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EHS May 2026 Senior Spotlight: Meet Isaiah Fernandez



If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would that word be?

I would use the word “Bubbly”.

I can remember you stepping over the threshold of the doorway at Lore Elementary School, starting kindergarten with your big smile, your contagious energy, and inquisitive questions. I am sure you carry these amazing traits with you today and have throughout your educational journey. How have these traits shaped the person you are today?

These traits shaped the person I am today by helping me to bring a smile to other people’s faces. They also helped me get through some hard times. Bringing a big smile into my daily life and workspace creates a peaceful energy.

When you were at Lore Elementary School, you were asked, “What are your hopes and dreams?” Do you remember what they were? What are your hopes and dreams for yourself today?

I remember what I said to this day. My hopes and dreams are to be on the Broadway stage and to make people’s days happy. My hopes and dreams for myself today are to make my family proud and for them to see all the hard work I have put in over the past years. *Broadway, here I come!*

It is the countdown to the final months of your senior year at Ewing High School. What legacy would you like to leave at Ewing High School after you graduate and this door closes behind you?

The legacy I would like to leave in Ewing High School is that I have given it my all, from being a cheerleader then to being on the Ewing High School stage performing, or just being a person to say “hi” to. I want to leave this school knowing I made a difference.

Tell us about yourself.

I am a confident person who will always stand up for friends and stand up for my community, no matter what. I am a person who will speak when something is not right or when something is wrong. I love the people in my life and show them in little ways how much they mean to me.

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You have selected Concert Choir as one of your courses over the past four years. You will grace the stage at the Ewing High School auditorium for your last vocal concert on May 26th. Thoughts? Do you have a favorite vocal piece?

I'm a little upset that this will be my last performance on the Ewing High School stage. I have so many memories being on the stage, from my first performance in my very first choir concert to my first musical, "Into the Woods". It will be a bittersweet moment to leave it all behind.

My favorite vocal piece that I have performed is "The Conversion of Saul". It starts out loud and crazy, but then becomes soft and says Saul, bow down to god.

Do you participate in any of the other vocal ensembles?

I have participated in Master Singers, and I sing in my church choir.

Last words to Mr. Minter?

Thank you for everything, and for making my years at high school something special. Thank you for being a person I can laugh or cry to.

This year's first semester, you took Figure Fashion Drawing with Mr. DeCavalcante and Drama through Lit with Mrs. Hill. Any future in fashion and design, costumes? (*Just a thought.*)

I like to design clothes as a side thing, but I don't see myself making fashion or being a fashion designer as a career. I do see myself modeling in clothing that other people design and make. So, the answer is YESSSSS!

You are taking the course From Zeus to Superman: Mythology with Mr. Gibbs this last semester. Who is your hero?

My heroes are my parents. They have always had my back in life and have always helped and put me in the right direction.

What were you thinking, taking Chemistry in your last semester of high school? (*LOL, it was not my best subject in high school!* Mrs. Hullings)

I took Chemistry because I like to mix things together. It is like cooking and baking.

What senior activities are you looking forward to these next two months?

Prom and Senior Sunset

Do you have a favorite subject?

I love cooking and choir.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Mr. Minter, because I get to do the thing I love in his class, sing.

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What activities do you participate in at school?

I participate in Drama Club, Cooking Club, Black Student Alliance (BSA), and Spanish Club.

What activities do you participate in outside of school?

I participate in my church, "Change Church". We help with families who need help.

I am also in the Kappa League. We talk about how we can make our community better for everyone. Once we get those ideas out, we go and make a change in the world. *(The Kappa League is a premier national mentoring and leadership development program for young men of color in grades 6-12, established in 1969 by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. It focuses on academic achievement, personal development, college/career preparation, and community service.)*

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

I am most proud of being on the Blue Devils Cheer Team, being part of the musical, and meeting new people who have shaped me into the person I am today.

What is your favorite memory of high school to date?

My favorite memory of being in high school will be the pep rallies and being part of the musical.

Who or what has positively impacted your life?

My family, blood or not, has always made a positive impact on my life. They are willing to show up for me when I'm going through a lot in my life. But the person who made an undeniable positive impact on me personally is my cousin, Nya. She was the first person I came out to as gay, and she welcomed me with open arms.

How do you define success?

It's not going to happen all at once. You need practice and time, and once you see changes, that will help you in what you want to do in your life; now that is success!

What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School?

My plans for the future are to attend Montclair State University for Musical Theatre and then head on to New York City to audition for a Broadway musical.

What is your favorite quote or book?

"Power is not given to you. You have to take it." - Beyonce

Tell us something about yourself that your peers don't know... only if you would like to share.

The pain and struggles that I have been through in my life have built me into the person I am today.