

FALL SALUTE 2025

Madame President, Members of the Board of Trustees, Superintendent Patterson, Community Members, and Invited Guests,

Welcome to tonight's Board of Trustees meeting, held here at Crosby High School. We chose this location to celebrate a special evening of recognition. As we near the close of the 2025 fall semester, it's the perfect time to honor the outstanding achievements of our students, staff, and organizations from the past few months.

A quick note on the flow of tonight's program: I will call each group up individually, and when your group is announced, please begin making your way to the stage to form a line. Assistant Superintendent Whitfield will be there to assist you in organizing on the right side of the stage, which is my left.

We kindly ask that everyone remain seated in the audience until the entire recognition program concludes. Thank you for your patience and support as we celebrate excellence in our school community.

1. AP Honors

Crosby High School is proud to highlight an incredible season of achievement as our students continue to demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership, and college readiness.

We are thrilled to recognize the following students for earning College Board National Recognition Awards in one or more categories:

- Peyton Abernathy – School Recognition Award
- Ayslin Alvarez-Juarez – School Recognition Award
- Brilyn Baumbach – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Saniya Carrington – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Ashley Gonzalez – First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Hector Gonzalez – First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Kaitlyn Henderson – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Hailey Johns – School Recognition Award
- Alexander Keene – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Aylene Martinez – School Recognition Award
- Josephine Mcanespy – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Christian Mendoza – School Recognition Award
- Carys Murray – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Hector Ochoa – School Recognition Award
- Kimberly Padierna-Martinez – First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Adam Persad – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Miguel Rodriguez Gonzalez – First-Generation Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Ruben Rodriguez – First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Hillary Self – First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award
- Luis Torres-Irizarry – School Recognition Award
- Elliott Weaver – Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, School Recognition Award

These students exemplify the hard work, determination, and excellence that make Crosby High proud!

2. Audio/Video

Annabella GUERRERO

Isaac NARVAEZ

Alejandro MENDOZA

Logan MCDANIEL

Grady MACNAUGHTON

Caleb GROFF

Evelyn MARTINEZ

Our Audio/Video students have done an outstanding job this football season running the video board, creating engaging content for our fans, and capturing high-quality footage from every game. They've shown impressive dedication and professionalism—balancing these responsibilities with their regular coursework and other school commitments such as band, Theater, and their jobs. Their hard work and teamwork have helped make each game a more exciting and polished experience for our community.

3. Band

What a fall it's been for the Crosby High School Big Red Machine!

I am honored to share with you the outstanding accomplishments of our school band this year—a true testament to their dedication, talent, and hard work.

This past August, our band had the incredible opportunity to perform the National Anthem at the Houston Dynamo professional soccer game, showcasing our school's spirit on a big stage and representing our community with pride.

We are also proud to celebrate a remarkable milestone: 14 consecutive years of earning Division 1 ratings at the UIL Marching Contest. This consistent excellence speaks volumes about the skill and commitment of our students and the guidance of our dedicated instructors.

For the past three years, our band has secured 1st place in Class 5A at the Pre-UIL Contest, further proving their competitive edge and musical mastery.

This spring, our varsity band embarked on a memorable Texas tour, performing at notable venues including the University of Houston and Houston Christian University. They also had the honor of participating in the UIL State Wind Ensemble Festival at the University of Texas at Austin, an experience that challenged and inspired them to reach new heights.

These achievements reflect not only musical excellence but also teamwork, discipline, and school pride. We congratulate every member of our band for their hard work and thank the teachers and families who support them.

Please join me in applauding our band for their exceptional accomplishments and for making our school community proud.

Thank you!

4. Cheer

Carys (Car-is) Murray Gracie Skeen McKenna Robinson Ari Crear Lauren Bazmore Hailey Parker Riley Barrett Britni O'Daniel Paige Hildebrand Kyleigh Glover Kiera Hernandez Bree Garrett	Ryleigh Lochridge Frances Reyas Kami Fakjus (Fake-us) Taylor Cantwell Camdyn Lackey Raygan Dillard Mariyah Rodriguez Whitley Hayes Ally Jacobson- Mascot Arely Hernandez- Manager Wynter Berry
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Mrs. Penny Sikes, Cheer Coach, proudly recognizes this group of young women who have dedicated countless hours pouring their hearts, energy, and spirit into representing Crosby High School with pride — the 2025–2026 Varsity Cheer Team.

