



Grads

Celebrate

Special Senior Edition C/O 2019

Best Friends Arrive Together At Top

Keigyn Villaloboz
Staff Writer

Tobi Phillips and Hadlee Morris were honored as the 2019 valedictorian and salutatorian. What makes this honor even better for these two seniors is the fact that they can share the experience with each other as close friends.

Tobi has participated in many activities throughout high school, such as volleyball, track and various clubs.

"AHS is filled with staff that is willing to look out for the success of their students," Phillips said, "I'd like to thank all of my teachers, because without them I'd be nothing."

Tobi will be attending the University of Texas in Austin, "Out of 4,000 applicants, I am one of the 90 students selected to pursue my BSN at the school of nursing at UT," Phillips said, "I plan to get a minor in business as pediatric nurse practitioner."

So many people dream of being the valedictorian. Give everything you got because eventually it will pay off and

hopefully one day you can be where Tobi is now. The little things count.

"I would advise any student to do well on the small assignments and never turn in assignments or homework in late," Phillips said.

Throughout Hadlee's time at AHS, she has participated in volleyball and soccer all four years. She is a member of NHS.

I strive to to be the best that I can be, and my grades are super important to me," Morris said, "Giving 100 percent in everything I do is a big goal of mine."

It's very important for students to think of grades and give everything into school. Effort is so important to be successful. Some people strive to be in the position that Hadlee is in and it's not easy. Every year counts.

"It kind of seems impossible at first, but if you keep working hard every day, you can do it." Morris said, "Just know that it all starts from the very first day of your freshman year."

High school is supposed to

be some of the greatest years of life. There are so many memories and people that you are surrounded by and encouraged by.

"My friends and family have impacted me most," Morris said, "My family has always pushed me to work hard, and my friends have continued to encourage me throughout the years. I've also met so many wonderful new people".

It's very exciting to share these amazing experiences with close friends. Tobi and Hadlee have known each other for a long time and are sharing the experience of being valedictorian and salutatorian together.

"Being salutatorian and having Tobi by my side as Valedictorian has been such a blessing. She has pushed me all 4 years, and has been such an amazing friend," Morris said, "We are both so proud of each other, and there is no one else I would want to stand up on stage at graduation with! It will definitely be a moment I will never forget."



Queen & King Reign at Alvin High Prom April 6

Noah Barajas and Kimberley Contreras



PEOPLE

Diligence Pays Big For Senior

Kacie Bass
Staff Writer

Daniel Taylor, AHS Senior, earned a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp scholarship on March 25, 2019.

He can attend any college with a Navy ROTC program with his \$180,000 scholarship. Having been introduced to the NROTC program, he feels excited about his future. He is headed to Texas A&M.

Daniel had to take multiple fitness tests, and over time his results improved. He turned a 3-mile run to 23 minutes and had done multiple sit ups and pull ups. Taking two interviews, his interviewer explained that everything was based on 25% physical fitness, 25% academics, and 50% leadership.

"I had gone up there the first time, up in Houston to run it, and I didn't know what I was getting into. It was just something to pass the time

and I realized after I had been there, how important it was to me and I just started working from that point," Taylor said.

Daniel's parents are very proud of him, and his mother, Karen Taylor, who is an assistant principal, said that he had worked very hard for his scholarship. He has been involved in extracurricular activities, community service projects, and his academics. The ROTC scholarship process was long and started back in the fall semester with multiple interviews and requirements revolving around his physical ability. Karen Taylor said she is glad that the waiting is over and now Daniel can go to TAMU, be in the Corp, and then be a Marine.

"I also want to thank Major Flynn and First Sergeant Garcia for being great role models and mentors to not only Daniel but all of the cadets in the JROTC program. They were

both instrumental in guiding Daniel and helping him reach this goal," Karen Taylor said.

Major Timothy Flynn, a JROTC instructor, wishes Taylor all of the best in his pursuit to become a Marine Corps Officer. With the NROTC scholarship program being so competitive, the instructors are very excited. They're very proud of him and his perseverance to pursue his goal of becoming a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

"It is a very long, physically and mentally challenging process. It is not the path most folks don't qualify or they quit at some point along the way," Major said.

"I am incredibly gracious for this opportunity and will prove myself to be a good investment by the United States government," Taylor said.



Courtesy photos

Big Plans Ahead

Senior Daniel Taylor wins the prestigious NROTC Scholarship that is worth \$180,000. Taylor will begin his college career at Texas A&M University, and will then spend years in the military after college. Daniel and his family is very excited and proud of his opportunity.



