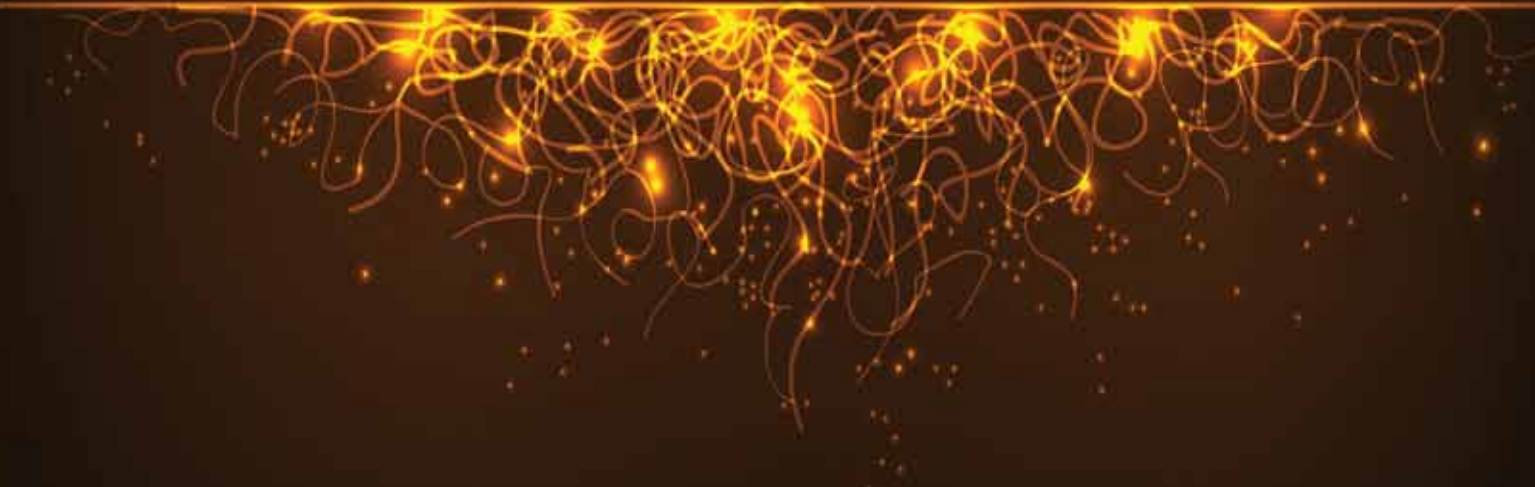


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The students honored today have worked diligently during their high school careers to become not just outstanding learners, but also superb citizens in our community and fine representatives of Corsicana High School.

The honored CISD teachers are representative of the fine quality of educators in our community. They have provided insight, both in education and in the real world, that will allow these students to excel in the future.

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CHS Class of 1957



Kate Bautista

Parents/Guardians: Hannibal and Marissa Bautista

Plans after CHS: Attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Civil Engineering

Lacey Ogburn

Previously, CHS Science



Community Service: James L. Collins Fundraiser Event, Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Fish Camp, Habitat for Humanity Meat & Skeet, Senior Olympics, Sam Houston 5th Grade Dance, Changing of the Garden

Leadership Positions: National Honor Society, Peer Coach

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: French Club, Peer Coach, National Honor Society, Senior Women's Society, FCCLA, FBLA

Kate remembers Mrs. Ogburn: Before I met Mrs. Ogburn, I viewed school as an obligation. Lessons were deemed uninteresting, hence, were easily forgotten. I was the shy kid who never raised my hand to ask a question, but I didn't find it difficult to talk to Mrs. Ogburn because of the atmosphere she established in her classroom. Because of her easygoing nature, Mrs. Ogburn is one of my favorite teachers. She was patient enough even after I asked her for too many favors and questions such as writing recommendation letters for my college applications. I can still remember the fun labs we had such as dissecting frogs, observing roly pollies, watching the amoeba sisters, and the trip to the zoo. I would like to thank Mrs. Ogburn for making high school memorable for me and for teaching me to stay curious.

Mrs. Ogburn remembers Kate: I first met Kate her freshman year as her Pre-AP Biology teacher. I also had the honor of teaching her during her junior year in AP Biology. I have come to know Kate as a quiet, friendly and respectful young lady. She is one of the sweetest students I know and was always a pleasure to teach. The most noise she ever made was when she was laughing, and I never knew if she was crying or laughing! Even though Kate comes across as timid, she was never afraid to ask questions or take risks in class. She takes her education seriously, and I know she will be successful. I am honored to be chosen by Kate as her educator. I wish her only good luck & blessings in the future. And even though I'm an Aggie, Hook 'em!

Caroline Biltz

Parents/Guardians: John and Susan Biltz

Plans after CHS: I will be attending Texas Tech University and will pursue a career in the Medical Field.

Ashley Grace
CHS Volleyball



Community Service: Special Olympics, Historic Places, Christmas canned food drives, Angel tree, 4 years as a YMCA Mentor, Volley for victims

Leadership Positions: 3 year Varsity Volleyball Captain , Waco Juniors Volleyball 16 Black Captain

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: 4 year Varsity Volleyball Player, 2 year Student Council member, 2 year NHS member, Senior Women's Society Member, Accounting regional qualifier, UIL Feature Writing

Caroline remembers Coach Grace: Throughout my four years at Corsicana High School, I have been lucky enough to have a coach and role model as supporting and kind as Coach Grace. From being a nervous wreck my freshman year in my first varsity volleyball game to my last high school playoff game, she never ceased to help me grow as a player (even if we occasionally enjoyed pushing each others buttons). Even more importantly, she has always offered endless support and encouragement in everything I have pursued. She has showed me the importance of striving to be dedicated, humble, and to seek out the best in others. Her devotion to her job and her love for her students/players makes her the ideal educator and coach. I will never be able to thank Coach Grace enough for her support and guidance over the years.

Coach Grace remembers Caroline: Thank you, Caroline for being part of my program for the last four years! Due to your work ethic, leadership, and desire to play, you were an asset to our program. Not only did you make an impact on the court but off the court in the classroom as well. I look forward to seeing the success you will have in your future! BE PERFECT!

Love,
Coach Grace



Audrey Binford

Parents/Guardians: Loretta Katz-Binford and Ozzie Binford

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend SMU as a BBA Honors Finance Scholar with an Honors Pre-Law concentration. Afterwards, I hope to attend law school and become a corporate attorney.

Rhonda Dulworth

CHS Turning Points



Community Service: Carter Blood Drive, Salvation Army Bell Ringer, "Fish Camp" tour guide

Leadership Positions: Peer Coaching, YMCA Teen Mentor

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Three year Varsity Soccer player, three year Varsity Cross Country runner, two year Calico dance team, four year active member of Student Council, and two year member of NHS.

Audrey remembers Mrs. Dulworth: I met Mrs. Dulworth in Turning Points just this year, but she made such a huge impact on my life in the time I have known her. We got close very fast due to our similar interests

and personalities. She treated us all with respect and as mature adults rather than children and showed everyone the utmost respect. Mrs Dulworth helped me make the right college decisions, and I am so thankful for her leading me in the right direction. It is amazing to see a teacher who loves and cares so much about her students; meeting such a strong and positive person has encouraged me to become as good of a person as I can. Despite her continuously ruining my diets with her snacks, I have truly never met such a friendly and outgoing person and am so grateful to have her as my teacher.

Mrs. Dulworth remembers Audrey: I recall the very first time I laid eyes on Audrey. I could not believe she was a high school student. There sat this incredibly striking young lady, with this smile that radiated the entire room. It was not until a year later that I realized Audrey's personality matched her outer beauty as well. I have enjoyed getting to know this vivacious, intelligent and unpredictable young lady. I look forward to our daily conversations that range from European travels, current political events, happening places to eat, to the latest fashion trends.

Audrey is one of those beautiful girls that would have intimidated me in high school. She is smart, successful, goal driven and has a mind of her own. I am grateful that we met and bonded this year. I feel confident that our friendship will be one that will last for many more years. I look forward to our brunch dates in Dallas to hear about her life on SMU campus.

It is tradition for me to dedicate a song for my students. As I combed through many songs, one that stuck out in my mind is "Vogue". Because if anyone has style and grace it is definitely you, Ms. Audrey... You are the queen of style :)

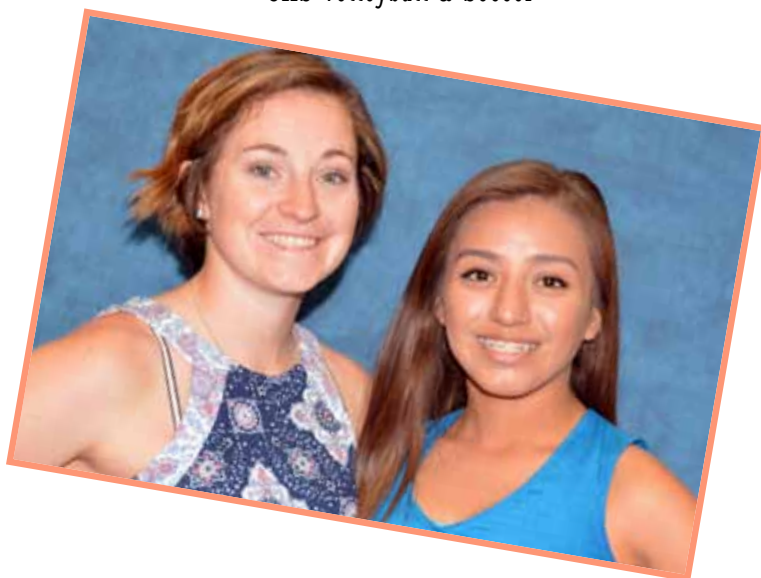
Elizabeth Cervantes

Parents/Guardians: Martin and Maria Nieves Cervantes

Plans after CHS: I plan on attending Texas Wesleyan University to major in Biochemistry and run for their Cross Country and Track teams. I will then transfer to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio through the 2+3 Early Dental Program at Wesleyan to become a Dentist and receive my degrees from both universities.



Mallory Orms CHS Volleyball & Soccer



Community Service: Elementary School Field Days, Sam Houston Field Days, Art Gallery Display, Sunday Religion Education School, Top 10% Banquet, Special Olympics, Freshmen Orientation, Freshman Scheduling, Upperclassmen Scheduling, Sam Houston Fall Festival, Sam Houston Elementary Parent Conference meetings

Leadership Positions: Cross Country Captain, Physics Club Treasure, National Spanish Honor Society, Sunday Religion Education School Teacher

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track, Varsity Soccer, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Senior Woman's Honor Society, YMCA Teen Mentor, Physics Club, UIL Science, FBLA, FCCLA, Student Council, Youth Congress

Elizabeth remembers Coach Orms: Coach Orms has not only been coach, but she has also been a best friend, an older sister, and an advisor. Coach Orms has taught me that running a race is not all about winning; it is about making memories, having fun, and challenging myself. I truly admire how she gives everyone endless opportunities to show their true potential, and she's always there to listen to our problems. She always has the perfect advice. I will always remember her as an intelligent, athletic, and charismatic coach. I was amazed to hear that she shared the same passion for running as I did, especially for long distance running. I have always enjoyed talking to her, from soccer games to team dinners, to movie nights; there is never a dull moment with her. Thank you, Coach Orms, for everything you have done for me.

Coach Orms remembers Elizabeth: I first met Elizabeth two years ago when I started coaching soccer. She was running cross country and then would come to the soccer class. Elizabeth was always one of the hardest working girls out on the field or in off-season. Not only was she a hard worker, she was always kind to everyone. She would be the first to encourage and lift up the other girls. I knew Elizabeth would go on to do great things. Since then I have had the opportunity to have Elizabeth as a peer coach in my classroom. Again, Elizabeth is up helping the students without ever being asked. She is always kind and understanding. Now Elizabeth is about to graduate and go on to run cross country in college. I have no doubt that she will succeed in anything she puts her mind to. I am honored to have been able to coach this young lady and be a part of her life here at CHS. I cannot wait to see where life takes you!



Isaac Chivers

Parents/Guardians: Elizabeth Chivers

Plans after CHS: After I graduate, I intend to go to college. I haven't decided yet between Southwestern University or Texas A&M Commerce, but in either case I will major in either Biology or some other form of science. My goal is to get a Master's Degree and then, hopefully, a PhD. I hope to work in a research job, so I can help out the community with my scientific expertise.