This year's team has truly set the standard for excellence. Over the summer, they attended the UCA Cheer Camp, where their passion, skill, and teamwork shone brighter than ever. Not only did they bring home multiple awards, but they also earned one of the most meaningful recognitions of the entire camp — the Banana Award — a special honor given to the team that embodies kindness, sportsmanship, and positivity. This award represents more than just talent; it symbolizes heart, character, and unity.

What makes this team truly remarkable goes far beyond trophies and ribbons. These athletes are the heartbeat of Crosby spirit. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave — rain or shine, win or lose — standing on the sidelines to cheer on every athlete, every team, and every moment of Cougar pride. Their selflessness and dedication remind us that true leadership isn't about being in the spotlight; it's about helping others shine.

Throughout the year, they have brought unmatched energy to games, pep rallies, and community events. They have built a legacy of teamwork, resilience, and school spirit that lifts up everyone around them.

Mrs. Sikes honors not just their incredible talent, but also their kindness, humility, and unwavering support for all Crosby athletes. To the 2025–2026 Varsity Cheerleaders — thank you for showing us what it means to lead with spirit, to serve with heart, and to cheer with pride. They make Crosby proud every single day.

Go Cougars!

5. Choir

The CHS Choir has warmly embraced it's new director, Mr. Ishee, by being kind, respectful, and hard-working since starting together in August. The students have embraced change well, creating a comfortable and positive environment in the choir room. Mr. Ishee can't thank them enough for that. The choir council has been awesome in creating a theme for the year, decorating the classroom, and planning socials, such as the Welcome Back Social and the Halloween Social, which included a really cool and spooky Haunted House!

The choir has sung at two home football games and had a wonderful Fall Concert, in which the president, Kylee Robertson, and Vice President, Eduardo Palomo were featured conductors. Mr Ishee has started a tradition of singing the Crosby High School Alma Mater in 4-part harmony at the Fall Concert and whenever we need some school spirit. CHS Choir had 10 students place in the TMEA Region 33 All-District Choir, 7 in the All-Region Choir, and 3 of them are moving on to the Pre-Area round on December 4th. At the All-Region concert, Eduardo Palomo was a featured tenor soloist! Eduardo has also started Crosby High School's first after school choir club, named Creare Voce (which means to create music) and has future plans to sing around Crosby and the Houston area. Eduardo is the heartbeat of this choir program and is such a strong leader. He is planning to major in Music Education after he graduates from Crosby High School. He makes us so proud!

The choir is getting ready for it's Christmas Concert and all of the other performances in the remainder of the school year. The future is bright and noteworthy in the Crosby High School Choir program!

All-District Students:

Amanda Delgado
Valeria Huicab
Noelani Campos
Kylee Robertson
Hailee Moore
Olivia Gerhart
Eduardo Palomo
David Santamaria
Geoffrey Morgado
Kristofer Welch

Pre-Area Advancers:

Noelani Campos
Eduardo Palomo
David Santamaria

6. Cross Country

Girls Hannah Washington Ivanna Leza Lucia Leza Macie Hicks	Carlos Munoz Ethan ESCOBAR Octavio Rojas Jr Evan Egans Andrew Zahopoulos
Boys Ivan Armendariz Justin Knight Joshua Stilwell Will Hardy Julian Cortez Julian Salinas Julius Soliz Sloan Davila Brayden Hirsch	Bryce Berry Cameron Smith Carson Planck Delance Harris Isaac Gomez Keondre Hebert TJ Barber Zayne Gonzales Zerric Galvan

Good evening everyone,

Coach Barnes wishes to begin by saying how proud he is of this year's cross country teams. Coaching this group has been an incredible experience — full of early mornings, hard practices, and steady effort from every athlete who showed up day after day.

This season produced several standout performances that deserve recognition.

First, Ivan Armendariz had an exceptional year. Ivan finished in the top 10 at every meet, qualified for regionals, and now holds the school record for the fastest time. His consistency, focus, and leadership set the standard for the team.

Two freshmen also made an immediate impact: Julian Cortez and Julian Salinas. Both placed in the top 10 at every meet this season — an outstanding achievement for first-year runners and a promising sign for the future of the program.

