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End of Year Dance

BY KIMBERLY MENDOZA

North Lake ECHS hosted it's spring, end of year dance on Saturday May 7th. This event was all about getting enough money for the class of 2023 seniors. The teacher that welcomed the students was Ms. Ferguson and the ones making sure everyone had their tickets were Ms. Seymour and Mr. Heiple. The theme was red carpet and the whole event illustrated that since when you entered there was a red carpet that you walked on to an area where you could get your picture taken by a NLECHS student photographer. She made sure to take pictures of everyone who attended and of the fun moments that occurred. A DJ was there and played some of the songs that were requested by every student from North Lake. The food and drinks that were there at the dance were tacos, spaghetti, salad, sweet tea and water. This dance was full of fun and it brought us together as a family.

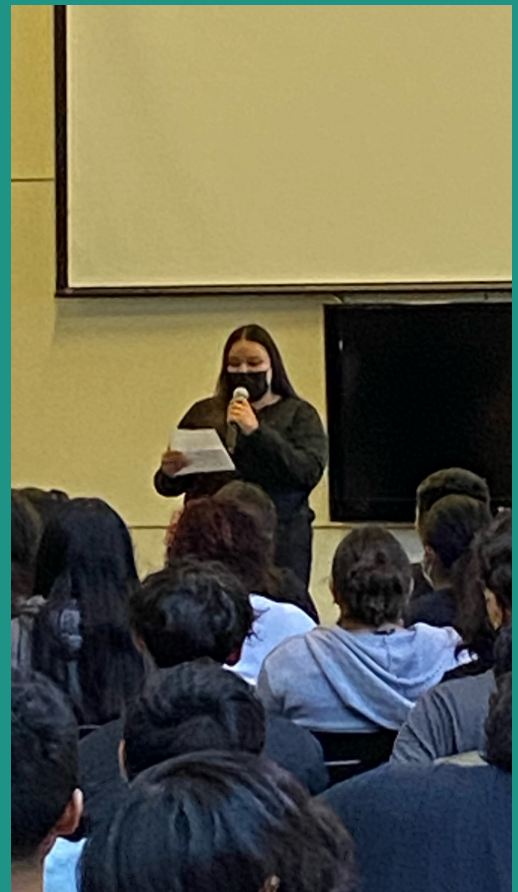
Journalism in Society

By Claire Spillman

Journalism, according to the Oxford dictionary, is the profession of writing for newspapers, magazines, websites, or preparing news to broadcast. In other words, journalism is about letting the world know what is going on around us. From breaking news to daily advice, it is a form of communication that keeps us informed of the changing events, issues, and principles of the outside world. Though it may seem easy to write an article about current events, journalists go above and beyond to ensure that the public receives truthful information. Journalism serves an important function as the watchdog of society; they are responsible for holding the corrupt accountable by shedding light on their unethical and suspicious activities. Truth is crucial to a free society and a right and function of our constitution. As CNN says “an apple is always an apple no matter how many times you say it's a banana”.

War-journalism is one of the most dangerous fields of journalism because of the risks of reporting in war-torn countries. This field of journalism shows how journalists also have a role in the fight for freedom, a fight that could potentially lead to their death. Sadly, there are increasing numbers of journalists who lose their lives while embedded and reporting on the world's wars. It is left to other journalists to keep their legacy alive in the form of their stories.

Journalism was important in the past, it is important now, and will continue to be important in the future. Without journalism, we would have no news of international affairs, natural disasters, war, stock markets, and day-to-day issues. Media nowadays has severely impacted the lives of everyone and has often become more of a tribal issue, echoing the beliefs one has over and over again rather than reporting objectively. Rather than strictly checking CNN versus Fox, try other news sources such as France 24, a more objective news feed in English from central Europe. In today's world it is almost impossible to live through life without using or engaging in media. Interest in journalism will continue to grow as technology advances and the need for instant trustworthy, unbiased sources become even greater.



