



“The only person you are destined to become is the one you decide to be.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Moving on Moving up

Seniors Headed For Universities

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Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again! Seniors are receiving their acceptance letters to their future college.

Whether it's out of state or even here close to home, all of the seniors are excited to start their new beginnings post high school.

Isabella Blankley will be attending Brigham Young University of Utah to further her studies in Interior Design and Photography.

“I have wanted to go to BYU since I was a little girl. Brigham Young University is a beautiful school located in the mountains of Utah,” Blankley said.

“The most appealing part about the school cannot be seen with the eyes because it is not tangible,” Blankley said. “It's the spirit of God that is everlasting present there. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to be able to attend BYU and I'm so excited to have the opportunity to draw closer to Jesus Christ.”

Patrick Chhuoey will be attending University of Houston to further his studies in business.

“University of Houston is located in the center of everything great,” Patrick Chhuoey said. “There are so many things to do that'll I'll never get tired.”

Many of the seniors are excited for the many opportunities their school will have to offer to them.

“University of Houston has so many opportunities being close to the medical center,” Cali Green said.

The University of Houston is situated in one of the largest

cities in the country, which puts students in an ideal location to find internships and research opportunities.

“I am excited to continue my education at A&M Galveston because of the endless career possibilities to pursue my passion of marine life,” Ashlyn Bolting said.

Students enrolled at Texas A&M University at Galveston, known affectionately as ‘Sea Aggies,’ share all the benefits of students attending Texas A&M University (TAMU) campus in College Station. TAMUG is located on Pelican Island.

Seniors are also looking forward to the many challenges they will face as they head off, on their own.

Ryan Shaw will be going to The United States Naval Academy where he will study to become a Biomechanical Engineer.

The United States Naval Academy is an outstanding military institution that combines a rich history in service with academic excellence. Students have the opportunity to study under professors at the top of their field in engineering and government based disciplines, while being challenged in extracurricular ways that promote personal growth and leadership development.

“The United States Naval Academy is one of the best colleges in the nation,” Shaw said. “There, I will be able to push myself to be my best among people who share my standards and abilities. I will be able to do this and serve my country with my talents.”



Isabella Blankley



Ryan Shaw



Cali Green



Ashlyn Bolting

Inspired, Motivated For Change
Freshman Shaves Head For Cancer Research

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Abigayle Kotz is a freshman with far higher priorities than frivolous teenage things. On March 3, Abigayle decided to shave her head for St. Baldrick foundation to show awareness for childhood cancer. She ended up raising \$800 for the research on the topic. She was inspired by the foundation, and this gave her the push she needed to go through with shaving her head. The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. Money raised helps the foundation attain its goals. “I was nervous at first; I’m not gonna lie. It’s scary when you think of just shaving all your hair off. Although when I was finished, I felt very liberated.” Kotz said, “All of my hair was gone, and it was the most freeing feeling ever. I wanted to run miles around a track or something.” Not only her friends, but also her family supported her, encouraged her, and told her that it was an extremely bold and brave thing to go through with. Although it took some getting used to, Kotz shares how it changed her perspective on hair.

“It’s made me more confident, and have a different view on what people have to go through when shaving their heads,” Kotz said. Abigayle also shares her thoughts on people going through chemotherapy, and are scared about losing their hair. “I think that anyone can be strong if they put their minds to it. If you choose to shave your head because of what you’re going through; I promise you won’t regret it. It’s hard at first to have everyone stare at you, and ask if you’re sick,” Kotz said, “but the feeling you get when you choose when to lose your hair versus if you let your disease take your hair away is so amazing. I can’t ever fully understand what they may be going through, but I know it’s tough.” Lastly, Kotz wanted to give a shout out to her friends and family who have supported her through and through. “I want to thank all my friends and family for being so supportive with my decision. It was a hard thing to do, and I couldn’t have done it without the support from them. They’re such wonderful people, and I know they’ll continue to stick by my side throughout the rest of my life, as I will with them,” Kotz said.



