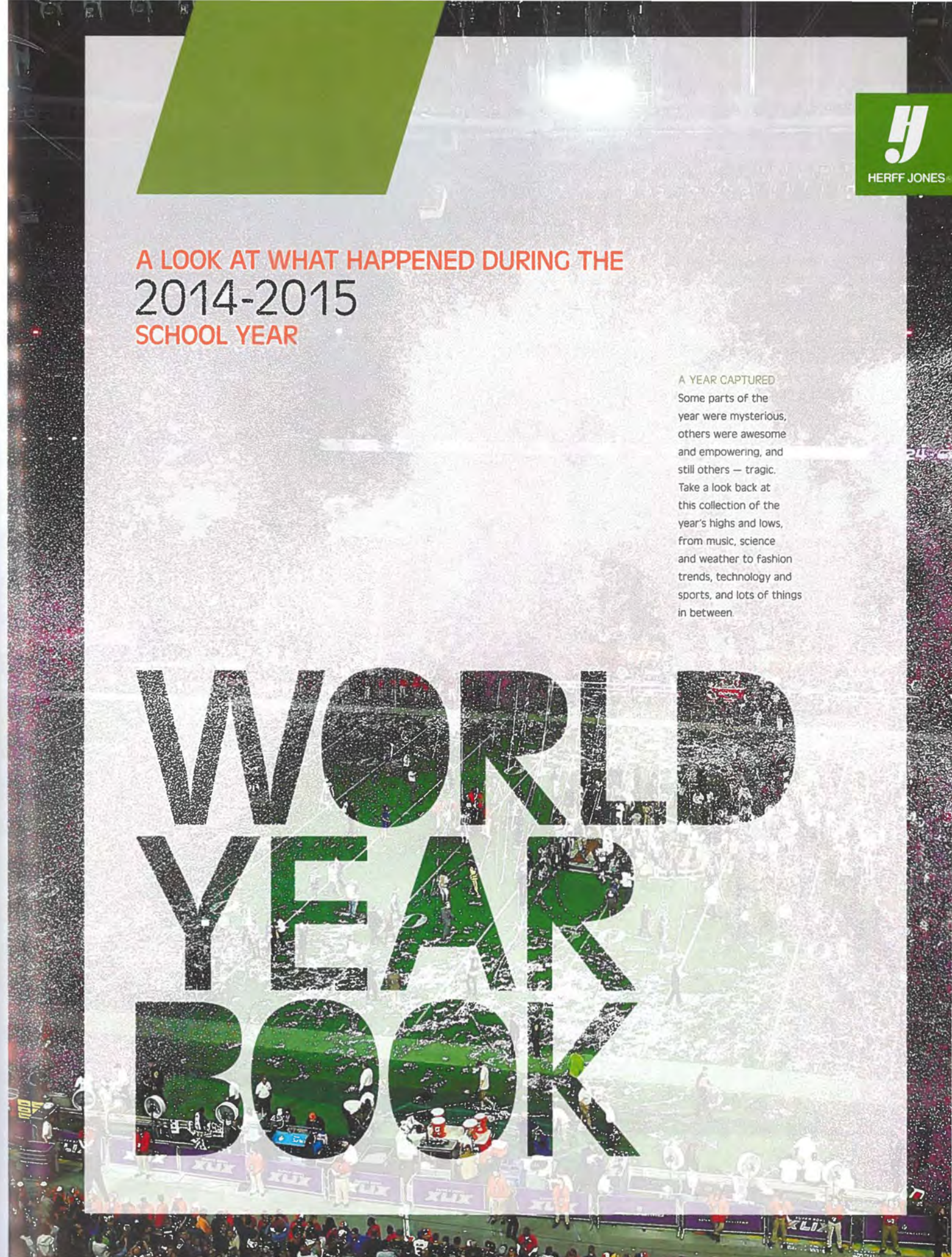
Our Angels are more than dedicated students. Each is unique in their own way. Some are world travelers, some are fearless skydivers, and others are budding zoologists. This year was a chance for students to pursue their dreams, give to their community, and make new memories that will last a lifetime. As we delve into the lives of our students, we not only focus on their academic pursuits, but also on their life outside the classroom. Our city also had an exciting year full of memorable moments. From a Selena memorial to an aquarium tragedy, Corpus Christi had its highs and lows this academic year. However, one fact remains the same, Corpus is the place where our Angels, and our school, call home.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

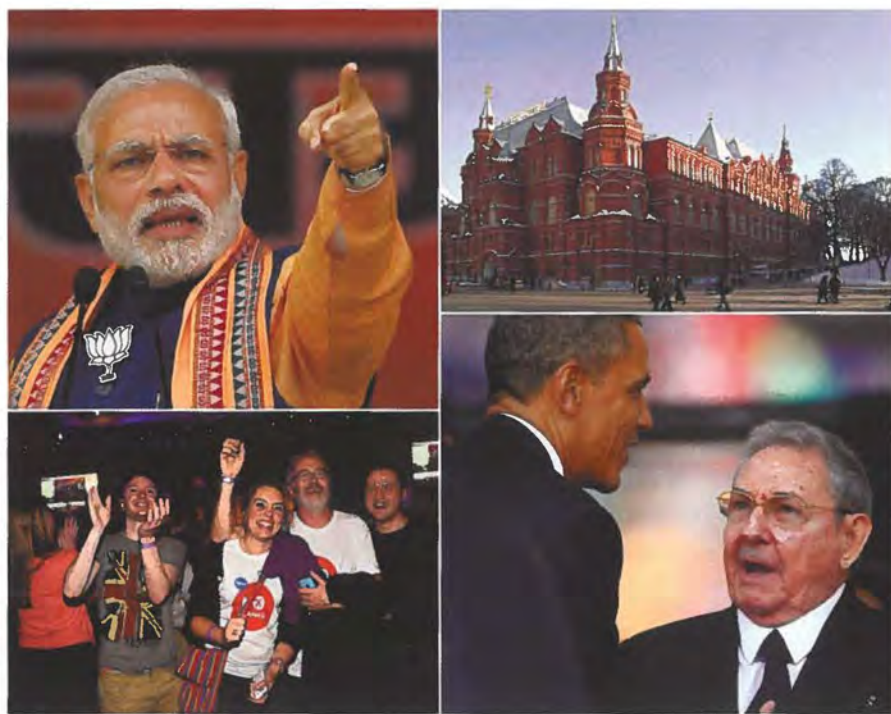
**A YEAR CAPTURED**  
Some parts of the year were mysterious, others were awesome and empowering, and still others — tragic. Take a look back at this collection of the year's highs and lows, from music, science and weather to fashion trends, technology and sports, and lots of things in between.

# WORLD YEAR BOOK



# SHIFTING POWER...

**INDIA'S NEW LEADER** President Pranab Mukherjee appointed Narendra Modi as the new Prime Minister, succeeding Manmohan Singh. **UNEASINESS AFFECTS OTHER NATIONS** Problematic situations in Russia — fueled by a less than desirable economic state and varying opinions of immigration challenges — emphasized struggles within the country and caused other nations to react. The unrest led to Sweden's plan to re-train citizens previously enlisted in the Swedish army. **SCOTLAND REMAINS** Given the chance to be an independent nation, 55% of Scottish citizens voted to remain a part of the United Kingdom. Celebrating ensued after new life was given to a nation contemplating succession. **CUBA AND U.S. MAKE AMENDS** President Obama restored full diplomatic relations between Cuba after 50 years. This led to the release of suspected American spy Alan Gross who was being held in a Cuban prison. Obama, in turn, released three Cuban spies who had been imprisoned for years.



**MH17: WHO TO BLAME?** Definitive evidence showed that Malaysia Airlines MH17 was shot down by a missile. Investigation continued as no group took full responsibility. However, speculations pointed to Russian forces.



**AIRASIA INDONESIA CRASH** Flight QZ8501 crashed into the Java Sea near Borneo in late December, carrying 162 passengers. The aircraft was only halfway to Singapore when its signal was lost due to bad weather conditions.



## Impacted

Seven militants were killed after leading a Pakistani school siege in December. More than 140 people were killed; 132 of them were children.

The extremist group controlled regions in Iraq and Syria and caused heavy unrest in a variety of violent and unsettling militant ways.

Terrorists raided the French magazine office, killing 12. At the same time, 19 people were held hostage at a kosher store; four were murdered.

A major attack on Nigeria occurred in January; it was thought to be the largest ever conducted by the militant group.



# EBOLA

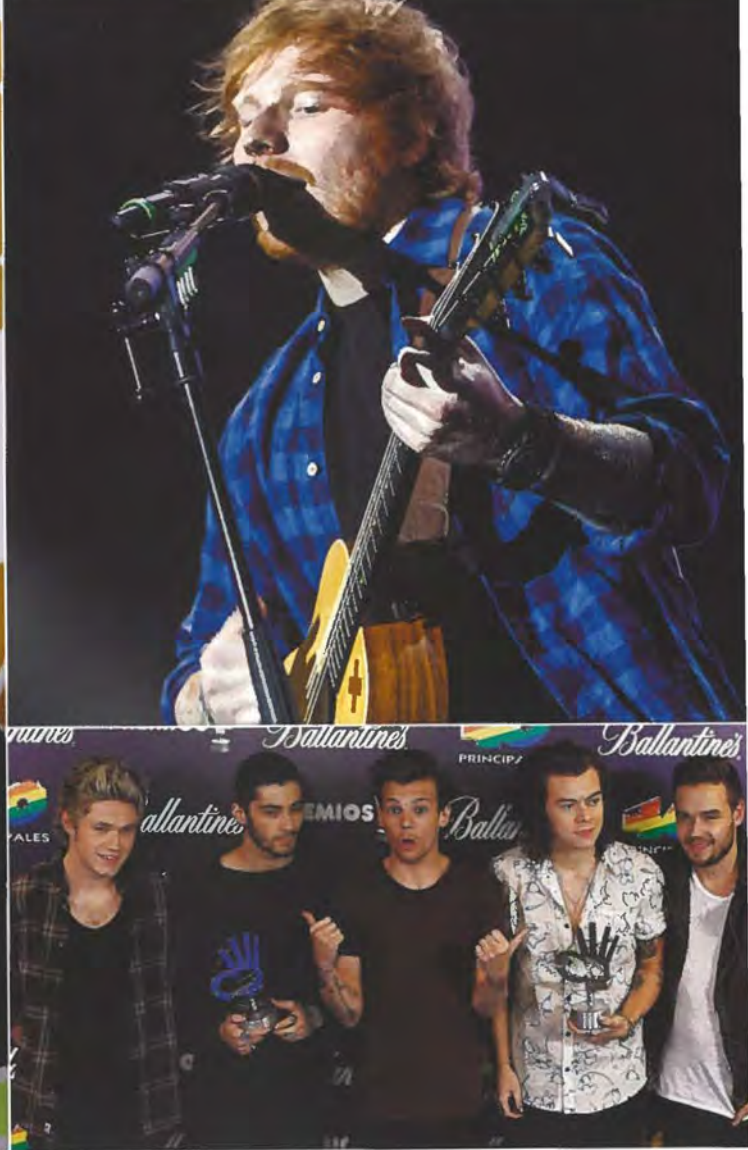
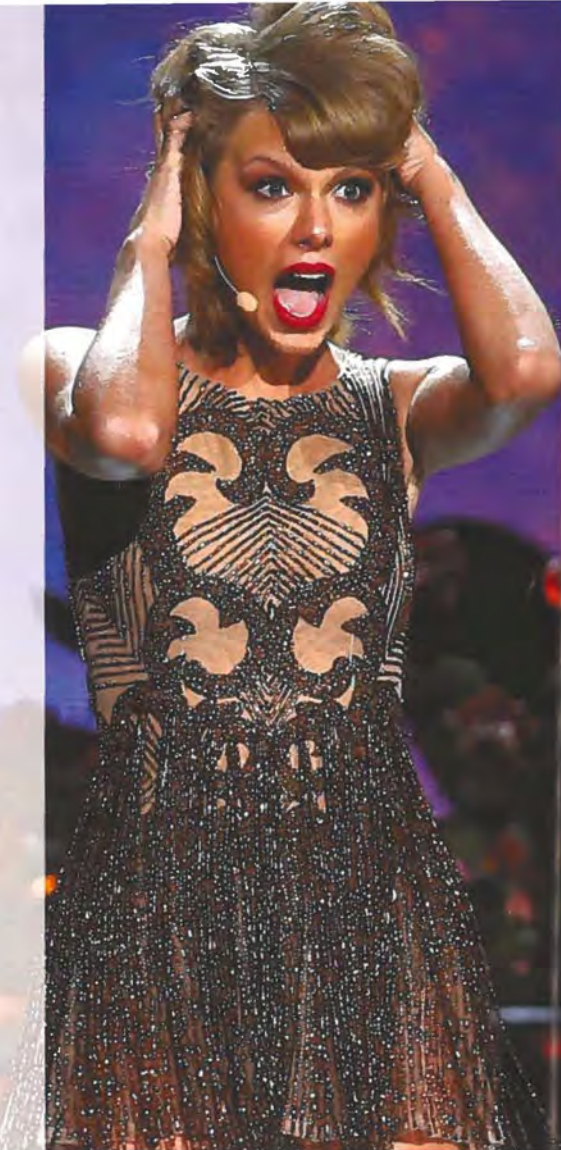