Reminisce Seniors Trade Favorite Memories

Ruth Turner
Staff Writer



"My favorite school year was junior year because that was when I got closer with the people I'm friends with today. Winning District Champions that year was also really memorable."

-Senior Brandon Luna

"My favorite memory was getting the opportunity to be a part of the Jacketeers, and being able to dance halftime during football season. The thing I'll miss most when I leave high school was dancing with my Jacketeer sisters, because I've done it for four years and it's been a part of me for so long."

-Senior Gabby Chairez



"The funniest thing [I have experienced in school] had to have been when Mr. Rivas was misunderstood as a student and was apprehended by an officer during a fight. The most memorable moment was when I ran across the school in an Easter egg hunt, competing against GROUPS of people and I managed to come in first place for Mrs. Beasley's class. So far, my favorite school year has been senior year, because of how far I have made it. I feel amazing knowing I will be graduating high school soon and I know what I want to do in college, but I will miss seeing everyone I usually talk to, as a lot of those people may be still in school or moving to colleges very far away." -Senior Michael A. Sevilla



"My most memorable moment was when a squirrel chewed through some electric cables and then the school's electricity went out. We all evacuated to the stadium. My favorite memory was during a Peter and the Starcatcher rehearsal. The power went out in the middle of a Saturday rehearsal, and instead of going home we turned on our LED props and kept the show going." -Senior Carson Parkinson



"The funniest thing I've experienced is throughout every grade during the summer in marching band, every section would perform a funny skit for everyone... Some of my favorite memories are of the many trips I have taken and hope to take my family with me to visit, [like] New York City, Honolulu, Hawaii, Japan Fest, [and] Brazcon..." -Senior Ashley Astello

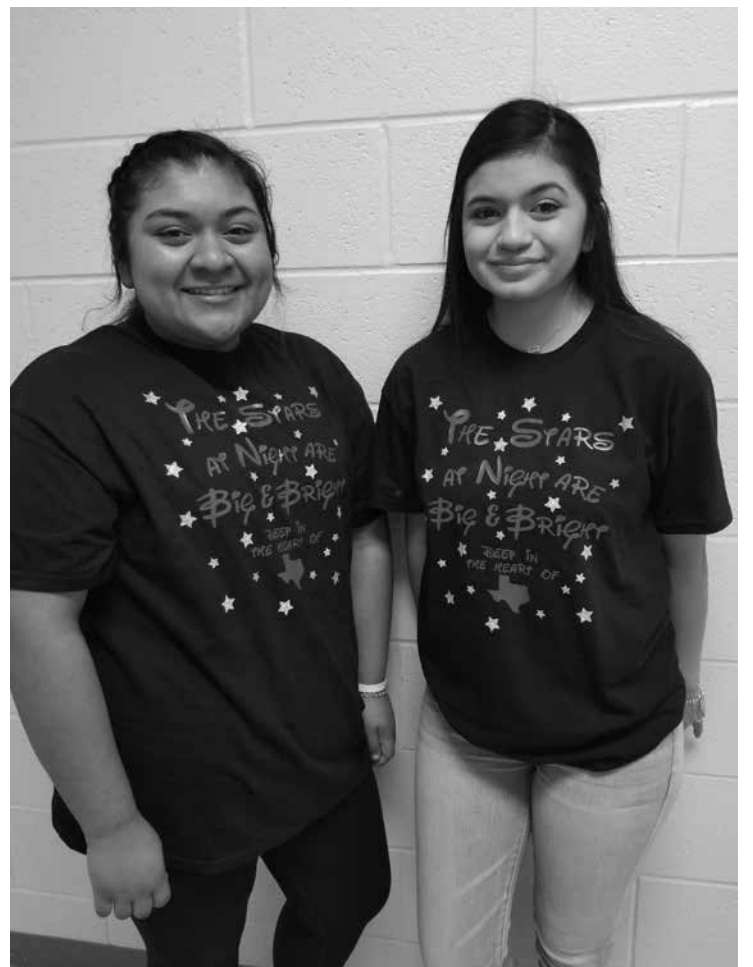


Students To Represent In National Competition

Two FCCLA members will be representing Alvin High School and competing at the National FCCLA Star Events competitions this summer in June/July in Anaheim, California. Junior Paloma Vega won second place at State in the Fashion Construction Senior Event. Senior Jessilup Acevedo won second place at State in the Early Childhood Occupationally Specific Event. They are proud to take

their competition to the National level this summer.

Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education as determined by the state department of education.



NEWS

Off To Next Level

Yazlin Robles
Staff Writer

Playing sports in high school is not an easy thing. With it comes responsibility, dedication, long nights, hard work, and with all having to get your school work done.

Seniors like Gabby Hall and Kate Recendez have always dreamt of playing sports at the college level and for them it has become a reality. Gabby recently signed to Lee College at Baytown, to play volleyball, and Kate signed to Cisco College at Cisco, to play soccer.

Gabby Hall's passion for volleyball has always pushed her to do better. The long days and nights of practice and games have really paid off. "I've been playing for years and years and it's never been easy to get to where I am today," Hall said.

For Kate, playing soccer is way more than just scoring and winning the game. With her determination playing soccer at the college level wasn't a dream, it was a goal. And with that same determination she will continue to achieve more goals in life.

"To me it's not just about

scoring goals, it's being creative, and setting up the plays to make it happen. Going to college to play soccer wasn't a dream, but more like a goal. Therefore, I'm determined to make more goals so I can get where I want to be in life."

The recruiting process was no easy task. It is important to work hard and go above and beyond for a little extra attention. "I had to step out of my comfort zone and actually put myself out there to get noticed by the coaches," Recendez said.

Having family, friends, and coaches to support the athlete throughout the whole process helps take some stress off the students shoulders. Things tend to get easier when you have somebody who believes in you and supports you. "I wouldn't of been able to do it without my amazing parents and great coaches," said Hall.

Cheering for AHS Top Staffers

Emily Bates
Shelby Bukowski
Staff Writers



Kelley Smith



Fernando Hinojosa



Sally Luna

"I was surprised, and just really thankful that my coworkers think that much of me. There are a lot of great teachers on our campus and a lot are nominated, and you just never know. I'm really proud. I'm an AHS graduate, and a second generation teacher because my dad taught here a long time ago. This is my 23rd year teaching in Alvin ISD. I taught at Alvin Jr high for five-years, and then I was here for five years. Then, I was in the curriculum department for language arts for six years. Now I have been back for seven. And I don't plan on changing again. I just I care about the school and this community. It's my home, where I was raised, where my kids were raised. We have a beautiful campus, great students, great faculty and great support from our administration." Smith said.

Teacher of the Year

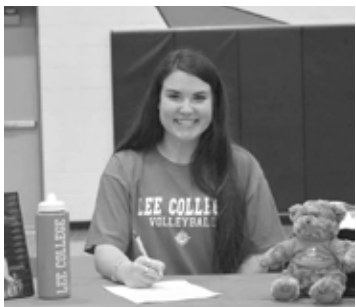
"I was very surprised and very grateful to have been selected. It means that others have been paying attention to the type of work and culture I am trying to instill on this campus. No I did not think I was going to win because we have such a great group of rookie teachers that joined our campus this year. But, now that I know that I did win I hope to be a good representative for all the rookie teachers. I am very happy to be back on my campus as a teacher to not only educate students, but to continue to build a culture on campus where we can look back and proud of our school 15 many years from now. I believe that it can be done, we all just need to buy in to that idea." Hinojosa said.

Rookie of the Year

Principal secretary Sally Luna was very excited to hear that she was voted as para teacher/rookie of the year. She didn't think she was going to be para of the year, let alone, nominated. She was glad here family was able to be there the day of receiving the award. "I am Blessed by the family and staff that voted for e," she said.

"Mrs. Luna is a strong and dedicated educator who cares deeply of the staff and students we serve," said Dr.B. "Mrs. Luna is always going above and beyond to ensure teachers and staff have what they need to engage students. Mrs. Luna is a blessing to AHS."

Paraprofessional of the Year



Gabby Hall



Kate Recendez

Seniors Deliver Parting Words

Cliff Sawyer
Ruth Turner
Staff Writer



"Any club, job, or relationship you desire in highschool-pursue it. If you succeed, then great, however, when you fail... you'll have a great story to tell in the future."
-Nicholas Mitchum



"Your friend group is a representation of you. You should look around you and be surrounded by people that inspire and motivate you."
-Rhiannon Navarro



"The right attitude and mindset will guide you to a successful future. Oh, the places you'll go!"
-Monse Castillo



"Focus on your work, focus on your life. Don't destroy your emotional state for your grades."
-James Bones

"You make your mark by being true to who you are and letting that be your staple."
-Kat Graham



"Focus on your school because none of these people are gonna matter- neither will french so dont take that" -Simone Morris