Community Service: Pawprints Animal Rescue, Special Olympics, Cinco De Mayo Event at Collins, Senior Award Ceremony of 2016, Light the Night Event, and Peer Tutoring

Leadership Positions: I've often been designated as the group leader in multiple group projects for Physics, Biology, French, and English. In addition, I was a Peer Coach during Junior year.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Society of Torch & Laurel, Congress of Future Science & Technology, numerous clubs in multiple schools such as the Mad Scientist Club, Chess Club, Creative Writing Club, and the Robotics Club. I also played as a member of JV Tennis.

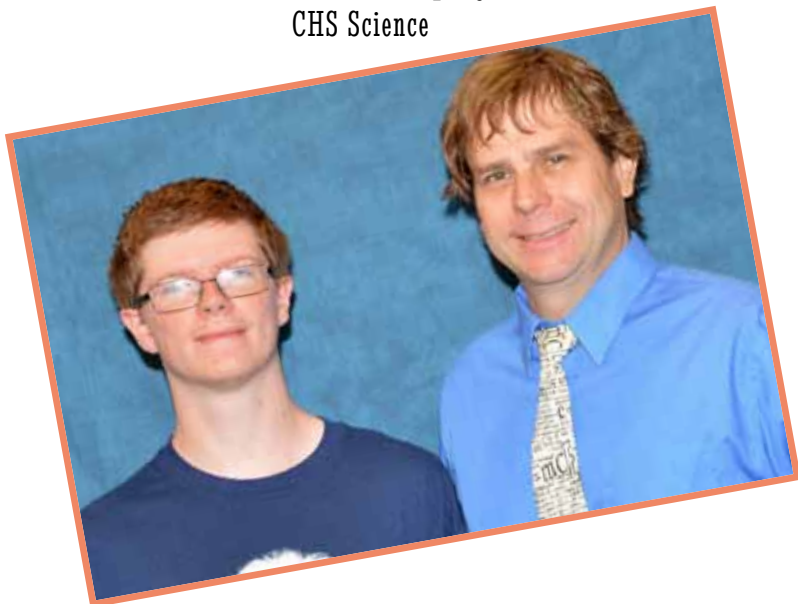
Isaac remembers Mr. Kasprzyk: Mr. K has been a good teacher for me. He was always willing to let me stay after a bit and ask him questions I had, many of which were more advanced than what we

were actually learning in class because of my passion for science and interest in physics. I've been his student for two years now, and he has become one of my favorite teachers. At the end of my Junior year, I was mistakenly put into Pre-AP Physics. He advised me to skip straight to AP Physics C, which was a great experience for me to learn how challenging Physics really could be. While Physics isn't my top choice for science anymore, I believe that I'd probably enjoy Biology or Chemistry more, I still love learning about Physics and all sciences. In fact, String Theory and Quantum Mechanics are two of the most interesting subjects in my opinion. I'm very glad to have had the chance to be a member of his class, and thank you Mr. Kasprzyk for encouraging my interests in science and for making class fun with the labs and experiments. You rock!

Mr. Kasprzyk remembers Isaac: I was honored when I found out that I was picked by Isaac Chivers for the Distinguished Scholars Banquet this year. This is the second school year in which I have been privileged to instruct Isaac in the subject of physics, and in both school years, he has proven himself as someone who is focused on the future. I have Isaac in my AP Physics C class, this year, which is calculus based. The intellectually elite of CHS compose the makeup of the AP Physics C class, and Isaac stands tall as one of its leaders. Isaac excelled in many other areas of school and the community during his years in high school as well. What I enjoyed the most about Isaac is the way he always had a way of tactfully inserting his wit and wisdom into the class conversation, but at the same time, he could "stick the knife in and twist it" conversationally in a "caring way." Isaac, you will go far, and I hope you will serve the world as you have served CHS and the community around you.

David Kasprzyk

CHS Science



Cameron Clift

Parents/Guardians: Rachael and James Clift

Plans after CHS: Navarro College, English,
English Teacher

Vincent Brown

CHS Basketball & Track, Sociology &
Psychology



Community Service: Carrol Elementary Christmas, Habitat for Humanity Dinner, Jingle Bell Jog, Heritage Oaks Senior Living Center, Bowie Parent Night, Special Olympics, Sam Houston Elementary Cinco De Mayo, Palace Theatre Dinner, Palace Theatre Concessions

Leadership Positions: Thespian Historian , Thespian Secretary, French Club Social Committee

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: UIL One Act Play, French Club, Chess Club, Creative Writing Club, National Honor Society, Senior Women's Society

Cameron remembers Coach Brown: After a mix up with classes at the beginning of my sophomore year, my Psychology and Sociology teacher got changed to Coach Brown. This turned out to be the best outcome of the year. Coach Brown taught in a way that I have not experienced from my other teachers. His assignments were always creative and fun to complete, and he always showed us a different perspective from the textbook. Furthermore, Coach Brown always listened to each students' words and brought forth interesting points to our discussions while adding his own humor. Effective teachers who have a passion to mold minds are hard to find, and I'm glad to honor one of ours from CHS.

Coach Brown remembers Cameron: Cameron was a student that I wish I could clone 100 times over! She is sincere, witty and always displayed a kind spirit. She was in my Sociology & Psychology classes in my 1st year of teaching. Her calming presence was always welcomed in what was a trying year professionally & personally. Students like Cameron are rare & I look forward to finding the next!



Catherine Crutcher

Parents/Guardians: Jason and Brandi Crutcher

Plans after CHS: Majoring in Community Health at Texas A&M University.

Jima Montfort

CMS Counselor



Community Service: Salvation Army Bell Ringer, Special Olympics, Walk dogs for the Animal Shelter, Historic Places and Spaces

Leadership Positions: Vacation Bible School Group Leader

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: All Honor Courses, Academic All-District for Basketball, FCCLA, YMCA Mentor, National Honor Society, Senior Women Society, Student Council

Catherine remembers Mrs. Montfort: Jima Montfort may strike many as an odd choice for an influential educator. Aside from Mrs. Montfort's stylish sense of fashion, a simple smile from her went along way. Whether Mrs. Montfort was assisting me or a fellow student, it was the welcoming manner in which she approaches her profession. It is my feeling that her very approach embodies what qualities Corsicana Independent School District educators should have. Therefore, I appreciate all she has done for me and my fellow students. It does not hurt that she is part of the Aggie Network!! Thank you Jima Montfort and Gig'Em!

Mrs. Montfort remembers Catherine: I knew Hannah Crutcher would be one of my favorite students from the first time I met her! Even in 7th grade, it was very apparent that Hannah bled maroon, just like me! Our common love of Aggieland was what got my attention, but Hannah's outstanding character is what has held it for so many years. Hannah was part of the first 8th grade class accepted into Collins University. Throughout her 8th grade year, I witnessed Hannah continually demonstrate her natural ability as a leader. When tensions would rise in a class or among peers, I would watch Hannah be a calming and uniting force. With a smile on her face, she could lead her peers to focus on a common solution. Hannah is an excellent example of a student who exudes positive attitude and a strong work ethic. Aggieland is lucky to be getting such a wonderful young lady. Good luck Hannah and more importantly, Gig 'em!

Isabel Cruz

Parents/Guardians: Camilo and Apolonia Cruz

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend the University of Texas at Arlington and major in Economics with a minor in Political Science or Government. After, I would like to continue into law school and work as a corporate lawyer.

Courtney Nelson
CHS FBLA & Business



Community Service: Special Olympics, Christmas in Action, Habitat for Humanity, Sam Houston Cinco de Mayo, Angel Tree, YMCA Mentoring, Fish Camp, Salvation Army bell ringing, Top 10% Banquet, Temporary Youth Soccer Coach, Tailgate Party, Toys for Tots

Leadership Positions: Future Business Leaders of America Chapter President, YMCA Mentor, Peer Coach

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Physics Club, UIL Social Studies, JV Soccer

Isabel remembers Mrs. Nelson: Mrs. Nelson came into my high school career pretty late, junior year, to be exact. I joined FBLA, thinking it would just be something else for scholarship applications, but I was wrong. She was so welcoming and warm. As a student, I've never actually had her in a class, but as a sponsor, she has been amazing. She trusted and valued my opinions. She nudged me toward becoming more independent and a leader. I thank her for having enough faith in me, because it made me have faith in myself. Someone so genuine and real was put in my path to help me grow as a person, and what else can I say, but that I admire you for having so much patience.

Mrs. Nelson remembers Isabel: Isabel is one of the hardest working people that I know. She always asks question after question after question. This is what I love most about her. When she asks those questions, it gives me the opportunity to do what I love most, TALK!

She is always so positive and ready to work. As her adviser for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), I was given the opportunity to watch her do what she loved. This year she was able to advance to the National Competition for Business communications. I would love to say that I helped her, but I did not. She dedicated her time and energy to doing more than what was expected. This is why she was successful and why she will continue to be successful.

Isabel has made me a better adviser and teacher because she tries so hard that I just want to continue to keep trying with and for her. I love you Isabel so much and I wish you great success in your life's journey.



Stephanie Escobar

Parents/Guardians: Gaudencio and Diana Monge

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in biochemistry. After college, I plan to attend medical school and become a family doctor.

Elizabeth Collier

CHS Softball & Cross Country



Community Service: Special Olympics, CMS Cinco de Mayo, Fish Camp, Christmas in Action, Senior Olympics, Canned Food Drive, Sam Houston 5th Grade Dance, Changing of the Garden, Kids Craft Tables, Top 10% Banquet, Cater Blood Drive, Carroll Elementary Christmas Party, Bowie Elementary Field Day, Free Pet Wash, Tailgate Party

Leadership Positions: Treasurer of the Media Club, Peer Coach, National Honor Society

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Cross Country, Track & Field, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Media Club, French Club, Physics Club, and Senior Women's Society

Stephanie remembers Coach Collier: Compassionate, understanding, and positive; these are some of the many words I can use to describe Mrs. Collier. Since the first time I met her during cross country season, she demonstrated how much she cares and values her students/athletes. Not only was she there to support me during cross country, she was also there to help me out during class. She provided an environment where I could be myself and grow as an individual. Her dedication and guidance has further inspired me to pursue a career in the science field and to achieve my goals. I cannot express how thankful I am to have had her as my Pre-AP/AP chemistry teacher. She is one of the few teachers who believed in me while also reminding me that I matter. You opened my eyes to what I could achieve, and valued my potential and strengths. You truly are the best! Thank you, Mrs. Collier!

Coach Collier remembers Stephanie: Stephanie is one of those students that you will never forget! I remember seeing her as a sophomore sitting in my Pre-AP Chemistry class, she was always smiling and quietly attentive. Stephanie was eager to learn the different aspects of chemistry. I then was given the pleasure of teaching Stephanie again her senior year for AP chemistry. And there again sat this matured, smiling and eager to learn young lady. Stephanie is very dedicated to her success and will achieve great things in her future at Texas A&M.

David Espinoza

Parents/Guardians: Pablo and Elda Espinoza

Plans after CHS: Go to Navarro, then afterwards go to TSTC to study Computer Science to learn and later on become a Computer Science teacher.

Ruth Alba
CMS Spanish



Leadership Positions: Tutor Algebra and other math classes for students.



David remembers Mrs. Alba: Mrs. Alba has been an important teacher in my life. She not only taught me Spanish, an important language in my life, but she has also taught me life lessons, which I have remembered to this day. She taught me to have better goals for myself in the future and to always use my full potential to be successful. I have always felt warm and welcome in her classes, and her attitude towards her students was unique, almost as if we were part of her family. For this I thank Mrs. Alba, as she was and will remain an influential factor in my life.

Mrs. Alba remembers David: David, when I saw your name on the list, my eyes couldn't believe it! I remember you as a responsible, respectful, shy and quiet student. The group you were in was a special one. We had some students who gave life to our classroom and, your smile, with a shy comment or no comment at all, gave meaning to my life as a teacher. We teachers love and want the best for our students. Probably, you were so tired of me saying all the time, "When you get to CHS, please, try to be in the top 10% of all the students." I am SO PROUD OF YOU!!! I know God and your parents will be there to continue guiding you in the next chapter of your life. Continue preparing yourself. ¡Gracias por ser como eres! Tu manera de ser me ayudó como maestra para poder hacer mi trabajo en una manera más eficiente. Recuerda que siempre debes estar agradecido con tus padres porque siempre estuvieron apoyándote y dandote lo mejor de ellos para que pudieras ser lo que eres actualmente. ¡Suerte!