**Ebola Epidemic in West Africa** A severe, usually fatal disease in humans, broke out in West Africa — the largest epidemic since the disease was discovered in 1976. It was transmitted through direct human-to-human contact and included symptoms of fever, diarrhea, weakness, aches, internal bleeding and organ failure. The countries most highly affected were Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia; the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported roughly 9,380 deaths in those three countries alone. The U.S. dealt with limited cases, involving several recoveries and only two deaths — both involving men who had been infected in Africa and traveled back to the U.S. before becoming ill. Even so, Americans panicked and more than 50,000 tweets followed. The World Health Organization raced to develop and test effective vaccines.

# TALK ABOUT SUCCESS

## Swift History and Some Lovable Brits

There was no denying the crazy success generated in 2014 by Taylor Swift, Sam Smith, Ed Sheeran and One Direction — they all continued making headlines (the good kind). Swift made history as “Blank Space” replaced “Shake It Off” on Billboard’s Top 100; she was the only female to ever accomplish this. Her newest album, *1989*, sold more than one million copies its first week. And there was clearly something about the British. One Direction had the highest grossing tour, raking in \$131.5 million in just the first six months of 2014. Fellow Brits Sam Smith and Ed Sheeran were big winners during awards season. Smith took home four Grammys — Record of the Year and Song of the Year for *Stay with Me*, Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Album. Finally, Ed Sheeran won numerous awards, namely People’s Choice Favorite Male Artist, Favorite Album for *X*, Teen Choice Male Artist and MTV VMA’s Best Male Video for “Sing” with Pharrell Williams.



#STAYWITHME

THEY LOOK SO PERFECT 2014 was a busy and successful year for Australian rock band, 5 Seconds of Summer. The group took home the Teen Choice Breakout Group award, American Music Award’s New Artist of the Year, released a self-titled debut album in July and wrapped up a tour. I’M SO FANCY Australian hip-hop artist Iggy Azalea won a People’s Choice Award, a Teen Choice Award and an AMA for Favorite Hip-Hop Artist. Her single, “Fancy” was named Best Song by iTunes and won Teen Choice Award’s R&B/hip-hop song.

SUPER BOWL STARDOM Katy Perry performed Super Bowl XLIX’s halftime show. She entered on a huge prismatic, metal tiger, but the surprises didn’t end there. Missy Elliott joined Perry to perform a set of three hits. Elliott had not produced an album since 2005 which led many to question who she even was. QUEEN BEY Beyoncé’s successes continued. She was named iTunes Best Artist, opened for the Grammys — where she won both Best R&B Song and Performance — renewed her vows with Jay Z, and starred in the 17-city “On the Run” tour.



#WHOSMISSYELLIOTT



## The Award Goes to...

**ARIANA GRANDE** Teen Choice Female Artist and People’s Choice Favorite Breakout Artist were only two of the awards Grande added to her collection.

**MIRANDA LAMBERT** This Texas-born country star won several notable awards including a Grammy for Best Country Album and three separate CMA awards.

**HUNTER HAYES** People’s Choice Favorite Country Male Artist went to 23-year-old Hayes, who also released a second album for which he co-wrote every track.

**CARRIE UNDERWOOD** In addition to winning the Favorite Female Country Artist AMA and People’s Choice awards, she debuted a baby bump in September.



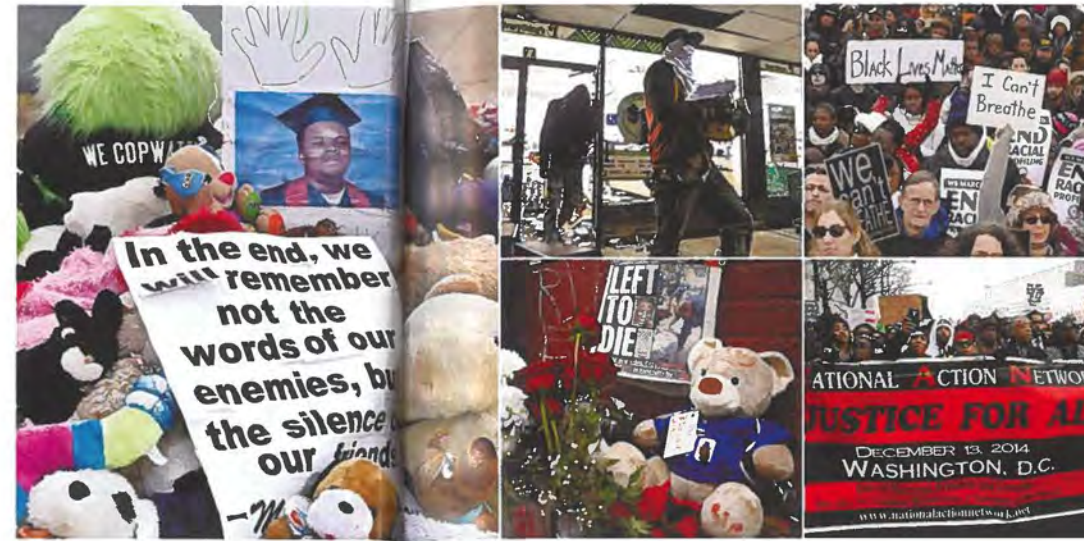
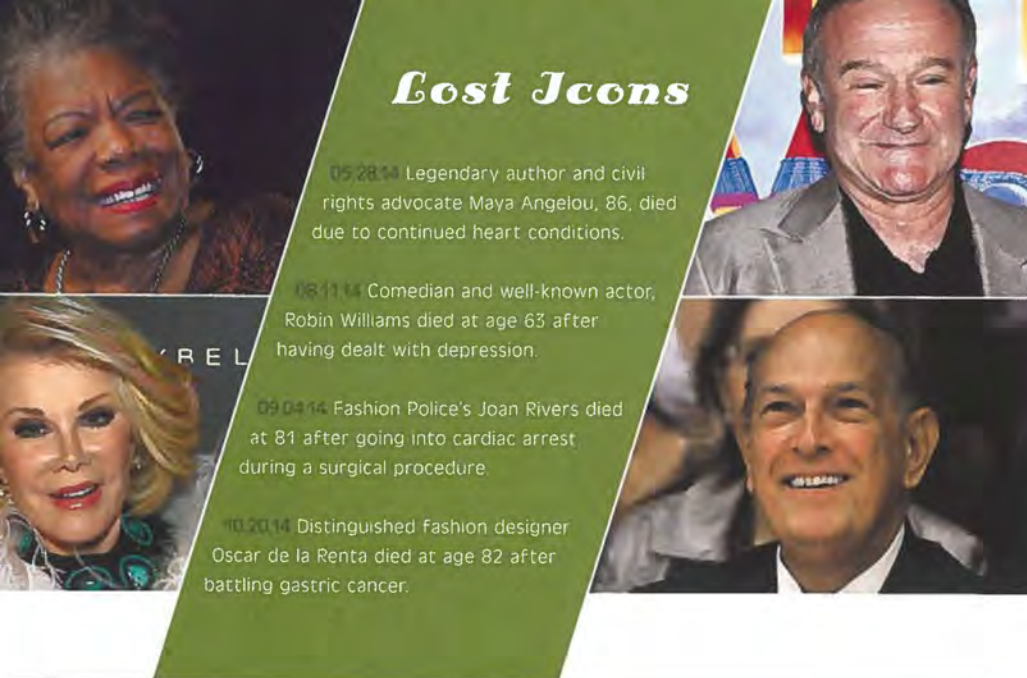
## Lost Icons

05.28.14 Legendary author and civil rights advocate Maya Angelou, 86, died due to continued heart conditions.

08.11.14 Comedian and well-known actor, Robin Williams died at age 63 after having dealt with depression.

09.04.14 Fashion Police's Joan Rivers died at 81 after going into cardiac arrest during a surgical procedure.

10.20.14 Distinguished Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta died at age 82 after battling gastric cancer.



**Community Tension Escalates** Michael Brown, an African American teen in Ferguson, Missouri, was shot and killed by white police officer Darren Wilson in August. Violent and ongoing riots erupted in Ferguson and other U.S. cities, especially after the jury decided not to indict Officer Wilson. In Ferguson, windows and storefronts were shattered, stores were looted, shots were fired and police squad cars were set aflame. Crowds gathered in other parts of the country to protest, claiming that justice had not been served. To make matters worse, the events in Ferguson occurred just three weeks after 43-year-old Eric Garner was approached by officers in New York who observed him selling untaxed cigarettes. Garner reportedly had his hands in the air for police, but was put into a chokehold and thrown to the ground where he muttered, "I can't breathe! I can't breathe!" After lying motionless on the ground, Garner, an asthmatic, died on the way to the hospital. Protests nationwide regarding his death followed — including one with his family marching alongside Reverend Al Sharpton in Upper Manhattan calling for a full investigation of his death.

## cultural issues impact legislation

### DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Brittany Maynard was a 29-year-old Californian who learned that her brain cancer would ultimately kill her. She was told her condition would only worsen, so she decided that death with dignity was the best option. Her family relocated to Oregon, one of just three states that honored this decision, where she ended her life on November 1, 2014. Before her death, she worked closely with Compassion & Choices, an end-of-life choice advocacy group, in hopes to make choice an option for other terminally ill individuals.