On the girls' side, Hannah Washington earned special recognition after placing in the top 15 at the Anahuac Invitational — a strong performance that reflects her dedication and effort all season.

Coach Barnes thanks all the student-athletes for allowing him to coach them hard, for trusting the process, and for showing up every morning at 5 a.m. ready to work. They have shown what commitment truly looks like.

He also extends gratitude to the parents for their support — for getting athletes to practices, meets, and everything in between. Those sacrifices do not go unnoticed.

This season was special, and Coach Barnes truly enjoyed every minute of it. The effort, attitude, and team spirit everyone brought each day made this a year to remember.

Thank you, and congratulations on an amazing season.

7. Culinary Arts

The Culinary Arts Department at Crosby High School has been off to a great start under the guidance of Mrs. Jamie Wood, the Culinary Arts CTE Teacher. The students are highly engaged, creating a variety of foods for their restaurant service while focusing on hands-on learning. These experiences prepare them for real-world careers in culinary fields and beyond.

Mrs. Wood proudly shares that the majority of her Advanced and Practicum Culinary students have passed the ServSafe Manager Exam. This certification, which goes beyond the basic food handler's license, gives the students a significant advantage when entering the food service industry. Additionally, the Culinary Arts students are preparing for the ServSafe Manager certification, with testing for sophomores and juniors scheduled to begin in the spring.

Beyond kitchen safety, sanitation, and food preparation, Mrs. Wood's students are also being trained in leadership and management skills, making them valuable assets to any business. Many Advanced and Practicum students are already working in the food service industry, bringing real experience and enthusiasm into the classroom each day. Mrs. Wood notes that she has learned a great deal from her students as well.

Tonight, the department would like to honor several students who have served as head chefs:

- Trevon (Trey-von) Trahan
- Aaden Aguilar
- Aalyah Thomas
- Delilah Flores
- Juan Sosa

It has been a successful and rewarding year so far in the Culinary Arts Department, and Mrs. Wood is grateful for the opportunity to be part of it!

8. Football

Allen, Javery Angell, Gavin Bass, Bryson Blackburn, Hudson Blaha, Gabriel Blueitt, Adrian Cannon, Kohlbein Chute, Cayson Curette, Jaylon Curette, Jeffery Dailey, Jackson Darjean, Logan Fernandez, Rafael Fultz, Kelvin Glover, Tanner Gonzalez, Eli Graves, Bryce Harris, Ne'Riyan Harvey, Joshua Hebert, James Jackson, Joshua Jagroo, Jason Johns, Caden Jordan, Josiah Jordan, Nehemiah Lang, Kealon Leath, Christian Lemelle, Ashton	Manyose, Jace Matthews, Carter Morris, Owen Morrow, Maison Murphy, Dylan Murrin, Noah O'Neal, Yuri Parker, Carson Patterson, Reed Pipes, Lucas Powell, Javien Ramirez, Gavin Robison, Kaden Robison, Lott Simmons, Ja'Kyrrius Sloan, Adam Soileau, Sirr Sonier, Cameron Spencer, Caleb Sutherland, T-Zion Taylor, Camrun Terrell, Major Varela, Giovanni Wainwright, Cade Wheeler, Luke Willis, Daniel Worthington, Ayden
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This fall, we want to proudly salute our Crosby Cougars football team for their hard work, determination, and Cougar pride.

From the first kickoff of the season, this team has demonstrated what it means to compete with heart. Junior wide receiver Nehemiah Jordan has electrified the field with explosive plays and game-changing touchdowns. Senior running back T-Zion Sutherland has powered through defenses, leading the team in rushing yards and setting the tone for every drive. Junior quarterback Lott Robison, alongside senior leader Luke Wheeler, has shown composure, versatility, and leadership both in the air and on the ground. And with standouts like Carson Parker and Joshua Jackson making big plays on offense and defense, the Cougars continue to show balance and unity across the board.

After a tough start, the team's resilience has sparked a winning rhythm — proving that the Cougar spirit is built on perseverance, teamwork, and belief in one another. The Crosby ISD Board of Trustees commends these athletes, their coaches, and their families for representing our community with pride, passion, and true Cougar excellence.

9. FFA

Tonight we honor the Crosby FFA members who represented our chapter at the Lake Houston District LDE contest under the guidance of our sponsors, Ms. Skylar Wagner and Mr. Paul Odom.

