

Award for Excellence Athletics

Iris is the daughter of Wendy & Armando Ramirez.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Junior Leadership of Odessa, Medical Center Jr. Volunteer, Broncho News.

She is ranked in the Top Ten of her senior class, and is an AP Scholar.

Her hobbies include sculpture, painting, and golf.

Iris would like to be a Petroleum Geologist, and she plans to attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Her favorite teacher is Odessa High School golf coach Berry Borchardt. About him she says, "My coach has always encouraged me to be my best on and off the golf course. I am grateful to have someone who is as caring as Coach Borchardt in my life."



Iris Ramirez
Odessa High School



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Alex is the son of Teresa & Salvador Luna.

He is a member of the track team, the football team, and the Mariachi program.

His honors include Academic All-State Honorable Mention, 1st Team All-district, and qualification for the UIL State Mariachi Festival.

Alex enjoys playing Vihuela/Guitar and competing.

He plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree, and is considering Odessa College or Hardin-Simmons University.

His favorite teacher is director Jerimie Hernandez. Says Alex, "He helped me open my eyes and not just focus on athletics but also to be great in everything I do. I am grateful to have had him for 4 years and wouldn't want anyone else."



Alex Perales
Odessa High School



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Rylee is the daughter of Shari & Jon Day.

She is part of the Permian softball team, the Permian volleyball team, Permian Symphony Orchestra, Satin Strings Ensemble (where she serves as Chaplain), Texas Scholars, and National Honor Society.

She is a four-year softball letterman, three-year 1st Team All-District in softball, and a three-year volleyball letterman.

Her hobbies include listening to music and hanging out with friends.

She plans to become an Occupational Therapist and work with children. She is considering Angelo State University.

PHS softball coach Kristin Williams is Rylee's favorite teacher: "She has coached me all the way from my freshman year to senior year. I selected her because she has been so supportive of me throughout my high school years. She has allowed me to grow and become more confident in myself and I will always be thankful for that."



Rylee Day
Permian High School



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Keatyn is the son of Scharlena & Eric Armstrong.

He is part of the Permian High School football program, Crossroads Fellowship, Crystal Ball Beaus, Odessa Symphony Guild, Texas Scholars, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Business Professionals of America.

He was inducted into National Honor Society, made 1st Team All-District football as a junior and a senior, and earned the John Wilkins Scholarship Award.

He likes sports and traveling.

He is going to go to Texas Tech University to major in Physical Therapy and eventually start his own business.

Keatyn's favorite teacher is Christan Pugh, his 8th grade reading teacher. "She was positive and very supportive not only in the classroom but in our extra-curricular activities."



Keatyn Armstrong
Permian High School



Award for Excellence Career & Technical Education

Lizeth is the daughter of Hortensia & Cesar Cortinas.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE), and Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She serves on the executive council in both TAFE and FCCLA. She is also a member of the OHS Broncho Band and flute section leader her senior year.

Lizeth qualified for the TAFE State competition in Differentiated Lesson. She is a member of the OHS Honor Band for three years, won UIL 1st Division rating in a Woodwind Ensemble, and qualified for the UIL State competition. She will graduate from OHS in May with a Level I Teaching Certificate.

She enjoys reading, listening to music and baking.

She will attend the University of Texas Permian Basin, major in Early Childhood Education and become an elementary school teacher.

Cheryl Cunningham is Lizeth's favorite teacher. "Mrs. Cunningham is the sweetest most humble teacher I've ever had. It's so fun to be around her because she makes everything so exciting. Her class helped me become more confident and she always pushes me to think positively no matter what the situation is. She has been a great influence and a supportive teacher in my high school career."



Lizeth Cortinas
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence Career & Technical Education

Conner is the son of Mary Ann and Matt Anastasio.

He is a member of National Honor Society, and qualified for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National contest.

He likes playing basketball.

He is going to Baylor University and wants to be a college basketball coach.

Conner's favorite teacher is his 11th grade BPA teacher Anthony Dees. "Coach Dees is my favorite teacher because he has always pushed be a better player and a better person. He never gave up on me and has always wanted me to succeed, on and off the court. Even when I competed in BPA, he still supported me and wanted me to do the best I could. I couldn't have asked for a better coach to help me transition into this school and into being a leader. Thank you for believing in me."



Conner Anastasio
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence Career & Technical Education

Garrett is the son of Leslie & Grayson Hankins.

He is a member of the Permian football team, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, Texas Scholars, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Baptist Church youth group, Mission Odessa, Odessa Symphony Guild, Crystal Ball Beaux, and ASPCA.

He made 2nd Team Academic All-State, is a nominee for the PHS Hall of Fame, and an Optimist Award winner.

Garrett likes spending time with family and friends, and being outside.

He will attend Texas A&M next fall, majoring in Business.

He chose Ann Kennedy as his favorite teacher. "I selected Mrs. Kennedy because of all the hard work and time she puts into all of her students and pushes them to be the best and work hard in everything we do. Mrs. Kennedy teaches real world skills that will help us later in life and will allow us to be successful in the real world."



Garrett Hankins
Permian High School



Award for Excellence Career & Technical Education

Grant is the son of Leslie & Grayson Hankins.

