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CSISD Senior Hall of Fame Banquet

*honoring outstanding graduating seniors
and their distinguished educators*

College Station Hilton & Conference Center

April 26, 2023

Welcome ~ We're glad you're here!

Welcome to the Senior Hall of Fame Banquet. Tonight's event, hosted by the College Station ISD Education Foundation and sponsored by the Barrett-Ashfield family, celebrates our district's outstanding seniors and the educators who have positively impacted their academic experience.

Our senior honorees are selected by their high school campus faculty for exemplary character, integrity, leadership, positive attitude and dedication to their school. These students have achieved personal success and more importantly, exhibited a desire to cultivate this same standard of excellence with their peers.

As our senior honorees reflect on the journey from elementary through high school, each has written an essay to showcase one special educator. A copy of each essay is included in this program, and I hope you will enjoy the inspirational accounts of our exemplary faculty who enhance the academic

experience by also serving as mentors, role models, cheerleaders and friends.

The CSISD Education Foundation is dedicated to celebrating student success and offering premier educational opportunities for our district. Generous donors from our community facilitate the Foundation's mission to support our schools through teacher grants, student scholarships, and many educational programs. This school year, the Foundation:

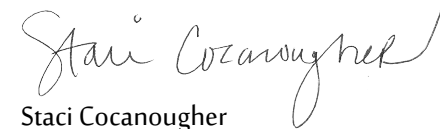
- **Has funded \$302,088 in innovative teaching grants**
- **Plan to award 116 scholarships totaling \$158,100 to the CSISD Class of 2023.**
- **Is providing scholarships for 30 students to attend CSISD Summer Day Camp**
- **Met the needs of over 4,000 guests to Chrissy's Closet by providing clothing and toiletry items**

- **Provided over 1,000 students with a \$10 voucher for their school book fair through the Amy Anderson Literacy Legacy**
- **Presented each new 1st-year teacher with a \$100 gift card for supplies**
- **Will award over \$11,000 to recognize teachers and staff at the annual awards ceremony**

In each gift, we recognize the impact that our influence can have on the ultimate success of our students.

We appreciate you joining us for the Hall of Fame Banquet. Please help us congratulate tonight's student and teacher honorees for their exceptional educational achievements.

Sincerely,



Staci Cocanougher

CSISD Education Foundation Board President

congratulations

The CSISD Education Foundation

About The Foundation

Established in 1999, the College Station ISD Education Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) public corporation operating independently under its own board of directors. Tax-deductible gifts made to the Foundation provide funds for opportunities above and beyond the normal operating budget of the school district which are not available through tax revenues. Our work is simple: To seek funds and award those funds to students and teachers.

Programs We Support

- ◆ **Innovative Teaching Grants** - fund creative projects to enhance learning in the classroom
- ◆ **Student Scholarships** - awarded to graduating seniors pursuing a two- or four-year college or trade school
- ◆ **Amy Anderson Literacy Legacy** - a program to provide book vouchers for all Pre-K/Head Start students to purchase books at their schools' book fairs.
- ◆ **Senior Hall of Fame Banquet** - a special recognition program where seniors are voted on by their high school teachers based on their leadership, integrity, school spirit and positive attitude; their educator of their choice is also honored.
- ◆ **Star Educator** - an opportunity for students, parents and the community to honor an educator in Dec. or May by donating \$10 or more to the Education Foundation. Each receives a certificate, lapel pin and Eagle recognition.
- ◆ **Chrissy's Closet** - A free store for CSISD students and staff to obtain new or gently used clothes, shoes, coats, and personal hygiene items once per month.
- ◆ **Summer Day Camp Scholarships** - awarded to students in need to bridge the learning gap between school years, provide positive role models and enrichment-based experiences.

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For more information about making a donation or how you can help contact:

Teresa Benden, EF Executive Director, at 979-694-5615 or tbenden@csisd.org. Visit our website at givetokids.csisd.org.

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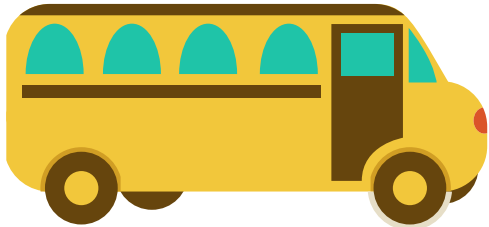
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Look what we've accomplished in 24 years



Awarded 750 innovative teaching grants totaling \$2,295,189.

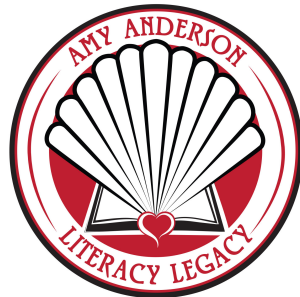


The Foundation manages over \$2.5 million in assets and has raised over \$930,850 this year to date.