Student Council Elections

**BY GUEST WRITER:
JACKIE CARRANZA**

On May 12, we held our annual Student Council elections at North Lake ECHS. We had students from every grade level running in this year's elections. Students had to complete an intricate application process and campaign for their spot in Student Council. Posters were hanging all over the campus and candidates were campaigning in person with students. On election day, students gathered in the Student Life Center. When every candidate walked up to do their speech, all of their friends and classmates cheered them on. Each candidate had an opportunity to speak about why they should be elected and the issues they are passionate about. We heard multiple ideas from all the candidates on their approaches on improve campus and school-wide issues. Some ideas stemmed from rewarding students with gift cards for academic excellence to improving student morale by having more field trips. We are looking forward to next year!

And the winners are...

Sofia Ramirez as President
Juan Araujo as Vice President
Destany Garcia as Secretary
JuanCarlos Baltazar as Historian
Elaina Humphrey as Treasurer



National Honor Society

BY JASMIN SALAZAR

Here at North Lake ECHS, we had our very first National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony. It was an event where both Juniors and Sophomores received their certificates. Mr. Lysowski was responsible for giving juniors their certificates while Mr. Hernandez gave them to the sophomores. This certification is based on four pillars. Scholarship, leadership, service and character. It welcomes students to be able to maintain and obtain these characteristics. NHS allows them to learn and go way beyond they could ever imagine. This was an eventful night where students, staff and family were able to be part of this special moment where all students walked on stage to receive their certificates. This induction ceremony was led by the president, Salwa Din, who demonstrated her leadership skills by guiding everyone through the ceremony. All officers also took this opportunity to state their speeches for everyone in the audience to hear. This was such a big accomplishment for everyone who attended because all students were recognized for their high performance in their classes. The recognition for maintaining high grades and standards, even during adversity, is a prestigious award in itself. This induction ceremony rewarded students for always being responsible and on top of their work. Families and staff were so proud to be able to award these students for such a high achievement. At the end of the day, Mr. Lysowski and Mr. Hernandez both gave a speech to the students and families. They inspired and motivated everyone to continue doing their best. Once over, everyone was invited to stay and celebrate their accomplishments by coming together for treats and beverages. None of this would have been possible without our sponsor, Ms. Resendez.

Farewell Ms. Alexander

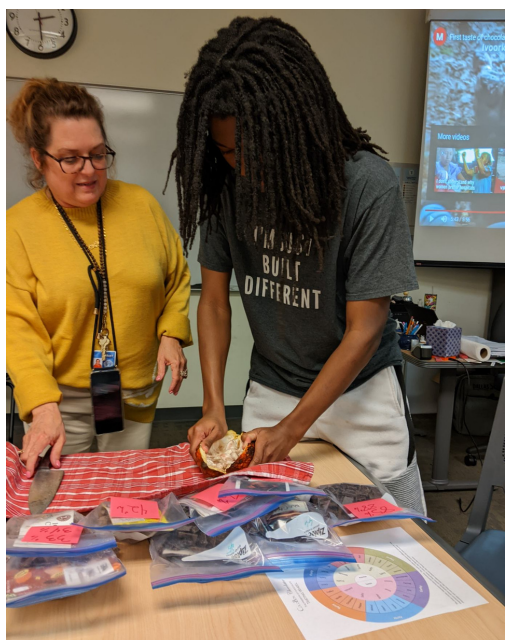
BY GUEST WRITERS:

VANELLY LOPEZ, DIOSSELYN PINEDA & DANIEL RODRIGUEZ



Ms. Alexander, as I hear about your retirement, it is bittersweet news. As saddened as we are to learn that you are leaving us, I know that your plans in traveling have been your dream. You deserve all the happiness as you explore new adventures and old places around the world. You've worked hard for so many years, and have impacted so many lives in a positive way. For that, we are thankful to have been taught by you. You made learning both fun and enjoyable. You have been an amazing mentor. May your life be filled with lots of memories, both old and new, and blissful days. We wish you success in all your future endeavors.

This year we had the honor of having Ms. Alexander as our AP Human Geography teacher. Starting out as a freshman in an early college high school can be an intimidating experience. AP Human Geo might not be the easiest class, but we are so thankful we had a wonderful teacher to help guide us through it. Ms. Alexander is always willing to help her students and support them in their academic dreams; Keeping in touch with some of her older students and planning meetings so that we can learn more about different areas. She also helped us prepare for our AP exam by giving us study material and taking her time to help us understand FRQ questions.