Edgar Gonzalez

Parents/Guardians: Gerardo and Gabriela Gonzalez

Plans after CHS: I plan on attending Navarro College for 2 years then move on to Texas A&M and major in civil engineering

Tracey Jordan

Sam Houston Principal



Community Service: Special Olympics, Cinco de Mayo festival at Sam Houston, Christmas parties at the elementary schools, downtown dog park, Salvation Army bell ringer.

Leadership Positions: Teacher of faith at the catholic church, FBLA

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, FBLA, Student Council, Physics club

Edgar remembers Mrs. Jordan: Mrs. Jordan was always a kind and loving teacher who somehow managed to put up with all of my rebuttals and challenges against her. She made me discover my full potential as a student and person. She was always incredibly energetic; she was the first teacher I've met who truly seemed to care for her student's education. Her manner of teaching was always easy to understand, yet at times it would challenge me. She made me realize all of the potential I had within me and made me truly want to focus on my education. I've always been a shy student but I feel like, through her fun caring nature, that began to change. She made me think for myself, although it must have been incredibly annoying at times. I would always attempt to argue or challenge what she would say - something I would never have done were it not for her patience.

Mrs. Jordan remembers Edgar: What an honor it is to have been selected by Edgar as his favorite teacher. I am sure many of his teachers loved him as much as I did. I remember Edgar in my GT Language Arts class at Drane as being a witty student who was very eager to learn. He always went above and beyond with all his projects, and always had something funny to say. To say that he kept me on my toes is an understatement! He was always able to put a smile on my face. I have since been able to see him as a mature and fun loving junior and senior as he has been very helpful with my students at Sam Houston during our Cinco de Mayo and Fall festival events. He has lead the other high school students in helping us in collecting money, selling items, and serving food at our events. I knew I could count on Edgar to get it done. Edgar has a great future ahead of him. I know you are destined for greatness!! I simply am glad I had a little part of helping you grow.

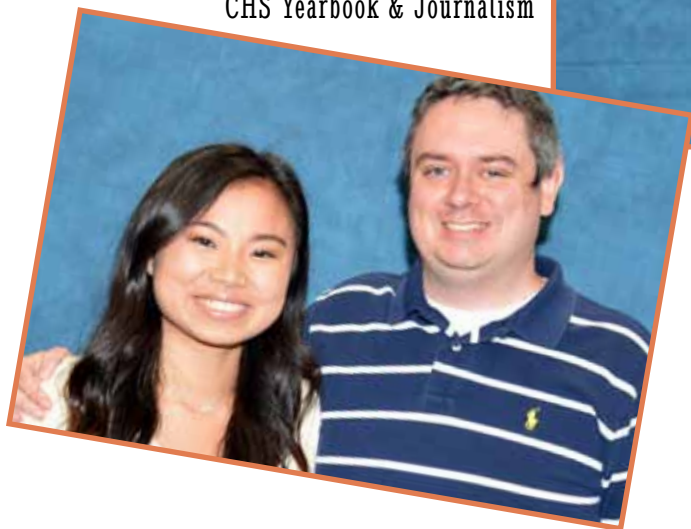
Emily Guo

Parents/Guardians: Kenny and May Guo

Plans after CHS: After graduating from CHS, I plan on attending the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in International Business at the McCombs School of Business.

Jonathan Dixon

CHS Yearbook & Journalism



Community Service: Corsicana YMCA Mentor, Carter Blood Drive Volunteer and Donor, Salvation Army Bell Ringer, Special Olympics, Senior Olympics, Freshmen Orientation, CHS Announcements

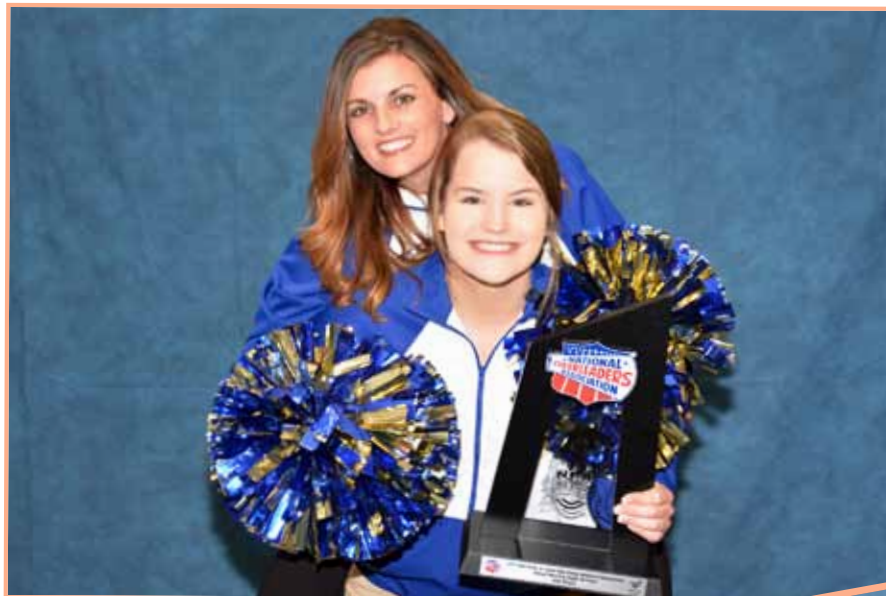
Leadership Positions: Editor-in-Chief of the Corsican yearbook, Student Council President, National Honor Society Vice President

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Tennis, Varsity Track, Yearbook, Student Council, National Honor Society, UIL Accounting, Physics Club

Emily remembers Mr. Dixon: Every kid has that one place in the entire school that's like a home away from home. It's a place where you can keep your belongings, eat your lunch, do last minute homework, or anything in-between. Mine just so happened to be A101, Mr. Dixon's room. Over the last couple of years, I've grown to know Dixon as a one-of-a-kind, Disney obsessed, guac lover, who has an incredible knack for yearbook and photography. His passion is shown through the countless hours he spends behind his LED monitor, his wacky, yet remarkable ideas, and his ceaseless strive to be an even greater advisor. Dixon, not only had to deal with me as the yearbook editor, when I shouted commands at the top of my lungs and my need to see every alternative before making a decision, but he also had to deal with me as the student council president, who didn't always have the best mood at 7:15 AM meetings. Man, was that a task. Dixon was flexible, understanding, and most of all, he was supportive every step of the way. The lessons of compassion, being unique, and learning how to deal with life's ups and downs are qualities that I will carry with me throughout my life. It's been an honor working with Dixon and an honor to have him as a role model.

Mr. Dixon remembers Emily:

When I first met Emily, she was a sophomore. It was December and she told me that she was changing her schedule for spring because she wanted to be on yearbook staff next year. When Emily wants something, she goes after it. The next year she was made Junior Editor and sold the most business and senior ads in school history. This year she was selected as Editor-in-Chief for the 101st edition of The Corsican yearbook. How do you follow up such a historic edition? I know she felt the pressure. Emily wants to be great. And great she was. To say she was a perfectionist would be inadequate. She pained over every word, photograph, and design element. If people only knew how much thought goes into every single part of the yearbook...it takes a special commitment and a special kind of love for your school to make a book like she and the rest of The Corsican staff created. I inherited Emily as Student Council President in this, my first year as STUCO adviser. In our first meeting, nearly 100 people showed up. The tailgate was heralded as the best ever. I wouldn't have survived homecoming week without Emily's confident and steady organizational skills. Emily, I can't tell you how much it means to me to be selected as your teacher. When you work with someone as closely as we have, you definitely form a special bond. I hope that the memories you made here will be cherished for the rest of your life. I hope that you can look back and think of all the laughter, tears, and frustration with a smile. I hope you appreciate my double space after a period and continue to use it – your professors certainly will. I am grateful to be a small part of your story. This is only the beginning for you. I couldn't be prouder of any student if they were my own child. Whenever things get tough, and they will, remember what you did here, put your head down, and keep moving forward.



Jessica Harper

Parents/Guardians: Gary Harper and Grace Harper

Plans after CHS: I plan on attending Texas Tech University to major in Biochemistry. I wish to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Amy Johnson

CHS Cheer



Community Service: Special Olympics, Elementary field days, Elementary Christmas parties, Elementary pep-rallies, Cheer Clinic, Spirit Celebration Toy Drive, Back-to-School Rally, CHS Food Drives

Leadership Positions: Varsity Cheer Jr. Lieutenant, Peer Coach, Corsicana Tumbling Athletics Tumbling Coach

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Member of National Honors Society, The Corsican Yearbook Staff, Student Council, Cheer Athletics Plano, Varsity Cheer and Competition Squad. Also served as a member of Physics Club, Volleyball, and Power-lifting team.

Jessica remembers Mrs. Johnson: I have had the joy of knowing Coach J for the past four years of my life. I have had multiple cheer coaches over the years but never have I met one as dedicated as her. She puts her whole heart into the sport that I love, and I cannot thank her enough for that. Not only has she taught me how to cheer, but she has taught me many life lessons that I will cherish forever. She's taught me to work hard, be confident, and how to be a good teammate and leader. She has seen me at my best and at my worst, but never once has she given up on me. She is easily the most whole-hearted, ambitious, and dedicated person I know, and I am so happy to have been able to spend my high school career with her as my mentor. I can't express in words how much I love Coach J. Thanks for all that you do!

Mrs. Johnson remembers Jessica: My sweet Jess, aka the BEAST, will always hold a truly special place in my heart. I have never seen a CHS cheerleader throw more standing tucks at a football or basketball game in my life, but leave it up to Jess to always impress the crowd with her awesome abilities. She has earned respect from her teammates through her unending determination to give 100% at each game, practice, and performance. In addition, she gave every ounce of her strength each year to our competition team. Pain, sickness, nor exhaustion could hold back Jessica from giving her best. Through those practices and performances, we laughed, cried, and celebrated the greatness of seeing hard work pay off and made more memories than I can count. Not only is Jessica an amazing athlete, but one that shines at the top of her class due to the efforts she's given to her studies. Jess, you will always be my personal CHAMPION!! You deserve way more than that black jacket, but I know you aren't done yet!
;) Love you forever!! -Coach J

Trent Hayes

Parents/Guardians: Steve and Kim Hayes

Plans after CHS: Texas A&M University;
Undecided- Biomedical Engineering,
Psychology, Kinesiology; Pediatrician

Tammy Beard
CHS Science



Community Service: Mission Serve: Lake Providence, LA Mission Trip, World Changers:, Moore, OK Mission Trip, Grace Community Church Vacation Bible School, Grace Community, Church Children's Ministry, World Changers: Little Rock, AR Mission Trip, World Changers: Joplin, MO Mission Trip, Grace Community Church Breakthrough Preteen Camp, Backpacks of Love School Drive, Corsicana Food Pantry, "My Mum Is Special" Special Education Fundraiser

Leadership Positions: National Honor Society President, Mr. CHS

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Grace Community Church Youth Group and, Children's Ministry, Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society

Trent remembers Mrs. Beard: I love Mrs. Beard. She is always there for her students, and she truly cares about her job. She does everything to the very best of her abilities, and she holds her students to their best, as well. I always look forward to AP Biology because I know that I will get to be a part of a fun, challenging course where our teacher will fully support us and make class enjoyable.

It takes a lot to be a teacher. Between grading papers and balancing curriculum, it is difficult to make time for students and build meaningful connections. In Mrs. Beard's case, however, she has no problem. She absolutely loves her job, and it shows through the way that she treats her students. Whether I'm struggling with a biology topic or going through a difficult time in life, I know that I can go to Mrs. Beard and that she'll provide me with encouragement, advice, and respect. She brings a passion and professionalism to the classroom that I've rarely experienced, and I cannot describe how big of an impact that she has had on my life.

Senior year has been filled with so many ups and downs and lefts and rights! But one thing that will stick with me as I enter this next chapter is all of the memories I've shared with the most amazing teacher in the world. Mrs. Beard, thank you for loving me, loving others, and loving what you do. You are such a great person and teacher, and I wish that I could give back to you for all of your hard work. Thank your for making every moment in your class "just peachy" and for making a difference in the lives of your students. God bless!