Please join me in congratulating:

Kameron Savage — Job Interview — 9th place

Dante Martinez — Senior Spanish Creed Speaking — 4th place

Kylie Durio — Senior Creed Speaking — 10th place

Brooklyn Urias, Macie Hoesman, Julie Lawson, Dante Martinez — Senior Quiz — 7th place

Ella Lamb, Charly Turbitt, Macie Matt, Brandon Garcia — Ag Advocacy — 4th place

Thomas Pier, Ramon Cardona, Tanner Glover — Radio Broadcasting — 4th place

Dalecia Driver, Kenzie Wainscott, Sadie Manuel, Peyton Bobalik, Lainey Duke — Senior Skills Demonstration — 2nd place — advancing to Area

Grant Hood, Chloe Hood, Yeimy Tovar, Kynlee Blum — Public Relations — 3rd place — advancing to Area

A special congratulations to the teams advancing to Area competition on November 19th — we wish you the best of luck.

Thank you to our students for their hard work and to Ms. Wagner and Mr. Odom for their leadership and support. Crosby FFA, we are proud of you!

10. JROTC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Darren Owens- Alpha Company, 1st Platoon ● Thalia (Tall-ee-yah) Zavalos- Alpha Co, 2nd Platoon ● Kailya Cole- Bravo Co. 1st Platoon ● Aleksander Finnegan- Bravo Co, 2nd Platoon ● Eli Gonzalez- Bravo Co, 2nd Platoon ● Emily Jesse- Bravo Co, 3rd Platoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abigail Lloyd- Charlie Co, 1st Platoon ● Kimberly Garcia- Charlie Co, 2nd Platoon ● Gabriel Hawkins- Charlie Co, 3rd Platoon ● Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alissa Andrades ○ Samantha Diaz ○ Genesis Modlin ○ Samyria Spriggs ○ Jennekah Villasenor
<p>Headquarters Company, 1st Platoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jolee Brzezinski (Briz-zen-skee) ● Zoe Courtney ● Khailyn (Kye-Lyn) Hellweg ● Savannah Green ● Evan Lowrie ● Daniela Maldonado ● Sherlyn Mejia (Meh-hee-ah) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allysia Smith ● Elizabeth Spencer ● Venecia Watkins ● Jady Wright <p>Headquarters Company, 2nd Platoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carter Ashby ● Carmella Breaux (Bro) ● Lidia Moralez

Lieutenant Reeves and Sergeant Rollins proudly announce the achievements of Crosby JROTC.

Cadets from each of the program's ten JROTC periods who placed in the top 5%, members of four competition teams, two drill teams, one emergency response team, and one spirit team are being recognized. These cadet leaders exemplify outstanding academic performance, leadership at all levels, community service, and physical fitness.

Although the official enrollment reported to the Army in early September was 176 cadets, the battalion has grown to more than 200 since early August. Special congratulations go to Battalion Commander Cadet Major Zoe Courtney, Battalion Executive Officer Cadet Captain Allysia Smith, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major Venecia Watkins for their exceptional leadership in guiding the cadet staff and commanders. As the top three leaders responsible for more than 200 cadets, they have led the program to its strongest performance since its inception in 2003. Cadet Major Jolee Brzezinski and Cadet Captain Khailyn Hellweg have done an outstanding job as top executives, ensuring cadets receive recognition and rewards throughout the year.

The school year began on July 1, 2025, and today's Fall Salute marks the battalion's 84th event this school year. Team commanders continue to demonstrate exemplary leadership: cadets plan, prepare, and lead events, and their work is reflected in the program's competitive successes and certifications. Competition teams led by Cadet First Lieutenant Samantha Diaz and Cadet Sergeant Major Genesis Modlin have attended four competitions this year and earned more than nine marksmanship trophies and nine orienteering trophies. The emergency response team, led by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jennekah Villasenor, has certified on half of its required tasks and is on track to complete full certification in the second semester. The spirit and drill teams continue to support football games, district and school events, and community activities. Commanders of these teams are congratulated for their outstanding leadership to date.

In summary, the cadets representing Crosby JROTC are the best of the best. Lieutenant Reeves and Sergeant Rollins congratulate each cadet and their families for making this the program's best year yet, and they extend sincere thanks to the district, high school, middle school, and community leaders for their exceptional support.