He is Vice President of Business Professionals of America, a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Leadership Team, the Permian football team, Texas Scholars, National Honor Society, a Symphony Guild Beau, a Crystal Ball Page, and a Junior Leadership Odessa graduate.

He is a two-time State Finalist in Presentation Management-Individual for Business Professionals of America (BPA), four-time Regional champion in Presentation Management Team/Individual for BPA, Torch Award recipient for BPA, and a winner of the Panther Pride Excellence Award.

His hobbies include sports, teaching swimming lessons, and snow skiing.

He has been accepted into the May Business School at Texas A&M.

Grant's favorite teacher is Candy Thompson, his BPA teacher from 9th grade through 11th grade. "Mrs. Thompson has taught me many valuable lessons and skills while showing me that you can enjoy work. I enjoyed every hour in Mrs. Thompson's class. She has been a cornerstone of support for me academically and personally."



Grant Hankins
Permian High School



Award for Excellence English

Haley is the daughter of Lisa & Alex Nguyen.

She is part of the Junior Volunteer Teen Leadership Program at Medical Center Hospital, the National Honor Society Historian, Student Council, Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering, TEDx Club, and Texas Scholars,

Haley is ranked in the top ten of her class, earned ACT/SAT recognition, College Credit Hours Recognition, volunteered more than 400 hours, published a TEDx talk, qualified for State Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering, and was named Most Outstanding Junior.

She enjoys photography, spending time with her one-year old sister, playing tennis, baking, and Yoga/Zumba.

She will be attending the Texas Tech Honors College to earn a Bachelor's degree in Economics, a Master's in Business, and then on to the Texas Tech School of Medicine to become a dermatologist.

Haley's favorite teacher is Kelsey Worthy. Haley says, "The first time I sat in Ms. Worthy's class, I was extremely intimidated to say the least. However, soon, I found Ms. Worthy to be my favorite teacher; she made me laugh louder than I ever had before. For the past 3 years, Ms. Worthy has been a stellar teacher and advisor. She cares for each of her students' success in not only English but in all subjects. Ms. Worthy has helped me through sophomore-level English to college-level English and even helped me write college application essays. I am challenged each day to become a better writer and person because of Ms. Worthy and I am so proud to have been her student."



Haley Lavergne
Falcon Early College High School

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Award for Excellence English

Auden is the son of Magalee Bueno and Ramon Salazar

He is Student Council President, Odyssey of the Mind Vice President, and Business Professionals of America Secretary.

He won first place in the Crisis Center PSA competition.

His interests are Filmmaking, and making things altogether.

He plans to attend New York University for Film.

Ariel Thurber, his technology applications teacher as a freshman, is Auden's favorite. "Ariel Thurber has always been one of my biggest supporters. She recognized my talents and introduced me to so many opportunities. I've spoken at Film Festivals because of her; created so much for my community because of her. She has also always been there for me whenever I needed any guidance. Mrs. Thurber has the biggest heart, and I feel that she truly cares for her



Auden Salazar
George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa



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Award for Excellence English

Alecia is the daughter of Rebecca Garlinghouse.

She is the National Honor Society President.

She won an Optimist Award for English, and is on the Odessa College President's Honor Roll.

She enjoys watercolor, sculpting, and shopping.

Alecia is undecided on a college. She plans to become a psychiatrist.

Dr. Oscar Gonzales is her favorite teacher. "He's always been there to lend a listening ear or a helping hand and he's very happy and passionate about what he does, which creates a great environment to be in. He's just an all-around great person to be around."



Alecia Mabry
OCTECHS



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Award for Excellence English

Sarah is the daughter of Vanessa Shrauner.

She is a member of the Symphony and Eclipse Orchestra (Vice President), the Eco Club (President), the OHS mascot (Cheerleading), and National Honors Society.

Some of her favorite things are spending time with family, videography, and reading.

After graduation, Sarah will attend the University of Houston Victoria, and plans to attend dental school, eventually opening her own prosthodontics practice near Austin.

Sarah's favorite teacher is Jaclyn Hastings, the OHS orchestra director. "She has taught me many valuable lessons that not only pertain to music, but that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Her hard work and determination to always go above and beyond and be the best she can be is a gift she transfers to all of her students."



Sarah Stanaland
Odessa High School



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Award for Excellence English

Haley is the daughter of Hollie & Manuel Carrasco.

She is President of National Honor Society, a Texas Scholar, an EveryNation short-term missionary, member of USA Volleyball, National Honor Society of Leadership and Success Inductee, National Academy of Future Physicians, PHS volleyball team, Business Professionals of America Historian, Junior Board and Senior Board member, Odessa Symphony Guild Belle, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is a Permian Academic Hall of Fame inductee, Permian Hall of Fame nominee, ranked 8th in her class, awarded the Provost's Gold Scholarship by Baylor University, accepted into the Pre-Med Biochemistry major in Baylor's Honor Program, voted "Most Likely to Succeed" both junior and senior years.

Haley enjoys being with friends, being involved in functions, reading, talking to and meeting new people, traveling for vacation and for missionary work.

