



# Alvin's Friday Night Lights

## Organizations Showcase Skills and Talent

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The stadium lights shine onto the football field. The football players are ready for their entrance, breathing hard and preparing for what's to come. Drill team makes its way down the stairs towards the tunnel, the lights shimmering off of their glitter fitted uniforms. Music and cheers float through the air as the team jogs onto the field ready to defeat the opposing team.

Every Friday night the band, cheerleaders, and drill team join together to cheer on the football team and each other.

"My favorite part of Friday night lights is getting to put all of our hard work on the field. The energy given from the band gets me hyped up for the game. After most games, I go to Chilis or Whataburger to celebrate our hard work from the week. Friday night lights are special for me because it makes me feel like I am a part of something," Senior Jockeyer Kylie

Garcia said.

Friday night football games are something everyone looks forward to, whether you are in on the action or not. Everyone roots for the Yellowjackets.

"My favorite part is seeing our show on the field during halftime. Getting to see how our show has improved from our weeks of rehearsal is what I look forward to. Getting food after the games is always a fun way to celebrate. Seeing my senior show progress from game to game is what makes Friday night lights special," head drum major Logan Pierce said.

Friday night lights isn't just about the football team, it is also about the organizations that show off their hardwork.

"My favorite part of Friday night lights has to be performing during halftime. Going on the field and performing our show is a feeling I will never forget. Hearing the audience explode with applause makes all the work worth it. What

makes Fridays special for me is being in the stands and dancing to some of my favorite stand tunes. I love the feeling of getting off the field and seeing everyone's faces knowing that they had a great run," senior drum major Ayden Giessen said.

The sound of the music, laughs and cheers make sure everyone in the crowd and on the field are enjoying the Friday night festivities.

"My favorite part about FNL is the atmosphere of the games. The entire community all united around the beautiful Memorial Stadium, making memories we will never forget. There's nothing like getting to dance in front of hundreds of people & seeing smiles on every face. I love the adrenaline rush I get as the band plays & the crowd cheers & of course getting to root for our favorite football players," senior Colonel Kennedy Marek said.

Every organization that participates on Friday is there to support

the football team and cheer them on to win.

"The band atmosphere makes the game much more enjoyable. The tunnel atmosphere before the game gets me and the team hyped up," Senior football player Sutton Wilson said.

Fridays are truly something the school as a whole enjoys as we celebrate the football team in the beautiful Memorial Stadium. Football, Band, Cheer, Choir, and the Jockeyer team all help to make the night memorable for everyone.





# FEATURES

## Looking Forward: Goals For Future Grads

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**"I'm really looking forward to expanding the appreciation that our Alvin Yellow Jackets have for the arts," senior Jade Guerra said.**



**I am most looking forward to the Jacketeers contest season and especially nationals," senior Jade Anderson said.**



**"I'm looking forward to graduating and going off to college," senior Adelle Casey said.**



**"As a senior what I'm most interested in is the current metamorphosis of the theater program into the YJTC," senior Chris Trevino said.**



**I am looking forward to making new friends and meeting new people," freshman Kennedy Fulton said.**



**"I am looking forward to attending school events like football games and pep rallies," freshman Daniela Sotelo said.**



**"I am most looking forward to all of the new friends I will make between now and the end of the year," freshman Preslie Binger said.**

## Acapella Choir Rising In Fame

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As they pour into the room, the students scramble up the risers to claim a spot. Before beginning to work on their pieces, they warm up and prepare for the day.

Director Levi Duncan came to Alvin High School and completely changed and improved the choir program. The Acapella Choir, or "Acap," is the top choir at Alvin High School. They compete at all levels and are considered one of the best choirs in the state.

"Teaching choir is like making expressive musical art every day while guiding young teenagers through life musically and personally. I love each of my students. My love for choral music started my college journey, but my love for my students keeps me in this career," Duncan said.

Acap Choir participates in competitions at every level, including district, state, and UIL. More kids than ever before have qualified for All-State. Additionally, the choir program won sweepstakes at the UIL the previous three years.

Students enjoy competing because it brings them together and allows them to gauge their progress both individually and collectively.

"Acap Choir is different from any other choir because of how close we are. We compete, learn, and bond with each other. It is an amazing experience that words cannot describe," Senior Vice President Lindsey Haneline said.

For most people, Acap Choir is more than just a course they can choose to take; it's a place where they can feel secure. It is like a home to so many different people, Jeneveve Hernandez said. It's where they can still connect and form deep friendships regardless of who they are.

"Acap is more than a class; it feels like a home for some. It's accepting, and Mr. Duncan doesn't care who you are, who you love, or where you come from. He accepts you and makes the class feel more together and complete," Choir President Jeneveve Hernandez said.



**Show time**  
Acapella choir performed at the fall showcase in September. Senior Mikey Fagan is looking forward to singing the National Anthem at an upcoming Rockets game. "I like the fact that our students are able to become leaders in this choir and help direct fellow members," Fagan said.





