

# BLAZER NEWS

North Lake Early College High School Monthly News

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## Class Officer Elections

Another first at North Lake ECHS this school year was our grade level class officer elections. Each grade level elected 5 officers to represent their class in the upcoming school year. They will be responsible for hosting events and activities and raising money for both their class and the entire school. Students went through a tedious process to qualify for election. They campaigned and then the students voted. The races were neck and neck; a true example of "every vote counts". The five roles that make up the officers are: president, vice-president, secretary, historian and treasurer,

# 12th Grade Officers



## **President**

*Nathaly Rodriguez*



## **Vice President**

*Vanessa Diaz Torres*



## **Secretary**

*Emmanuel Ramirez*



## **Historian**

*Joselyn Aviles*



## **Treasurer**

*Ulises Gomez*



# 11th Grade Officers



## President

*Deigo Vazquez*



## Vice President

*Valerie Anguiano*



## Secretary

*Alice Lazo*



## Historian

*Dayaina Velasquez*



## Treasurer

*Levi Martinez*

# 10th Grade Officers



## **President**

*Vanelly Lopez*



## **Vice President**

*Melanie Ibanez*



## **Secretary**

*Diosselyn Pineda*



## **Historian**

*Olivia Byrd*



## **Treasurer**

*Yosselin Ipina*



## Student Spotlight: Analiese Ayala Henderson

BY: VALERIE ANGUIANO & CLAUDIA LEYJA

"The culture as a whole is something I am most excited about learning while in Germany."

NAME

10TH GRADE STUDENT

Two students here at North Lake ECHS were recently accepted to the CBYX program in Germany. CBYX (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange) is an immersive exchange program jointly offered by the U.S. and German government. The students are allowed to learn about different cultures and get to study abroad. Our first student accepted to this program is Analiese Ayala Henderson. Analiese heard about this opportunity through her former German teacher, Mr. Macias. Mr. Macias has not only been a great teacher but a wonderful mentor. He has given her great advice and has helped her throughout the application process; he even continues to support her after she has been accepted. The steps that Analiese had to take consisted of sending out her application and waiting to see if she got accepted into the semi-finals. Once she found out she was a semifinalist, she completed a survey, an introduction video for her host family, and a semi finalist interview over Zoom. Then they gave her the news that she was a finalist and was given a week to either accept or decline the offer. She accepted and later filled out a second application, which consisted of medical information, letters to her host family, and more information about herself. For Analiese, she felt that the application process was easy; it only took her two days to finish. Most of it was about herself, her hobbies, recommendation letters, and lastly they give you a set of questions in which you have to reply with paragraph responses. What got her interested in this program was the opportunity to travel across the country and be in a new environment and culture for free. Here is what Analiese is most excited about learning "I believe the culture as a whole is something I'm most excited about learning in Germany; The idea of coming back fluent in a new language, having the experience of tasting different cultural foods, and the way of life for a German student is something I am most excited about." The hardest part of leaving for her is the thought of missing out on things and her family making memories without her. Some ways she will try to adjust is by seeing the way the people in her environment work/act and try her best to fit in. Either way Analiese highly recommends this program to anyone who wants to travel and learn more about other cultures. We can't wait to hear all about it when you return senior year!



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Shout-out to  
Mr. Macias for  
helping our  
students  
achieve this  
opportunity.

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## Student Spotlight: Jacqueline Carranza

**BY: VALERIE ANGUIANO**

Sophomore Jacqueline Carranza is our second student that was accepted into CBYX (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange). Speaking to Jacqueline about this achievement, we learned that she has always wanted to study abroad but expected to do it in college. When she heard about the opportunity to apply from Mr. Macias, she and some other students expressed their interest. Mr. Macias brought people to speak to them about this program. Jacqueline says that the application process was "Oddly enough tedious and fast paced at the same time. My personal experience dates were pushed back a lot but also it feels like one day to another that I first applied then got the acceptance letter. Nonetheless, I would say it's a lot of work and patience". One of Jackie's mentors is Mr. Macias, who helped her through the application process and encouraged her to go with the flow and see what happens. Nonetheless, Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Heiple were also a great help for her application. Even though she's excited about learning a new way of life, she says that the hardest part of leaving would be not being able to see her family, friends, dogs and teachers. Jackie would recommend this program because she thinks it's a great opportunity to learn a new culture and environment.







# History In The Making

**A REFLECTION ON SCHOOL DURING A PANDEMIC AND THE  
NORTH LAKE LEGACY CLASS**

**BY: CLAIRE SPILLMAN**

The past three years have been filled with challenges and changes. Each of us was left to the task of how to handle the mysteries of high school, uniquely a new high school and proudly we wear the title of the Legacy Class of North Lake Early College High School.

During the 2020-2021 school year, most of our class was tasked with the job of completing our sophomore year at home and online. Although students had difficult times adjusting to virtual learning brought on by the global COVID pandemic, the teachers remained dedicated, helped keep us focused, and made the year as enjoyable as possible.

One of the biggest changes was our move from the South campus to the Main campus of Dallas College at North Lake. The Class of 2023 started our journey in the South campus building. It was our home, but it had always been a temporary place. Looking back at the fun memories, a new chapter was opening with many opportunities to help create successful futures for us on our beautiful new campus. New facilities, teachers, and programs aided us in becoming stronger academic performers and better people. It is important to note that the Class of 2023 (AKA The Legacy Class), will be the first graduating class of North Lake Early College High School. Trial and error are what has brought us thus far, both the students and teachers have worked together to create a fun, safe, and challenging learning environment. We are an adaptable, tenacious group that aims for success.