She plans to attend Baylor University, and has been accepted into the Baylor Pre-Med Biochemistry Honor program. She wants to major in Biochemistry and minor in entrepreneurship, then go on to medical school and begin her long journey to becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Haley's favorite teacher is senior anatomy & physiology teacher Karen Hart. "I selected Mrs. Hart for a number of reasons. One being that she treats all of her students as if we are her own kids. Mrs. Hart is sweet and kind, but knows when it is time to put her foot down and turn her teacher voice on. She has always been helpful and supportive throughout my time in her classroom, whether it be academically related or personally related, Mrs. Hart is there for you. She is an amazing teacher and anyone could tell she loves what she does. I could not thank Mrs. Hart enough for being such an amazing person, as well as such a blessing in my life, even if I tried."



Haley Carrasco
Permian High School



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Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Alexis is the daughter of Elisa & Francisco Castillo.

She is a member of National Honor Society (President for two years), Junior Leadership of Odessa, Texas Scholars, and AVID Action Club

She is ranked in the top ten of her class, and took 1st place in the ECISD Art Show.

Alex likes to paint, write and read poetry, listen to music, and volunteer.

She wants to attend Angelo State University, become an invasive cardiologist, visit Europe, and live in Seattle, Washington.

Alexis' favorite teacher is AVID teacher Elizabeth Gray. "Mrs. Gray has been one of my biggest supporters throughout the time I have known her. Despite the challenges that she has faced, she never fails to keep a smile on her face. AVID was a very safe and heartwarming place for me when I wanted to do nothing but disappear, and it was because of Mrs. Gray. She inspires me every day to have a positive outlook on life and keep going no matter how difficult it is to do so. She has always made her best effort to help us when we need her the most and I can truly say that we all love her because of that."



Alexis Castillo
Falcon Early College High School

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Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Portia is the daughter of Patience & Fred Ameyaw.

She is a member of Odessa English Seventh-Day Adventist Light Bearers Pathfinder Club (Counselor), Student Council (President), AVID Action Team (President), National Honor Society (Committee Chairman), Debate Club (Treasurer), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, The National Society of Leadership and Success, Prom Committee (Ticket official).

Among her honors are Heart of Gold, Peace Maker, Top Falcon Award, A & B Honor Roll, Honor Roll, President's Honor Roll, Optimist Club Award for Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) and Algebra I, and Humanitarian Heart Award.

Her hobbies include camping, hiking, helping others, singing, collecting pins and coins, journaling, and volunteering.

Portia has been accepted to several universities and is still deciding on which to attend. Her goal is to graduate in the Top 10 of her class, go to college to major in Biology and pursue a career in the medical field, if God permits.

Socorro Chacon, from her freshmen and sophomore years, is her favorite teacher. "Mrs. Chacon was my school secretary for the first two years and she had a great impact on me. As freshmen in a new school where no one really knew what was going on and I mean no one. Mrs. Chacon was the mother who held the school together through all the craziness. I remember my friends and me were always in the office to ask questions and sometimes to just have a nice conversation. Her words were always uplifting to me and even though she might not have taught me in a classroom, she gave me life lessons that no class lecture could beat. She is a great woman and I am grateful for the kindness and care she showed me."



Portia Ameyaw
Falcon Early College High School

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Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Ethan is the son of Rosa Rodriguez.

He was a Panel Member of the United Way of Odessa in 2018, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, an intern at CBS 7 News, and Vice President of NPO News. He also received an Optimist Club Award.

He likes traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

He plans to attend Arizona State University to major in Communication Studies and pursue a career in broadcast journalism or Public Relations.

Ethan chose Elias Martinez as his favorite teacher. "Mr. Martinez was always supportive to me and my future and dreams. Till this day he still continues to care for me as a teacher and OM [Odyssey of the Mind] Coach."



Ethan Baeza
George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa



Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Mathew is the son of Paul Flores.

He is Student Body President, winner of Perfect Attendance recognition, A Honor Roll, A & B Honor Roll, and on the Dean's List.

Mathew's hobbies include listening to music, being with friends, and working out.

He is going to attend McMurry University and he wants to become a lawyer, buy into a franchise, and own his own apartment complex.

Victoria Weinzel is Mathew's favorite teacher. "Mrs. Weinzel is a fun teacher that can make any assignment interesting. I've always enjoyed her classes and she is very helpful when I'm struggling with something. She also likes my name signature."



Mathew Flores
OCTECHS



Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Cristian is the son of Diana Martinez, and the nephew of Daisy Martinez.

He is in AVID, and will earn an Associate's degree in Business Leadership by the time he graduates from high school.

He likes to spend time with his family and friends.

He plans to continue his education at Odessa College and the University of Texas Permian Basin to become an engineer.

Cristian chose his 3rd grade teacher Socorro Sutton as his favorite. "When I think of my favorite teacher, Mrs. Sutton comes to my mind. She is a person who is caring, passionate, and a motivator to help others improve. Mrs. Sutton has these qualities that were mentioned, along with many more. She is my favorite teacher because when I didn't speak much English at all, she taught me how, along with how to read English. She rewarded our outstanding behavior and grades. This gave me the extra encouragement I needed to do my best. For this, I am grateful that she was my teacher."



Cristian Rodriguez
OCTECHS



Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Parker is the son of Felicia & James Cherry.

He is a member of Business Professionals of America (BPA), Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, two-year starting safety on the football team, Best Buy Employee, Creative Director for The Spree Collective, and a freelance graphic designer.

He qualified for the State BPA contest four times for Graphic Design, and earned Academic All-State honors in football.