### GUN CONTROL & MENTAL HEALTH

Due to school shootings like the one at Sandy Hook Elementary and more than 20 others in the two years since, gun control became an issue that demanded attention. But the focus turned toward mental health and the attention it deserved in regard to tragic shootings. It was perplexing to some that only 27 states increased funding for mental health in 2014. There were hopes that other states would pattern plans like Virginia, Minnesota and Wisconsin in their efforts to provide proactive mental health services for clients of all ages.

### Raising Awareness

**ALS CHALLENGE** Social media allowed the "Ice Bucket Challenge" to go viral. Designed to raise awareness of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), people would post a video of themselves dumping ice water over their heads and then challenge someone else to do the same or alternatively, donate money to The ALS Association. The campaign raised more than \$220 million worldwide.

# MAKING HEADLINES



#ICEBUCKETCHALLENGE

**MEMORIAL MUSEUM DEDICATION** In May, 2014, the September 11 Memorial Museum opened to the public in New York, and displayed familiar 9/11 sights and artifacts. **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** Thirteen years after 9/11, One World Trade Center — the tallest building in America — opened its doors



**CONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN** A memorial honored police officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, who were shot and killed in their squad car in Brooklyn. The shooter, Ismaaiyl Brinsley who then killed himself, had earlier posted on social media expressing distaste for the police.



## America Decides

**REPUBLICANS TAKE SENATE** The midterm elections rendered a dramatic shift in political party dominance as the GOP won seats from the Democratic Party — rounding out the House with 247 seats, and the Senate with 54 — for the first time in more than 80 years.





# NOT THE NORM

## Volcanic Action in Hawaii and Iceland

Lava from the Bardarbunga volcano flowed after a series of earthquakes in late August, expanding the size of Iceland. The spreading of the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates allowed lava to fill the gap, increasing Iceland's land area; enough molten rock was released to cover an NFL football field every 5.5 minutes. Unlike the eruption in Hawaii, no one lived near Bardarbunga's lava flow. Mount Kilauea on Hawaii's 'Big Island', one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted in June, threatening surrounding communities with a continuous river of lava. It surged toward the town of Pahoa causing most residents to evacuate, as there were few other options. Gravel roads were built as escape routes, but some residents requested to watch their homes burn in order to cope with the loss.

**TWIN TORNADOS** Pilger, Nebraska, witnessed rare twin twisters in mid-June causing two deaths, 16 injuries and flattened homes.

**TYPHOON RAMMASUN** The Philippines, China and Vietnam fell victim to a July super typhoon that claimed more than 150 lives, destroyed thousands of homes and wiped out crops.

**PINEAPPLE EXPRESS STORM** While the strongest rainstorm in years hit California and the Pacific Northwest in February leaving thousands without power and causing flooding and mudslides, the storms were not enough to eliminate drought conditions.

**EARTHQUAKE** A 6.0 tremor, the strongest since 1989, shook the Napa Valley. Dozens were injured, thousands lost power, and several buildings and roads were damaged.



## TECHNOLOGICAL...

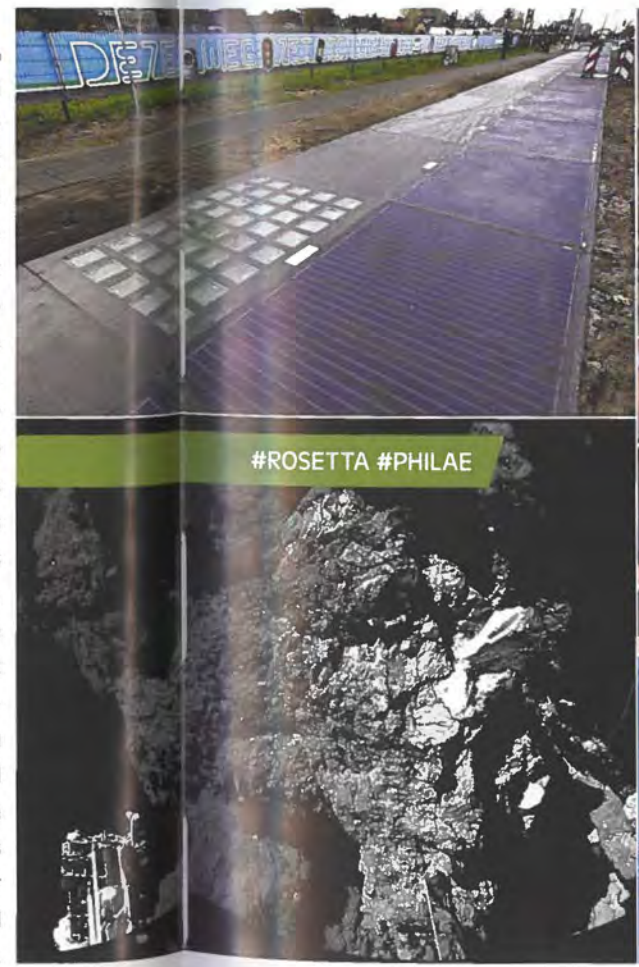
**NETHERLANDS SOLARROAD** The world's first solar road was built in Krommenie, Holland — a 230-foot long bike path that turned sunlight into energy to power street lights, traffic lights and even households. Officials planned to continue testing the solar road to develop even more energy-producing roads.

**SPACESHIP TWO** Co-pilot Michael Alsbury died in Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo as it disintegrated above California due to a premature unlocking of its feathering system. His co-pilot was injured, but parachuted to safety.

**ROSETTA MISSION** History was made as spacecraft Philae landed on a comet 300 million miles from Earth. Harpoons shot into the comet's surface, anchoring the craft to the ground. Philae was set to drill for samples and help European astronomers study the composition and magnetic fields of the comet, but the inability to recharge its solar panels caused Philae to go missing.

**MARYAM MIRZAKHANI** For the first time ever, the Fields Medal went to a woman. Iranian-born Mirzakhani spent a decade mathematically analyzing billiard geometrics to understand the symmetry of curved surfaces.

**NEREUS DEEP SEA SUBMARINE** The \$8 million U.S. craft imploded under intense pressure 10 kilometers down during an exploration of the Kermadec Trench near Northeast New Zealand. The robot was built in 2008 and offered insights to unexplored oceans within its brief life.



#ROSETTA #PHILAE



**BREADNOUGHTUS** Bones from possibly the largest dinosaur in existence — approximately 85 feet long and 65 tons — were unearthed in Argentina's southwestern Patagonia.

**PELAGORNIS SANDERSI** The Charleston Museum held the fossils of a newly discovered species and presumably the largest flying bird ever. *P. sandersi* had a 20-24 foot wingspan and was thought to be alive 25 to 26 million years ago.

#PELAGORNIS



#WORSTPLAYCALLEVER



#LEBRONING



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**SUPER BOWL XLIX** The New England Patriots celebrated the game-saving interception by Malcolm Butler in the fourth quarter, beating the Seattle Seahawks 28-24. Tom Brady was named Super Bowl XLIX Most Valuable Player, and joined Joe Montana as the only three-time quarterback winners of the MVP.



## Game Changers

**GIANT WIN** SF Giants defeated the KC Royals in the World Series with the heroics of pitcher Madison Bumgarner who clinched with only two days' rest. This was the Giants' third championship in five years.

**NHL HOCKEY** Los Angeles Kings revelled as Stanley Cup Champions after beating the New York Rangers 3-2 to take the best of seven series in just five games.

**NBA MEN'S BASKETBALL** The San Antonio Spurs celebrated their fifth NBA Finals Championship with a 104-87 victory over the Miami Heat in game five. The Spurs won by an average of 18 points per game to deny Miami a three-peat.

**FIRST FEMALE NBA COACH** The Spurs hired Becky Hammon, a six-time WNBA All-Star as an assistant coach.

**RETURNING HOME** Cleveland welcomed forward LeBron James back to the Cavaliers after he blogged the announcement of his decision to return.

**FIFA WORLD CUP** Fans celebrate Germany's fourth World Cup Championship after Mario Götze scored the winning goal against Argentina. The final score was 1-0.

**RECORD SAVES USA** goalie Tim Howard upped the mark with 16 saves against Belgium. Team USA lost 2-1, but he was still regarded as one of the best goalies in the world.

**WNBA SUCCESS** After the most wins ever in a WNBA season, the Phoenix Mercury swept the Chicago Sky in the WNBA Finals. Star center Brittney Griner sat out game three with an injury, but Diana Taurasi, Candice Dupree and the Mercury prevailed.



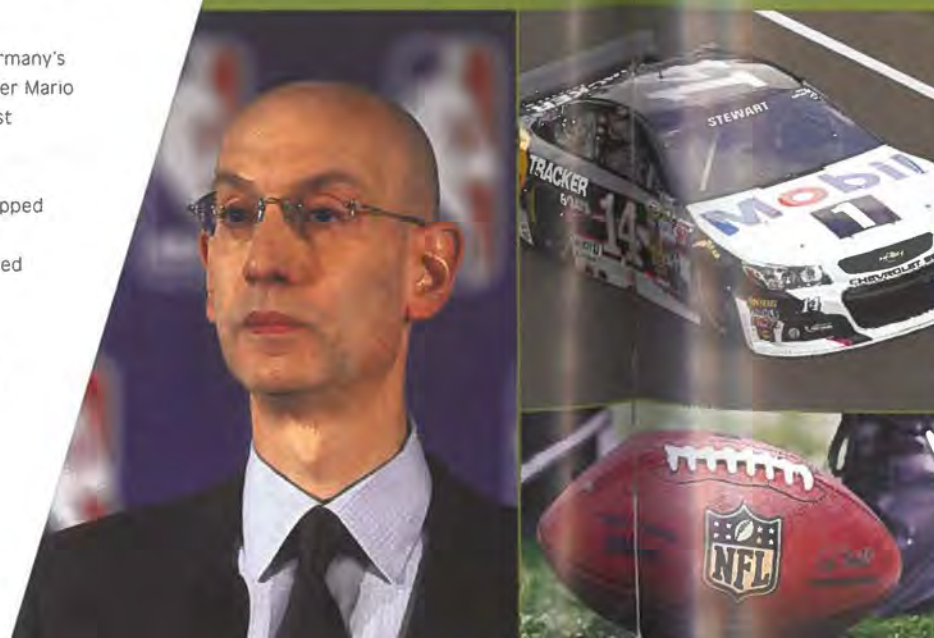
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## WINNER, WINNER...

**TOUR DE FRANCE** Vincenzo Nibali was the 101st winner of the race that he led for 18 of the 21 days allotted for the contest. **AUGUSTA MASTERS** Bubba Watson earned his second green jacket with a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th green. **U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN** Michelle Wie, 24, won the U.S. Women's Open — her first career major — with a final-round even-par 70. **NASCAR** Kevin Harvick raises the Sprint Cup Trophy after he raced to victory at Homestead-Miami Speedway. **CZECH VICTORY AT WIMBLEDON** Petra Kvitova defeated Canadian Eugenie Bouchard 6-3, 6-0 to win the singles title. **BCS CHAMP** Ohio State Buckeyes won the College Football Playoff Championship over the Oregon Ducks with a final score of 42-20. **WIMBLEDON CENTRE COURT** Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer in a five-set match with scores of 6-7(7), 6-4, 7-6(4), 5-7 and 6-4. **HEISMAN** Oregon Ducks QB Marcus Mariota took honors as the first Hawaiian to win the Heisman Trophy after a three-year journey with the team. **KENTUCKY DERBY** California Chrome and jockey Victor Espinoza won the famed race in Louisville with Commanding Curve and Danza finishing second and third.