Before And After
Abigayle’s photos show how dramatic her new haircut became. She is proud of the funds she raised for cancer research.”
Courtesy photos

Theatre Students Head
To National Competition

Alexandria Ramirez
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Theatre arts students are looking forward to attending nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska this summer. To qualify, they attended the state competition or conference in November, and some performed a shortened version of Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon for the judges. In addition, three student duets and one group acting scene were selected for nationals by judges. Once in Lincoln, the theater students will spend the week watching shows or going to Workshop, and the groups all compete. Winners will receive the title of “Overall Superior at an International Festival” and be awarded with a medal. Groups who don’t win will still get a pin for advancing. Senior Sara Perez said she had a blast last summer at the summer conference, and looks forward to going one final time. “I got the opportunity to spend a week with my friends in a new city and watch tons of shows, contest pieces, and eat college food,” Perez said. “I stayed on campus, which was a nice experience, as it allows you

to live the college life in a dorm for a week. Overall, getting the opportunity to spend a whole week doing the things me and my friends loved was a great reward for all the hard work we had endured to qualify.” Senior Nicole Wendorf, who also went to Nebraska last summer and qualified to go this summer is also very excited about the experience. “I loved that I went to nebraska,” Wendorf said. “It was awesome to be surrounded by other kids my age from all across the nation who all had a shared passion. The musicals and shows we went to were amazing and the campus was beautiful. It’s very very cool to qualify for something like this because theatre arts has always been one of the most important parts of my life.” The students attending nationals for group acting are: Avery Cress, Lindsey Flake, Sarah Stanton, Dominique Meyer, Hunter Van Wagner, Sara Perez. Duet Acts: Carson Parkinson, Elizabeth Hildago, Rachel Hohmen, Ashten Goodman, Nikki Wendorf, Lauren Collins.



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Being Best Inspires Best
JROTC Instructor Shares His Passion For Marine Corps

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Of all five branches of the U.S. Military, one stands out.: The United States Marine Corps has fought the nation’s battles for 242 years. Alvin High School JROTC instructor, Major Timothy Flynn served many years in the Marines as an artillery officer. His experience and career in the Marines is both impressive and extensive, and those experiences have helped him play a vital role in student’s lives at AHS. Major also led an infantry company in Iraq. He is without question, an experienced veteran, as he served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. As a Marine, he has served in positions all over the Corps, and is an Officer of the highest degree. Major said he wanted to join the Marines because he wanted to be like the thousands who came before who built the Marine Corps legacy. “I wanted to be one of the best,” Major said. “The Corps has two objectives. Winning battles and making Marines.” The last 242 years have demonstrated his mission. American Marines have fought all over the world, from the Revolutionary War, to the fields of France in World War 1. Making contributions worldwide is what they do. The Corps has an interesting past, stretching back to 1775. It was established 242 years ago, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Marines are most famous for their actions during WW2. “I’m very interested in Marine History,” Major said. “Just look at battles like Guadalcanal or Tarawa. Thousands of men fell there. It’s all about the sacrifice. Even the worst battles where our units were getting

destroyed, but we still won.” In 1942, on Guadalcanal, Marines fought a crucial battle, lasting six months. On Tarawa in 1943, Marines had a very small hold on the beach, as enemy defenses relentlessly pounded them. Marines were trapped behind a five foot sea wall, and their landing craft, wooden boats, were getting stuck on the reef in front of the beach. Later in 1945, Marines finished off WW2 with the 82 day battle of Okinawa. In Vietnam, they fought the epic battle of Hue City. Marines have also fought major battles in Iraq and Afghanistan, sealing their reputation as an elite force of warriors. From major battles to to tough training and a strong brotherhood, to the halls of AHS, Major Flynn says he is always proud to be a Marine.



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NEWS

Off To Next Level Athletes prepare for college play

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Almost every high school athlete dreams is going on to the next level and continue playing the sport they love. For Spencer Ouellette and Charles Gordon that is no longer a dream; it is a reality. Spencer and Charles both play baseball at Alvin High School, but as this season came to an end, they were already looking forward to playing next year; in college.

Spencer has started at second base for the varsity baseball team since his junior year. He is continuing his baseball career at Houston Baptist University

“I don’t know. I’m not sure what to expect but I do know that I’m ready and excited for next year,” Spencer said.

Spencer was a natural at second base, and looks silky smooth when fielding. Spencer’s favorite baseball memory was “This year whenever I hit my first ever home run.”

Spencer was a very big contributor to the baseball team, and will be missed next year. Charles has also started since his junior year, but at Center Field. Charles is a very fast baseball player. He has a favorite, and vivid memory of this season that has stuck with him.

“This year whenever we came back against Clear Falls in the last inning 9-3, Charles said. “We ended up winning

that game 11-9. It was crazy.” Charles is going on to play college baseball at Louisiana State University at Eunice.

“I think college is going to be amazing. I can’t wait to bring the Dirty A down to Louisiana and show them what a real Texan is like.” Charles had without a doubt the most school spirit on the team and was born a leader. He too, will also be missed next year.

Although everyone is excited for Spencer and Charles, there is sad feelings that they won’t be here next year at Alvin High School. However, nothing last forever and they are both on to bigger things.