He enjoys creating clothing for The Spree Collective (his own company), playing video games, skateboarding, chillin' with his girl, his family, and his homies.

He plans to start college at Odessa College with the goal of becoming a successful entrepreneur, affecting the world in a positive way, and moving his family out to Southern California with him.

Parker's favorite teacher is his junior English teacher Maria Rimer. "Mrs. Rimer showed me that she cared about my future and my goals. She made English class fun & taught me that the way you speak & the words you use say a lot about yourself. Knowledge is power."



Parker Cherry
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Carlos is the son of Juanita & Carlos Garcia.

He is a member of National Honor Society, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, an AP/Dual Credit student with 37 college hours completed, Texas Scholars, three-year member of the OHS Soccer team, UIL Science competitor, and part of the team for the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program on Mission 12 to the International Space Station (SSEP).

Carlos likes volunteering at the West Texas Food Bank, playing soccer, play soccer, gaming, and spending time with family and friends.

He will attend the University of Texas and plans to major in Civil Engineering. He would like to use his skills and knowledge to plan, design, and construct safer highways, bridges, dams, buildings and similar structures.

He says his 1st and 2nd grade teacher Maria Gonzalez is his favorite teacher. "Thanks to Mrs. Gonzalez, I received the foundation I needed to help me start and expand the education I now have. The support I have received from her over all these years have been extraordinary, and encourage me to follow my dreams every single day. She has helped create the person I am now and most importantly, she has taught me to always stay humble no matter what."



Carlos Garcia
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Maryam is the daughter of Raja Zafar Iqbal and Fouzia Tabasam.

She is the Senior Class Vice President, Head of Projects in Permian Executive Board, a member of National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, and Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

She is the Top Earning Texas Scholar (volunteer hours), voted Best Dressed in the Senior Class, and is a Permian Hall of Fame nominee.

Her hobbies are dancing and running a fashion page.

She will attend the University of Texas to major in Biology and become a doctor.

Her favorite teacher is Permian Senate sponsor Allen Jones. "Mr. Jones has been my teacher for the past 3 years and has always prioritized my opinion and challenged me as a human being. He shows us what a leader is by being an example. I have learned more about myself as a person in his class than almost any other experience in my life. Not only does Mr. Jones push us as leaders, but he pushes us to think on our own with the skills he believes that we possess. He doesn't let the fact that I am a student limit the change that I (or anyone who's fortunate enough to be in his class) can make on my campus and for that I chose him as my favorite teacher."



Maryam Rajput
Permian High School



Award for Excellence Faculty Ambassador

Joshua is the son of Laura & Scott Smiley.

He is in the Kantorei Varsity Choir, Black Magic ensemble, President of the Student Senate, and a member of Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

He is a two-time Texas All-State Mixed Choir selection and was voted Mr. PHS.

He likes singing and hanging out with friends.

He plans to attend the University of Texas Permian Basin but is still undecided on his plans. He says he is excited for what God has in store.

Joshua's favorite teacher is former Permian choir director Aaron Hawley. "I chose Dr. Hawley as my favorite teacher because he never stopped believing in me even when I would look down on myself. He always pushed me to be the best that I could be and when I would succeed, he never let me have too large of an ego. In my mind he was more of a father figure at school until last year, as we prepared as a TMEA choir, I got to see how fun, caring, and passionate he really is both in and out of the choir setting. In my mind, he will always be a fantastic mentor and an even better friend. Thank you, Dr. Hawley, for never letting me be less than excellent."



Joshua Smiley
Permian High School



Award for Excellence

Fine Arts

Kathryn is the daughter of Lorraine & Roland Spickermann.

She is a member of National Honor Society, President of Orchestra, and in the International Baccalaureate Program.

She was a Miss OHS nominee, Sheriffs Award winner through Odessa Junior Leadership, four-time All-Region Orchestra, and five-time State Solo and Ensemble honoree.

She enjoys reading, playing violin, listening to music, and talking to people.

She will attend the University of Texas and hopes to join the diplomatic corps.

Kathryn's favorite teacher is Laura Pena, who coached her from 8th grade through her senior year. "She was a great teacher, pushed me to audition and to practice but also understood when I had other things going on in my life. I often had trouble learning music one way, so she gave me alternative methods and actually taught me to sight read music a lot better. She helped me learn to love music, not just to play it and I got in all the top opportunities with her as my teacher. We really clicked and I like just talking to her as well. I consider her not only a teacher but as a friend as well. Also her pets:)"



Kathryn Spickermann
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence

Fine Arts

Zachary Brown is the son of Ruby & Thomas Brown.

He served as the Librarian for the 2018-19 OHS Orchestra, and the Historian for the 2016-17 OHS Orchestra.

Among his awards are All-State and All-Region Bassoon, All-Region Cello, UIL State Solo/Ensemble- Cello, UIL State Solo/Ensemble- Bassoon, Honors Performance Series Symphony Orchestra -Principal Bassoon for 2018-19. All-Region Bassoon, UIL State Solo/Ensemble- Cello, Honors Performance Series Honor Band-Bassoon in 2017-18.

He is a PS4 gamer, and likes traveling and visiting museums.

He is planning to attend West Texas A&M and dreams of being a principal bassoonist in a symphony orchestra nationally and internationally!