Mrs. Beard remembers Trent: I can easily recall the first day I met Trent Hayes. He came into my AP Biology class in August of 2016 and I have been impressed ever since. I knew immediately that this young man was going to be successful in whatever he chose to do after high school. He is inquisitive, funny, honest, loyal, caring, intelligent (obviously), and has a serving heart. He is one of the most well-rounded individuals I have ever had the pleasure to teach! We have discussed many things ranging from AP Biology topics to societal issues, and he never lets up on learning. It is humbling to see a young adult so concerned about the well-being of others. He has a selflessness that reaches great depths. I am anxious to see what God's plans are for him. Wherever he ends up, his community will benefit from his desire to serve. I am so blessed to have had him in my class this year. I am so proud of you, Trent Hayes!



Fabian Herrera

Parents/Guardians: Juan and Martha Herrera

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin and study civil engineering.

Mathew Berry

CHS Math



Community Service: Volunteer at the Corsicana Public Library, Navarro Regional Hospital, Immaculate Conception, and Voice.

Leadership Positions: President of the Tri-M music honor society

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Band, UIL Number Sense , FBLA

Fabian remembers Mr. Berry: Mr. Berry has been a wonderful teacher and friend the last four years at CHS. I have enjoyed the times I spent in his classroom for UIL or just to talk about sports and video games. I look up to him as a person, and I want to strive to be like him. He is an excellent role model, and I just wanted to give him my sincere gratitude for all that he does. I couldn't have made it through some days if it weren't for him. He could always make me laugh and was never negative about anything. Thanks for being a part of my high school life.

Mr. Berry remembers Fabian: I have known Fabian for the last four years. He has competed in UIL Mathematics and Science competitions. He is a super hard worker and has been very successful in not only UIL, but in his classes and band, as well. I also had the opportunity to get beat by him in Super Smash Bros. from time to time. I know that wherever life leads him, he will be successful, even if it is looking for a Pokémon while walking down the street. With all the time we spent together practicing, playing games, and going to UIL events, I have still not changed his mind on going to UT. I do wish him all the luck in the world as he embarks on Civil Engineering degree and life after college. I know he will be a success in whatever life brings his way.

Helen Hibbs

Parents/Guardians: Dr. Douglas and Mrs. Krista Hibbs

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend Dallas Baptist University and major in hospitality management.

Gloria McLuckie

CHS Theatre Arts



Community Service: FBC Vacation Bible School Helper/Leader, FBC Summer Musical, Activities for Kids Helper, FBC Light the Night, FBC Married Night out Food server, FBC Wednesday night service audio visual tech, Fannin Elementary Fun Day, Fish Camp 2016, YMCA Mentoring Program, Humane Society of Navarro County

Leadership Positions: First Baptist Church Corsicana student leader--9th-12th grades, Varsity Soccer Team Captain--10th grade, YMCA Mentor--11th grade, International Thespian Society Tiger Theatre Troupe #3359 Secretary--11th grade, International Thespian Society Tiger Theatre Troupe #3359 President--12th grade

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Tennis--9th and 10th grade, Varsity Soccer--9th, 10th and 11th grade, Varsity Cross Country--12th grade, UIL Prose--10th-12th grades, UIL One Act Play--9th-12th grades, Fall Show Theatre--9th-12th grades, Musical Theatre--10th-12th grades, National Honor Society, First Baptist Church Corsicana Student Ministry--7th-12th grades

Helen remembers Mrs. McLuckie: I met Ms. Gloria McLuckie my freshman year during lunch. She was sitting at a table encouraging students to sign up for UIL. I approached her about UIL One Act Play. She told me to audition for a play first. I did and got a part in the play Antigone that fall. In the spring of my freshman year, we not only went to UIL State for One Act Play but also placed second runner-up. I was hooked on theatre. I have participated with Ms. McLuckie in UIL Prose and UIL One Act Play and theatre behind the scenes and up front on stage all four years of high school. I have learned from her how to work hard and that acting is not just saying lines on stage—there is much more to it. You have to create a character. You can become anyone or anything on stage. I have enjoyed creating characters in fall theatre, musical theatre and UIL One Act Play. She has given me constructive criticism; sent me encouraging notes; taught me to never settle for mediocrity and fed me the best tasting pound cake! I am thankful for her pushing me and my theatre company to do and to be our best. As a result, we went back to state in UIL One Act Play again this year. Thus, hard work, dedication and teamwork in the end create true success. Ms. Gloria McLuckie is one of the best theatre directors in Texas having gone to State UIL One Act Play seventeen times, and I was a part of that twice. I am thankful for her positivity, her kindness, and her teaching me!

Mrs. McLuckie remembers Helen: Dedicated, hard-working, positive, and joyous. Helen is a bright light in the lives around her. I wish I was more like her and could look at life through her “child-like,” loving eyes. Her love of life and family and friends is refreshing in today’s youth. I was a freshman teacher at CHS when Helen became a freshman. She took my theatre class and never stopped coming. She played tennis and soccer but continued to be a part of every theatre production. I’ll never forget the moments she would come running through the theatre doors to get into costume and ready for rehearsal from her other activities. She works harder than any student I have had in 30 years. Being a part of the first State winning one-act play company in 2014, lit her fire and made her determined to take that trip back to the State Meet with her friends. She spent her summer at theatre camp, honing her art. She sacrificed her time, coming to rehearsals at 5:30 am, all the while keeping her grades in the top 10%. She made history at CHS for being in the first acting group to win a national trip for group acting in the International Thespian Society. Her determination and love of the theatre pushed her and her friends to the State Meet in 2017. I will forever be grateful for her positive influence on me and the joy we have shared on the many theatre and speech trips we have taken together. Through the laughter, the tears, and the chocolate pound cake, I will remember the joy of Helen’s success through high school. Her will to live life to its fullest guides Helen to be the success that is meant for her throughout the rest of her life. “What can I give you as poor as I am...”



Ashley Howard

Parents/Guardians: Jonathan and Beth Howard

Plans after CHS: I will be attending Tarleton State University in the fall to major in animal science pre-veterinary. I plan on becoming a veterinarian in the future.

Miranda Johnson

CHS Agriscience



Community Service: I have helped work the Special Olympics, the jingle bell jog, and have played bingo at the nursing home. I have also helped to clean up downtown Corsicana to make it a prettier place.

Leadership Positions: I am a senior lieutenant for the Calicos and President of the Corsicana FFA chapter.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: I am in the dual credit program, a member of the Calicos dance team, a member of the Corsicana FFA, and a member of National Honor Society.

Ashley remembers Mrs. Johnson: Ms. Johnson has been an outstanding role model to me throughout the three years that I have known her. She is someone that I look up to. Without her help and guidance, I would not be the person I am today. She has always pushed me to do my very best in everything I do. She has always known my abilities and would not let me settle for anything less than my best. She has learned all of my weird interests and habits that I have. I will never forget any of our long trips that we endured together to go to competitions, because we have created so many wonderful memories together. I will miss her a lot when I graduate.

Mrs. Johnson remembers Ashley:

Ashley was one of the first students that I met at CHS. She was attending Texas FFA State Convention and headed into her sophomore year. That week was the beginning of a journey that has brought me great joy. Over the course of the past three years I have had the opportunity and pleasure of watching Ashley grow into a talented and exceptional young lady. She continues to amaze me as she works to be the best that she can in all that she takes on. It has been an honor to be your advisor and teacher as you have grown. It is amazing to believe that the girl I met at State Convention (that barely said a word) has grown into the leader that you are today. I am so proud of your accomplishments in both academics and extra-curricular activities but I am most proud of the person that you have become. I have no doubt that you will accomplish all of your dreams. You will always be a part of our FFAfamily. And remember, "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light".

Alyssa Jewell

Parents/Guardians: Brian and Julie Jewell

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in Sociology. I would like to become either a social worker or a children's minister. My long term goals are to open my own mission based organization that specializes in children around the world.

Danielle Paley-Berry
CHS Track



Community Service: Amazon Missionary Trip , 1st Grade Bible Study Teacher , 1st Grade Cheer Coach, Good News Club Leader , Breast Cancer Bracelets Campaign-Created/Sold, Charity Coat Drive-Created and Organized, NHS Volunteer work , Cheer Volunteer work

Leadership Positions: Senior Officer of Varsity Track , President of Film Society

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society 2015-2017, Student Council 2013-2017 , Varsity Cheer 2015-2017, Varsity Track 2016-2017(Senior Officer), Church Youth Leader 2015-2017, Advanced AV/ Tech & Film , Good News Club (Teacher) 2017 , Senior Women's society 2016-2017

Alyssa remembers Coach Paley-Berry: Coach Berry has been my track coach for two years now. I chose her because she not only has been a great influence, she also has taught me many things outside of track. In high school sports, it is not about winning or losing, it is about character. Coach Berry has taught me this better than any other coach I know. She trains her athletes to have good morals, integrity and sportsmanship all while having fun. Whenever I felt like quitting, she was always there to encourage me. She is such a blessing and my high school career would not have been the same without her. I thank her so much for everything she has done and everything she has taught me.

Mrs. Paley-Berry remembers Alyssa:

I am very honored that Alyssa has chosen me to attend this event with her. I have known Alyssa for two years now and it has been a pleasure to know and work with someone who has the type of determination that she has. It is amazing to watch a young lady with her type of will and drive as she moves towards her goal. Alyssa not only has the determination to be the best that she can be, but she has a heart of gold. She cheers, motivates, and encourages her teammates to be just as successful as she strives to be. I wish her all the best in life..... keep striving for the stars Alyssa.



Neva Johnson

Parents/Guardians: David and Jennifer Johnson

Plans after CHS: I plan to go to Navarro College for a couple of years to do my basics and then pursue my fine art career path at UT Tyler.

Jamie Murphy

CHS Turning Points

Community Service: I volunteered at the downtown Corsicana Pop up shops, 2016 top 10% banquet, and painted a large mural in the CHS go center.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: I am a National Honor Society member, FFA member, and avid member of the art program.



Neva remembers Mrs. Murphy: Mrs. Murphy has been an amazing help to me throughout this school year. Even though she hasn't technically been my teacher, being a peer coach in her classroom has made my mornings much more enjoyable. I picked Mrs. Murphy because she is the most caring, dedicated, and involved teacher that I know at CHS. Mrs. Murphy is an incredibly easy teacher to be able to talk to and open up to because no matter who you are, she will immediately treat you like family and do everything in her power to make your day a little bit better.

Mrs. Murphy remembers Neva:

I was so excited when Rhonda Dulworth assigned Neva to be the peer coach in my lab in Turning Points. I am very blessed to have gotten to know her this year and I know that this bond will last a life time. Of course, we all know of Neva's extraordinary artistic talents. There is so much of Neva that has yet to be unveiled. Neva is laid back and extremely bright. To me she is the personification of a true artist.

I really will miss our discussions we have had almost every day.

Neva, you have so many great things in front of you so seize every opportunity. Live and Love. Do what you love.....And please get rid of your animal magnet of a car, our wildlife is dwindling.

Best of luck and remember that I am always here.

Ajah Jones

Parents/Guardians: Tracy Jones

Plans after CHS: After high school, I aspire to earn my nursing degree and become a nurse anesthetist.

Patricia Daniels

CHS Counselor



Community Service: I have volunteered at numerous NHS events such as Special Olympics and school registration, donated blood through Carter Bloodcare, and helped with anything whenever anyone needed my assistance.

Leadership Positions: National Honor Society's treasurer my senior year.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Throughout high school I enjoyed being an athletic trainer for football and track and field. I was also a member of FBLA, FCCLA, NSHS, and NHS.

Ajah remembers Mrs. Daniels: Mrs. Daniels, my favorite person ever, has been my academic rock throughout high school. I have decided to honor her, because I love her sweet and encouraging personality even when she decides to take pictures of anything and everything for memories. Without her, I and probably a lot of others, would not have been successful at CHS. Thank you so much Mrs. Daniels.

Mrs. Daniels remembers Ajah:

I have had the honor of serving as Ajah's counselor the last three years! It has been an absolute joy watching her grow. Ajah is an amazing student with a future as bright as the sun! She is focused, determined, and driven. She is kind and caring to everyone around her. She is a leader! Ajah has been accepted to The University of Texas in Arlington in the Fall to pursue a nursing degree! I am certain that Ajah will be in the forefront of her peers in college. I thought watching her in school was something but recently I began visiting her church. She is a role model for the elementary students as they see her working and worshipping in church. They look up to her and she has set a standard for them letting them know that anything is possible! Ajah, thank you for allowing me to be a part of this amazing journey! I am blessed to know you. There is no limit on what you can do! I believe in you and I believe in your dreams!