# History In The Making

## CONTINUED

Traditions are in the making for the following classes to carry on once the Legacy Class graduates. As the first graduating class we hope to set the bar high in hopes of motivating the next classes to shoot even higher, remain adaptable, stay focused and know that the future is yours to make.

Our principal, vice-principal, and leadership team have given us the resources to rise above adversity and any challenge we face. Now it is up to us to take these opportunities and create the life we want for ourselves. As time has gone by, we have learned to appreciate the dedicated team of professionals that have guided us through a maze of uncertainty to the reality of our world vision unique to each and every student. We have learned to embrace uncertainty, conquer fears, and become adaptable, resilient, young people on our journeys toward our bright futures.

We must embrace the fact that all of us have had a spectacular road to carve from the stone forged by our leaders and we hope the future graduating classes take up the same incredible journey, makes it as unique as our own, and makes our school even better.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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



## ERICK DIAZ

*9th grade student*

"Erick Diaz is kind and polite to everyone. He is a self-motivated student, always coming to class on time and staying on top of his responsibilities. He is friendly to everyone and serious about his studies. He makes sure everyone has what they need to be successful." - Ms. Alexander

## PALOMA RODRIGUEZ

*10th grade student*

"Paloma is consistent in everything she does. She cares about her academics and truly wants to succeed. She is cooperative and respectful to all those in and outside the classroom." - Mr. Heiple



## SOFIA RAMIREZ

*11th grade student*

"Sofia is a very respectful student that isn't afraid to speak up when she has a question. She is inquisitive and lets her curiosity drive her in the classroom. She is hardworking and demonstrates what it means to be a Blazer." - Ms. Ding





# Mother's Day

BY: CLAUDIA LEYJA

Mother's day is a day that we celebrate to honor and commemorate motherhood and a way that we can do that is by giving gifts to our mom's. Some gifts that you can give are flowers, candy, gift baskets, and homemade gift cards. We should celebrate mother's day because we need to show our love and appreciation towards our mom's who have done so much for us. To all the NLECHS mom's, we students and faculty wish you a wonderful Mother's Day.



Homemade cards to tell her how much you love her



Some pretty flowers just for her



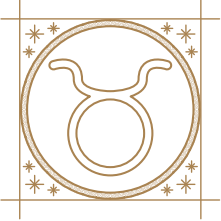
A gift basket that consists of her favorite things



# Horoscopes

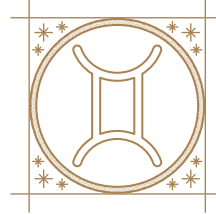
By Kimberly  
Mendoza

April 20 - May 20



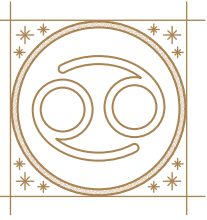
Taurus this month is your month!  
There may be some losses but  
keep in mind that everything  
happens for a reason.

May 21 - June 20



Gemini there may a change that you  
have to make and it will be positive.  
Do something new that you have  
been wanting to do.

June 21 - July 22



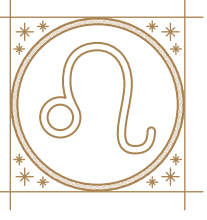
Cancer make sure you are  
listening to yourself and not  
staying in any situation or with  
people that are harmful.

November 23 - December 21



Sagittarius knowledge from  
your past can help you in the  
present and there may need  
to be a change.

July 23 - August 22



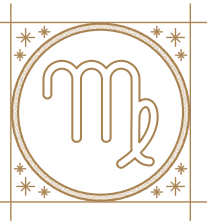
Leo embrace your inner child  
and do those things that bring  
you happiness.

December 22 - January 19



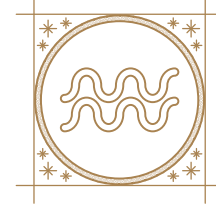
Capricorns don't avoid the things  
that need to settle and love may  
come in a different way than you  
expected.

August 23 - September 22



Virgo remember that what is  
supposed to work will and  
accomplish those things you have  
planned.

January 20 - February 18



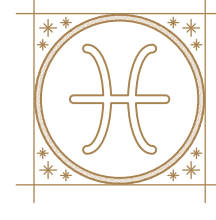
Aquarius prepare yourself for any  
changes and be careful with making  
any decisions.

Septmeber 23 - October 23



Libra be careful with the people  
that are close to you and don't  
forget to care about yourself  
despite everything.

February 19 - March 20



Pisces you may feel drained  
sometimes because of people or  
things so make yourself a  
priority.

October 23 - November 21



Scorpio it's okay to spend some  
time on your own and don't let  
anything negative bring you  
down.

March 21 - April 19



Aries it's important to trust your  
loved ones and communicate  
about any conflicts.

# Upcoming Events

May 2022

Below you can find dates for upcoming events, testing information, no school days and more.

- May 1:** School Principal's Day
- May 2:** International Harry Potter Day
- May 2 - 6:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4:** Algebra I STAAR
- May 5:** Cinco De Mayo
- May 6:** U.S History STAAR
- May 7:** Biology STAAR Saturday School
- May 7:** End of Year Dance
- May 8:** Mother's Day
- May 10:** NHS Induction Ceremony
- May 10:** Biology STAAR
- May 12:** National Nurse's Day
- May 12:** Rowing Club Field Trip
- May 12:** Dallas College Spring Semester Ends
- May 13:** Yearbook delivery
- May 14:** 8th Grade Signing Day
- May 18:** PTSA Board Meeting
- May 19:** Senior Parent Meeting
- May 19:** AP Human Geography Exam
- May 23-26:** ACP Testing
- May 27:** Last Day of School
- May 31:** Memorial Day

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