# KEEPING SCORE

**Spiraling Sports Controversies** NASCAR, NBA and NFL found themselves surrounded by controversy accompanied by inevitable attention, opinions and the need for decisions to be made. LA Clipper's former owner, Donald Sterling found himself in the spotlight after being accused of making racist remarks that upset many. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver decided to ban Sterling from the NBA for life, fined him the maximum of \$2.5 million and forced him to sell the team. Three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Tony Stewart was involved in an accident on a dirt track in New York in which his car struck and killed 20-year-old driver Kevin Ward. Controversy continued following an Ontario County grand jury's decision not to indict Stewart after finding no evidence that he actually committed a crime. Domestic violence incidents unveiled within the NFL pushed Commissioner Roger Goodell to enact tougher penalties for such behavior through new policies that held players more accountable for their actions, with little to no gray area.



#RE2PECT



**NO. 2 RETIRED** Derek Jeter finished his career with an RBI single in the Yankees' 9-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox. He hugged his teammates and waved goodbye to 36,879 fans in Fenway Park. The stadium, social media and fans everywhere bid a heartfelt farewell to the Captain. **SPORTSCASTER REMEMBERED** After a lengthy battle with appendix cancer, Stuart Scott died at age 49. His talent, work ethic and dedication to the world of sports created the legacy he left behind. **LITTLE LEAGUE STAR** Philadelphia's Mo'Ne Davis was named SportsKid of the Year and was the first female pitcher to ever win a Little League World Series shut-out.

# BIG TIME

**THE BIG SCREEN** Google took over the largest billboard in Times Square with a 77.69 x 329.65 foot Mitsubishi Electric display. The record-breaking billboard took up an entire block on Broadway.



#ALEXFROMTARGET

**INSTANT TWITTER FAME**  
An everyday Twitter user posted this photo of an ordinary Target cashier and it instantly went viral. Alex Lee, @acl163, went from around 144 Twitter followers to more than 600,000 and even made an appearance on the Ellen DeGeneres Show.



## CAMERA CRAZY...

**SELFIES ON A STICK** These new devices gained popularity because they allowed users to take photos, specifically selfies, in a more inclusive way. However, many popular museums like New York's MoMA banned the selfie sticks for visitor safety and protection of the art. **DRONES AND PRIVACY** President Obama issued an Executive Order regarding the federal use of drones and the privacy concerns that followed. Obama said drones "may play a transformative role in fields as diverse as urban infrastructure management, farming, public safety... and disaster response." **AMAZON AND GOPRO** Leading into the holidays, Amazon announced its number one selling camera — the GoPro, a wearable type of camera often used when performing high-action sports like skiing, motorsports and other extreme outdoor activities.

### The Art of 3D Printing

**IN THE KITCHEN** Culinary technologies like the Foodini and ChefJet advanced and increased the odds of 3D printing your food and desserts. **IN THE OPERATING ROOM** John Cousins began a 3D printing business and used it to create replicas of his kidneys to help doctors operate on him when he had appendicitis.



#MANBUN



#COMEGITBAE



**WHAT COLOR IS IT?** White and gold or black and blue — the dress debate divided the Internet. **N+2 JET** Lockheed worked on a supersonic jet that would travel across the U.S. in 2.5 hours and hold 80 passengers. **UBER** The taxi alternative app made the list of Apple's most popular. **THE MAN BUN** A trending hairstyle was the self-explanatory man bun. Harry Styles was among the men who sported one. **ROYAL TWEETS** Queen Elizabeth expanded her technological horizons and joined Twitter in October. **GAS PRICES** The price of gas dipped below \$2 in several states, the lowest it had been since 2009. **GOOGLE GLASS** Google decided to take their first-version technology wearables off the market. **APPLE ADVANCES** Apple attracted attention with the announcement of the Watch and iPad, and they broke the previous record for pre-order sales with the iPhone 6. **BEATS AND APPLE** Apple bought out Beats by Dre and nearly tripled his net worth — more than he ever made, even while on tour. **WEARABLES** Technology textiles became reality — like these that were worn to track health and workout habits. **MINECRAFT** Microsoft bought Minecraft developer Mojang for \$2.5 billion after the game sold 16.5 million copies. **BAE** The popular slang word popped up in Pharrell's hit song and had people speculating what it meant. "Before Anyone Else" was one common explanation. **TESLA** As the electric car company aimed to increase brand awareness, Tesla charging stations began popping up all over the U.S.

**DESTINY** Developed by the same creator as *Halo*, the game made more than \$500 million the day it was released, making it the best selling video game ever. **BAYONETTA 2** A sequel to the first *Bayonetta*, the game was published by Nintendo for Wii U and was awarded a Forbes Gold Award. **MARIO KART 8** The popular kart racing game, released worldwide in May, won a Forbes Gold Award and took the number five spot on *Time's* "Top 10 Best Video Games of the Year" list.



## north korean hack on sony

DRAMA WITH *THE INTERVIEW*

Sony Pictures was hacked in late November and North Korea was immediately blamed because of Sony's plan to release the comedy, *The Interview*, featuring an assassination attempt on supreme leader Kim Jong Un. North Korea denied the claim, but the FBI later confirmed that they were indeed behind the hack. Sony decided not to release the film after North Korea threatened violent attacks on the U.S. When Obama called the hack an act of cyber vandalism, the film was shown on Christmas Day in 330 independent theaters and was available for streaming online for just \$5.99. The movie made \$15 million in its first four days of release.

## Books, Books & More Books

**GIRL ONLINE** 24-year-old Zoe Sugg started out posting beauty and fashion videos on YouTube, and then wrote her first novel *Girl Online*, which sold more copies in its first week than any other UK-released debut novel.

**TOP READS** The year's young adult fiction tended to focus on relatable, real-life situations; popular titles included *I'll Give You The Sun* by Jandy Nelson, *Belzhar* by Meg Wolitzer, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson and *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.



## Movies & Television

**SIMPSONS** The show received Best and Favorite Animated TV Show on the Teen Choice and People's Choice Awards and celebrated its 25th year on-air.

**THE FAULT IN OUR STARS** The John Green novel turned into a movie released in June. It made \$124,872,350 at the box office.

**MODERN FAMILY** The ABC show won three Emmys, including Outstanding Supporting Actor with Ty Burrell as Phil Dunphy.

**THE HUNGER GAMES: Mockingjay Part I** was the highest grossing film of the year, raking in \$336 million.

**BIG BANG THEORY** Jim Parsons won an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor; the show also earned three separate honors at the Teen Choice and People's Choice Awards.

**ELLEN** The comedian won Favorite Daytime TV Host at the People's Choice Awards.

**GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** The PG-13 film hit theaters in August and was the second highest grossing film of the year.

**AMERICAN SNIPER** Starring Bradley Cooper, this film made more than \$280 million the month following its wide release.

**PRETTY LITTLE LIARS** The ABC drama won Teen Choice Award's Best Drama and People's Choice Favorite Cable TV Drama.

**SNL** The show celebrated its 40th anniversary in February with big-name appearances and hilarious skits.

**BEST ACTRESS** Julianne Moore won an Oscar for her talented portrayal in *Still Alice*.

**BEST ACTOR** Eddie Redmayne won a coveted Oscar for his intense performance in *The Theory of Everything*.

**JON STEWART** The television host announced his decision to leave *The Daily Show* after 17 years of anchoring the show.

**BEST ANIMATED FEATURE** *Big Hero 6* won an Oscar; the movie featured a large inflatable robot and a team of high-tech heroes.

**MALEFICENT** Starring Angelina Jolie, this movie won Favorite Movie/Favorite Family Movie at the People's Choice Awards.





## Other News

**WHITE HOUSE MISHAPS** After a string of serious security breaches, President Obama appointed a new director of Secret Service, Joseph Clancy.

**TOBACCO BAN** In an effort to improve American health, CVS decided to stop selling cigarettes in all stores.

**IT'S A TIE** For the first time in 52 years, two teenagers, Sriram Hathwar and Ansun Sujoe, tied as the National Spelling Bee champions.

**VACCINATION CONCERNS** When the flu vaccine administered to many Americans was supposedly only 23% effective, a record number of individuals were hospitalized due to the virus. A Disneyland measles outbreak reignited the debate over whether children must be vaccinated or not.

**ROUGH WINTER** The Northeast broke temperature and snowfall records repeatedly as major storms pummeled the region. By mid-February, Boston was within inches of breaking the all-time record for most snow in a season.

**NORMCORE** The fashion industry introduced a new style attitude that was chic, yet seemingly normal.

**SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE** The trend of direct-to-consumer farming became an increasingly popular option.

**ANNUAL GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS DAY** The world's shortest and tallest living men — Chandra Bahadur, 21.5 inches, and Sultan Kösen, 8 feet 3 inches — attended the celebration in London.

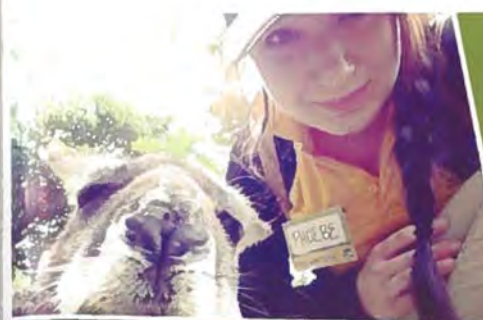
**YIK YAK** A new social media platform allowed users to post anonymous statuses, paving the way for cyber bullying and causing some schools to ban the app.

**DAYTONA 500** NASCAR changed up its qualifying format for the first time in 57 years, upsetting many drivers. Penske driver Joey Logano captured his first-ever Daytona 500 victory.

**TIGHTROPE** 35-year-old Nik Wallenda completed a high-rope walk above the city of Chicago without wearing a harness or having a safety net below.



**ANOTHER ROYAL BABY** Kate Middleton and Prince William announced in September that they were expecting their second child. **CLOONEY TIES THE KNOT** One of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors married Amal Alamuddin in a private ceremony in Venice, Italy. **LIVELY-REYNOLDS BABY** Power couple Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds welcomed their first child to the world in December — a baby girl whose name remained a mystery for months. **BRANCELINA** After 10 years and six children together, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were wed in a private ceremony attended by just 20 family members and friends in a chapel at Château Miraval in Correns, France.



## Angel News

**DOWN UNDER** Senior, Phoebe Strain worked at a zoo in Australia over the summer. "I got a lot of hands on experience with the animals. My favorite were the wombats, They were so cute!" said Strain.

**THE SKY'S THE LIMIT** Senior, Hannah Ehrman went paragliding over Jackson Hole, Wyoming. "At first I was nervous, but once we got into the air I had so much fun and was glad I did it," commented Ehrman.

**TRAGEDY STRIKES** A chemical mix-up at the Texas State Aquarium resulted in the death of over 390 creatures, including the beloved 25-year-old shark, Hans.

**SOMETHING BUMPY** This year, a \$55 million bond program implemented every two years will lead to an overall improvement in the streets of Corpus Christi.

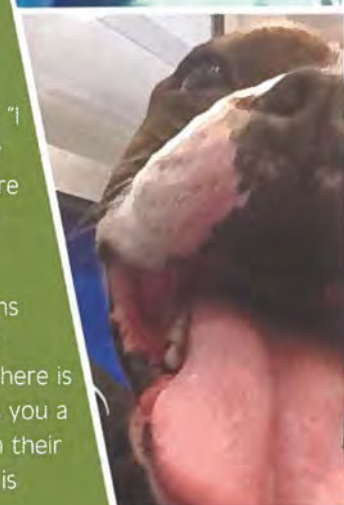
**CONFIRMATION** On May 24, sophomore, Julia Spencer made Confirmation at the Cathedral. "I felt as if the Holy Spirit was strong, especially being at the Cathedral. It makes me even more excited to know that I was fully initiated into the Catholic faith," commented Spencer.