"Learn to be okay with change because it's coming quickly, and remember to plan."
-Brittany Hernandez



"Don't worry too much about what other people think of you. Your true friends will know you!"
-Charlotte Schmidt



"Don't be afraid to be yourself and focus on yourself. Your friends won't achieve goals for you."
-Gloria Garcia



"No matter what you do, take pride in it and work hard."
-Madeline Doyle

SENIOR NEWS

Leaders of the Pack: Top Ten 2019

Cassandra Villareal
Alexis Perez
Staff Writer



#1 Tobi Phillips

"I will be attending University of Texas in Austin on a Full-Ride Forty Acre scholarship. I am one of the 90 students elected to pursue my BSN at UT School of Nursing. I plan to get a minor in business and eventually my doctorates in nursing to be a pediatric nurse practitioner. Be willing to make sacrifices for your grades and always remember that the friends you have now are temporary and you should surround yourself around go-getters."



#2 Hadlee Morris

"AHS has taught me so much, not only about school subjects, but also about life lessons and prepared me for my future. After I graduate, I will be attending Texas A&M University. I will be majoring in aerospace engineering, and I hope to one day become an engineer. Your GPA starts from day 1 of freshman year. Work hard every single day, and strive to give 100% in all you do."



#3 Jessica Hogan

"This school gave me the opportunity to make friends and gain more knowledge by allowing me to dedicate myself to my studies. I am headed to the University of Houston. My major is Business, and I hope to one day own my own business. I would say to focus on school and not worry about unnecessary things that will not help you in the future. A life to success is full of knowledge and dedication."



#4 Jaime Hogan

"AHS benefitted me because it prepared me for the worst times to come in college. I am going to attend the University of Houston to further my education in Business. My goal is to become an accountant and then plan to attend graduate school. For anyone who is aiming to be in the top 10 of their senior class, I encourage you to never think about things being difficult and to always look at hardships as a good thing."



#5 Erica Gonzales

"Being at Alvin, I was able to join various clubs. They have made a tremendous impact on me as a person and leader. I will be attending the University of Houston. I'll be in the honors college for engineering. I am majoring in mechanical engineering. Success is all about turning in your work on time and taking AP classes."



#6 Andrew Talley

"Alvin high school has helped expose me to a community of students where I can find a home in the diverse student body and student groups. I will be going to The University of Texas in pursuit of a computer science degree. It is important to focus on building a diverse resume in extracurricular activities and volunteer work!"



#7 Madison Ayres

"Each teacher I've had knows my strengths and weaknesses and helped me work through them. I signed to McMurry University to continue my soccer and Academic career. I will attend the Honors College at McMurry to pursue biomedical science. I plan to go to medical school to prepare myself for a career as an oncologists. If you make it to the Top 10, don't slack off. There are so many people trying to take your place."



#8 Emmanuel Castillo

"Attending Alvin High School benefited me by pushing me to take chances and do take action. I'm planning on majoring in electrical or computer engineering. I'm going to earn a programing degree at ACC and transfer over for a four year degree at the University of Houston. Complete your work early on. Procrastinating on your goals and your assignments will inevitably hinder your chances of being in the top 10."



#9 Gustavo Garcia

"AHS gave me a place where I can comfortably express myself and excel in my education. I am attending the University of Houston and will major in Civil Engineering Architecture. I plan to take what I learn and help in my family's business of constructing homes and buildings. Turn in all your schoolwork and do what your teachers tell you. Enjoy your time and don't stress too much during your time in school."



#10 Haley Gaddy

"Attending AHS benefit me by providing a variety of courses that would help me prepare me for my future. Next, I'll be attending Tennessee Wesleyan University to continue playing volleyball while studying Exercise Science to become a physical therapists. For those aiming for the top 10, do all of your work because every assignment truly does count. Study very hard to do your very best."

Remaining Top Ten Percent Grads:

Jessilup Acevedo, Ingrid Ayala Macias, Aleah Barajas, Monserrath Castillo, Kaylee Chumley, Haley Dietrich, Madeline Doyle, Jenna Edmonds, Nathan Eng, Michael Fontenot, Ernesto Garcia, Manuel Gaytan Rodriguez, Matthew Geoghagan, Jeremiah Giardelli, Mario Gonzales, Miranda Goodrum, Zoey Gurka, Brittany Hernandez, Susana Hernandez, Noah Hestand, Dylan Kappes, Ashlyn Kerns, Tara Lauersdorf, Elissa Lockhart, Dominique Luna, Ximena Martinez, Gabriel Mayfield, Emma Metcalf, Rhiannon Navarro, Dena Olison, Odalys Olivo, Carson Parkinson, Patrick Peterson, Tiffany Purl, Alexis Ramirez, Nathaniel Ramirez, Edward Recendez, Kenton Ritter, Jaydrian Rivera, Cheyenne Slaughter, Meridith Stanley, Hailey Stoughton, Brandon Tharp, Laura Torrez Gonzalez, Nicholas Touch, Ian Tribble, Miguel Vargas, Darbi Webster, Haylie Whitlock, Alexandria Willbond.