Philippians 4:13



Jackson Kennemore

Parents/Guardians: Pat and Laura Kennemore

Plans after CHS: I plan to either attend Texas A&M University to major in engineering, or Weatherford College to play baseball. Most likely I will go play baseball at Weatherford. After that I plan to move on to a University to major in engineering.

Billy Harlan

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Community Service: National Honor Society Service Activities, YMCA Teen Mentoring, Navarro Elementary field day, YMCA Jingle Bell Jog, and high-five Friday at Sam Houston Elementary.

Leadership Positions: Varsity Baseball and Teen Mentoring.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, 4 year Varsity baseball starter, and Student Council.



Jackson remembers Mr. Harlan: I chose to honor my uncle, Billy Harlan. I haven't met many people that have such a similar competitive drive to win at everything like we share. Whether it's helping me with my hitting in baseball, or just giving me some advice with something, he has always been there. Anybody that meets him can see how cool of a guy he is. Thanks for everything Uncle Billy!

Mr. Harlan remembers Jackson:

Jack-Jack...my favorite nephew. Jackson has always been more like a son than a nephew. I have had so much fun watching you grow up and become a wonderful young man. We have had so many fun times on family trips, hoping your dad didn't catch the ranch on fire with fireworks, shooting hoops in the barn, talking trash about our favorite sports teams and the fact that you hate to lose as much as I do. It is somewhat surreal that you are now a senior and realizing your dreams of playing college baseball. I will surely miss the late-night batting practice sessions. All your hard work, desire and grit are going to pay off for the rest of your life, even outside of athletics. You make us all proud with all that you do every day. You are truly a good kid, with a big heart and silly laugh. I concede that DWats is pretty good; however, it's a shame that you will never beat me in ping pong but, I guess you can keep that on your life goals. All the best and don't sleep on JK! Love you, Uncle Billy.

Cathryn McCoy

Parents/Guardians: Dan McCoy and Laurie Denbow

Plans after CHS: I plan on attending the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Liberal Arts Economics.

Elizabeth Talley
CHS English & NHS



Community Service: Corsicana Humane Society, Food and Fiber Roundup, Community Fine Arts Fundraiser, Special Olympics, Freshman Orientation, Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Dinner, Historical Spaces and Places

Leadership Positions: FFA: Corsicana Chapter First Vice-President - 2015-2016 and Chapter Reporter 2016-2017

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Corsicana FFA, Social Studies UIL, Literary Criticism UIL, Citizenship B, One Act Play, Theatre Tech UIL, National Honor Society

Cathryn remembers Mrs. Talley: Mrs. Talley has been a blessing to me during my senior year of high school. Not only does she laugh (with me) at all of my self-deprecating jokes, she accepts all of my weird, quirky qualities. A quality I have always found commendable about Mrs. Talley is her seasoned advice and moral support that she gives to all students that pass through her class. They say that a book's stories live forever, and so does Mrs. Talley's wisdom. As I head to college this fall, I hope to take much of what my teachers have given me through the years and put that into my future work, especially Mrs. Talley's. She has prepared me for college far better than I ever thought I would be. I hope that one day when I am the President of the United States, Mrs. Talley will be proud of all that I have accomplished and know that she has helped me make it to that position. Attawaytogo!

Mrs. Talley remembers Cathryn:

What is the definition of a Longhorn girl? As the song says, she's "got that smile, that style, that winning way." She is kind, respectful, fun, and "really neat;" she is determined, focused and loved by all; she treats others with kindness and respect and always offers encouraging words. These traits, which are the cornerstone of Camp Longhorn, suit Cathryn McCoy to a "T." Both Cathryn and I have learned and experienced "the Longhorn Way," so I have felt a connection with her from the beginning. I have known Cathryn and her family for many years and I have watched her grow into an intelligent and admirable young lady. In Humanities and English (which are back to back classes, so we spend a lot of time together), she is one of my top students. In addition to her abilities in class, she impressed me this year when she was selected for an internship with the Historic Spaces and Places of Corsicana project. She dedicated over 100 hours to organizing the event, securing donations, arranging volunteers, and countless other responsibilities, which is extremely impressive. Also, whether it's because she is doing a parody of a tennis game in the hall (or maybe it was a dance), wearing her Harry Potter robe, or just "being Cathryn," she makes me laugh! She is passionate about her beliefs and I know that she is destined for greatness. In fact, it would not surprise me if we were one day addressing her as "Madame President!" Hook 'Em and take UT by storm!!!



Shelby Melton

Parents/Guardians: Amanda Melton and Michael Griggs

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend The University of Texas at Arlington to earn a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. Then, I plan to earn my Masters of Science in Nursing Administration and Nurse Practitioner Masters of Science. I plan to start a career as a Nurse Practitioner, and eventually open my own practice.

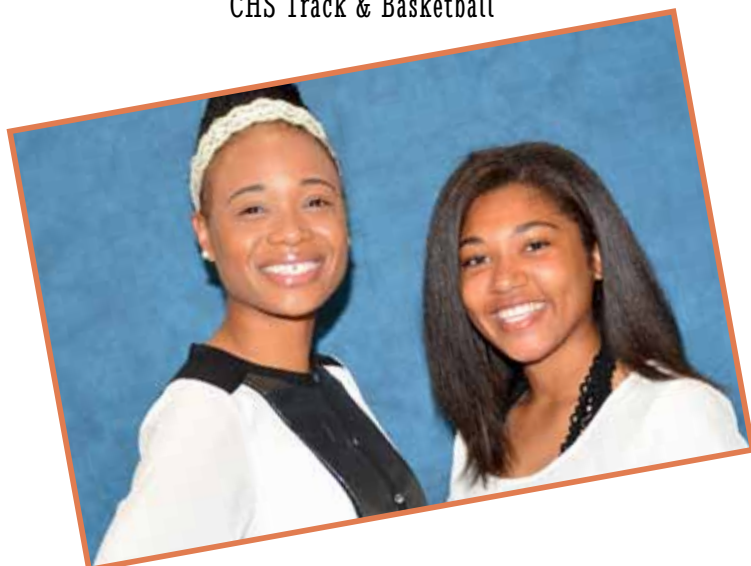
Community Service: Special Olympics Volunteer, YMCA Mentoring Program, CMS Cinco De Mayo Event, Top Ten Percent Banquet, Freshman Orientation, Schedule Handouts, Carroll Elementary Christmas Party, Fannin Field Day, Elementary Reading Buddy, Canned Food Drive, Angel Tree, Sam Houston's Valentine's Dance, Spirit of Christmas Youth Expo Food Drive, Collins Catholic (KMLanders Academy) Basketball Camp, Historic Spaces & Places Popup Volunteer, VOICE Spring Training and Summer Breakout

Leadership Positions: Varsity Basketball Captain, Junior and Senior Class Treasurer, YMCA Teen Mentor, Gear Up Youth Congress Member

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Basketball, National Honor Society, Physics Club

Rachel Carter

CHS Track & Basketball



Shelby remembers Coach Carter: I haven't known Coach Carter for very long, but it feels like I've known her forever. She has been way more than just a basketball coach to me. She always encouraged me and tried to teach me the game of basketball throughout the season. She is my "roll dog" and a great friend. I know that she'll always have my back like no other. She understands me way more than most people. She is very honest, and she will never sugar coat anything. She has had an amazing impact on my life. She has taught me to always be myself, and to never settle for less. She has also taught me that my education and intelligence will take me a long way. I know that if I ever need someone to talk to about anything I can always count on Coach Carter. I am glad that she could be a part of my senior year. I am so thankful to have met Coach Carter, and for everything she has done for me.

Coach Carter remembers Shelby: Your commitment to excellence is evident in earning this academic honor. The diligence and effort you have given to your academic performance here at Corsicana High School serves as an example and inspiration to so many, and if it is any indication of the effort you will put into life, you will be successful in all you do. You should indeed be proud of your work! I just want to take the time out to say thank you. It has been an honor and a privilege to spend time with you this year, to learn from you, and to watch you grow into this beautiful young lady. You have taught me how to be a better teacher, friend, coach, and to see the positives when the world seems at its darkest. Like John Maxwell said, "Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others." You have always been who you are and not what others expect you to be. I look forward to watching you continue to grow, and I can't wait for you to change the world.

Christian Miranda

Parents/Guardians: Sotero and Maria Miranda

Plans after CHS: My plan after high school is to go to Navarro College to do my basics and afterwards transfer to Texas A&M University to major in Animal Science. I would like to continue my education further in order to eventually become a veterinarian.

Andrea Richter
CHS Math



Community Service: I have helped out with Special Olympics, Christmas in Action, Youth Soccer Clinic, Corsicana Revitalization, and Reading for Elementary Students.

Leadership Positions: Tutor for elementary students.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: During high school I have been involved with National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Cross Country, as well as Varsity Track.



Christian remembers Mrs. Richter: To this day I am grateful for all the confidence that Mrs. Richter has had in me. Mrs. Richter is very intelligent (if not she would not be able to teach me calculus) and her jokes and sarcasm truly envelop who she is. She makes one of the hardest classes on campus enjoyable and understandable. She always made me laugh in her class and that would always help me relax a little bit; especially after looking at so many differential equations, related rates and trig problems. I will always remember her and will definitely ask her for help even after I graduate! I thank her for always believing in the 5 and not letting me give up even when I had no clue what I was doing! Some of the best memories I have from high school were made in that class because of her. I am so glad I had the opportunity to honor her. Thank you so much!

Mrs. Richter remembers Christian:

Christian, you have impressed me since day one. Thank you for always working so hard. Thank you for always being respectful. Thank you for making me smile day in and day out. Thank you for never giving up even though I know you wanted to more than once. You took on one of the hardest classes at CHS and never let me down. I know you don't believe me, but you have the gift of being math-minded. You have it and don't know it. I wish I could be there the day that you finally see it. It makes me so sad to know you won't be in my class next year, but your future is so bright. Your determination will take you so far. Never forget to work hard, be persistent and know that I'm always here for you. (But if the math gets too hard, I'll tell you to go to Khan Academy.) Thank you for honoring me today. It has been my honor to serve as your math teacher.



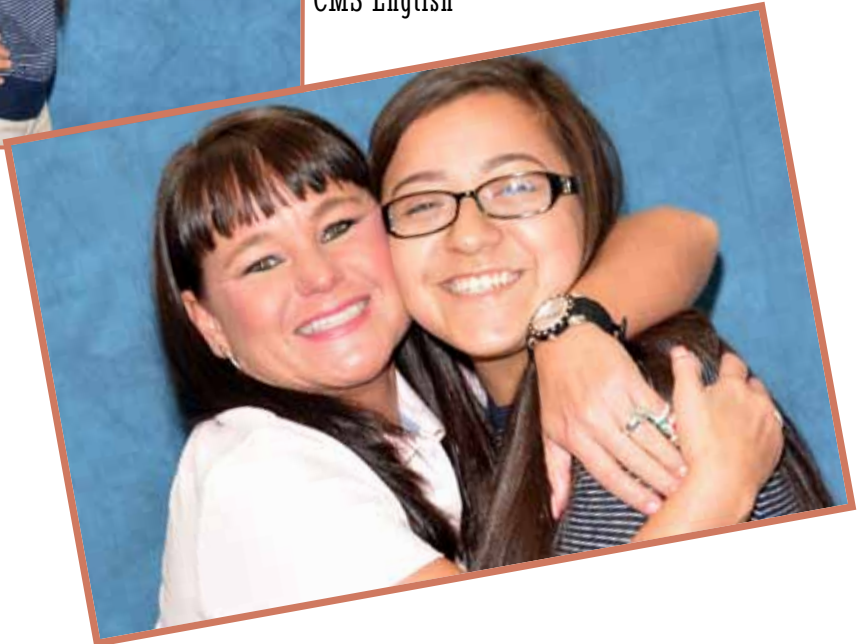
Julie Montes

Parents/Guardians: Miriam Smith

Plans after CHS: After graduating from high school I plan on serving in the Marine Corps. Through the Marine Corps I plan to pursue a degree as a Physician's Assistant.

Jennifer Cabano

CMS English



Community Service: I have helped out with Special Olympics, Christmas in Action, Toys for Tots, Navarro Regional Hospital, and Habitat for Humanity.

Leadership Positions: YMCA Teen Mentoring

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: I am involved in Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, FCCLA, Student Council, Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country and Track.