Zachary chose his private bassoon teacher Philip Hill as his favorite teacher. "Mr. Hill shares my passion for the bassoon and has really pushed me to new limits!"



Zachary Brown
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence

Fine Arts

Brianna is the daughter of Tanya & William Galindo.

She is the Front Ensemble Captain and Percussion Lieutenant in the PHS Band.

She earned All-Region Band, All-Area Band, and All-State Percussionist honors.

Her hobbies include band, bowling, piano, guitar, and tennis.

She has been accepted to West Texas A&M and plans to major in Music to be a band director.

Brianna's favorite teacher is PHS assistant band director John Carroll. "Mr. Carroll has been a huge inspiration to me throughout my music career. He has provided the motivation necessary for me to become a better musician. He is also one of the main reasons I became an All-State percussionist. My passion for music can be linked directly to the drive for excellence that Mr. Carroll has instilled in me."



Brianna Galindo
Permian High School



Award for Excellence

Fine Arts

Benjamin is the son of Kimberly & David Corman.

He is a four-year member of Black Magic choir ensemble, four-year member of Kantorei varsity choir (served as president, choir bass 2 section leader, and officer at large), a member of First United Methodist Church Choir, Kaleidoscope Company Permian Playhouse, and "The Gents" PHS men's performance ensemble.

He is a three-time All-State Choir member, four-time All-Region Choir member, earned UIL Solo and Ensemble Division 1 Rating 2016-19, earned UIL State Solo and Ensemble Division 1 Rating 2017-19 and gained recognition as Outstanding Volunteer for the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

He likes playing basketball, weightlifting, singing, acting, camping, traveling, listening to all kinds of music, and watching history/war documentaries.

Benjamin is deciding between the University of North Texas or the University of Texas Permian Basin. His future plans are to pursue a career in music, film, and theatre. He would like to sing opera in Europe and the United States and explore Broadway possibilities. He is also interested in conducting both professionally and in choral education.

Benjamin's favorite teacher is PHS choir director Kenneth Sieloff. "I selected Mr. Sieloff as my favorite teacher because he has always been a mentor to me. I admire his teaching ability, musicianship, and love for what he does. His passion for music will continue to inspire me throughout my life. Through his leadership, I have grown not only to be a better musician but also a better person. I would like to thank Mr. Sieloff for all he has done for me."



Benjamin Corman
Permian High School



Award for Excellence

Foreign Language

Emilia is the daughter of Emma Hernandez and Alfredo Gutierrez.

She is in National Honor Society, Anchor Club, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, Principal Advisory Council, Congressional Youth Advisory Council, United Way of Odessa, Student Council, Permian High School Varsity Swim Team, Texas Scholar, and AVID.

She received an Optimist Club 95 Award, became the first Permian High School swimmer to receive the Academic Excellence Award four years in a row, was awarded Most Valuable Female Swimmer, and won 1st prize for her Awareness Film.

She likes to travel, swim, cook and bake, be outside with her two old English bulldogs, and shop.

She chose the University of Texas Permian Basin for her four years of undergraduate studies in pre-dentistry. After dentistry school, she would like to go for a specialty area like orthodontics or oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Emilia's favorite teacher is Cheraldin Celis. "I selected Ms. Celis as my favorite teacher because she is very patient and understanding with her students. She always does her best to help her students in any way she can. She always has a smile on her face spreading positivity to her students and coworkers. Her class is always a blast; every day I look forward to going to her class."



Emilia Gutierrez
George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa



Award for Excellence Foreign Language

Desmy is the daughter of Veronica & David Gomez.

She received a Most Outstanding Scholar award for Latin I, and an Honorable Mention award for AP Spanish 4 at OHS.

She enjoys reading and painting.

She is planning to attend Tec de Monterey to study Bioscience.

Desmy's favorite teacher is Yesenia Barajas. "Because she is a fighter, she is kind, she makes everyone feel important, and the most importantly she teaches students to do and be great."



Desmy Gomez Munoz
Odessa High School



Award for Excellence Foreign Language

Daniela is the daughter of Yanela Perez and Michael Ricardo.

She is currently pursuing her Certified Nursing Assistant certification through dual credit courses at Odessa College.

She has earned straight A's throughout her senior year, and scored a 4 on the Advanced Placement Spanish exam.

She enjoys dancing and listening to music.

She plans to continue her education at OC, get her Registered Nurse (RN) certificate and later become a Physician's Assistant.

Daniela's favorite teacher is Ramon Rivera. "The reason why I chose him as my favorite teacher is because he is not only my teacher but a friend. He has always been the teacher that asked me for more, encouraged me to do better and better every day. He always tells me to look for excellence, and to always go for more."



Daniela Ricardo
Permian High School



Award for Excellence Math

AshleyFaith is the daughter of Leliosa & Glenn Tolentino.

She is in the Falcon ECHS National Honor Society, Student Council (2016), and the National Society of Leadership and Success at Odessa College.

She has a 4.0 Grade Point Average, is ranked in the Top 10% of her class, in 2017 earned a medal in the State UIL competition for her watercolor portrait, her landscape pastel piece won 1st Place and Best of Show in the ECISD 2017 Art Show, and she won 1st Place with a 3D multimedia piece in 2018.

Her hobbies are art (fine arts and crafting), film, film editing, photography, and karaoke.