50 Men Who Can Cook has raised over \$2.4 million over the past 15 years with over 590 participating Celebrity Chefs.

Raised \$113,482 through the Star Educator Program honoring over 5,326 educators.



Amy Anderson Literacy Legacy program has provided over 4,600 Pre-K, Head Start Kindergarten & 1st-Grade students with \$10 vouchers to purchase books at school book fairs since it began 6 years ago.

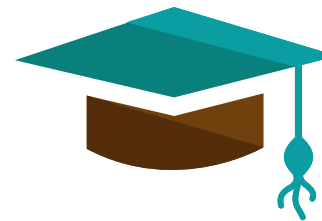


Christy's Closet has over 4,000 visitors annually, and the Education Foundation has raised \$175,333 since the opening of the clothing closet 6 years ago.

The Foundation has provided 77 scholarships the past 3 years for students to attend Summer Day Camp.



Honored 1,163 seniors and their educators at the Senior Hall of Fame Banquet.



Awarded 836 scholarships totaling \$961,650 and manage 22 endowed scholarships worth \$766,619.



CSISD Employees have invested \$1 million in the Foundation over the past 12 years with 58% of this year's staff participating.

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Welcome & Recognition of Sponsors

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Trinity Pitman/ Camila Del Rio
Hall of Fame student honorees

Invocation

Cole Sloan, Hall of Fame student honoree

Student & Educator Selection Process

Tiffany Parkerson, Executive Director of Secondary Education

Recognition of Hall of Fame Honorees

Brad Corrier, Education Foundation Board Member

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Selected Hall of Fame Honorees

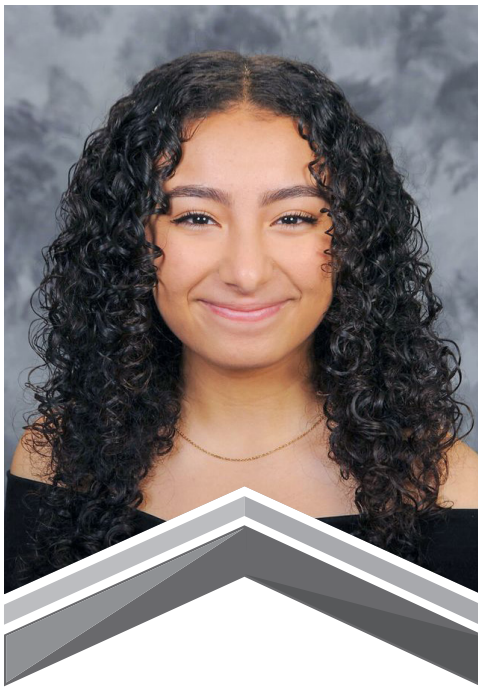
Closing

Mike Martindale, CSISD Superintendent

program

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College Station High School

Community Service

Volunteer for St. Joseph Hospital, National Honor Society, HOSA, Special Olympics

Leadership Positions

Choir Co-Vice President and Section Leader, HOSA Vice President, BPA Secretary, Superintendent's Cabinet

Extracurricular Activities

National Honor Society, HOSA, BPA, Speech & Debate Club, Choir, Women in Stem

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Austin to major in public health and then attend medical school to work with Doctors without Borders or UNICEF

Parents

Sameh Abdelwahed & Tasneem Bedair

Lujain Abdelwahed

honoring Maryam Ahmed



To honor someone who has shaped and unconditionally supported me throughout my life, 300-500 words aren't nearly enough. From my Sunday school teacher, to my middle school counselor, to my high school counselor, Ms. Ahmed is the greatest constant I could ask for in my life. Throughout the years, not only has Ms. Ahmed helped me grow in every aspect, but she has given me a sense of deep understanding, helped me become confident in my identity, and comforted me during times of hardship. I am forever grateful for all of the sacrifices, time, and effort Ms. Ahmed has privileged me with. She will always selflessly put the well-being of her students and their successes before her own responsibilities and worries. Originally, Ms. Ahmed was a middle school science teacher before she became a middle school counselor. When I asked her why she switched from teaching science to counseling hundreds of more kids, she told me she desired more connection with her students, more one-on-ones; she felt like she wanted to do more for her students and have a greater ability to help. This is a prime example of what it means to be selfless, heroic, and compassionate, and to provide unconditional care. CSISD is lucky to have someone as dedicated to her students and with as big of a heart as Ms. Ahmed. She strives to see the potential in every one of her students and is determined to help her students