Have
You
Heard

Graduation

Is the Word

Alvin High School's 2019 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2019, 1:00pm at NRG CENTER in Houston, Texas.

Graduates will need to arrive at the Alvin High School Cafeteria starting at 9:00 am and no later than 9:45. We will take roll, load buses and drive to NRG Center. Doors to NRG Center will open at Noon for families to find seating. Graduation will begin at 1:00pm sharp.

Dress Code

Commencement has a strict dress code requirement. The purpose for this is to contribute to the dignified atmosphere our students deserve as they graduate. At Commencement, graduates must wear the designated cap, gown, and tassel. The tassel must be worn on the left side until the class is certified as graduated. Gentlemen should wear a white dress shirt (with a collar), regular

dress tie or bow tie, solid black or solid dark blue dress trousers or slacks, regular dark colored dress shoes or boots (no tennis or casual shoes) and must be clean shaven. No piercings for gentlemen. Ladies should wear a dress with a straight skirt or a skirt with a button up blouse.

The color should not show through nor extend below the gown. The dress should not be tight fitting and should come to at least mid-thigh. The dress

should also not be strapless. The dress should also not have any cutouts. Flats, wedge dress shoes, sandals, or heels are permitted. We do advise you to wear comfortable shoes as we will do a tremendous amount of walking and it is a long day! No piercings other than ears. Ladies may also adhere to the gentleman's dress code should they choose. NO JEANS or DENIM ARE PERMITTED! Graduates who come to the activities improperly attired

will be turned away and not allowed to participate unless they can change into proper attire before the busses depart. If a student needs assistance please speak with senior sponsor Sienna Flores or assistant principal Cavin Davis immediately so that can help secure the proper attire for you. If you have any questions about your outfit please see Flores or Davis as soon as possible. Please follow these procedures for a happy, successful ceremony.

FEATURE

Hook, Line, Sinker Inaugural Fishing Team Boasts Successful Season

Raney Nelson

This year the fishing team has and qualified to go to state, all the competitions have paid off. The state competition is May 11th to the 12th. The students competing are Sophomore Randy Thurston, a JV Baseball player, and Freshman Charlie Fox, also a JV Baseball at Manvel. These students fish with the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA). The state they're competing in will have 285 two man teams and boats from 9 regions from around Texas. Each region consists of two to three divisions, the

Alvin Fishing Team is in the Houston Division.

At Regionals the two students came in 44th and only the top 67 out of 169 teams qualified for state. The students provide their own tackle, parents and volunteers provide and captain their boats. The fish the team will be fishing for is all species of Bass except for White Bass. "I have made new friends I would not have met if I was not on this fishing team," said Charlie Fox. "I like the competition and being around the other guys on the team."



Belize It Or Not

Kazidy Potts
Staff Writer

Math teacher Teresa Witt won't be decorating her classroom for an upcoming year in the fall. She will replace her calculators, pencils, and lesson plans with beautiful sandy beaches, bright sun and relaxation.

Witt will be retiring in May and moving to Belize, a nation on the eastern coast of Central America. For Witt, moving to Belize was always a part of her grand plan.

"I had planned to be a teacher for 20 years, so I guess I had a long term plan of retiring," Witt said.

Whitt and her husband chose to move to Belize because of how beautiful the ocean is, she said. The couple has been preparing for this move for a while.

"My husband ended up finding a lovely house on the

beach that we bought 6 years ago," said Whitt.

Even though most teachers claim teaching to be a stressful job to have, Witt said she has good feelings and positive memories about her time in the classroom.

"I've enjoyed teaching math here at AHS, I think I've had a chance to teach a wide variety of math classes. AP statistics was the most challenging while PAP Geometry was the most fun," she said.

"Mrs. Witt has been very helpful this year in teaching me precal and has made it fun with projects and presentations," Lorelei Miller, sophomore, said. "She also led the yoga club which was one of my favorite parts of the week my freshman year. I will miss her next year and I hope she has an amazing retirement."