**PUPPY LOVE** This year, junior, Emily Adams began working at the Gulf Coast Humane Society. "My favorite aspect of working there is taking all the dogs on their walks. It gives you a chance to play with them and really learn their personalities," said Adams. Pictured right is Bowser, an English Bulldog.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** Thousands gather for the Fiesta de la Flor in Corpus Christi, Texas. The festival honored the life and legacy of Tejano star, Selena Quintanilla Perez.

**MUSIC MAESTRO** Sophomore, Paris Hanna played piano at Carnegie Hall. "It was a once in a lifetime experience that I'll never forget," said Hanna.

**RENAISSANCE REVELRY** Sophomore, Marcos Tapia rides an elephant at the Renaissance Festival in Houston, Texas. "It was definitely an experience to remember. I never thought I'd ride an elephant," commented Marcos.



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I have been involved in yearbook all four years of high school. Each year I was given the chance to delve beyond the surface of what this school has to offer, and explore every club, class and sport we have. That opportunity was essential in my years in high school, as I was able to appreciate the school I was attending from different angles and aspects. I grew to love documenting each theater arts performance and soccer game, and began to strive to create a staff that produced high quality work not

because they had to, but because they wanted to. I am extremely proud of what my staff and I have accomplished this year. We met each seemingly impossible deadline with a smile, and grew together as a staff with each page. It wasn't always easy, but it was and always will be worth it. Through the late nights spent editing, two-hour long meetings, and challenging assignments, we persevered because we saw the bigger picture ahead. As the production of this book comes to a close, I am extremely thankful for those who have helped me along the way. I am so proud of what my staff has accomplished, and I hope you enjoy this book in its entirety.

- Winter Tate

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Front Row: John McNiff, Trevor Creamean, Noah Garcia, Stevan Silva, Hunter Garza Top Row: Jesus Mireles, Stephen McCullough, William Yeager, Joshua Guernsey, Maximiliano Elizondo, Jesse Casas, Coach, Tyler Gentry





Freshmen Boys' Basketball

Front Row: Evangelino Pangilinan, Zachary Lee, Carson Burns, Jesse Casas, Gabriel Sohn-Hunt Back Row: Esteban Martinez, Robert Walsh, Herbert Morrison, Joshua Guernsey, Donte Joseph, Coach Tyler Gentry



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Varsity Cheerleading

Front Row: Alysa Brady, Janel Soliz, Caitlyn Hornsby, Angela Hubbard, Andrea Puyol Top Row: Ashley Elliott, Hannah De Leon, Mary Fergie, Madison Leeves, Alexandra Gonzalez Not Pictured: Mariah Montemayor, Cheyenne Moreno-Arispe, Alexis Cervantes



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Varsity Boys' Golf

Pictured: Hicks Layton, Wills Layton, William Teichman, Zachary Hartman Not Pictured: Paul Flood





Junior Varsity Boys' Golf

Pictured: Nicholas Elizondo, Blake Herbst, Justin Cavazos, Diego Basaldu



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Back Row: Coach, Robert Ramirez, Evangelino Pangilinan, Hamilton Lee, Brandon Camacho, Jesse Casas, Thomas Loeffler, John Harney, Marcos Ruiz





Varsity Girls' Soccer

Front Row: Madeleine McCutchon, Hannah Rodriguez Second Row: Mary Matt, Franceska Alvarado, Natalie Trevino, Claudia Leal, Elaina Lara, Madeline Brown, Daniela Carreno, Delayna Ramirez Top Row: Coach, Bill Cleveland, Jullian Brown, Bella Kim, Cheyenne Moreno-Arispe, Jacquelyn Douglas, Claire Walsh, Abigail Floerke, Remy Ellison, Coach, Carrie Moore



Varsity Softball

Front Row: Milan Garza, Janel Soliz, Taylor Guzman, Hayley Guerra, Mckenzie McCoy, Alexis Brown, Nicole Morrison Top Row: Alyssa Perez, Kimberly Ramirez, Jurnee Simpson, Kate Pekar, Amanda Spiegelhoff, Angelina Wolfe, Madeline Thompson, Nicole Flanigan, Savannah Bevalet, Hannah De Leon, Mary Buhidar



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Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Michael Morales, Steven Coutin Second Row: Claire Weis, Meredith Kirkland, Joyce Hunsaker, Paris Hanna Top Row: Coach, Ron Gressett, Chance Hunsaker, Michael Rock, Jonathan Deleon





Junior Varsity Tennis

Coach, Joe Hernandez, Ashley Salinas, Carolina Munoz, Elijah Wolfe, Marcos Tapia, Adriel Alaniz, Coach, Ron Gressett



Boys' Track

Front Row: Harrison Longwell, George Novack, Kevin Morrison, Antonio Vidal, Alexsander Villagomez, Jesse Casas, Draven Reyes Middle Row: Jared Coco, Thomas Loeffler, Stephen Parlamas, Hunter Garza, James Faught, Trevor Creamean Back Row: Blake Herbst, John Franey, William Nicholson, Michael Diejomaoh, Stephen McCullough, Khoa Nguyen, Cesar Hernandez, Andrew Nicholson Not Pictured: Chance Hunsaker

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2014 Varsity Team Varsity Volleyball Coach Pettus  
 Pictured: Avery Cohen, Abigail Thorud, Kate Pekar, Jian Cruz, Jazzmin Hernandez, Leslie Fagan, Hayley Guerra, Ellis Martin, Mary Dragon, Madeline Peetz, Coach, Ashley Pettus





### Junior Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Ellis Martin, Alyssa Perez, Luz Fernandez Middle Row: Abigail Sheets Back Row: Coach, Matthew Petrone, Catherine Schultz, Jacquelyn Douglas, Alexis Cervantes



### Freshmen Volleyball

Front Row: Kaylyn Dinh, Anna Martin, Alysa Brady Middle Row: Mariah Montemayor, Kimberly Ramirez, Christiana Bocanegra Back Row: Coach, Christina Zuniga, Natalie Smith, Joelle Francois, Nayah Chanyaman, Savannah Bevalet



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### Environmental Club

Front Row: Ashley Elliott, Bianca Valderrama, Natasha Villagomez, Sarah Garza, Ava Buchan, Isabella McCabe, Hannah Ehrman Middle Row: Mary Dragon, Margaret Martin, Alfredo Arispe, Amanda Spiegelhoff, Teacher, Debra Hernandez, Moira McCandless, Caitlyn Hornsby Back Row: Teacher, Facundo Vasquez Not Pictured: Lauren Martinez, Victoria Pena, Joshua Rasmussen





French Club

Front Row: Jacquelyn Salazar, Dana Alonso-Bauer, Francesca Bendas, Thalia Parizot, Grecia Corrada Back Row: Teacher, Janet Lumley, William Gilmore, Michelle Ndwaru, Pablo Mendizabal, Analisa Cantu Not Pictured: Helena Daubourg, Dominique Larioz, Alexandra Gonzalez



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Pictured: Sara Beth Becker, Zoe Kim, Millicent Alvarado



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Mock Trial

Front Row: Pedram Salamat, Joshua Rasmussen, Michelle Ndwaru, Janel Soliz, Sofia Aguirre, Julio Ramos, Sean Dinh Back Row: Alma Tamez, Taylor Jones, Gabriella Vargas





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### National Honor Society

Front Row: Jenna Clark, Amber Cox, Reema Bhakta, Sarah Garza, Isabella McCabe, Karina Melchor Second Row: Andrew Montgomery, Stephen McCullough, Ava Buchan, Madeline Baker, Emily Adams Third Row: Paris Shirley, John Franey, Jared Coco, Taylor Jones Fourth Row: Ethan Elizondo, Kristen Biggins, Winter Tate, Shaela Yeager, Mary Hubert, Sean Dinh Fifth Row: Jacquelyn Salazar, Mary Dragon, Moira McCandless, Hannah Ehrman, Kristen Creamean, Wills Layton Back Row: Madeleine McCutcheon, Caitlyn Hornsby, Leslie Fagan, Hicks Layton, Bianca Valderrama Not Pictured: Dana Alonso-Bauer, Francesca Bendas, Madeline Brown, Analisa Cantu, Erin Cohen, Grecia Corrada, Loren De Leon, Sean Dinh, Katie Duncan, Belize Ellison, James Faught, Paul Flood, William Gilmore, Christopher Guerra, Jazzmin Hernandez, Mary Hubert, Harrison Longwell, Christina Matl, Joseph McNiff, Alexa Mora, Andrew Nicholson, Thalia Parizot, Victoria Pena, Joshua Rasmussen, Nicolas Rodriguez, Sarah Rosales, Megan Santillan, Samantha Simank, Phoebe Strain, Alma Tamez, Andrea Tinning, Claire Weis

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**Spanish Honor Society**

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**Spirit Club**

Front Row: Mikaela Rendon, Olivia McClanahan, Hannah Ehrman, Abigail Ehrman, Elizabeth Webster Second Row: Mary Dragon, Sarah Garza, Madeleine McCutchon, Caitlyn Hornsby Back Row: Staff, Jo Ann Garcia Not Pictured: Iazmin Hernandez, Briana Arriaga, Natasha Villagomez, Sydney Allison, Reema Bhakta, Bella Kim, Emily Adams, Karina Melchor, Isabella McCabe, Megan Santillan, Amber Cox, Gabriella Vargas, Bianca Valderrama, Gingerine Villarreal, Analisa Cantu