# OPINIONS

## Prettier in Pink

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This year, Mattel released the movie Barbie from the popular toy line Barbie dolls, making 1.38 billion dollars globally in the box office. Breaking a record in 2023 for the biggest movie opening, Barbie sold more tickets than the other movies playing at the same time. When asking viewers if they liked the movie or not, there is a drastic pull between who did and who didn't. However, this is one of the best movies of all time because it has a great message and impact on people.

First, the movie is nostalgic, and movie goers love that. When watching Barbie, there are tons of hidden inside jokes from Barbies from all different generations. Viewers get cameos from the iconic 1950s striped swimsuit Barbie, 1992 pantsuit president Barbie, 1999 lawyer Barbie, 1964 Allan, and even 1980 magic earring Ken got a reference. Nostalgia makes the

movie pop out, and it felt like an inside joke that no matter how old you were, you understood all of it. The costumes were handpicked with some fabrics that haven't been seen since the 20s, making these outfits stand out, showcasing everyone's individuality. The cast was full of talented men and women from all different backgrounds, ages, beliefs, and I think that's why this movie turned out the way it did.

Secondly, The Barbie movie was made to express both sides of the world from a woman's perspective and men's, showing how both opinions, even though they can be extremely different, are equally important. Not everyone can completely relate to every experience in the movie, but that's also part of the experience of watching it. Viewers see how the different Barbies have unique mind sets depending on the type of Barbie they

were. The president Barbie had tons of strong leader ideas that helped guide the Barbies when Ken brought the patriarchy to Barbie Land. When Ken did bring the patriarchy, some people thought that it symbolized that men caused everything wrong. When you dig deeper though, viewers learn that Ken only thought it was cool because he finally was getting recognized by women. Ken always thought that he was nothing without Barbie, that he had no purpose other than to be with Barbie. Barbie wanted to be independent and work hard towards her future. So when Barbie goes back to Barbie Land and sees all the chaos, she is immensely upset because all her hard work got undone. Barbies were made for more than little girls, they were made on the concept of equality amongst women and to never feel limited in what you can do. The Barbie

Land was that concept, a community of women that were independent and worked all these jobs and weren't codependent on old standards. Barbie has a character development and explains to Ken that he is more than a relationship, she admits that there are faults on both sides and offers her support.

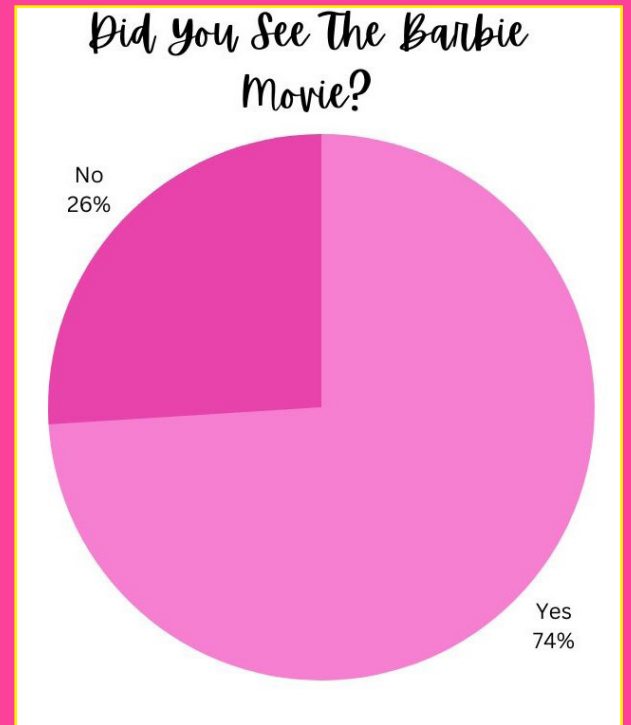
Finally, the humor in this movie was very clever making fun of old products, even hiding adult jokes that keep the older audience engaged. Making Barbie not just a movie for one person but expanding it to anyone who is interested in re-living a common shared memory.

If you haven't seen Barbie, take a moment to go out with a friend or family member. I assure you that you will laugh and sometimes even cry, but most importantly you will have a great experience with a loved one.

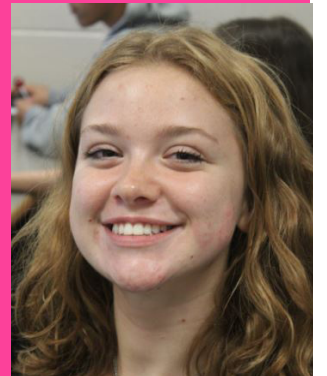
## Barbie

By The Numbers

Student Poll



*"I enjoyed the movie, it was funny, and captivating. My favorite part was towards the end, where the creator of Barbie appeared,"* junior Blayson Aultman said.



*"I did not like Barbie movie because it all just felt so pushy on opinions that I don't agree to,"* junior Kallie Bertram said.

## Jackets Hydrate In Style



"I got the stickers from my friend Kendall. I liked them so I put them on my cup. Thanks Kendall," sophomore Victoria Hernandez said.