She is planning to attend Angelo State University for an Accounting or Business Management degree. She would also like to pursue a Master's degree in business and one day be Chief Financial Officer of a firm or a Chief Executive Officer of a company.

AshleyFaith chose Chris Golden as her favorite teacher. "Mr. Golden is my favorite teacher because he taught me the importance of creativity and expressing myself the way I want to. Art has always been my passion and Mr. Golden gave me the opportunity to go further into art (i.e. art shows and competitions). Without him, I would not have been able to explore the realm of creativity, as well as getting recognized for the talents I have hidden for the longest of time. I am glad to have met a teacher like him!"



AshleyFaith Tolentino
Falcon Early College High School

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Award for Excellence

Math

Cesar is the son of Dusty & Fabian Muñoz.

He is President of National Honor Society, a member of the Medical Center Hospital Teen Leadership Volunteer program, and in the Anchor Club.

He was named NASA High School Aerospace Scholar, and is ranked in the top ten of his class.

He likes playing video games, spending time with friends, and making people laugh.

He has been accepted to Texas A&M University and the University of Texas and wants to major in Biology with a minor in Chemistry and eventually attend medical school to become an anesthesiologist.

Jennifer Nuñez is his favorite teacher. "Ms. Nuñez makes advanced math understandable and not only cares for me in her class but my life choices outside of school."



Cesar Montano
George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa



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Award for Excellence Math

Jherman is the son of Flor Morales.

He is a member of the Student Council.

He likes to read.

His college plans are to become an engineer studying at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

Jherman's favorite teacher is Pamela Lopez, OCTECHS English teacher. "In Ms. Lopez's class, I felt comfortable being myself. Her classroom was a great environment for learning. I feel that Ms. Lopez is a great example of what a teacher should be to her students."



Jherman Morales
OCTECHS



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Award for Excellence

Math

Nicholas is the son of Melissa & Pete Arenivas.

He is a member of the Odessa High School Baseball Team, Texas Scholar, National Honor Society, and the Youth Group at Holy Redeemer (Discussion Leader).

He is currently ranked in the top ten of his class.

His hobbies include playing baseball, video games, hanging out with family and friends, and volunteering around Odessa.

He was accepted to several schools and chose the University of Texas. He would like to pursue a career in the field of dentistry. After receiving his undergraduate degree at UT, he is determined to receive his doctorate degree at UT Health San Antonio. He would ultimately like to open his own practice in San Antonio.

Nicholas chose his 4th grade teacher from Reagan Elementary, Robin Gutierrez, as his favorite teacher. "Mrs. Gutierrez has been a very impactful person in my life. Her loving nature always made me feel like I could do anything I set my mind to do. She was like a second mother at school because she understood me. She taught me many valuable lessons that have helped me persevere through hardships and obstacles throughout my educational career. Mrs. Gutierrez always ensured that her students were successful in all aspects of life. I have kept in touch with Mrs. Gutierrez and every time I speak with her, she still encourages me to work hard in my studies and reach



Nicholas Arenivas
Odessa High School



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Award for Excellence Math

Bryson is the son of Rosie & Chris White.

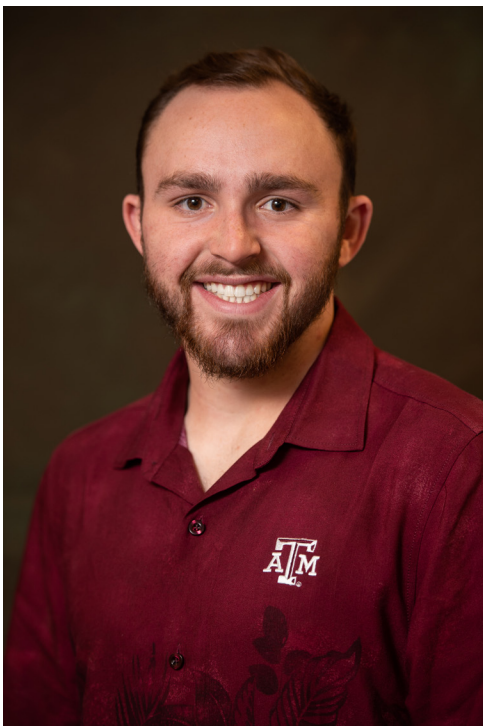
He is in National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, Varsity Football, Varsity Powerlifting, and Business Professionals of America.

He made 1st Team Academic All-State for Football and the Permian Academic Hall of Fame.

In his free time, he likes to workout, run, play with his dogs, and invest in various stocks.

He will attend Texas A&M University and hopes to find a job after college as a chemical engineer. Later, he would like to earn his Masters of Science in Business, pursue a career in administration and attempt to become a 10% shareholder in a major company.

Bryson's favorite teacher is Karime Melendez from his junior year. "Mrs. Melendez is my favorite teacher because she didn't limit me to the curriculum of class. She assisted me in exploring my potential and making connections outside of the classroom. She inspired me to strive to understand higher levels of math. She was also a great person to talk to when other classes were getting tough or if I just had some extra time and needed a place to do homework."



Bryson White
Permian High School



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Award for Excellence Science

Angel is the son of Magdalena & Jesus Benavides.

He is a member of National Honor Society, and was voted Mr. Falcon.