Ms. Alexander also sponsored Junior World Affairs Council. Our group became very close and we are thankful for the opportunities we had with that club, from virtual field trips to Anne Frank's house to fundraising. Ms. Alexander is looking forward to her retirement. She has plans to spend more time on her hobbies such as pottery and cooking. She is really excited to try new recipes that she's been saving this year, and she is also excited to spend some quality time with her cats. An avid traveler, Ms. Alexander is planning to travel to many places around the world. Her first stops are going to be London, Germany, Portland, West Virginia. Safe travels Ms. Alexander, we will miss you!

"Quote"

NAME
11TH GRADE STUDENT



Farewell Ms. Alexander

FROM YOUR NLECHS FAMILY

"I will miss her dearly and I am so thankful I was able to have her as a teacher." - Vanelly Lopez

"Ms. Alexander's humor is infectious and I will cherish all of our good stories and laughs" - Ms. Seymour

"Thank you Ms. Alexander for being one of my teachers this year. I have learned a lot from you and wish you the best." - Julian Serrano

"Thank you for always listening when I just needed to talk, laughing with me, and sharing great moments in the classroom. You have persevered and paved your own way on your terms and I admire that." -Ms. Lewis

"Ms. Alexander is one of the most welcoming teachers I've ever had and being her student was the best experience ever. Thank you so much Ms. Alexander, I'm going to miss you." - Miranda Vega



"Be who you are
and say what you
feel because
those who mind
don't matter and
those who matter
don't mind."

DR. SEUSS
AUTHOR



Farewell Mr. Macias

BY JASMIN SALAZAR, KIMBERLY MENDOZA, CLAUDIA LEYJA
& VALERIE ANGUIANO

Mr. Macias, one of North Lake's most beloved teachers, has been with North Lake since the introduction of the Legacy Class in 2019. As this year is coming to a close, he is leaving North Lake ECHS to pursue his education goals and a future in networking basics. Mr. Macias has managed to create so many bonds and special memories throughout the classes here at North Lake and has made many students feel comfortable at our school. He always knows what to say to kids and make them feel seen and understood, and he always remembers things students tell him and follows up with them later to see how they are. He hears everyone out whenever they are feeling down and gives good advice because he genuinely cares about his students.

Since Mr. Macias has been at North Lake ECHS, he has made multiple impacts such as holding meetings with people from Germany and Dr. Anderton, who is the director of Dallas ISD's World Languages Department, and has helped two of our students get into CBYX (a program for students to study abroad). Mr. Macias' German class was able to meet two people from Germany and got to ask them questions about life in Germany. He has also been a facilitator in extracurriculars such as E-Sports and Trinity Athletics as a yoga instructor over his years at North Lake. Not only does he help students here at North Lake, but he also helps with I.T. and with translating. Although we will miss you Mr. Macias, we are so proud to see you pursue your passions and goals!

Thank you for everything.





Farewell Mr. Macias

FROM YOUR NORTH LAKE ECHS FAMILY

Here is what some students have to say about Mr. Macias:

"I'm sad to see you go but happy to see you pursue a dream, I will miss you old and decrepit."- Jacqueline Carranza

"Mr. Macias you a real one, gonna miss you"- Vincent Orta

"Thank you for listening to all of us and for always supporting us and I hope you achieve your dreams now"- Allisha Coronel

"Mr. Macias was not just a teacher, he is a friend to all of the students here. He is a genuine man that never turned a student away when they needed help, whether it is academically or a personal problem. Mr. Macias was the definition of a true friend and we are sad to see him go but we are even prouder to see him grow into an even greater person." - Adrian Moreno

"Thanks for listening to the chisme and listening to us whine 24/7"- Stephane Ortiz

"He was probably the most helpful person in that school he did things that he wasn't even supposed to do and still did it"- Alice Lazo

"Mr. Macias always brings a positive energy and encouragement. He makes the difficult days a little bit easier." -Ms. Seymour

"He's a great and considerate teacher as well as a friendly and respectful person. He has been our mentor and support. I'm truly thankful to have had him as a teacher. I wish him nothing but the best!"- Mariana Garcia

"If you've had the strength to deal with all of us I don't think any obstacle you face at school and in your future career will be too much for you to overcome. I hope we cross paths in the future and that all of your dreams and aspirations are accomplished, as North Lake was just another important chapter in your book." - Elaina Humphrey.