Reaching Home Plate
Two Jacket Baseball players are headed to college teams to continue their baseball careers. Spencer Ouellette and Charles Gordon are excited about the future.
Courtesy photos

Flores, McCullough Awarded Top Honor

Emily Bates
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Her personality is large enough to fill a room, and she just has a way that makes people feel happy to be around her. She teaches history, but does so much more for the campus, both students and staff.

Sienna Flores was honored with the title of Teacher of the Year for 2018. Flores is a model teacher who strives to provide learning opportunities to her students both inside and outside the classroom.

“She makes coming to class exciting, and so much fun,” junior Ashley Pierce said. “I love going to her class. She will do anything possible to help her students and any other students that go to her for help.

Flores is also the senior class sponsor, from helping orchestrate senior photos, to running powderpuff, and organizing prom and graduation, she puts in a lot of hours for the students.

“I would like to say that I am very honored to be the the Alvin High School Teacher of the Year,” Flores said. “It is very special to me, as I graduated 20 years ago from this school. I am a successful teacher and senior class sponsor because I am a 100 percent supported teacher. I have a great team.”

Flores credits the entire staff for helping her be a good teacher. She said everyone from the custodians to the administrators help to make sure that everything she does

runs smoothly. For Flores, the announcement day was extra special, as well.

“It was also super awesome to have my dad come up to the school on the day I won,” she said. “My dad is very important to me, so to share that experience with him really made the day all the more special.”

Her consideration and care knows no bounds, and she strives to take care of the students and staff.

The Paraprofessional of the Year at Alvin High School is Brenda McCullough.

In interacting with parents, she empathizes with them and explains any concerns with kindness and consideration. When each person leaves, they feel valued and heard. While Brenda is an incredible advocate for students and families, she outdoes herself when it comes to the ways in which she serves employees on our campus.

“Mrs. McCullough is amazing. There is no way I could do my job without her support,” assistant principal Ashley Marquez said. “She loves Alvin High School and all of the teachers and students, and she works hard every day to support every single person on campus.”

When students come into the office, they are welcomed.

“The students are all special to me and all I want from them is to be safe and to come to school every day,” McCullough said.



TOTY Sienna Flores



POTY Brenda McCullough

Seniors Deliver Parting Words

Audrey George
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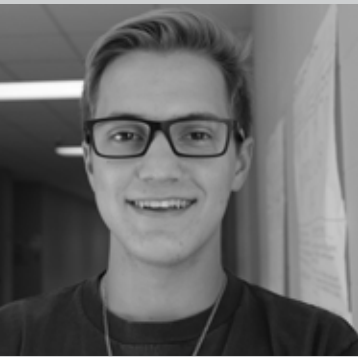
“For we are God’s handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good work, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
-Alexandra George



“Why fall in love when you can fall asleep?”
-Colton Joseph



“I wanna go fast.”
Mackenzie Savage-



“Teach me knowledge and good judgment for I trust in your commands.”-Psalm 119:66
-Christopher Hogan



“Thank God for quizlet.”
-Brooke Trahan



“Try and relax, do the best you can, don’t stress it.”
-James Whitney



“I was oblivious to fate when I chose the future.”
-Jake Windorf



“If you can’t make a mistake you can’t make anything.”
-Ben Bryant

“He who walks with men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.” -Proverbs 13:20
-Andre Tevenian



SENIOR NEWS

Hogan Leads Pack: Receives Top Honor

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When he was called out of class with the little slip of paper, senior Christopher Hogan knew this was it. This little piece of paper meant it was his defining moment. It was the top 20 announcement, and he must go find out his rank. Making it to the top is something that many people aspire to do. Hogan found out he is well at the top, and that he earned the honor of being Valedictorian of the class of 2018.

The Valedictorian is the senior who is number one in class rank and GPA. He is number one out of a class of 629 students, a significant feat for anyone. Hogan said his GPA

is a 7.18136 on a 6.0 weighted scale and a 4.0 on the 4.0 un-weighted scale.

“It feels wonderful that all of my hard work over the past four years has finally paid off,” Hogan said. “I have always been driven to do my best at each of my endeavors and once I got to high school, it just seemed innate to pursue my academics to the best of my abilities.”

Christopher plans to attend the Engineering Honors program at Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

“In ten years, I see myself hopefully with a masters degree in some type of engineering and working for either an

oil company or a race team,” Hogan said.

Many times students will be unsure about life after graduating high school.

“AHS has prepared me for life after school by allowing me to develop the skills needed to succeed in a job such as dealing with stress and managing my time well,” Hogan said.

Seniors often have advice that they would like to give to not only their fellow classmates but to future seniors as well.

“Just do your best each and every day and don’t settle for anything less,” Hogan said. “The struggles and exhaustion you feel now will all be worth it in the end.”