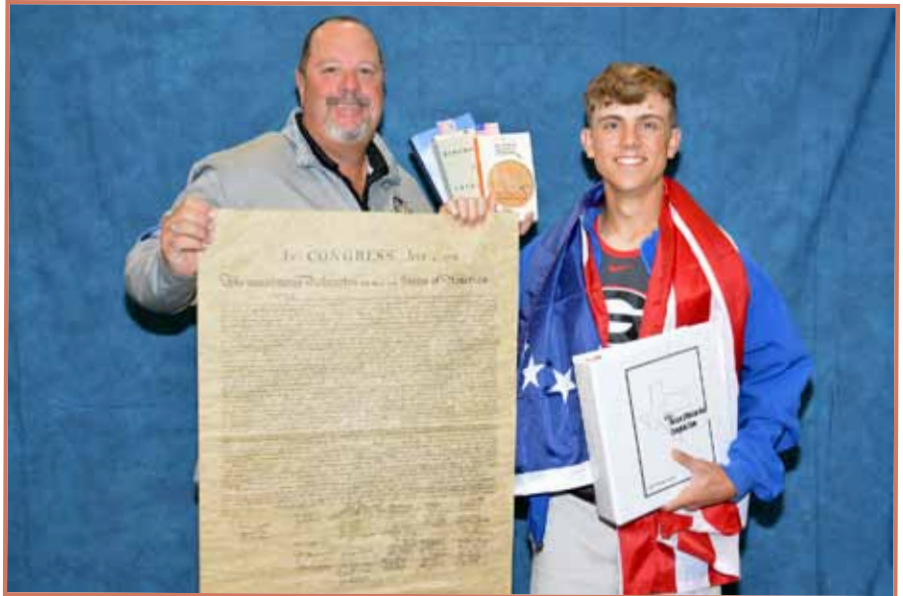
Julie remembers Mrs. Cabano: Middle school teachers seldom receive the recognition they deserve for the investments and sacrifices they make for their students. Dealing with a brand new set of curious pubescent children each year is no easy feat, yet Mrs. Cabano tackled the seemingly impossible task with grace and dignity. In seventh grade, I almost dropped her class because I was the only one of my friends who took Pre-AP, and I had no friends in her class. Without sugar coating it, she taught me that being in advanced classes was something to be proud of, and true friends would be supportive. I truly believe that if it were not for Mrs. Cabano, I would not have made it to the top ten percent of my graduating class.

Mrs. Cabano remembers Julie: Thinking back to the very first time I met Julie, it was in 7th grade. In my memory, it seems just like yesterday she was in my Pre-AP English class. However, when I look at the young lady she has become, I realize how much she has grown and matured since that 7th grade year. When she first entered my classroom, Julie started out as this quiet shy girl who within 6 weeks turned feisty. I remember the exact day we butted heads. For some reason, she was beginning to shut down on me and not live up to her potential. Then one day, Julie and I had a heart to heart talk. She said she didn't want to be in Pre-AP because it was hard, and she didn't have any friends in class. That's when I told her that she had every capability to succeed in Pre-AP and that she shouldn't let her friends dictate her future education. I also told her that this was just a disguised opportunity to make new friends. After that conversation, I was greatly worried that Julie would succumb to peer pressure, and she would take less challenging classes just to be around her friends. However, she didn't. She stuck with it. Over the past few years, I have witnessed Julie tackle many tasks and not back down from any challenges that life has thrown at her. Actually, I am in awe of her and all she has accomplished all on her own at such a young age. Many people may have the want and the drive to succeed at fulfilling their dreams, but not many people have the heart or determination to persevere and push forward through obstacles like Julie has proven time and time again. I am so proud of her and I know without a doubt she will succeed at anything she sets her mind to in the future. Way to go Julie...I love you just like a daughter and I am bursting with pride for you.

Derek Nutt

Parents/Guardians: Steven and Jennifer Nutt

Plans after CHS: I plan on establishing an engineering firm and laboratory after my career as a medical geneticist, which I hope to become after graduating the University of Georgia and an accredited school of medicine. I'd also love to run for public office and go to space to help colonize Mars.



Phillip Keltner

CHS History & Government



Community Service: Corsicana Downtown Revitalization Project, Wolfpack Gives Back, IOOF Park Cleanup, Christmas-In-Action, Navarro Elementary Field Day and Fun Day, Carroll Elementary Teacher Move-In Day

Leadership Positions: Student Body Vice President, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Student Leader, Physics Club Vice President

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Physics Club, Cross Country, Texas Citizenship Bee State Competition

Derek remembers Coach Keltner: The things that made me look forward to Coach Keltner's class every day were not only his

excellent methods of teaching, but also the wonderful atmosphere of his classroom, which is produced as a result of his permeating positivity and genuine passion for giving us the truly important information we need regarding our governmental and financial systems. That passion and positivity, I believe, stem from his compassion. Not long after I began taking AP US Government, it was evident that Coach Keltner truly cares about his students. He wants us to succeed not just in the classroom, but in our future, as well. Likewise, he educates us to the best of his ability and often goes out of his way to help us with things with which we are struggling. He provides us with the ability to help ourselves in addition to giving us knowledge and understanding. Also, I'd like to add that I thoroughly appreciate Coach K's rationality. What he says makes sense, and that is extremely valuable when it comes to talking about such complex subjects as government and economics. To Coach Keltner, I would like to say thank you for being you and teaching the way you do. It was an exceedingly excellent and enjoyable experience.

Coach Keltner remembers Derek:

Derek is easily in the top 5% of students that I have had the pleasure to teach. Unfortunately, I was only able to have him in class for one year (AP Gov't/Honors Econ). I really wish I could have taught him in AP US History but it just didn't work out that way. I still remember the first day he came to class in August. He had already missed the first few days because of a schedule issue and he told me he was graduating early and my first thought was..."Who is this kid? No one takes AP Gov't because they are trying to graduate early. This may not turn out too well." WOW, did Derek show me! He is extremely intelligent, has great critical thinking skills and works hard. Talk about the academic trifecta! Even though he was unable to participate in UIL Social Studies for me, he was able to compete in the Texas Citizenship Bee, and he advanced to the state competition in Austin. Derek plans to attend the University of Georgia and that is a loss for all the universities in Texas but I know he will do magnificent things in his life/career and will be a great ambassador for Corsicana. I fully intend to be able to brag in the future that I taught Derek Nutt.



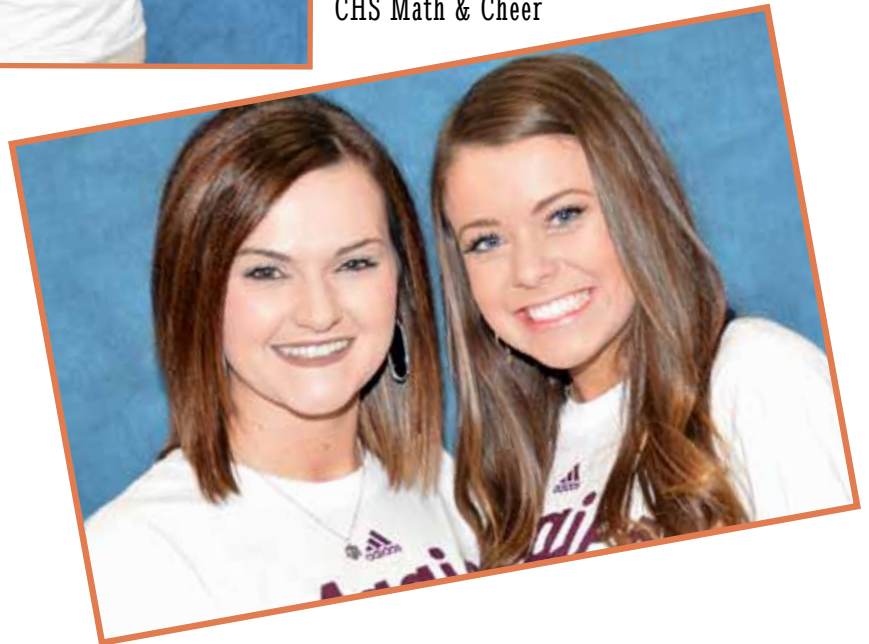
Ashlynd Ray

Parents/Guardians: Jason and Lori Ray

Plans after CHS: Attend Texas A&M University to major in Allied Health. I will then get my masters in Occupational Therapy. I hope to one day own my own practice serving children with speech, physical, and occupational therapy needs.

Kendall Price

CHS Math & Cheer



Community Service: Volley for Victims (2010-14), Vacation Bible School and Summer Musical Activities For Kids (SMAK) (2009-16), YMCA Mentoring program (2013-17), Corsicana Cheer Clinic (2013-16), and Various National Honor Society volunteer work (2015-17) including Special Olympics, Freshmen Orientation, Fish Camp, etc.

Leadership Positions: Varsity Track Team Captain (2015-17), Varsity Cheer Team Captain (2016-17), Student Council Secretary (2016-17), The Corsicana Yearbook Co-Editor (2016-17), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) leader (2015-17), and "You Matter" club leader (2015-17)

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Junior Varsity Volleyball (2013-14), Junior Varsity Track (2014), Junior Varsity Cheer (2013-14), Student Council (2014-17), Varsity Track (2015-17), Varsity Cheer (2015-17), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) (2015-17), and "You Matter" club (2015-17)

Ashlynd remembers Coach Price: From the moment I met Coach K at our Grapevine cheer camp, I knew she would influence my life greatly. She is so bubbly, caring, and fun. We became best friends on the bus ride to a basketball playoff game when I had no one to sit with. She came all the way to the back of the bus just so I didn't have to sit alone. I chose her because she always listens to my rants, complaining, and crazy stories. She is important to me, because she is like my second sister that I can tell anything to. Thank you Coach K for always letting me interrupt your classroom and being there for me. Please make lots of trips to College Station to see me next year. Thanks again for everything. I love you, Gig 'em.

Coach Price remembers Ashlynd:

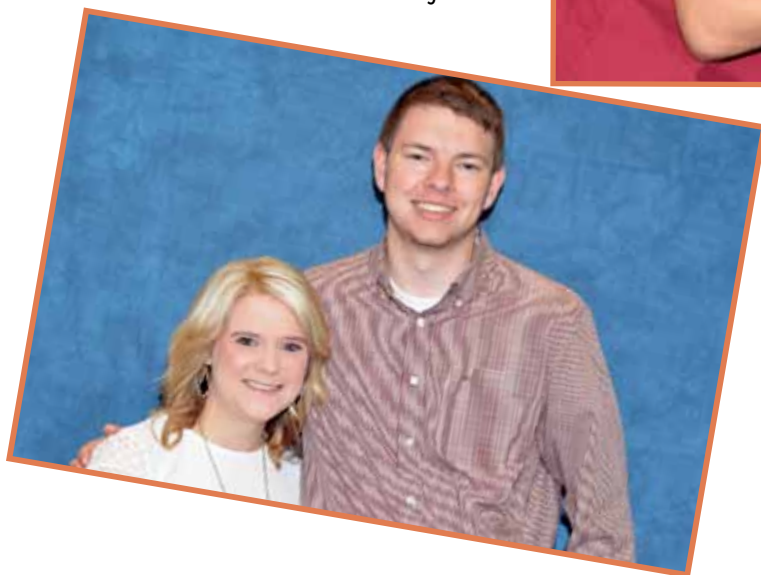
I have only known Ashlynd for 2 years, but it feels like so much longer. Her positive outlook and cheerful disposition, even in times of trial, are inspiring. I cannot count the number of times that Ash stopped by my room just to say "hi" and brought a smile to my face. Ashlynd is a natural born leader and has shown that this year as Varsity Cheer Captain. She led with grace and poise, always putting the team first. I am proud of all that Ashlynd represents, but mostly of her faith in God. Her ability to praise Him, even when things are not going her way, is something that we should all look up to. Ash, I am so proud of you. You are going to achieve wonderful things in life. I cannot wait to watch and cheer you on along the way. I am so excited about the journey you are about to take at A&M. I may be a bit biased but you've made the best decision! Keep your eyes on God and you can do anything you set your mind to – Joshua 1:9. I love you so much sweet girl, Coach K.