"Gonna miss you for real but glad you are pursuing your career in technology. I know the people you will meet later on are gonna be lucky to meet you cause you're funny or whatever." - Claudia Leyja.

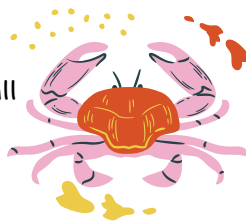
Horoscopes

By Kimberly Mendoza



May 21 - June 20

Gemini you are a hard worker so don't fall behind and make sure to think before making any decisions



June 21 - July 22

Cancer its time to get rid of all those things that are not needed and move forward



July 23 - August 22

Leo you will have people who want to spend time with you and don't let it get to you if there is any tension for those who don't agree with you



August 23 - September 22

Virgo go explore new places and be open to meeting new people.



Septmeber 23 - October 22

Libra it has been an emotional time but things are about to change so look forward to the new beginning



October 23 - November 21

Scorpio it is looking bright for your career so don't be afraid to talk about your ideas



November 22 - December 21

Sagittarius take action for what you have been thinking about



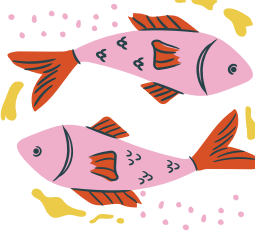
December 22 - January 19

Capricorn it is time to begin planning for what you want to be in the future so write down anything important that you want to accomplish



January 20 - February 18

Aquarius be confident in yourself you are doing an awesome job



February 19 - March 20

Pisces protect your peace and don't be afraid to express your opinion because you are important



March 21 - April 19

Aries take some time for yourself and things aren't as complicated as they seem



April 20 - May 20

Taurus you have things under control so don't stress yourself out

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The students below have displayed exemplary behavior and are being recognized by their teachers! Congratulations!



JOSE PEREZ

9th grade student

"Jose is kind, motivated and is an attentive listener. He is also honest and expects the best from himself and everyone else. He has grown so much this past year. He walked into NLECHS a typical, nervous freshman and will move on to his sophomore year a confident, intelligent young man. It is what we hope for every NLECHS student." - Ms. Alexander

EDWARD MARTINEZ MORIN

10th grade student

"Edward may be known as the quiet one to his teachers. However, those who have interacted with him will tell you he is an inquisitive and insightful young adult who seeks to define his version of success. His conscientiousness is apparent within his actions, as he always seeks to do what is right." - Mr. Macias



ANA DE LA TORRE

11th grade student

"Ana works hard and her efforts have proven successful this semester! She doesn't hesitate to ask questions and advocates for herself and others around her. She is also an outstanding example of kindness and compassion." - Ms. Resendez



We Want You!

Sign up for extracurriculars for next year using the link below!

Please fill out the 3 question sign-up to help us place you in extracurriculars next school year. You will pick 1 option for Friday mornings, optional additional options for outside of Friday mornings, and a fill in the blank for any additional notes you might have.



Yearbook & Newspaper clubs are looking for creative students that love journalism, photography, writing and more. We would love to have you next year. See Ms. Seymour for more information. If you are interested, please sign up with the QR code above.

Upcoming Events

2022-2023 School Year

Below you can find dates for upcoming events
for the summer and return to school.

June 6-10 - Summer Bridge

June 6 - 27 - Summer School Acceleration Courses

August 3 - FISH Camp

August 15 - First Day of School

September 5 - NO SCHOOL

October 14 - NO SCHOOL

November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

December 22 - January 6 - Winter Break

January 9 - Spring Semester Begins

January 16 - NO SCHOOL

February 20 - NO SCHOOL

March 13 - 17 - Spring Break

April 7 - NO SCHOOL

May 27 - Last Day of School

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THIS FALL!**

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