Courtesy photo
Celebrating An Educator
Witt is with her sister in this photo taken in Belize. Witt is excited about finishing her chapter as a teacher and moving on to retire in Belize

Slow Down: Kids At Play Enjoying Kid Day Traditions

Clarice Orozco
Editor

Kid day is an annual tradition for all seniors to have a chance to feel like a little one again. Seniors dress up as they would when they were kids and spend a day at a park letting the childish, bubbly personality run free.

"I think it is pretty cool that we get to be kids again one last time before entering adulthood, and I am going to get to walk away with a good way of recollecting the memories of my past," Aaron Mata said.

This event is a memorable way to touch on the past and enjoy a bit of childhood with all of the people that grew up and matured together.

"I think it's fun that we get to revisit the past and have fun doing things that remind me of recess in elementary school," Gabriel Trevino said.

Growing up and being so close to the world outside of high school can be nerve wracking, but for this reason, seniors get to celebrate their youth and embrace their childhood before entering into a world of college, work, and all things adult.

"I think it is a really good idea because people get to reflect on how much they have grown and matured over these years, and it is fun to see other people dress up and express how they

were and looked as a kid back in elementary school," Citlaly Rodriguez said.

Being in school and graduating with most of the people that grew up together and attending the same elementary and junior high makes it special to share the same emotions of being on the same journey of graduating high school all as one.

"I am extremely excited for all of the senior things we got to turn into memories and I think it is fun for everyone to enjoy together, and it's a really good time to be social with people that are in the same grad class," Taylor Olszewski.



OPINION

Finding My Purpose

Valerie Him
Editor In Chief

One of the many lessons I learned in the very beginning of my high school years was to get involved and find your niche. In the beginning of my freshman year, I felt as if I were stuck in the same routine and that I was just floating above the rest of my class. After almost half a year of the boring same routine, I decided to attend a meeting and to get involved in Student Council. From there, it inspired me to take on many other clubs such as debate, youth alive, journalism, and class officers. After trying out each club Alvin High School had to offer, I found my niche in Student Council and Newspaper.

Student council offered me a positive and uplifting environment away from normal school. The club's goal was to make a change in the school environment and to help others while doing so. I was surrounded by the most accepting people and felt that for once, I could speak up and that my opinions mattered. After a year and half of being in StuCo, I decided to run for office and have now held two officer positions.

Some of the most memorable things I've done in Stuco are going to state conference and being in charge of all of the homecoming events. I finally found my own voice and found what I love doing most.

I began journalism with the idea of just having to write essays and editing them. On the first week of school, we jumped right in into learning how to write news stories. After a month, we began the writing for the newspaper. I love being able to write and not having to fit a certain prompt given to me. I get to personalize my story to my own liking and do as I like. This class has allowed me to grow in my writing and organizational skills. I can use what I've learned in this class in college and my everyday life after that.

Although high school isn't always rainbows and gumdrops, it is what you make it. Make the most out your school years and take a step outside your comfort zone. If there is any advice I can leave, it's to find what interests you and get involved in that organization/club!



Seek Help To Stress Less

Cristy Rodriguez
Staff Writer

As the school year ends and the seniors graduate, juniors prepare to take place of the senior class. Senior year can be a nerve racking time for students as they prepare for college, jobs, and life after high school. Luckily, the counselors have some advice for these students.

The first thing students can do is to keep focusing on academics and to avoid procrastination. Senior year is a good time to take AP or Dual Credit classes and rigorous courses. These classes could boost your GPA and look great on academic resumes and college applications. Juniors should make sure they're doing well in classes, as colleges generally focus on the grades you got your junior and senior year.

Students should also start an Academic Resume. The most important information to have on there are any career plans, academic achievements (GPA, class rank, ACT/

SAT scores, and expected graduation year), school and community activities, honors or awards and achievements, and volunteer and community service. It will be easier to write an academic resume if you have volunteer and service hours, so think about becoming more involved in the community.

The summer following junior year and the beginning of senior year is when college preparations kick into high gear. If you don't know what college you want to attend, now is the time to explore college options. When applying, make sure to have back up schools. You should end up applying to 3-5 colleges. Juniors should take the SAT and/or ACT. If you're not satisfied with your scores you can retake the SAT next year. You should also begin your scholarship searches, and as a senior you want to make sure that you have your FSA ID (Federal Student Aid) and complete FAFSA starting

October 1 of senior year. You should also ask teachers for letters of recommendation. You should be done with college applications by August.