achieve the best. With high interpersonal intelligence, Ms. Ahmed can instantly connect with anyone and is the most non-judgmental person you'll meet. She makes a goal to bond and form a relationship with each student and puts in genuine work and effort to make sure she sets up a system and environment in which each of her students can be the most successful in. Ms. Ahmed has also always been my comfort. Her genuine care and concern was probably the only thing that helped me survive those awkward, troubling middle school years. With her office always open, Ms. Ahmed has always let me laugh with her, cry to her, and has so generously provided me with her listening ear and insightful advice. Her distinct positive personality, energy, and laugh brighten up every room she walks into, and I am so grateful that she can so easily make me smile. Ms. Ahmed has taught me how to be who I am, the meaning of selflessness, and how to thrive under any circumstance or situation. Under Ms. Ahmed's guidance, I've thrived and grown with confidence that I would not have been able to achieve without her. So, Ms. Ahmed, thank you for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. Thank you for providing me with unconditional love and support as I've grown up with you. Thank you for your motivation and advice throughout all of the highs and lows of my life. And thank you, Ms. Ahmed, for inspiring me every day.



College Station High School

Community Service

Sunday School Teacher at Bethel International Church and Grace Bible Church, National Honor Society, John Oliver Student Council, JO Cares, Killarney Youth Council

Leadership Positions

VP Business/Administration of NHS, Senior Board Member in Theatre, Committee Chairperson of CSTAT Steppers, Costume Crew Head in Theatre, Representative in John Oliver Student Council

Extracurricular Activities

NHS, Theatre, CSTAT Steppers, Choir, Speech & Debate

Plans After High School

Attend University of Chicago to major in psychology, then attend law school

Parents

Tony & Kehinde Adesemoye

Fimi Adesemoye

honoring Elizabeth Creel



Given the fact that I moved to College Station the summer before my junior year, I didn't have many choices of educators to honor. However, I believe that no matter how many I'd come in contact within this district, it would be difficult for any to impact me as deeply as Mrs. Elizabeth Creel. From the day I auditioned for her theater class during that summer, I knew that this woman would have a profound impact on my life. Through the tremendous amount of time I've been around her, from class to after school rehearsals to traveling for competitions, she has become more than a teacher to me. She's morphed from the intimidating director I first met into a (slightly less intimidating) caring, emboldening mentor. And yet, I have trouble putting into words all my appreciation for her. There is so much I admire about her and could address: her desire to cultivate a One Act competition environment that prioritizes not just achievement, but growth and connections; the care and love she displays for her students; her ability to put up with theater kids all day, every day; and especially her artistic vision. Theater, my home away from home, would not be complete without her character. From walking me around with our toes curled in or catching me "bullying" underclassmen, she's helped me create so many memories that cannot be replicated. As scary as she can appear

(and can occasionally be), she is also one of the most entertaining people I've ever met. Being educated by her is also amazing, in that she appreciates where you are, but also wants to help you reach where you could be. So many things I'd never have imagined have taken place under her tutelage (I mean, playing a Shakespearean fairy living in the 60s??). I have grown substantially because of Mrs. Creel, and I am so grateful for that. So much of my life the past two years has been spent in theater and I would not want it any other way. This department has provided me with numerous opportunities and that is all thanks to Elizabeth Creel. Creel, thank you so much for believing in me. For allowing me into your class last year. For trusting me to be a crew head, despite being new to the department. For giving me a place to take on multiple leadership roles - assistant stage manager, crew head, and even Senior board member. For letting me sit in your office during my off period in the morning when the library is closed. For being there to listen whenever it's needed. For your endless encouragement. And even for letting me steal candy from your office and walk around in just my socks without batting an eye. You are so wonderfully incomparable, and I will always look back fondly on everything you have done for me; I've loved my time as your student, even if it could only be for two years.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Camp Bon Coeur Volunteer Staff and Board Member

Leadership Positions

Speech and Debate President, NHS Vice President, HOSA Fundraising Committee Chair

Extracurricular Activities

Speech and Debate, National Honor Society, HOSA, EKG Tech Certification, Phlebotomy Tech Certification

Plans After High School

Attend Trinity University in San Antonio to major in biology

Parents

Jim & Courtney Baetge

Hannah Baetge

honoring Vicki Murphy



Communication is the key to education. This is a quote by James Bryce. Prior to looking it up I had no idea who James Bryce was. However, instead of clicking on Wikipedia, I instinctively selected the online encyclopedia. It is because of a particular educator that I can unironically say that I love encyclopedias. This educator is Ms. Murphy, my elementary school GT teacher. My very first year in the class I was the only girl. I distinctly remember the class is being called to attention using the phrase “boys and girl” because, it was funny. In some other situations being the only female student in the room could have been intimidating, but in Ms. Murphy’s classroom, there was never the question that I belonged. She went out of her way to make individual connections with every student that walked through her door. For me, I remember researching Amelia Earhart in an encyclopedia, overcomplicating a Rube Goldberg machine (which you can do by the way!) and learning how to put together the perfect PowerPoint. PowerPoints were a contentious subject. Contrary to what we heard in most other classes they were supposed to be comprised almost entirely of pictures. The words were supposed to be very minimal, I believe it was no more