He likes to draw and help out at home, cooking and cleaning.

Angel plans to attend Angelo State University for a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and then Texas Tech University for his Master's Degree.

Marianna Nuñez is his favorite teacher. "I selected this teacher because she was not only a person that would teach you, but also spoke with you as if you were an adult."



Angel Benavides
Falcon Early College High School

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Morena is the daughter of Maria & Jesus Leyva.

She is a three-year member of the OHS Swimming Team (Captain during her junior year), Treasurer of Anchor Club, a member of National Honor Society, a Junior Volunteer at Medical Center Hospital, and on the Student Council.

She received the Leadership Award, Most Spirited Award, and Most Outstanding Student from the Swimming Team. She is ranked in the top ten of her class.

She enjoys baking, cooking and trying new recipes. She also enjoys watching the latest show on Netflix.

She has been accepted into the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas. She wants to own her own business, travel the world and spread the importance of education by working with nonprofits to build schools, and help students attend school.

Morena's favorite teacher is Napoleon Armendáriz who taught her during 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades. "Mr. Armendáriz was my teacher for 3 years. He, along with my parents, taught me to be proud of my Mexican roots. He made school fun and I remember having a great experience in elementary. He made me the student I am today and I thank him for that."



Morena Leyva
George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa



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Sammi is the daughter of Lynard Sears.

She is a member of National Honor Society, and has made the President's Honor Roll for the past three years.

She likes to take care of her dogs, watch Marvel movies, and play video games.

Sammi will start college at Odessa College and dreams of being a veterinarian and getting her doctorate's degree in zoology.

She chose Mark Perales as her favorite teacher. "I chose Mr. Perales as my favorite teacher because he has given me endless amounts of support for the time I have known him. He actively cares about his students and their well-being. He always goes above and beyond for us. There hasn't been a day where it seems like he genuinely hated his job. On top of this, he is really funny and always makes class fun."



Sammi Sears
OCTECHS



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Samuel is the son of Margaret & Samuel Mota.

He is in National Honor Society, and the OHS guitar program.

He advanced to State UIL for Guitar the past three years, and was awarded a certificate of achievement for a score of 6 on the International Baccalaureate Spanish exam.

In his free time, he likes to play guitar, spend time with his siblings, play football, watch football, and play games.

He is deciding between Texas Tech University and Baylor University, and plans to go to medical school after completing his undergraduate work. He would like to become an Otolaryngologist, also known as an ENT.

Samuel's favorite teacher is Ray Mata. "I chose Mr. Mata as my favorite teacher because he makes learning really fun. He is funny and makes every day in class a good experience. I look forward to his class every day because I know that every day in his class is a new and better experience."



Samuel Mota
Odessa High School



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Christopher is the son of Lydia Pearce.

He is a member of the Spanish Church of the Nazarene, Permian High School Band, and Permian High School Symphonic Band.

He is a National Hispanic Scholar, and made All-Region Band.

He enjoys riding his bike, playing competitive video games and playing the saxophone. He also likes to hang out with family and friends.

He will attend the University of Texas Permian Basin to earn a degree in chemical engineering. He wants to work for a major company changing the way energy is made and used.

Christopher's favorite teacher is Eric Garcia, his sophomore history teacher. "Mr. Garcia cares about his students. He kept me interested in history with his jokes. His sense of humor kept the class engaged and made learning fun."



Christopher Pearce
Permian High School



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Social Studies

Kiara is the daughter of Ester & Randy Villagonzalo.

She is the secretary of National Honor Society, a member of Odessa College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and part of the Junior Volunteer program at Medical Center Hospital.

She has earned recognition for Straight A's and Perfect Attendance.

She enjoys reading, volunteering, and dancing.

She will attend Angelo State University, plans to get her Master's Degree in nursing and become either a Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant.

Kiara's favorite teacher is Cindy McCord. "I selected Mrs. McCord as my favorite teacher because she is very supportive, and laid back. I feel that I can go to her to talk about any issue without any problems."



Kiara Villagonzalo
Falcon Early College High School

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Sara is the daughter of Tina Bolton, granddaughter of Norma McDaniel.

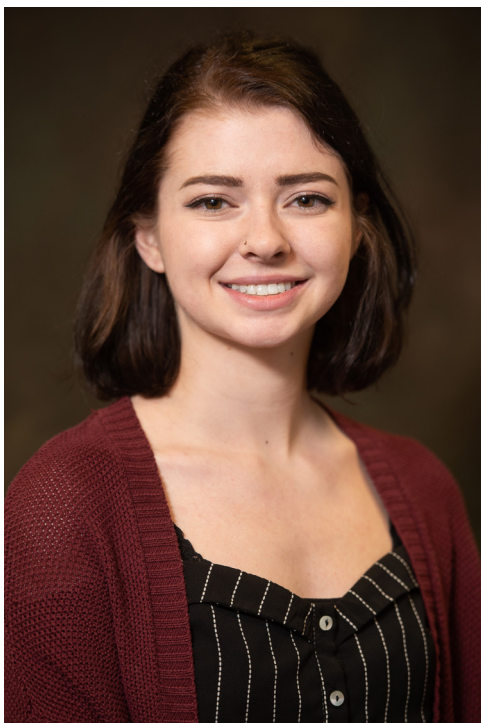
She is a member of National Honor Society, Model Organization of American States, Rocketry, Academic Decathlon (Team Captain), and Student Council (President and Secretary).