11. Tennis

Fall 2025 Team Tennis Roster:

Boys:

- Juniors:
 - Damien Alonso
 - Jaylen Gonzalez
 - Jace Roberts
- Sophomore:
 - Tyler Votaw
- Freshmen:
 - Kade Rogers
 - Blaze Huff
 - Eli Key
 - Carlos Vallejo (Vall-ay-hoh)

Girls:

- Senior:
 - Maya Fuentes
 - Valerie Rivera
 - Jennakah (Jenn-ah-kah) Villasenor
- Juniors:
 - Ella Jones
 - Abby Rodriguez
 - Glenis Lerma
 - Joseline Sanchez
 - Stephanie Hernandez

It is my honor to present the Fall 2025 Cougar Tennis Team Salute. This season, the team played a total of seven matches. While their only victory came against a non-district opponent, New Caney, with an impressive 18-1 win, there is much to celebrate beyond the scoreboard.

This year's team faced the significant challenge of rebuilding almost the entire squad. Returning to the court from last year's team were only Senior Maya Fuentes and Juniors Ella Jones, Abby Rodriguez, and Damien Alonso. Despite this major transition, the Cougars demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination. They fought hard in every match, showing steady improvement week after week.

A special congratulations goes to several first-year players who earned victories in their very first varsity seasons, competing against opponents with far more experience. Junior Joseline Sanchez distinguished herself by earning 2nd Team All-District honors, while Freshman Kade Rogers earned an Honorable Mention All-District recognition in his inaugural varsity season. These achievements speak volumes about their talent and dedication.

With only a few players graduating this year, the future looks bright for Cougar Tennis. The foundation laid this Fall will serve as the building block for an even more competitive and successful season next year.

Please join me in applauding the hard work, growth, and spirit of the 2025 Cougar Tennis Team. We are proud of your efforts and excited to see what lies ahead.

12. Volleyball

Vivian Aguirre Serenity Bradley Trinity Bradley Bailey Busey Brooke Busey Jimena (Ha-mina) Campos Sophia Dagley Anniecia (Ann-ee-see-ah) Driver Anna Ellisor Kenley French Valentina Fuentes Maya Grace Rylie Green Kylie Green Hannah Henry Taylor Larive Estefania Martinez Batz Kali Mason Arianna McCullough (Mic-cull-ah) Erica Oney	Antonia Paraskevopoulos Arabella Paraskevopoulos Presley Purvis Iyanna (ee-yawn-ah) Saenz (Signs) Brianna Samuel Areli Sanchez Kiley Siemek (Shim-ick) Ava Sloan Emily Snell Kaitlyn Sonier (Son-e-yay) Drew Stanbery Jermaya Strange Emersyn Talbott Raelee Wheeler Jacey Willis Kara (Car-ah) Young Raiyven (Raven) Bynes Manager Kylie Frazier Manager Ahlani Nash Manager
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The Lady Cougars Volleyball program celebrated several incredible career milestones this season.

- Senior Kylie Green surpassed 1,000 career assists.
- Senior Maya Grave celebrated 500 kills this season and finished her career with over 900 total kills, leading District 18-5A in kills.
- Junior Iyanna Saenz recorded over 1,000 career digs.
- Junior Kali Mason earned over 600 digs this season.

Although we fell short of making the playoffs, the Lady Cougars played with heart, grit, and resilience throughout the entire season. We are extremely proud of the growth, effort, and competitive spirit shown by every athlete in our program.

Keep working hard and keep shining, Lady Cougars!

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We extend our deepest gratitude once again to the sponsors and coaches whose dedication to our students is truly remarkable—so much so that they often spend more time supporting and mentoring our young athletes than they do with their own families. Their unwavering commitment and selflessness play an essential role in the success and growth of these students, both on and off the field.

We also want to sincerely thank the parents and guardians who have generously devoted their time, financial resources, and countless weekends and weeknights to support our teams. Whether attending games, volunteering at concession stands, or providing transportation to and from events, their steadfast involvement has been invaluable. It is through their collective efforts and sacrifices that these enriching experiences are made possible.

Tonight, we hope we have conveyed just how meaningful and worthwhile all of this dedication truly is, and how it positively impacts the lives of our students in profound and lasting ways.

Now, it is my pleasure to return the program to President Lewis.