Bryan Reagan

Parents/Guardians: Brett and Phyllis Reagan

Plans after CHS: I have been accepted into Texas A&M University where I will major in Animal Science. After completing my major I plan to obtain a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

Brittany Skinner
CHS Agriscience



Community Service: Rogers Animal Hospital, Lone Star Cowboy Church Rodeo Play Day, Future Farmers of America State Fair Canned Food Drive, Special Olympics, Top 10% Banquet hosted by the Corsicana Education Foundation, Fish Camp at Corsicana High School, Habitat for Humanity Meat & Skeet Fundraiser, Senior Olympics, Christmas Party Carroll Elementary School, Go Texan Banquet, and Corsicana Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

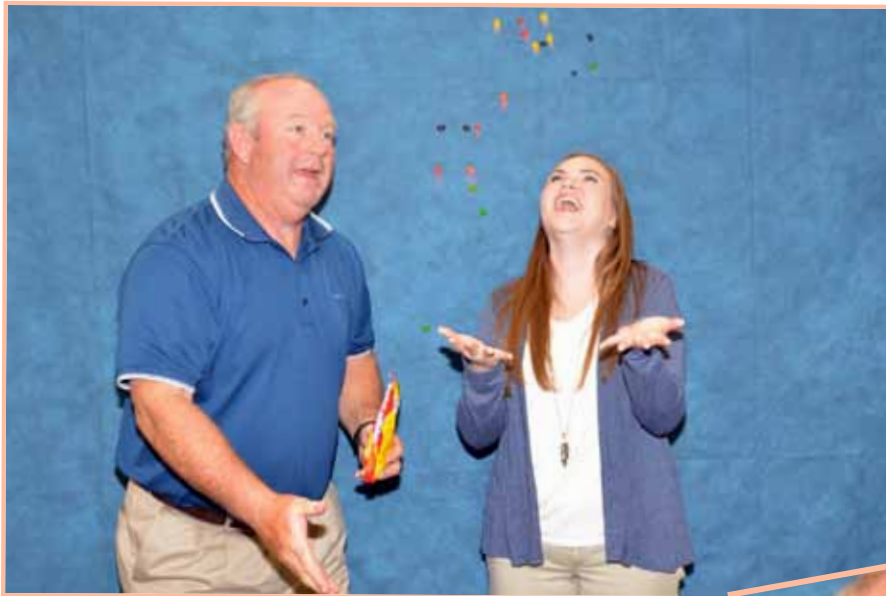
Leadership Positions: Future Farmers of America Officer

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, Future Farmers of America.

Bryan remembers Miss Skinner: When I think of Ms. Skinner I can't help but think of her endless determination in pursuing what is best for her students whether it be in the classroom or in the crazy world of FFA. The greatest influence I think Ms. Skinner has had on me was getting me involved in the vet practicum program. It was through her efforts to get me involved that I got the amazing experience of interning at Rogers Animal Hospital and getting to be mentored by Dr. Zimmerman, who taught me an invaluable amount about veterinary medicine and solidified my desire to be a vet. This experience would have never occurred if it hadn't been for Ms. Skinner and her constant desire to see me achieve to my full potential. I will never forget her because of this, and I can't thank her enough.

Miss Skinner remembers Bryan:

I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Bryan since his 8th grade year. When I first met Bryan, he was bringing his goat to county validation, he wasn't much shorter than he is now ;). Bryan is one of those students that everyone can learn from and look up to, literally! One of my fondest memories of Bryan was when we attended the Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo showing goats. We noticed his goat was acting lethargic and not able to urinate. Once an animal arrives on the show grounds they cannot leave. Bryan, his mom, and I went to the show office and explain the situation. The show office wrote us a temporary livestock release. The best part was we could not draw attention to us taking the goat off the show grounds, so we had to walk the goat to the parking lot and load it up from there. At this time, we were off on a race to the nearest large animal hospital. This is where we all got to see Bryan's passion to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Bryan helped the vet all through the diagnosis process of his goat, asking questions along the way. Though, this was the last year Bryan showed goats his journey of becoming a vet did not stop there. Bryan has served 2 years in practicum of Veterinary Medicine shadowing and working alongside the doctors at Rogers Animal Hospital. I am very proud of Bryan and his involvement with Corsicana FFA, and everything he has accomplished academically. I want to wish Bryan the best of luck at Texas A&M University. Remember, never give up, if it was easy anybody could do it. Make us proud and enjoy your time as a Fighting Texas Aggie!



Emily Reeves

Parents/Guardians: Danny and Charissa Reeves

Plans after CHS: To attend the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. I will major in Biology with an emphasis on Pre-Dental to go into the Dental field.

Russell Woodall

CHS World Geography, Football & Track



Community Service: I have served with NHS and First Baptist Church in multiple activities.

Leadership Positions: NHS Vice President, Band Social Coordinator, FBC Youth Leader

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Band, Debate, Yearbook, Academic UIL for Headline Writing, Current Events and Literary Criticism, Physics Club, Student Council, YMCA Teen Mentoring, National Honor Society, First Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Emily remembers Coach Woodall: Coach Woodall was my history teacher when I was in 7th grade, but he is so much more than a teacher to me. As a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church, I have had the privilege to know him outside of school too. He always watches out for me and makes it a point to talk to me anytime I see him in the halls. He once told me that "I was the daughter he never wanted." I'm not exactly sure if that is a compliment or not, but it meant the world to me that he would call me his daughter. I want to thank him for all that he has done for me over the years, from supplying me with hundreds of starburst jelly beans to just giving me a high-five, it always made me happier. Sorry I won't be around the halls of the school next year, but I know you will find new students to talk to. I'm also sorry about all the times I called you Russell...I hope you never forget me because I sure won't forget you! Love - Emily Reeves

Coach Woodall remembers Emily:

It is both a thrill and an honor to be chosen by Emily. She is a shining example of what is the best part of our profession. That is working with a student that exemplifies the best in leadership, discipline, service, compassion for fellow students, work ethic, and academic achievement. Emily, without a doubt, has grown into that student and much more.

I first met Emily as a seventh grader. She was a new student in a brand-new school. She was quiet, reserved, and probably not sure what she had gotten herself into. But, oh how she has grown these past six years. She was and still is a warm, compassionate, and caring person. I have seen her grow into a leader among her fellow classmates. She has developed a servant's heart for her community. Not many would give up Spring Break time to serve others. She has developed into a beautiful young lady both inside and out. She is still, however, the sweet and humble young lady I met six years ago.

Emily, I have enjoyed getting to know you these past six years. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow into the person you are today. I will miss our kidding with each other. Like you calling me Russell at school and me pretending to get mad. After graduation, you can call me Russell anytime. I will miss giving you a hard time about your dance moves in band. I will miss giving you and your friends jelly beans. I will always have a bag for you. But most of all, I will miss your smile and your friendship. It won't be the same around here without you. I do wish you the best of luck. I hope UMHB knows what a tremendous young woman they are getting. I know God has great plans for you. I can't wait to see how God uses you as you take your next step in life. In the days ahead, I hope you always remember Jeremiah 29:11. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Allika Roman

Parents/Guardians: Michael and Jamie Roman

Plans after CHS: In the fall of 2017, I will be attending Texas A&M University to study Biomedical Science. Upon obtaining my undergraduate degree I plan on applying to Veterinary School at Texas A&M to receive my doctorate in veterinary medicine. My goal after college is to work at an animal hospital that specializes in both small and large animal care. My ultimate goal is to work at a wildlife research sanctuary.



Misty Fletes CHS English



Community Service: Mentor: 2014-2015, 2015-2016, Special Olympics: 2015, 2016, 2017, City of Corsicana Pumpkin Patch, CHS Cheer Clinic: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, National Honor Society, Corsicana Animal Shelter, Beck Animal Hospital

Leadership Positions: FFA Officer – Parliamentarian 2016-2017, FFA Executive, Committee Member 2015-2016

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Cross Country 4 Years, Varsity Cheer 2 years, UIL Competition Cheer Team 1 year, Girls Soccer 3 years, JV Cheer 2 years, Girls Track 2 years, Student Council 3 years, FCCLA 2 years, FFA PR Team 4 years, Physics Club 1 year, YMCA Mentoring 2 years, FFA Parliamentarian 2016-2017, National Honor Society 2 years, FFA Livestock Show Team 2015-2017

Allika remembers Mrs. Fletes: Mrs. Fletes, there are so many things that I can say. You were more than just an English teacher to me, you were also a best friend that I could come to for advice or just to talk to. Your down to earth, goofy and wild personality makes you very relatable and fun to be around. I will always remember the laughs we shared and the memories we made together, you were by far the best teacher I have had. I am already looking forward to your visits to College Station next year with Shelton, but I will definitely be back to visit you.

Mrs. Fletes remembers Allika:

Allika is one of the most fantastic students I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. She has such a kind and gentle heart and shows concern for those around her every day. Of course, she's a good student, but I believe that her compassionate, loving, and altruistic nature will be the cornerstone to her success in life. And that smile... Oh my, that beautiful smile... it is one that will be forever written in the pages of my life- coming into class each morning and knowing that her perpetual beam would be there to greet me- she just has a way of making others feel like they belong and are priceless to her.

Allika- I am so very proud of you and I thank you for letting me learn from you about fun, compassion, care and hard work! I can't wait to see what the future holds for you!! Hugs & Love Always!!



Brenda Sosa

Parents/Guardians: Jose and Eugenia Sosa

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend Stephen F. Austin State University and major in Elementary Education.

Lucy Jones

CHS Spanish



Community Service: Sam Houston Fall and Cinco de Mayo Festivals and Field Days, Carroll Christmas Party, Top 10% Banquet, Sam Houston Color Run, Jingle Bell Jog, Special Olympics, Christmas In Action, Freshman Orientation, Vacation Bible School, Dog Wash

Leadership Positions: National Honor Society Secretary and National Spanish Honor Society Officer.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Future Business Leaders of America, National Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Tennis, Ready-Set-Teach and YMCA Mentor.

Brenda remembers Mrs. Jones: I was in Mrs. Jones's Honors class when I was a freshman and although I had met her four years prior, the idea of being in an advanced class made my entire stomach flip around inside. She, however, always made sure to make it a fun learning environment and our class was always full of laughs. Mrs. Jones is such an amazing teacher, and has been one of my main supporters throughout my years in high school. I was honored to work with her on many of the National Spanish Honor Society events as a freshman, sophomore and junior, and she never failed to give me her full support. Mrs. Jones was more than a teacher pushing us to do our work, she was my counselor, my adviser, a trustworthy friend and a second mother. Thank you for inspiring me with your smile and advice and for never giving up on me. LOTS of love for this beautiful woman who helped shape me into who I am!

Mrs. Jones remembers Brenda:

Brenda Sosa has always been a ray of sunshine in my life! She always has the brightest smile and never complains... unless it is with a huge smile. Brenda made it through 2 years of Spanish literature, being 1 of only 2 girls in the class. That should have taught her plenty of survival skills!!! I admire Brenda for always seeing the good in everyone and everything. She has always worked hard and endured more than most people realize. Her attitude, work ethic, compassion for others, and organizational skills will help her make it a long way in life. She was one of the most serious students academically in her Spanish 5 AP class. Whenever I think of her, it will bring a smile to my face as I recall watching her walk into my class every day. Lots of love and hugs, Brenda, and I am here for whatever you need.

Giancarla Soto

Parents/Guardians: Juan Carlos and Gia Soto

Plans after CHS: After high school I will attend the University of Texas at Austin where I will major in Biology. Once I complete my bachelors degree I will go to law school to become an environmental lawyer.

Tricia Neptune

Previously, CHS Science & Student Council



Community Service: Over the years I have completed a lot of community service. This includes assisting with Special Olympics, Jingle Bell Jog, Historic Spaces and Places, Top 10% Banquet, the Cotton Harvest Festival, elementary school holiday parties, Carter Blood Care blood drives, several VOICE Inc. programs and high school mentoring and tutoring.

Leadership Positions: Some leadership positions I hold are Student Council Vice President, Gear Up Youth Congress and a Summer Breakout Mentor.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: I am the the Vice President of Student Council. I am also a Future Business Leaders of America Member, a National Honor Society Member as well as a Pathways to Success graduate.



Giancarla remembers Mrs. Neptune: Ms. Neptune would have to be the teacher that I have learned the most from, academically and personally. As the previous Student Council advisor, everyone knew and loved Ms. Neptune. I used to sit in her classroom everyday after school and listen to her amazing stories from the past, receiving even more amazing advice for my future. Watching Ms. Neptune leave Corsicana High School to pursue a higher education was tough, but I knew she was going to do great things and impact even more people along the way. Thank you Ms. Neptune for inspiring me to work hard and reach for the stars!