She won 1st Place in the Regional Decathlon Meet in Social Studies, Music, and Art.

She like to read, write and sew.

Sara is going to attend Schreiner University in Kerrville, and plans to study History and Arts Management so one day she can be a Museum Curator.

Her favorite teacher is Lauren Rieves. "Ms. Rieves taught me U.S. History and was the facilitator for my Model United Nations club. She has provided endless support for me throughout high school and is always prepared to give students advice and help them in any way she can. Ms. Rieves's class showed me that I wanted to pursue history and Ms. Rieves has shown me how to be a better person."



Sara Raye Bolton
George H.W. Bush New Tech Odessa



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Social Studies

Destiny is the daughter of Dora & Larry McGinnis.

She is Sergeant at Arms for Odessa Student Crime Stoppers, and a member of National Honor Society.

She has been an A Honor Roll student throughout high school, and on the Dean's List at Odessa College.

Destiny enjoys singing, playing with dogs, and being with family and friends.

After high school, she plans to go to the University of Texas Permian Basin to get her bachelors in Biology then go to medical school at Texas Tech University, complete her residency and become a family physician.

Her favorite teacher is Norma Parra Solano. "Ms. Solano was always there for me, she was a trusted source that I knew I could go to for anything at any time. She is the reason math became my favorite subject. She teaches in a way that I understand. She made every day enjoyable and she created the most welcoming and stress-free classroom



Destiny McGinnis
OCTECHS



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Nicole is the daughter of Bertha & Pedro Ramirez.

She is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate, and a member of National Honor Society.

Her hobbies include spending time with loved ones, traveling, and cooking.

She will be attending Baylor University and pursuing a career in dentistry with a specialization in orthodontia or pediatric dentistry.

Nicole's favorite teacher is Lee Jordan, who taught her for the last three years. "Trees require the aid of outside forces in order to develop evenly throughout, without the assistance of stakes, a tree will oftentimes develop weak bases as a result of fewer roots. As a person grows and flourishes into the people they will become later on in life, several influencers come their way and act as the stakes of the tree that is that person. One of the most essential stakes which has altered my life dramatically is Mr. Jordan. Walking into his class sophomore year was I then hit with the reality of the significance of perspective and how to apply it to my everyday thoughts. It was his lessons that carried a bit of that extra spice that impacted my life today... His lessons which altered the branches of my tree. At the same time, Mr. Jordan is an all about motivator who has managed to not only get me to enjoy history but a variety of other students as well. Overall, he is a person who not only gives his history lessons that interesting twist, but also embeds within those lessons new perspectives which can guide students on how to view the world from there on out. It is these qualities which I can appreciate on a whole new level."



Nicole Ramirez
Odessa High School



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Brianna is the daughter of Barbie & Bobby Dunston.

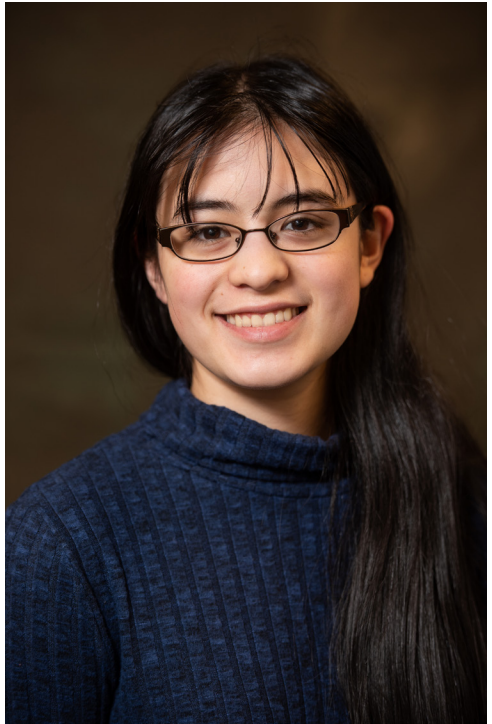
She is a member of Permian High School Theatre Production (President), National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, Dance Connection Ballet/Pointe Student for 10 years, and an Art Student for 5 years.

She is an AP Scholar with Honors, National Merit Commended Scholar, ranked in the top ten of her class, participated in UIL One Act Play both junior and senior year, awarded Honorable Mention All-Star Cast at UIL One Act Play senior year.

Brianna's many interests include writing, acting, drawing, reading, enjoying music, watching (and often critiquing) movies/TV/cartoons, jigsaw and logic puzzles, and tabletop games.

She says her future plans are relatively undecided, though she hopes to find a job that she finds tolerable and will enable her to be content. As of now, she has been accepted into Stephen F. Austin to study Creative Writing.

Brianna's favorite teacher is PHS theater teacher Elizabeth Cleveland. "Ms. Cleveland has allowed me to grow not only as an actor but as a person, and has helped me develop a significant amount of self-confidence and enabled me to express myself in her classes. She deeply cares about both her students and her craft and inspires a lasting love of theatre in many of those she teaches. I consider myself extremely lucky to have her as a teacher and am very pleased to call her my favorite."



Brianna Dunston
Permian High School



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