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The Crew II

Front Row: Nicholas Lee, Omar Pagan, Gabriel Hinojosa, John Franey, Blake Herbst, Marcos Tapia, Daniel Deleon  
 Second Row: John McNiff, Alexander Villagomez, Christopher Guerra, Zachary Hartman, Jared Coco, Ethan Elizondo, Alfred Dimas  
 Third Row: Noah Garcia, Stephen Parlamas, Joseph McNiff, Antonio Vidal, Estefan Resendez, Harrison Longwell, Nicolas Rodriguez, Austen Soliz, Maximiliano Elizondo  
 Fourth Row: Draven Reyes, Andrew Montgomery, Antonio Jose Cisneros, Rolando Silva, Jackson Wallace, Trevor Creamean, Stevan Silva, Jacob Gonzalez  
 Fifth Row: Hunter Garza, Stephen McCullough, Michael Diejomaoh, Gasper D'Anna, James Faught, Dilan Patel  
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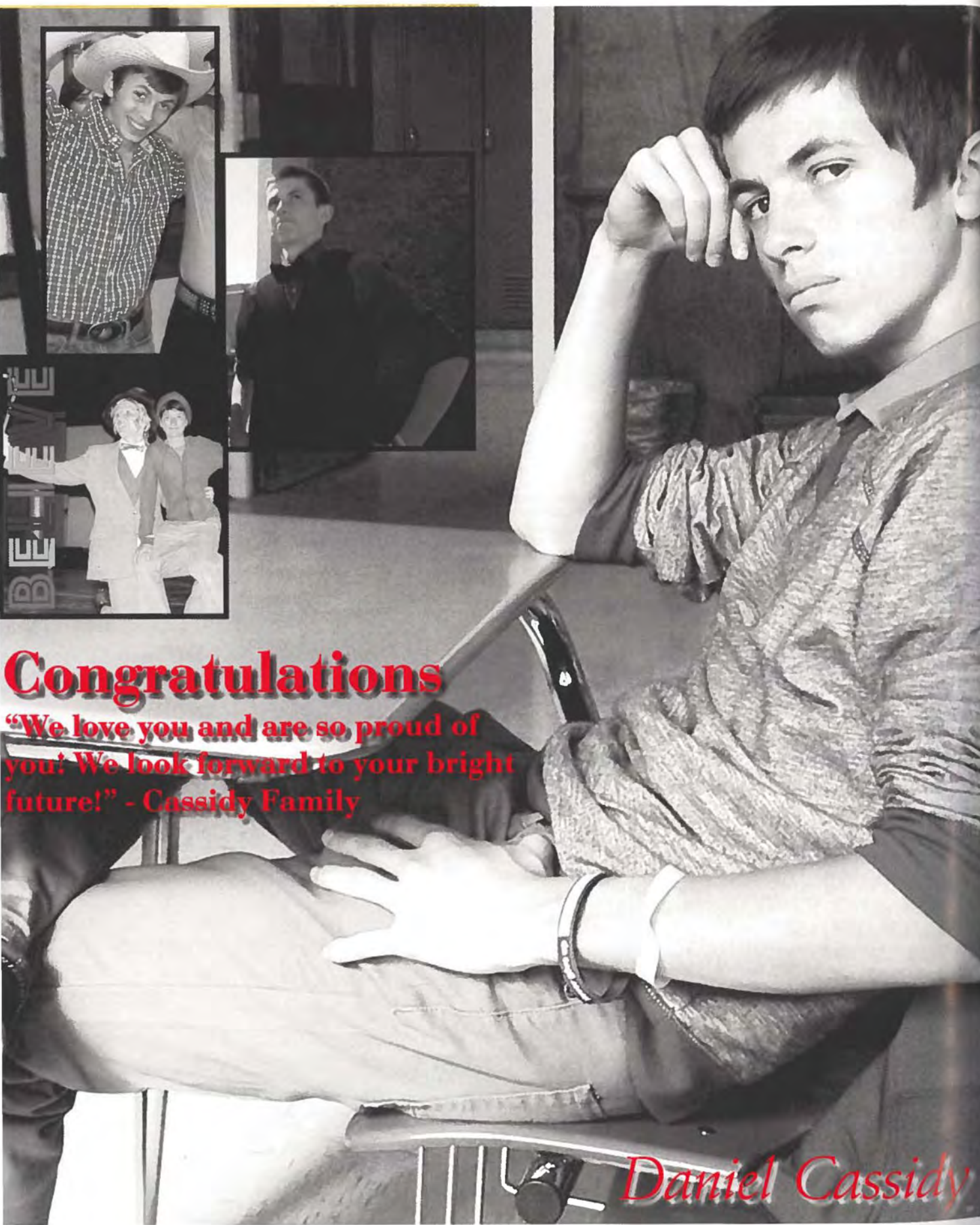
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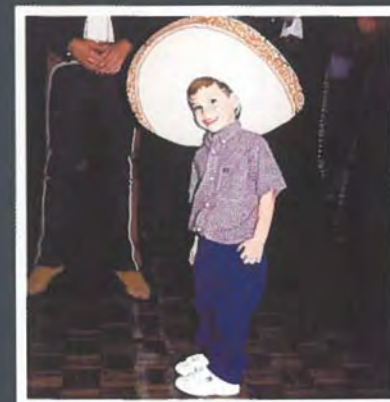
**"We love you and are so proud of you! We look forward to your bright future!" - Cassidy Family**

*Daniel Cassidy*



James  
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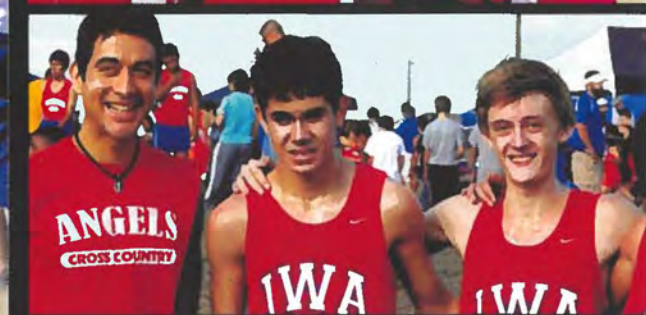
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you. Love, Mom, Dad, Michael, Jennifer, Catherine, & Patrick.





Moira Shannon McCandless,  
 We are very proud of who you are and excited about who you will become.  
 Congratulations on your accomplishments . We love you!!!  
 Love, Mom and Dad

# Moira Shannon McCandless



# Jared E. Coco

2014 TAPPS 44A  
 State Cross Country Champion

Congratulations Son, may you continue to be blessed with "one of a kind" mentors, teachers, and friends throughout your lifetime. We are proud of you and thankful to the Sisters of The Incarnate Word for their legacy of providing a quality and spiritual education for their Angels.

Love, Mom & Dad



# GASPER D'ANNA, JR.

You are  
**BRAVER**  
than you believe,  
**STRONGER**  
than you seem,  
**SMARTER**  
than you think,  
**AND LOVED**  
more than you'll ever know.

- A.A. Milne

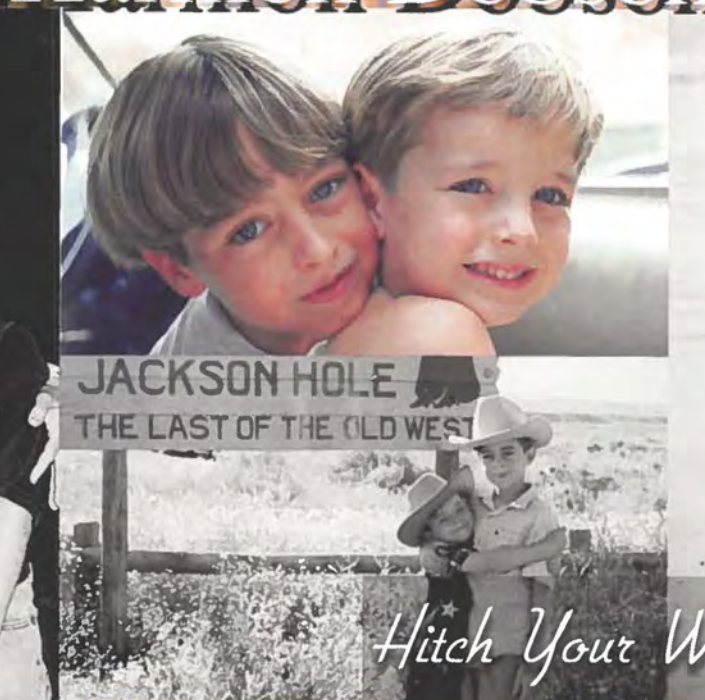
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We Love You

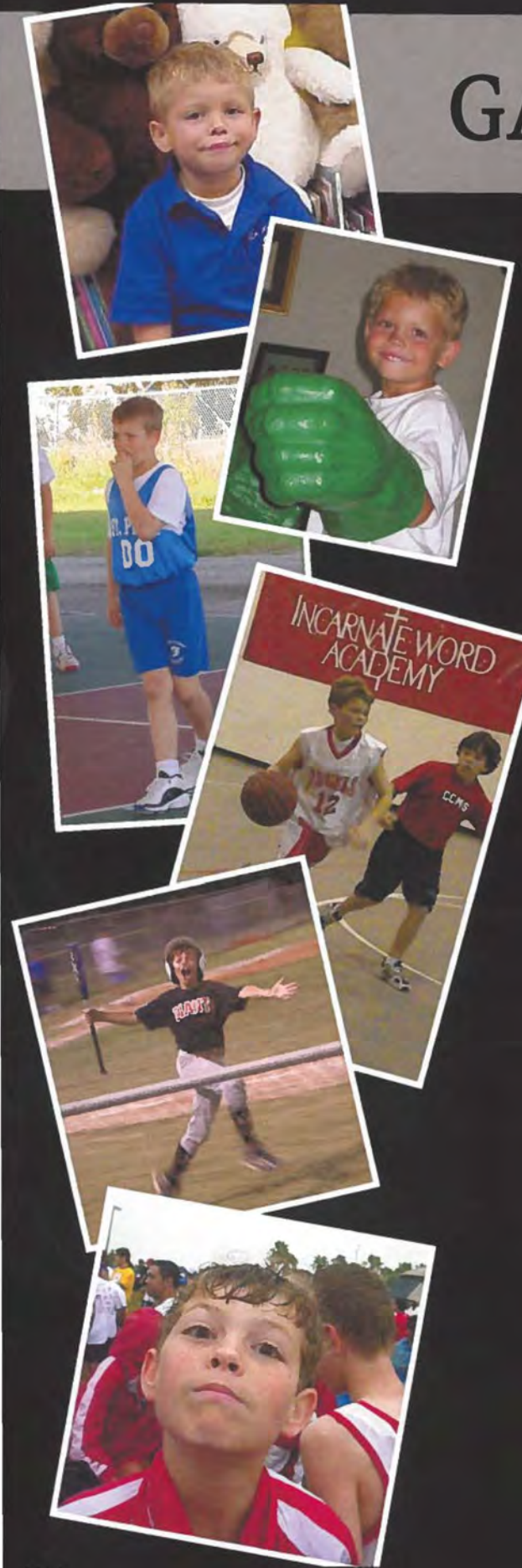
Mom, Dad & Olivia



Harmon Dobson



Hitch Your Wagon To A Star



# William Carrillo



Hank,  
We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments, your kind heart, your love of family, friends, and God. What a bright future you have!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



# Victoria Pena



*You are: Always Smiling, Always Laughing, Always Learning, and Always Singing.*

*You honor God by serving Him. You honor your family by having the courage, character, integrity, and heart to always make the right choices.*

*We are very proud of your academic achievement but even more proud of your compassion, humility, and nobility toward others.*

*You are all that is best.*

Love

*Mom, Dad, Vanessa, Vivian, Valyssa, Valerie, Grandma Simona, Uncle JR, Buster, Reese, Chippy, Louie, Mushu, Chuchi, and Lady.*





*"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them."  
-William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night*

J.R.,

When I read this quote, I always think of you. I know no matter what obstacles are set in front of you; your determination will allow you to accomplish whatever goals you set for yourself. You have never been afraid of a challenge. You constantly amaze me. I am so proud of you. I know you are destined to achieve greatness in this next journey in your life.