Hard Work Pays Off

Christopher Hogan is celebrating being named the Alvin High Class of 2018 Valedictorian. He worked hard throughout his high school years to reach this goal.

Celebrate Top Ten Percent 2018 Graduates

Adam Sotomayor
Section Editor



#1 Christopher Hogan

He plans to study at the Engineering Honors College at Texas A&M University College Station. He wants to have a career in mechanical engineering to work on cars.

“I will miss the sense of community and comradery our school and town has.”



#2 Ryan Shaw

Ryan is headed to the United States Naval Academy for Naval Architecture. He hopes for a Naval career and a second in engineering.

He will miss the freedom and the ease of high school.



#3 Madison Hamby

She is headed to the University of Houston after graduation. She will major in Biomedical Engineering, and aims to be an engineering manager in the future.

“I will miss my mom bringing me lunch every Wednesday.”



#4 Katherine Custer

She plans to study at Rice University and is majoring in Environmental Engineering. Her ultimate goal is to be a consulting engineer.

“I will miss marching season the most.”



#5 John Garcia

John will attend the University of Texas at Austin, and currently has not declared a major.

“I am going to miss all the good people.”



#6 Tayler Bingham

She will attend Texas A&M University and major in Biology. She hopes to become an orthopedic surgeon.

“I will miss all of my friends.”



#7 Brooke Trahan

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Pre-Physical Therapy in order to become a physical therapist.

“I’m going to miss seeing my friends every day.”



#8 Justin Barlow

He will attend the University of Texas at Austin. He plans to major in business, but hasn’t decided on where that will take him yet.

“I will miss my close friends.”



#9 Kaytlynn Welsch

She has not decided where she will be headed for college, but has a goal of becoming an English teacher in foreign nation in the future.

“I will miss being able to see my parents every day and being close to my relatives.”



#10 Alexandra George

She is headed to Texas A&M University Honors College of Engineering, majoring in Computer Science Engineering. Her goal for the future is to work with computers.

“I will miss dancing with my Jacketeer sisters.”

Remaining Top Ten Percent (alpha order):

Noah Bartley, Cassidy Bell, Isabella Blankley, Aaron Brown, Sydney Charbula, Patrick Chhuoey, Kaitlyn Collins, Allison DeWeese, Raul Diaz, Aidan Dobkins, Hailey Dudley, Madison Duhe, Justin Fick, Lindsey Flake, Megan Garrett, Ross Gilcrease, Jose Gonzalez, Lauren Gormley, Victor Gostomski, Laurel Gray, Jessica Hall, Darcy Hansen, Rachel Hertenberger, Allison Ivy, Colton Joseph, Heather Labauve, Jacob Mangione, Dawson Maples, Dominique Meyer, Natalie Miller, Elizabeth Navarrete, Nikki Ondrus, Spencer Ouellette, Jessica Oxsheer, Amaya Padgett, Kayla Palmer, Sara Persons, Noah Powell, Logan Ptak, Rebeka Renteria, Luis Rodriguez, Sneha Rozario, Mackenzie Savage, Cara Smith, Korey Smith, Camryn Snell, Sarah Stanton, Andrenic Tevanian, Mikyla Thorn-Smith, Haley Threadgill, Emily Tran, Marcel Valoir, Rosa Vargas.

FEATURE

Junior Wins World Gold

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AHS powerlifter Matthew Longoria was inspired to join powerlifting after watching one of his friends compete. That choice would later have a big impact in his life by becoming a state and world champ for bench pressing. Matthew has gone on to break records in powerlifting for his own weight class. In September, he competed in Killeen and set an American record in bench press competition with a total of 331.7 lbs. This qualified him for the

World Championship meet in South Africa. In March, Longoria became a State Champ and set a new bench press record for 325 lbs. He competed in South Africa for world championship and won first place on bench in his weight class, after edging out the Russian team. Longoria is now considered the best bench presser in the world for his weight class. However all that success hasn't come easily. Winning takes a lot of time, sweat and

practice. "I have been working out for about two hours every day ever since I started junior high," Longoria said. Longoria has attained many goals and has many wins to boast, but he says he is not done. "It was a cool experience going to South Africa to compete in worlds, and I want to keep breaking records for bench, squat and deadlift in my weight class," Longoria said.