"I just like ducks, so I put a duck sticker on my cup. I like ducks because they always bring me good luck and happiness. I like to collect ducks for my water polo games to bring my team good luck and to give us more motivation," senior Amber Ortiz said.



"I customized it the way I did because I want to go to UT, and it means so much to me because it's a tradition. My great-great grandparents went there and everyone else in my family has gone as well," sophomore Braeden Shaw said.



"I got my cup from Academy, in my favorite color, baby pink. Then, I found a local lady who makes Stanley toppers as her business. I love my name topper and get a lot of compliments on it," sophomore Jimena Gallegos said.



"I borrowed my friend Karen's Hello Kitty cup because it was so adorable. I will drink more water if I have a fun cup to drink from," junior Julie Arredondo said.



# NEWS

## Hill Takes Off At NASA Internship

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What started off as an unexpected opportunity, led to an internship that allowed senior Hailey Hill to get the once in a lifetime opportunity.

With her career goal set in fashion design, working as an intern at NASA has helped to push towards her future. AHS has been working with NASA to get students into an internship program which gives the students an opportunity to work alongside employees and a set career path.

“So they said that they’re going to have more opportunities and more jobs like this are opening up because people don’t realize that they’re still jobs,” Hill said.

Hill is a fashion design student and is one of many students who have been chosen to work alongside NASA to create different works that will help the astronauts in many different ways. The work environment among the students and employees is a different one than many would think the people there would all interact with the many other kids in the program and give them significant feedback in their work.

“So as long as I have the internships, and I’m getting that feedback from my bosses, then I can climb up really easily. I could go to a lot of places,” Hill said.

Hill applied to this internship opportunity 2 weeks before school

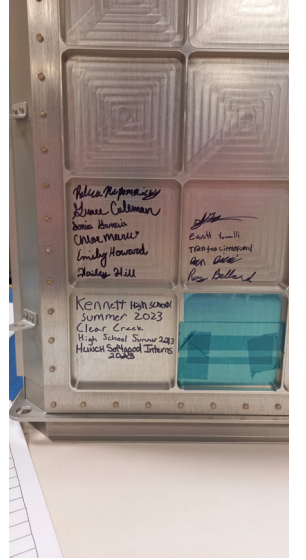
ended and had received notice she had gotten accepted during an awards ceremony. Her teacher Eva Cantu was the one who helped her get the internship. She talked to the NASA reps she had stated to them how good she was at working and she got the internship to be able to work in what she loves doing the most.

“So everybody is like, ‘oh fashion design you’re not actually going to get anywhere in fashion design,’ but it is more than just making dresses and everything like that, there is a whole industry that needs people who know how to use a sewing machine,” Hill said.



### Her Future Is Now

Senior Hailey Hill completed a NASA internship over the summer, which is paving the way and providing valuable experience for her future career within the fashion industry. courtesy photos



## Showing off Scales and Shells

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During school, the Small Animal Management (SAM) classes, Future Farmers of America (FFA) classes and the Floral Design class were able to gather and interact with some of the campus crowd’s animals, in a joint lesson with journalism and Audiovisual classes. Agriculture teacher Victoria Espinoza designed the lesson so that students could experience different animals and how they are taken care of by owners.

Agriculture teacher Kinsey Pawlosky brought her twelve week old mini Aussie and blue heeler mix puppy. Rowdy is a happy pup who is very enthusiastic to chew on bones and even the occasional stick. He has been quite the expense for Pawlosky, from vet charges to dog toys. Publications

adviser Jessica Tompkins brought her Sulcata tortoise, Kobi. He’s an incredibly fast little buddy and enjoyed munching on the green grass. Koby has a known habit of stepping in ant piles, eating lots of grass and bowling over anything in his path. Floral teacher Courtney Webb had her brother-in-law’s ball python snake named Kiki.

Kiki is camera shy and super friendly by not biting anyone, including any of her past owners. Lastly, Allyson Thaxton, a student in the program, brought her leopard gecko Totinos. A small but low maintenance animal

“I liked it, bringing hands-on experience is completely different. It’s one thing sitting in a classroom versus another thing that is a hands-on experience.” Espinoza said. She carefully thinks of ways to apply more memorable lessons for her students to get them the best experience allowed.

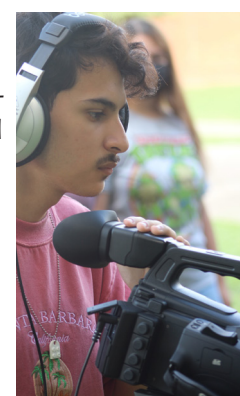
The event was a unique experience for many of the students who participated in it, showing that they comprehend what it means to be able to handle an animal.

“It was fun, and we got to see how it works well, and the event was pretty interesting,” Kristen Lawson, agricultural student, said.

Students have said that having the hands-on experience is what made it memorable and fun. Sitting in a classroom was entirely different than being able to interact with the animals.

“It was very educational, we got hands-on experience and were able to let them explain everything,” Vanessa Davidson, agricultural student said. Interactions with the animals were able to show students what it truly meant to be responsible for another life. This event also

shows how teachers are willing to do the most to help their students.



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