I love you,  
Mom



*Ginger Villarreal*

Congratulations, Ginger! I'm so very proud of you, Keep up the great work. Love, always, Mom

Congratulations, Ginger! The rest of the family and I are very proud of you & your accomplishments. God bless you always. Love, Your Cousin Kris

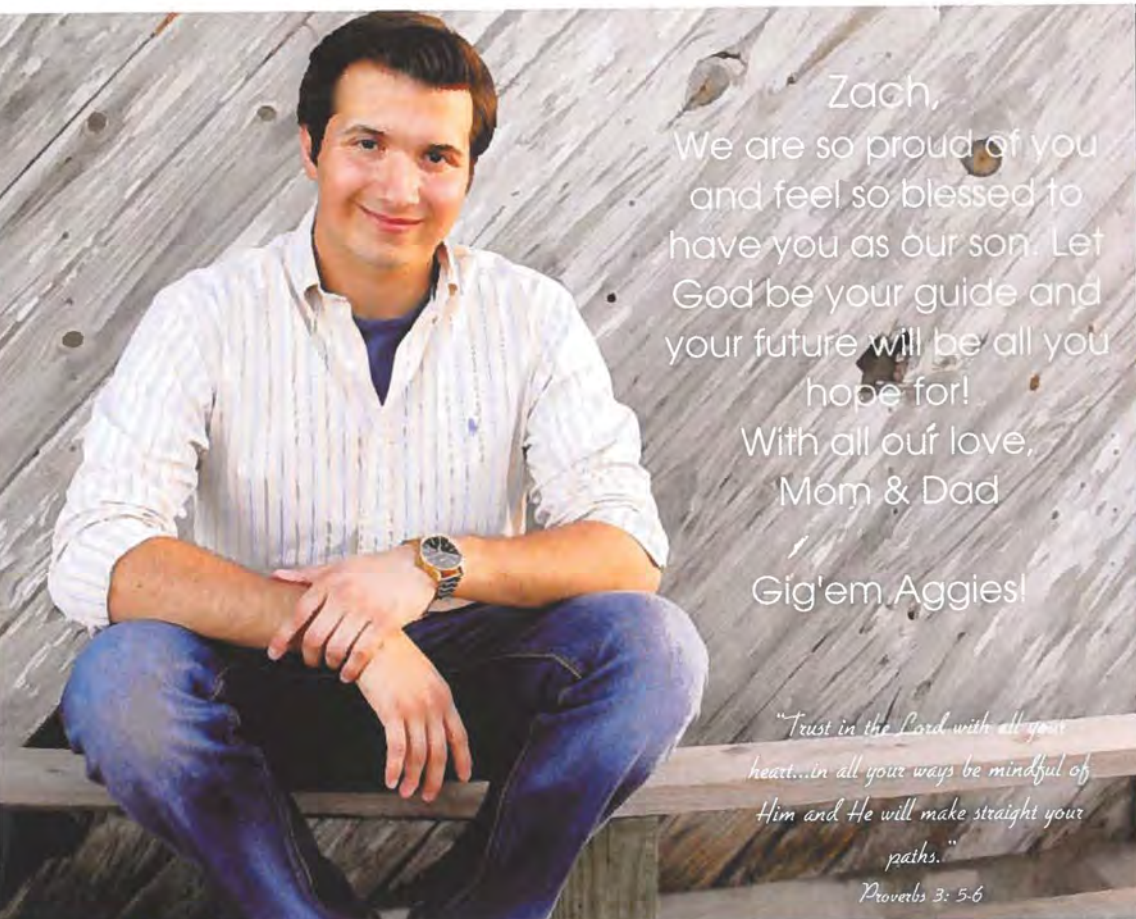
We are very proud of you, Stay focused & determined. We love you always your big sister, Jennifer & Family

My baby sister we are very prod of you. God bless & congratulations graduate. Love, Sandy

You did it Ginger! I'm very proud of you and I love you. Love, Ray.

Congratulations, Ginger! I'm very proud of you. May God bless you more. Michael





Zach,  
 We are so proud of you  
 and feel so blessed to  
 have you as our son. Let  
 God be your guide and  
 your future will be all you  
 hope for!  
 With all our love,  
 Mom & Dad  
 Gig'em Aggies!

*"Trust in the Lord with all your  
 heart...in all your ways be mindful of  
 Him and He will make straight your  
 paths."  
 Proverbs 3: 5-6*



# Hannah Marie Ehrman

Congratulations!  
 We are so proud of  
 you!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Abby,  
 and Eleanor



*Thank you sisters for everything you give to Incarnate  
 Word Academy and for showing us how to walk in a life  
 of faith. "Since the Incarnate Word chooses various paths  
 which are always merciful and true, I will let myself be led  
 by the Wisdom of the Incarnate Word." -Jeanne Chezard  
 de Matel, Foundress*

*Founded in 1625*



From, The Hartman Family

## Mary Elizabeth Dragon

Lullabies & strollers  
 Take her for a whirl  
*O, my baby girl*  
 Barbie dolls & bicycles  
 Watch her run and twirl  
*O, my little girl*  
 Volleyballs & honor rolls  
 Dances, heels, and curls  
*O, my gorgeous girl*  
 Cap and Gown & college bound  
 Necklace made of pearls  
*O, my grown up girl*  
 Congratulations. May you  
 continue to grow in compassion  
 and wisdom, into a woman of  
 honor and humility - as an eternal  
 woman of God, but ever our little  
 girl.  
 Mom, Dad, and Eric (Bubba)  
*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her  
 price is far above rubies.  
 Proverbs 31:10*



*Congratulations Mary,  
you are a joy to all your family. I love you forever,  
Mom*



## *Samantha Elizabeth Simank*

*As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way; may He go behind you to encourage you; beside you to befriend you; above you to watch over you; and within you to give you peace!*



*We are so proud of you, always!*

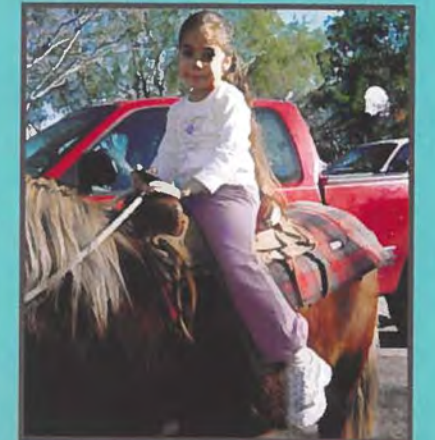
*With lots of love, Mom, Dad, Jason, and Anna*



## *Isabella I. Pena*

*Congratulations, Daughter! So proud and happy for you. Best wishes for a bright future with our Lord's help.*

*Love You,  
Mom, Dad, & Bruno*



## *Mary Phillips Hubert*



*Congratulations MP!  
With pride and love!  
Dad, Mom, and Buela*



Joshua Rasmussen



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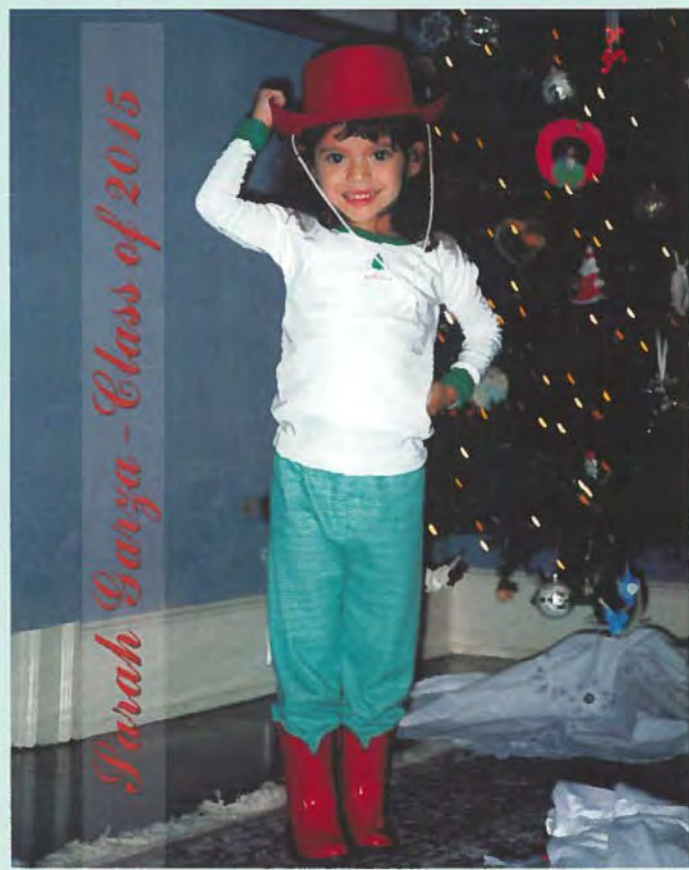


Congratulations Josh!  
We are so proud of you!  
Can't wait to see what's next!  
We love you, Mom and Dad



Kaleb Nathaniel Pena

"Moving on, is a simple thing, what it leaves behind is hard."  
- Dave Mustaine



May God continue to bless you that you may be a blessing to others. Keep you strong that you may help the weak... Keep you uplifted that you may have words of encouragement for others. Pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. Pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood.



Jacquelyn Salazar

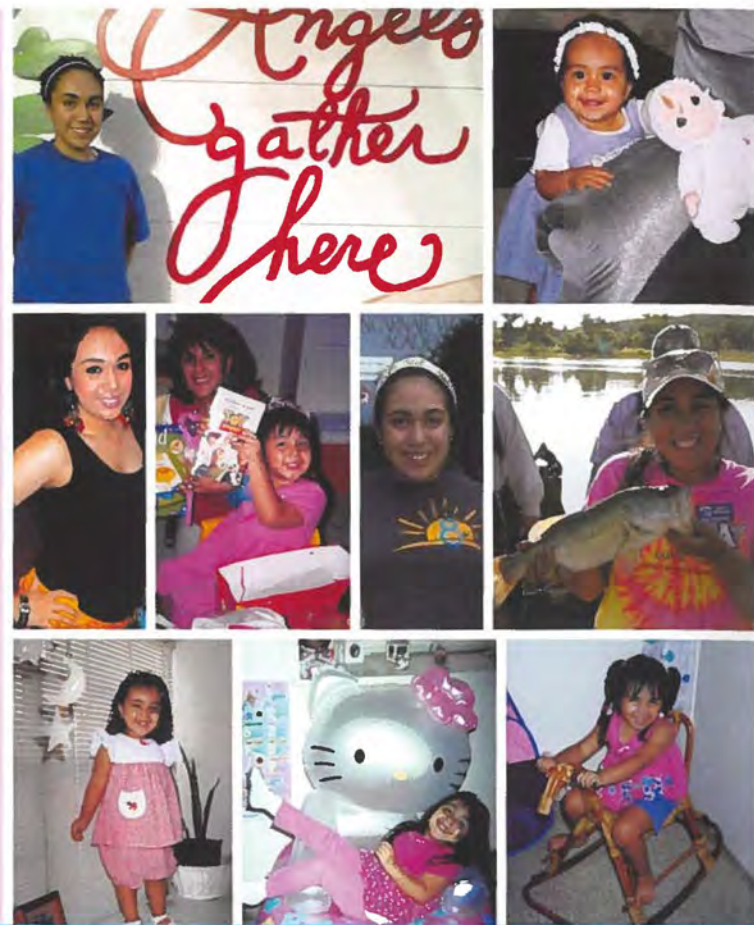
Congratulations Jackie!

We are so proud of you!

All our love, Mom and Dad

# My Daughter

To my Daughter,  
 I love you so, you are so special I hope you know.  
 With every day, that passes by you're the more twinkle, in my eye.  
 So loving, so giving, a heart of gold,  
 always my baby, even when you're old.  
 Your love shines through, for all to see,  
 I am so proud of the young lady you have turned out to be!  
 "Gig'em" Girl!  
 With Lots of Love...  
 Mom



# Congratulations Roland!



We are so proud of you.  
 Thank you for being a loving son  
 and big brother. God Bless You!  
 Love, Dad, Mom and Stevan

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

# Caitlyn Hornsby

Live the life you've always dreamed of. Be fearless in the face of adversity. Never stop learning. Be true to who you are. Recognize the beauty that surrounds you. Be the architect of your own destiny. Through God, this life is yours to create.  
 Gig 'Em Caity!