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Former Student Goes Straight From Study Hall To City Hall



Becoming A Leader
2017 Alumn Joel Castro takes on the campaign trail in the runoff election for Alvin City Council seat. Also pictured is Casto meeting Rep. Pete Olson for breakfast.

courtesy photos

Nick Wilson
Staff Writer

Last month, the runoff election for the Alvin City Council returned with unusual results. Most of the people reading this probably didn't know about it, but students at the high school should. Because 19 year old Joel Castro was elected to the At Large Position 1 Seat, and the community is ready for the younger generation to lead. "My high school experience has given me the most preparation for this, I thank all the teacher, administration and leaders in the school district and they molded me to become the person I am today and it's because of Alvin High School and Alvin ISD that I am where I'm at today," Joel said. In high school, Joel was a member of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), which is a non-profit meant to prepare students for college, career and life. He was



also sent to Austin as a representative of Alvin High school in Texas Boys State which gives him some government qualifications. But even though he was qualified, there were always obstacles. "One of the challenges I faced was of course my age, and you can't really get around it. But once I got to talk to people, and they got to see the true me, they realized age wasn't a huge factor. Then they were more focused on my principles and the direction the city should go towards," Joel said. Joel was very dedicated during the campaign, and that he was more energetic because of his young age. and Joel is like every other person, he gets tired, but he was always willing and ready to go to events. Joel also mentioned how grateful he was to the City of Alvin for electing such a young person to help lead.

"It's very inspiring for me. to see that people are willing to see a positive change in the city. It brings joy to me to see that people do have faith in use, and they're ready to see what the next generation of Alvin has to offer," Joel said. Joel graduated from the class of 2017 at Alvin high school, and Joel emphasized how impactful going to Alvin High School was for him as a young man. Joel goes to college like many other high school grads, and he worked at Alvin High as a part time tutor. While Joel is elected, he said he'd be focused on beautification of the city and infrastructure for the growing alvin population. And Joel added that, "even with all the interview and talking to people, being elected still hasn't sunk in."

Alvin Success Story: Alumnus Plays For EBA

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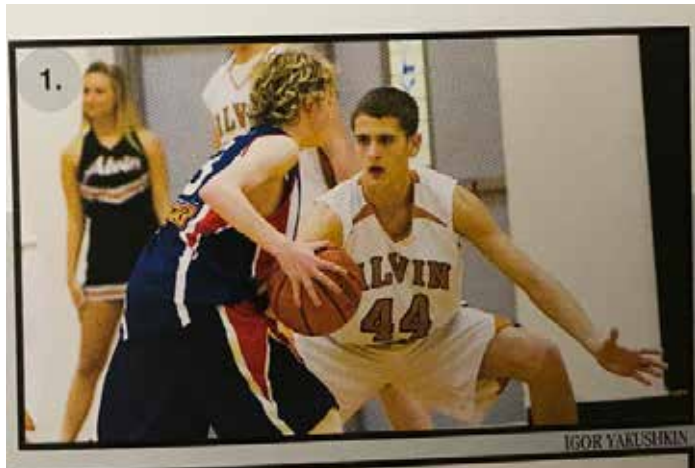
Getting cut from his basketball 7th grade year, Miles Burnside had a choice either give up on his dream or to keep on working on his craft to make himself a better player. After that moment Miles decided to never get overlooked again. He would soon end up playing basketball in the EBA (European Basketball Academy). "From there, I vowed to never be overlooked again, and it's created the work ethic and drive that has defined me as a basketball player," Miles said. Miles burnside is a 2008 Alvin High alumnus, who has pursued a career playing basketball overseas the last couple of years. He plays both forward positions and he graduated from an NCCAA college, Dallas Christian. After playing basketball at small colleges, Miles wasn't getting the exposure he needed to make it to the next level.

He then would go on to do a couple of tours playing basketball to try and get his identity out there. He was referred to the EBA where he found his team- C.B. Culleredo. "Since I played at a small university, there is not a lot of exposure for me and I have to create it myself," Miles said. "I went on some tour teams to play and basically market myself." His goals are high, although he said that he has a "very very small window to make it to the NBA." However, he does believe that anything is possible. "I am trying to move my way up to a top league in another country and then maybe even the Euroleague or possibly the NBA G-league," Miles said. "But for now I'm taking my career one year at a time. Throughout this whole process, Miles said he thanks his family for always being there supporting and trusting every decision he has made.



Shooting High
Alumn Miles Burnside is chasing his dreams and currently plays for the EBA. in Spain. courtesy photo

Making History
Yellowjacket yearbook photo shows young Miles playing for AHS.



OPINION

A Freshman Says

Shelby Bukowski
Staff Writer

Freshman year has gone by faster than I expected. But with all the unexpected events happening this year, it made my freshman year a little more stressful than what I had tried to prepare myself for; such as: the eclipse, Hurricane Harvey, and the snow day. With Hurricane Harvey drastically changing up our schedule and leaving a mess, and the snow day cheering up the majority of us, we were all able to get through this year, nonetheless. At least we were finally able to have normal winter weather.