There are other options for students who don't plan on attending a four year academic institution after graduating. Students could attend community college; if you're more interested in working after high school, explore your career options. Another option is vocational and trade schools. Trade schools allow you to earn a certificate or diploma in a career focused program. It's usually much faster and cheaper than going to a traditional four year college, as you don't have to take any extra classes to meet credit requirements.

If you have any questions about what you can do to prepare for senior year, visit your counselor. They have resources that can help you plan for senior year and college.

Ideas for Juniors to Begin Planning Ahead

1. Learn about colleges
2. Start collecting info on YOU for resumes and essays
3. Research FAFSA
4. Sign up for SATs early in the year
5. Begin visiting schools and learning about programs
6. Join CollegeBoard
7. Begin to gather materials needed for financial aid
8. Finalize a resume, list of accomplishments



What's my sign?

Natalie Seng
Staff Writer

Aries: The stern but passionate friend.

"I feel like I'm the serious and determined friend," sophomore Jose Dura said.

Taurus: Sensitive but a good listener

"I'm like the friend you can always talk to, and making sure everyone is always good, and I give good advice, and I would say im loving and very caring and also passionate," sophomore Sophia Him said.

Gemini: Unfiltered but life of the party

"My friends think I'm annoying and talk too much, but in reality I'm just kind of there," sophomore Clifton Sawyer said.

Cancer: Independent but reliable

"I'm the sensitive one, I cried when my mom didn't buy me McDonalds," sophomore Aaliyah Southimath said.

Leo: Arrogant but generous

"I am the responsible one, I take care of everything, I keep everything in check and make sure everything is okay," junior Gabriella Ortega said.

Libra: Indecisive but kind

"I am the peacekeeper, I keep everyone close. I'm generous and compassionate," sophomore Alyssa Chheun said.

Scorpio: Demanding but intelligent

"I think I'm the funny friend sometimes," freshmen Adriana Odell said.

Sagittarius: Stubborn but optimistic

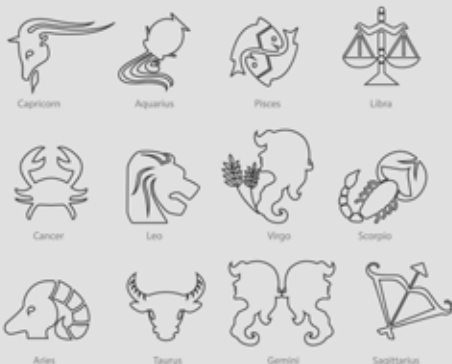
"I'm the one that doesn't take anything seriously," junior Cassandra Villarreal said.

Aquarius: Distant but spontaneous

"I'm the goofy one and everyone vents to me," sophomore Kazidy Potts said.

Pisces: Clingy but caring

"I feel like I'm the mom of the friend group," senior Kalanie Prom



•• Zodiac signs ••

Capricorn: Persistent but pessimistic

"I can be looked at as pessimistic but I am really just being realistic," freshmen Savannah Salazar said.

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SPORTS

No Place Like Home Base

From Staff Reports **Lady Jackets Softball Remains Strong In Playoffs**



Photos by: Keigyn Villaloboz

There is no stopping the Lady Jackets softball team. The momentum they held throughout district play is now carrying through the third round of playoffs. After winning the first game against Dobie, they are hoping to finish the sweep.

They played Brazoswood in the first round, and won the first two games. In the second round, they shut out Pasadena Memorial in the first two games as well.

“I feel that we are a team that has a special bond that no other team has,” sophomore

Khori Bolton said. “That is how we are so successful during the playoffs.”

And successful they are.

The team has swept each match up and is setting their eyes on the state championship game. Each player is working hard toward meeting that ultimate goal. However, the players keep emphasizing how important their relationships are as a team.

“Personally, I am most proud of the culture we build as a team and how close we are to each other,” senior Clarissa Barron said. “Our bond is unbreakable and I don’t think any other team can play, lead, and

bond the way we do.”

After sailing through district play, the Lady Jackets ended with an impressive record, and were named, yet again, District Champs. This continuing success is not a fluke. Each and every team member trains hard and takes their game very seriously. The chemistry between teammates is also quite obvious to all of the spectators.

As of press time, the team is preparing to face Dobie again to finish off the round and head into the fourth round of playoff action.