We love you and are very proud of you!  
 Dad, Mami, Charlie and Daisy

# Bianca Valderrama



Congratulations Bianca we are very proud of you  
 for all your high school achievements. We can't  
 wait to see what you will achieve in the future.  
 Love Mom & Dad



Congratulations and best wishes to  
 "Salsa Sisters"  
 Kristen Biggins, Shaela Yeager, Winter  
 Tate, and Mary Philips Hubert.





## Alma Olivia Tamez

*Congratulations Olivia!*

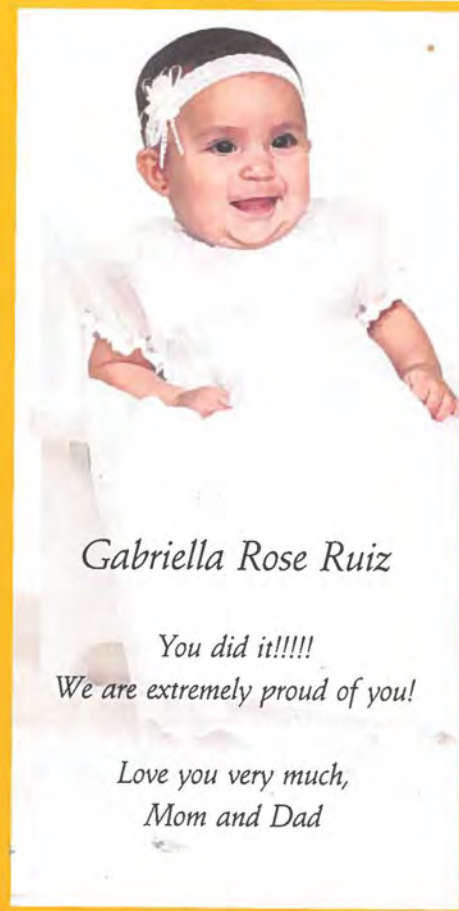
*You have come a long way. We wish you the best.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Clara, Acadia, Grandma,  
Grandpa,  
and Uncle Frank*

Madeline: Congratulations on finishing this chapter of your life! We're so very proud of you and all that you've accomplished so far. You have been a loving daughter, great sister, and a good friend to many. We have no doubt that you will accomplish great things. Always stay steadfast in your faith, stay true to yourself and pursue your dreams with passion...it is within your reach.

We love you so much!  
Mom, Jullian, Jacqueline,  
Gammy & Pop Pop

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



## Gabriella Rose Ruiz

*You did it!!!!  
We are extremely proud of you!*

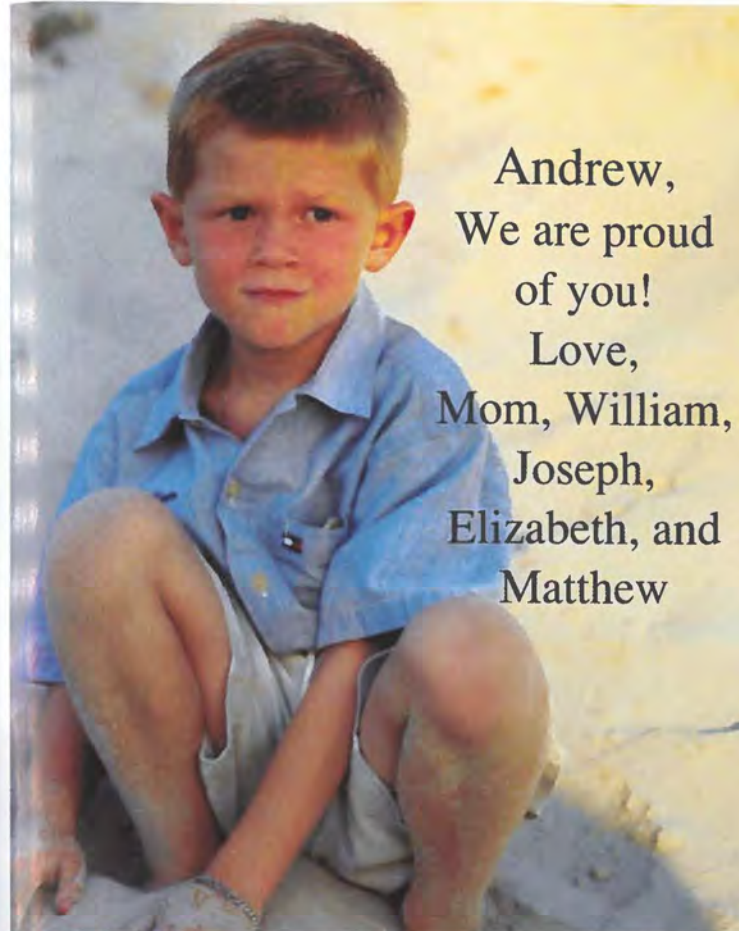
*Love you very much,  
Mom and Dad*



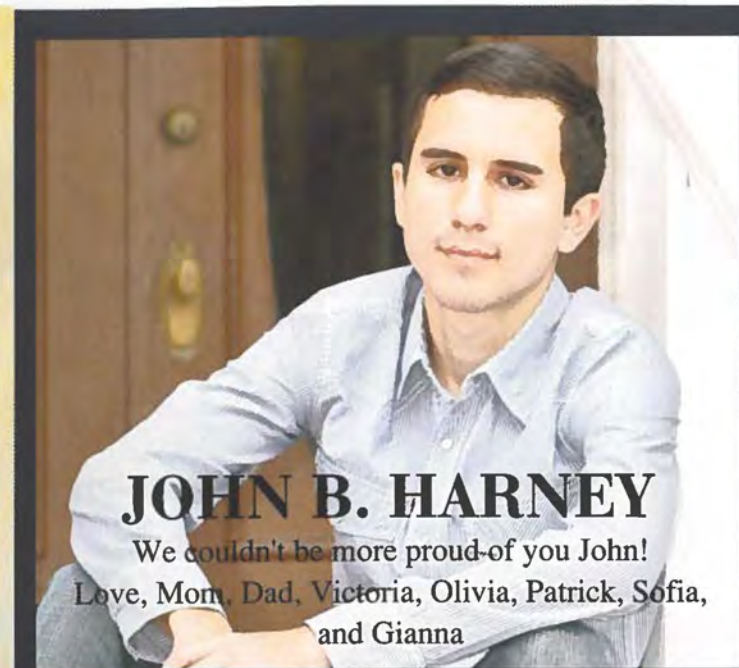
## Austen Soliz

**Congratulations Austen!**

**We are So Proud  
and Happy for you!  
Love, Mom & Dad**



**Andrew,  
We are proud  
of you!  
Love,  
Mom, William,  
Joseph,  
Elizabeth, and  
Matthew**



## JOHN B. HARNEY

**We couldn't be more proud-of you John!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Victoria, Olivia, Patrick, Sofia,  
and Gianna**



## Lena Wanzenried

**I believe you  
will succeed  
beyond your  
wildest  
dreams.**



**Congratulations yearbook  
seniors!  
Thank you for all your hard work.  
Good luck on your future  
endeavors.**



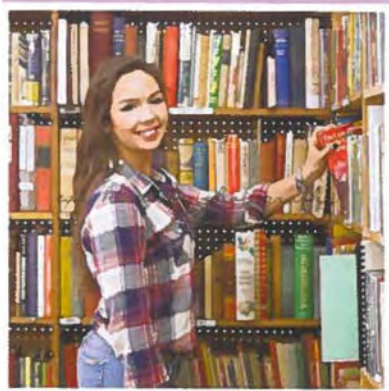
Chris



*"It's our choices, Harry, that show who we truly are; far more than our abilities."  
-Albus Dumbledore*



*Lauren,  
we love you  
for all that you are,  
all that you have been,  
and all you're yet to be.  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Dad, Mom,  
Elizabeth, & Madeline*



*"Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." - Muhammad Ali*  
Sarah, Arlene, Caitlyn, Hannah, Madeleine, & Christina



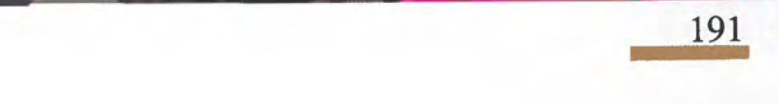
*Shaela- we are so very proud of you. You are such a blessing to us. We know you will continue to excel in all you do. God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.  
We love you!  
Mom, Dad, and William*



*Winter -  
I am so proud of all that you have accomplished. I could not be more proud to be your mother. I cannot wait to see what you will do with your bright future!  
All my love,  
Mom*



*"A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same."  
Elbert Hubbard*  
Moira Jazzmin Lizzie



# INCARNATE WORD

During the school year, students learn through trials and failures, textbooks and pop quizzes, and through friends and teachers various lessons about life. These lessons can include a parabola, a verb, or the importance of service. Students then take these crucial lessons and apply them to their upcoming years. Seniors take the importance of service and unity into college to better themselves and those they encounter. Juniors take on the lesson of leadership as they transition into the role of seniors. Freshman and sophomores continue the legacy of those before them and welcome the new students into a new phase of their life. As one school year ends, and a new one begins, and the pattern of Incarnate Word Academy continues on. There may be new administration, new buildings around campus, or new faces walking the halls, but the the spirit of service within the hearts of Incarnate Word students will live on forever.



## THEME

The theme of the 2014 - 2015 edition of the Aurora is "Give and Take", which sought to explore the patterns and sequences students from Incarnate Word experience. "Give and Take" was developed throughout the year through connecting headline designs, images, graphics, corpus Christi, features, and copy which embodied the theme. The ultimate goal of "Give and Take" was to emphasize the patterns of love and service which are found in the heartbeats of all who attend Incarnate Word University.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

All photographs were taken with 3 Canon Rebel SLR's, as well as our staff's personal SLR cameras and camera phones. Over 15,000 photos were taken by the Aurora staff. Underclassman portraits were taken by Eagle Eye Photography. Senior portraits were taken by Eagle Eye Photography.

## DESIGN

The design and theme of the 2014-2015 edition of the Aurora are original concepts from Editor-in-Chief Amber Tate; Editors Emily Adams, Moira Handless, Hannah Ehrman, Shaela Yeager, Mary Morgan, Jazzmin Hernandez, Christopher Guerra, and Marcos Tapia; Staff members Mikaela Rendon, Noah Prado, Olivia McClanahan, Elizabeth Webster, Hannah Ehrman, and Cristina Madero; with input and assistance from Adviser Nicole Quintero. Additional assistance came from Herff Jones Sales Representative Elizabeth Tschirhart and yearbook consultant Terri Schnell. All cover and all spread designs are original designs by the Aurora staff.

## FONTS & STYLE

All headlines and body copy was set in variations of the Utopia font family by Herff Jones. All pages were printed in four color process on glossy 80 pound paper by Herff Jones Publishing in Logan, Utah.

## COVER & ENDSHEET

The cover photo was taken by Harmon Dobson, and designed by Aurora Staff. Endsheets were designed by Hannah & Abigail Ehrman, and designed by Aurora Staff.

## PRODUCTION

10,000 copies of the 2014-2015 Aurora were produced for the school. The Aurora Staff worked in class, before and after school, and on breaks and weekends to produce the yearbook.

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