I honestly wasn't prepared for all the amount of work. Compared to my junior high years, it felt like I was being babysat up until the first day of high school. Piles of work, more projects, and less time to do it all. However, I had to get used to it. I learned how to manage my

time better by attending after school and power hour tutorials. It's definitely a lot different than junior high, but even so, I'm glad that I could have this experience.

This year taught me how to be responsible and independent; something I wish junior high would have better prepared me for. I never had any intentions of making new friends, but it happened, and I'm glad. With a bigger group of people attending the same school, I found it intimidating to talk to new people, and make friends, but I guess I was just overthinking it. I'm happy that I can say I have at least one friend in every class.

This year has been rewarding, and I know I'll have more opportunities to better prepare myself for the future in my years to come.

What A Senior Says

Angel Connelly
Editor In Chief

School is a ladder with four rungs. The first rung is pretty easy to climb, and when you reach the second rung, it's also pretty easy. But the third one is difficult. You may slip and fall, but when you finally make it to the final rung, you've become a senior. Being a senior in high school is amazing. You get to do all sorts of activities that you couldn't do before, like Kid Day and the senior trip, and other events meant for seniors only.

Being an ASSETS student, I don't really participate in Alvin's senior events, but ASSETS basically has the same events and such, except we just have a smaller senior class. There are smaller classrooms, and more teacher one on one time. We have a ropes course where we do activities on certain days for certain classes during power hour, which greatly helps when I feel fidgety.

When I was a wee freshman, I took journalism, which led me to newspaper, which in turn, led to me becoming editor-in-chief of the Clarion, the signature newspaper of AHS, and I only could've gotten the position as a senior. My journalism teacher was Lela Siegel; she's a wonderful woman who teaches at a different school now. At first, when I took journalism, it was only to be close to my boyfriend at the time, who is my number one best friend and always has been. But then when we broke up, I started

focusing on journalism and realized that this is what I was meant to do. As a sophomore, I decided to take newspaper 1. I met some great friends and even met a guy that I would later date for awhile. I started with simple stories; game reviews, death rate comparisons, and I even wrote about the sad fate of bananas. That guy and I, we broke up later, but we remained best friends. In my quest to become an editor, I continued to take newspaper, moving up to newspaper 2. I met some cool people there, as we were merged with the journalism class. I started to find that I really loved newspaper, and I knew that it, as well as music, is my calling. Senior year rolled around, and I found that Mrs. Siegel was replaced with Mrs. Jessica Tompkins. I was disappointed at first, but then as the class went on, I started to enjoy her presence as well as Mrs. Siegel's.

I was given the honor of becoming the editor-in-chief of the Clarion, as I had been in these classes my entire high school career, and then I decided that I wanted to be an editor. It doesn't matter which kind; newspaper or book editor, either of those would be amazing. This role was the greatest responsibility of my senior year, and out of all of my other years as well.

Seniors actually have a lot of responsibilities which are not to be taken lightly. This

last year does really count, as you need to learn the skills necessary to advance into the real world after graduation. College, jobs, social gatherings, all are part of growing up. Seeing the seniors go will be sad, but everyone knows that they're free from the terrors of high school (although the real world probably isn't much better, honestly), and they can become whatever they want to be. Making it through high school was a pain for me because I wasn't able to fully adapt to the open campus, nor was I able to keep up with everything either. I regretted not going to ASSETS sooner, but I didn't want to give up journalism or newspaper. When I was finally able to attend ASSETS, I was still able to take newspaper, and I'm glad that I made the choices that I did, even if I wasn't good at everything.

Senior year is probably the best year in high school. Meeting new people every year is fun, especially when you meet other seniors. Sometimes you'll even make friends for life, and lasting relationships are needed for a better experience in life. Friends are supposed to be people that you can count on, and believe me, you will need all that you can get.

There will be good times, bad times, and everything in between. But when tomorrow isn't guaranteed, live like there's only today.



Pacific Rim Is a Win

Karisia Valle
Section Editor

Giant fighting robots, check. Fighting to save the world, check. Fighting aliens who want to kill the human race, check. Lots of explosions, check. Sounds like the famous Michael Bay movies, Transformers, but it is so far from that. After the loss of his father, Jake Pentecost, the son of Stacker Pentecost, left the training of being a pilot to become a black market dealer. Life of crime has a way of catching up to him as Jake finds himself in a bind and is forced to re-enlist to becoming a pilot, and this time he was brought a tech savvy friend with him. Her name is Amara Namani, a security hacker, and orphaned girl who Jake