Rise To Nationals

Nicholas Wilson
Editor

Winterguard Team Competes In Ohio at WGI Event

We have many teams and organizations that excel here in Alvin, but there is one team that stands out, and that is the Color Guard. They went all across the state this season competing almost every weekend, and even traveled to Dayton, Ohio to compete in a national competition hosted by Winter Guard International (WGI).

They were also ranked around number 35 in the whole country before going to Dayton and competing.

“We were kind of nervous going into WGI, but once we had our first run through, we were ready to go. It’s making history because no one in Alvin has ever done this,” Captain Jacob Batson said.

The Color Guard were very excited for WGI Dayton and to showcase their hard work and dedication to their craft. “We felt honored, and it was such a blessing to go,” said Captain Emily Mendoza. “It was such a big deal and it was a dream come true basically.” The color guard competed all the way to semi-finals where they were barely taken out of the competition by .4 of a point.

“It was a little bit disap-

pointing because everyone goes into the competition wanting to make finals because it’s a big deal, but I think the overall outcome was still good because we were able to go and make history, I think going and having a good show and we made a score above 90 which only happens if you’re phenomenally good,” Director Maurice Wright said.

After barely missing finals, the Color Guard left WGI ranked number 23 on the national level, people in this organization are some of the most dedicated people. They are ready for next year’s season and many people are excited to see what they can do next year.



Smiling Big

Emily Mendoza and Alexia Parkinson take a group selfie in the van from the airport to the hotel in Ohio.

Annual Spring Show Dazzles

Kacie Bass
photos



Night to Remember

The seniors of AHS Jacketeers hang up their hats and say goodbye. The night was full of tears and cheering, and the girls did great as they danced to one-hit-wonders. Spring Show is always an emotional night as all the dancers in the program are showcased, but for the seniors, it is their last dance.



Courtesy Photos

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Varsity and JV Winterguard pose together. JV’s show was entitled “Dancing on My Own,” Varsity’s show is “Rise”. Varsity celebrates a successful season.

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2019 Graduates



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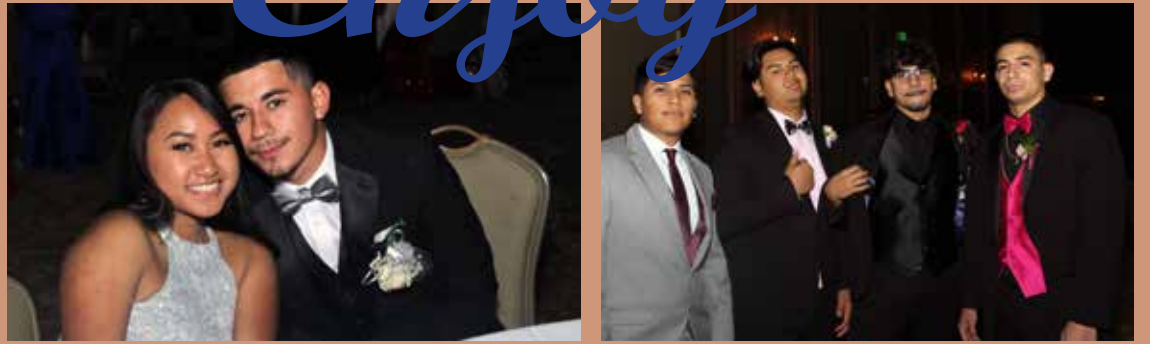
*"It Be Like That
Sometimes"*

- Class Motto

Flower: White Rose

Colors: Black, White, Gold

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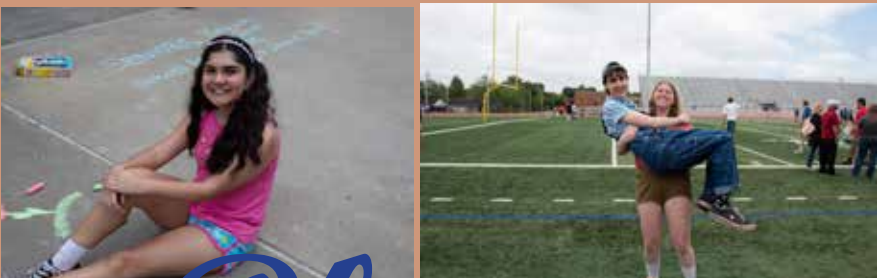
Class of 2019

Celebrate



**"Too late,
my time has
come.
Send shivers
down my spine,
Body's aching
all the time.
Goodbye
everybody, I've
got to go!
Gotta leave you
all behind and
face the truth."**

Bohemian Rhapsody, Queen



Play