Mrs. Neptune remembers Giancarla:

There are so many great things that can be said about Gia, but I believe the most important is her positive attitude. This coupled with her passion for learning made her a joy to teach and to be around. It was always a pleasure to see Gia's smiling face after a long day of teaching. She would always find something around my classroom to clean or set straight; simple things, but it meant a lot that she would stop by to do this almost daily. Gia showed great leadership both in and out of the classroom; she was always able to help and motivate her classmates to complete tasks, and as an active Student Council member she volunteered and got others to volunteer for tasks that many weren't willing to do. I am very proud of her for stepping up to the task of Student Council Vice President this year to continue honing her leadership skills while still focusing on and maintaining her excellent grades. Gia, I look forward to all your future successes in college and beyond; I know you will be awesome!



Anna Stearman

Parents/Guardians: Sherri and Patrick Stearman

Plans after CHS: Attending Texas Tech University, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Mashequa Gentry

CHS Powerlifting & Volleyball



Community Service: Vacation Bible School at St. John's Episcopal Church-group helper, Habitat for Humanity with St. John's Episcopal Church-group helper, Awana's Youth Bible Study at Grace Community Church- group leader, Jingle Bell Jog Helper, World Changers Mission Trip with Grace, Community Church to Missouri, Vacation Bible School at Grace Community, Special Olympics- helper, Server at Top 10% Banquet, Sam Houston's Dance- helper, Senior Olympics helper, Senior Banquet at the IOOF Event Center-server, Corsicana Library Book Sale-helper, Downtown Spaces & Places-helper

Leadership Positions: French Club Secretary, Senior line-member in Calicos, Senior Powerlifter

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Softball, French Club, Calicos, Godspell Musical Cast, Varsity Acapella Choir, Peter Pan Jr. Cast, Powerlifting, National Honor Society, Physics Club, Lead vocal and bassist at Grace Community Youth, Lead Vocal at Baptist Student Ministry (BSM), Waitress at Across the Street Diner

Anna remembers Coach Gentry: Coach Gentry is without a doubt my favorite coach. She is supportive and pushes me to achieve my best. I never thought I could do powerlifting, but Gentry encouraged me. She has been an amazing advisor and coach. Whenever I had trouble or became frustrated with not lifting a certain weight, she was patient with me and told me to keep trying. When I injured myself this past season, I was so upset and worried I wouldn't qualify for Regionals, but Gentry stayed calm through everything and helped me get back to full strength. I am so thankful for a coach like her. She not only taught me how to build physical strength and endurance, but taught me patience and that how I perform is more important than how I place. With her I learned how to graciously accept defeat and use it to become better. I learned how to set goals and work toward them, and I learned how to help and encourage my teammates. I learned social skills and competitive skills that will help me for the rest of my life. Coach Gentry thank you so much for everything you have done and thank you for all of the support, for listening to me complain and giving amazing advice. I could not have asked for a better coach.

Coach Gentry remembers Anna:

Anna Stearman is an intelligent, vibrant, student who is driven to achieve the many goals she has set for herself. Besides being enrolled in all honors courses and maintaining a high GPA, she is involved in a plethora of school organizations. Throughout her High School career, she has been an active member of the French Club, Calicos, Theatre, Choir, Softball, Powerlifting, National Honor Society, the Physics Club, and peer coaching. She has served as French Club secretary, finished 9th at the Regional Powerlifting Championships, received Outstanding Student awards in both French II and Sociology, and earned recognition for being in the top ten percent in her class. Anna has been a pleasure to have as a role model and mentor for girls Powerlifting. Despite her demanding school schedule, Anna has participated in multiple service projects within our community. She volunteered with the annual jingle bell jog, helped provide gifts for local families in need during the holidays, and sang in the youth choir at church. In addition, she has worked for the same establishment for three years.

Grace Updegrave

Parents/Guardians: John and Lisa Updegrave

Plans after CHS: After graduating from CHS, I will be attending the University of Texas at Austin with plans to attend medical school.

Lindsay Franks
CHS English



Community Service: Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in Action, Carter Blood Drive, YMCA Mentoring, Backpacks of Love, Canned Food Drive, Special Olympics, FUMC Mission Trips.

Leadership Positions: FUMC Youth Council, YMCA Teen Mentor, Navarro County Youth Expo Honor Student, Rotary Student of the Month, CHS Drum Captain.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Tennis, Ag Mechanics, FFA, FUMC Youth Group, Student Council, National Honor Society, Drum Line.

Grace remembers Mrs. Franks: My first memory of Mrs. Franks is not from my first day of class with her, or even the first horrifyingly scary test that she gave us. You see, two of my older sisters had already had her for their own English classes, so I knew all about the legacy that is Mrs. Franks. Let me just say, she definitely lived up to my expectations. She started off the first day of school with some serious intimidation, and I can remember sitting there in fear, wondering what I got myself into. But she doesn't just teach English in that room, she teaches responsibility, work ethic, and so much more. She is honest and direct with her students, making sure that they know what they are doing correctly but also what they can improve on. She expects the very best out of her students, and she helps them achieve the highest goals imaginable through her dedication to her kids and her job. Mrs. Franks is such an intelligent, patient, friendly, compassionate teacher, and she proved it throughout the year through open discussions with the students and encouraging all of us to have a Desire to want to try harder and achieve more than we ever dreamed of. CHS is a greater place because of the role that Mrs. Franks plays in educating the students that walk its halls. I am a better person because of the impact that Mrs. Franks has had on me, and I am beyond thankful that I had the pleasure of being her student (and most importantly, the last Updegrave). I wish only the best for her in her future endeavors!

Mrs. Franks remembers Grace: You were aptly named as you show grace in all that you do. I am so honored to have been chosen, once again, by an Updegrave. I am also honored to have had the privilege, once again, to teach such a brilliant mind. You and your family have spanned my twelve years in this district and I have watched you grow up in front of me: From watching you play in the stands at the football games, to marching on the field; from sitting at this table years ago with Anna, to sitting here with you; from watching Sarah cross the stage for her diploma, to you soon accomplishing the same goal. If I had to answer your question of whether or not you are my favorite, I would have to say no, but I would be shaking my head yes. Love you and am so proud of you.



Chelsea Vandiver

Parents/Guardians: Karen and Kerry Vandiver

Plans after CHS: I plan to attend and play softball at Navarro College next year then transfer to Texas A&M University.

Karen Vandiver

CHS Audio/Visual Tech

Community Service: First United Methodist Church Mission Trip, Dancing For Our Stars Navarro College-Server and Waiter, YMCA Mentor, Community Cheer Clinic.

Leadership Positions: 2017 Class Secretary, Student Council Historian, H100 Studio Co-Editor.

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Varsity Softball, Varsity Cheer, Varsity Tennis, Yearbook Staff, H100 Studio Media, FFA.



Chelsea remembers Mrs. Vandiver: My mom has always been someone I could turn to. She is always on my side for any problem that I might have. She always goes out of her way to make sure I have everything I need to be successful. I always know that she has my best interest in mind. She is always someone I can go to to talk about anything and everything. I hope she continues to impact students at Corsicana High School as much as she has impacted me. I will never forget how wonderful it was to have my mom as someone I could go to whenever I needed. I am forever grateful for all she has done for me!

Mrs. Vandiver remembers Chelsea:

What a blessing you have been to my life. You are strong, intelligent, beautiful and have a spirit like none other. You have proven time and again how you can rise above it all. I hope your spirit and love of adventure never change. I admire your kindness to others and even strangers while your world is swirling around you. Your fight for the underdog is admirable, and I'm going to miss watching you bop around Corsicana High.

I will always have fond memories of all the random times you popped into my classroom (usually for \$\$), and all the great times we have had in H100. I know you will fly high with the next stage of your life with a zillion opportunities. You're a competitor at heart which what makes you such a great athlete.

Keep your faith, never fear and remember your core values. Your faith and God will always keep you grounded. The class of 2017 and my favorite senior will always hold a special place in my heart. I love you all!

Juan Villanueva

Parents/Guardians: Antonia Gonzalez & Juan Villanueva Sr.

Plans after CHS: I will be attending Navarro College before transferring to Texas A&M University.

Roger Hardie
CHS AFJROTC



Community Service: 200+ hours of Community Service with JROTC

Leadership Positions: Former Cadet Instructor for JROTC Rocketry, Logistics Officer, and Vice Corps Commander of JROTC

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: AFJROTC

Juan remembers MSgt. Hardie: Master Sergeant Hardie, affectionately known as Sarge by myself and many cadets, has had a huge impact on my academic and personal life since arriving to CHS and the JROTC program my freshman year. Sarge has always been passionate about his job and always strives to push cadets to work their hardest and excel in running the Cadet Corps. Under his leadership, I have learned the difficult but valuable lessons of being a firm and effective leader. Were it not for his guidance and support, I may not have taken the staff positions in the Cadet Corps that I have held in my time within the JROTC program. The JROTC environment has even rewarded my interpersonal skills that I barely had coming into the program as a shy freshman. Sarge is often tough in his criticisms, but there is no doubt he does it out of care. I sincerely hope I am able to take the life lessons he's given me and apply them in college and wherever else life should take me. I appreciate what you've done for me Sarge, I'm sure even the most stubborn cadets would admit that. I'll be sure to use anything and everything I've learned in JROTC, and hopefully spread its values to more future leaders of the U.S. in my time.

MSgt. Hardie remembers Juan:

We always joke about Juan being "Juan-in-a-million". We really mean it. He has been an exceptional student and cadet. It has been an honor for me to have him in my class. As it was said about George Washington, Juan has the gift of silence. Not because he has nothing to say but because he chooses not to waste his words. But when he speaks, everyone listens. His comments are always filled with wisdom.

Juan progressed from the lowest rank in JROTC, cadet airman basic, to the second highest rank, cadet lieutenant colonel. He has held numerous positions such as element leader, flight commander, logistics officer, and finally as vice-corps commander.

Juan will be attending college starting at Navarro and then transferring to Texas A&M where he hopes to be in the corps of cadets. When he graduates, he intends on serving in the Air Force specializing in Engineering – Aeronautical or Computer. He will make a fantastic officer – one I would be very proud to serve with.



Jaida Williams

Parents/Guardians: Stanley and Sabrina Williams

Plans after CHS: After graduating from CHS, I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin. I will be working to achieve my Masters degree in Accounting or Advertising. Once complete, I want to move to Houston, Texas and work for an Accounting firm.

Megan Vadasy

CHS Business

Community Service: Special Olympics, Elementary Christmas Celebrations, YMCA Mentoring, Canned Food Drive, Carter Blood Drive, Homecoming Tailgate Party, Toys for Tots, National Honor Society Activities, St. James Baptist Church Activities

Leadership Positions: Gear-Up Youth Congress, YMCA Mentor, Peer Coach, National Honor Society,

Academic/Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Physics Club, YMCA Mentor, Visual Arts Scholastic Event, College Achievement Program, Gear-Up Youth Congress



Jaida remembers Mrs. Vadasy: Mrs.Vadasy... A name that will be remembered for the rest of time. Not only was Mrs. Vadasy the best the teacher of my high school career, but also one of the greatest inspirations I've had thus far. Going into my Sophomore year I had no idea what I wanted to do in life, but after just a couple of weeks in BIM II with her as my teacher, I knew I was on the right path. Mrs.Vadasy expresses a passion in all that she does and it didn't take long for that passion to rub off on me. For the last three years of my life her class has been the highlight of my day, allowing me to develop time management and self-discipline. I'm beyond thankful and blessed to have been able to experience such an amazing, pure-hearted woman. Though many come close, Mrs.Vadasy, no one could ever replace the lifelong memories you have left with me. You have taken time from your life to prepare me to transform into the successful young woman I am today, and for that I thank you and have chosen to honor you. I wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors, and in all you do, continue to be passionate and dedicated and I will do the same.

Mrs. Vadasy remembers Jaida:

Jaida is a young lady that classroom teachers hope to be in their class each year. I've had the pleasure of having Jaida in several classes over the years including two years of Accounting. She has always been a mature, responsible student. She's a little quiet but when she talks during class, her classmates listen--they know how knowledgeable she is! And she kept me sane in a class full of boys this year! I am truly honored to be chosen by Jaida. She is a remarkable young lady with a bright future in business or whatever field she chooses. God bless you, Jaida! Never give up on your goals, keep working hard, always do what's right, make positive changes in the world!

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