accidentally stumbled upon with her own made jaeger after both finding and wanting to scrap the same jaeger part. By far this movie is a must see in theaters if you enjoy sci-fi and amazing CGI fighting robots, the movie is more intense with the loud surround sound making you feel as if you were really there, there was never a dull moment and an unexpected turn of events at the end



makes your heart stop. This movie is by far better than it's previous

Game Review: Rainbow Six Siege

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Section Editor

A new season came out on March 6, with operation Chimera and a brand new game mode called Outbreak; it brought some revolutionary game play into the game. Outbreak was a zombie mode unlike any other, it used Siege's destructibility and fortification into a brand new design, and even an upgraded AI for the zombies. You had a few selection of missions in Outbreak, none of them lacking in intensity, however. From saving a scientist to saving the spawn peeking god Jäger; there was a wide amount of options of characters to choose from, each of them just as useful as the others. You had Smoke,

Ying, Buck, Kapkan, Doc, Glaz, Recruit, our lord and savior Tachanka, of course for those no hitbox toxic players, Ash; lets not forget the brand new characters that were released for outbreak, Lion and Finka. These new operators, just like any other dlc operator, bring a new and revolutionary ability to the game. You had a variety of enemies to deal with, each a danger on their own, you had the grunts, they were just basic zombies that if not killed they aggro and morph with spikes coming out of them and glowing red, making them harder to kill and the breachers who explode either near you or onto a wall to bust it open(reinforced walls). Then there's the root-

ers, they teleport to their target and will appear near you and either keep you stationed where you are if left in their trap or knocking you back onto the ground, both these attacks leave you exposed to other zombies nearby for a limited amount of time. Sadly Outbreak ended on April 5, but not without leaving a impact on the community. Outbreak was very refreshing and fun experience with friends, making many of the people in the community wishing the game mode was permanent.



SPORTS

Back To Back Champions

Alexia Lowry
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Lady Jackets Softball Boasts Another Successful Season

The Lady Jacke District Champs tookon their first playoff game on April 26 against George Ranch. During the first inning of the game George Ranch scored 3, Alvin fought hard but couldn't get back up and the game ended with 0-3. The Alvin Jackets softball has been back to back district champs 2016-2017, 2017-2018. First place in district has been decided after 3 schools tied, Clear Springs was the first school down leaving Clear Creek and Alvin, after a few tough games only one team came on top; The Alvin Yel-lowjackets with 28 wins and 3 loses; District Champions. The April 20 game against

Friendswood high school set the yellow jackets on the road to playoffs, the game ended with 10-5. The game started with the yellow jackets scoring 1 in the first inning, in the fifth inning four more runs were brought in and friendswood fought back tying the game; the lady yellow jackets were not worried at all and brought 5 more runs to finish off the game. "Softball is a game full of mistakes, failures, but I have a family to back me up," senior Ciara Jimenez said. During a district game against Dickinson earlier in the season, the girls showed undeniable teamwork ending with 10-0 in the fifth inning. "We are one of the toughest

teams in the district because we work hard and dream big," freshman Khori Bolton said. "We fought hard to get first in district and we will continue fighting hard to get further." The Lady Jackets are looking forward to a better start after the past two loss in first round. The jackets have a new mindset for next year and you can bet they will be "all in." "The 2018 Jacket Softball season was another great season," Coach David McCorkle said. "We started the season going 5-0-1 in the Bryan/ College station tournament. We fought through a tough district to come out District Champions for the second straight season."

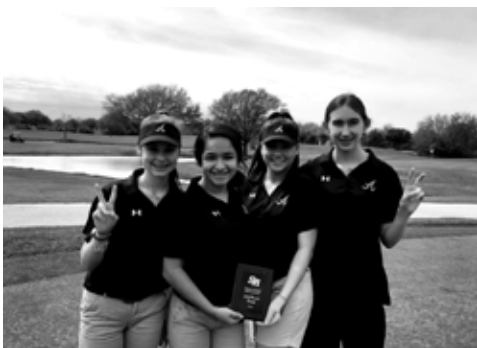
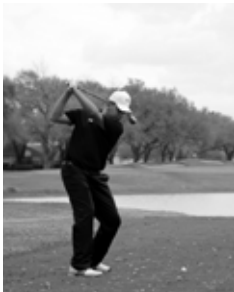


Golfer Team On Course Fore Victories

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Staff Writer

The golf team began the season with winning third in Texas City Fall Classic, .with caleb Duplechin finishing in second place. At the Clear Creek Fall Classic, senior Bailey Farmer achieved a second place, as well. So both seniors were off to a good start for the year. In addition, the freshman girls team won second place at the Texas City tournament,

as well. "I'm glad we got to place 2nd in that tournament the girls played good, and i'm happy for them," Coach Garrett Buechele said. Senior Caleb Duplechin had a terrific season and is excited to extend his talents into college. "My senior year has been great i committed to college to play golf and i'm ready to take my talents to the next level and compete for golf and rep Alvin," he said. Likewise, senior Bailey Farmer said she is proud of her senior year and is also excited about moving forward in her golf career by attending and playing for Howard Payne University. "I can't wait for next year," Buechele said. "We are going to play hard and the kids are going to give it their best. I'm very happy for the varsity kids that improved and had a good year."



Baseball Player's POV

Khori Bolton
Staff Writer



"The season went pretty well, and I felt we grew as individuals and as a team."
- Travis Phelps



"The season went good. I am proud of the Clear Lake game when I pitched six innings with only one hit."
- Ian Tribble



"It was a good season, and I can't wait to start up again next year."
- Carson Kiethley

Jacketeers Take Center Stage

Clarice Orozco
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The Jacketeer drill team closed off the year with a stunning Spring show that was hosted at Manvel high school and it delighted everyone that attended. The finale for The finest ladies of Alvin delighted the entire town. A huge tribute was made to all of the senior dancers for this came to be the final time they were to dance as a Jacketeer. The entire show was moving and emotional for this would be the last time they would all perform together. "It was very fun and enjoyable because it was our last time performing with the seniors," sophomore Joselyn Saenz said. The entire drill team feel so connected to one another, they continuously help and support one another on and off the stage. "My favorite part was growing closer with my dance sisters and dancing all together one last time. Saying goodbye to it all was very hard," senior Alyssa Guerrero said. Over this year, The Jacketeers received the honor of being

number one in the state. All of their accomplishments have made them proud to be all one team united, representing Alvin. They will continue to carry the lessons they have learned as a dancer and apply them to their everyday lives. "My directors have always taught us to be respectful and I think that is something I will always carry with me because it is a good trait to have," Guerrero says. The last dance that they perform before closing off the show is called, "The finale" and this dance is the final time that all of the dancers are united as one amongst the same crowd, on the same stage. "As the show came to an end I was a bit upset because I was going to miss dancing with the senior Jacketeers. I became emotional watching the senior slideshow because you see all the baby pictures and how they have all grown up," Saenz said. The lights amongst the stage glowed over the team one last time with grace and pride, as the girls gave their final farewells to the senior dancers.

Congratulations

2018 Graduates



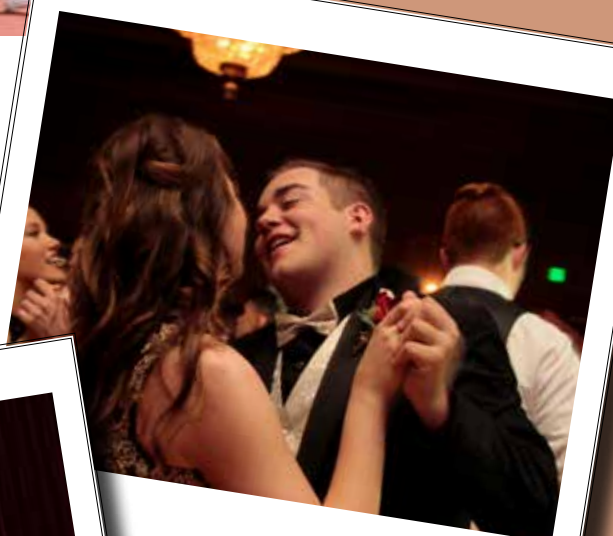
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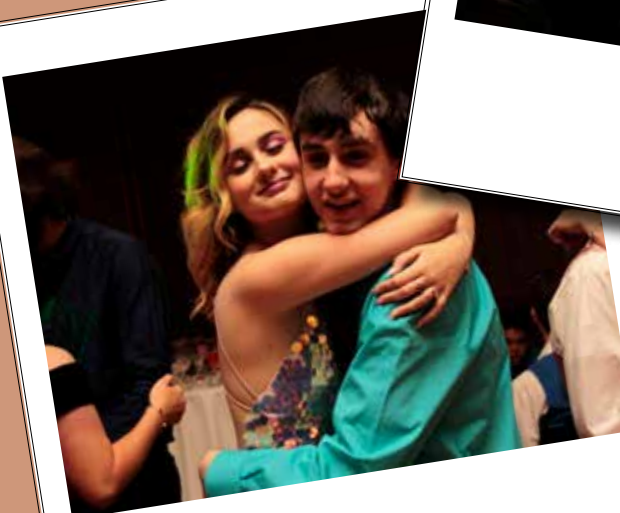
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GROW



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Laugh

This one's for Ash