than 10 words per slide. We were told that if all our information was on our slide, “what did the audience need us for?” We learned that by spreading out the information it could be more effectively communicated. Now Ms. Murphy is not an amazing educator just because of her PowerPoint prowess, but because of the focus on communication. By learning how to communicate to a large group, small class, or project partner, we also learned how to listen. This back and forth dialogue, that is not always spoken, was essential not only for building that strong classroom community that existed for my four years in her class, but also our ability to learn from each other. While the math, and the English, and the science you learn in the typical classroom are important, the empathy, teamwork, and resiliency you learn from others are irreplaceable. These are skills that are not easy to gain, and I’d imagine they are 10 times harder to teach, especially to a group of students who run away screaming from anything labeled a group project. This is why I am, on a daily basis, astounded by the number of educational and interpersonal skills I learned from Ms. Murphy. Her impact on her students is truly tremendous, and I would like to be first in line to acknowledge it.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Special Needs Baseball, Partner P.E.

Leadership Positions

Varsity Baseball Team Captain

Extracurricular Activities

Football, Baseball, Partner P.E., Lil' and Elite Wranglers

Plans After High School

Attend college and major in sports management

Parents

Tap & Adrienne Bentz

Cole Bentz

honoring Taylor Warren



As a student of CSISD I have been fortunate to have had many great coaches and teachers over the years. Athletics has always been important to me, and most would have assumed I would have chosen one of my coaches to honor. However, I have chosen someone who has impacted me far beyond the field, Ms. Warren. Math was my least favorite subject, but Ms. Warren surely changed that. Ms. Warren is the best teacher I have ever had and has impacted my life in so many ways. I was introduced to Ms. Warren the second semester of my sophomore year. I moved into her class struggling in algebra and was very worried for another teacher to see my lack of knowledge and give up on me as a student. Ms. Warren is the complete opposite; she is a teacher always looking for the best in her students and surrounds them with positivity and builds determination. I gave Ms. Warren so many reasons to give up on me and each day she grilled me to do my work and continually offered support whenever I needed it. As the year continued, I began to appreciate Ms. Warren more and more. Ms. Warren was not just my algebra teacher but was a teacher that supported her students outside of the classroom

as well. Ms. Warren ended up becoming more than a classroom teacher for me. She became the person I, and many other students, go to for an open ear, positivity, or just as a friend. She has built relationships with many students that extends outside the classroom. She never hesitates to show her school spirit and shows up to many events supporting students at Consol! I have never left the field without Ms. Warren there to the end supporting both the wins and losses. Ms. Warren is THAT teacher for me. Every day I stop by her classroom to say hi, along with the many other students she has impacted. She has been the person I go to for advice and serves as a mentor. My favorite thing about her is her ability to care for students beyond the learning and to support their involvement in every aspect of school. She supports who we really are. Ms. Warren has shown me that there is a light in every dull moment and her positivity and friendship is something I will never forget. She is the teacher I am never going to forget and will be the last person I say goodbye to when I graduate in May. Ms. Warren is truly amazing and will continue to be my mentor, and I hope I too, will impact others as she has impacted me.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Young Men's Service League, Grace Bible Church

Leadership Positions

Young Men's Service League President, A&M Consolidated FFA Chapter Sentinel, Owner and Operater of HP Landscaping

Extracurricular Activities

Football, AMCHS FFA Land Judging Team, AMCHS FFA Public Relations Team, Powerlifting

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University's School of Architecture to pursue a a degree in landscape design

Parents

Todd & Erin Berkey

Paxson Berkey

honoring Robert Myatt



I had just switched to Principles of Ag Mechanics; initially, walking into Mr. Myatt's classroom, I was aware I would learn how to weld but was solely motivated to join because I had friends in the class. Little did I know it was one of the best decisions I would make in my High School career. I never imagined Ag Mechanics would be so impactful in my development of metalworking and character. Each day, I found myself motivated to learn all things welding due to Mr. Myatt's enthusiasm and desire to teach us these practical skills thoroughly. Little did I know that he had the same desire to grow our practical skills as he did to develop our character. I would have never imagined being involved in FFA or even becoming a high school teacher, but when you have a phenomenal role model living his dream enthusiastically, it changes your mindset completely. Every day in class, Mr. Myatt would present the task in an enthusiastic, excited spirit that promoted the students to be the same way. Every day he brought intent to whatever we might be learning that day. He has impacted me as an academic teacher and made me strive to be my best self outside of his classroom. I suppose that encouraged me in my business, living a life of excellence, or treating others with kindness. I have been so blessed to have Mr. Myatt in my life, the lighthearted memories and all. If it was the comment, "Did you measure?" or his sarcastic

"WOW," I knew he accepted me, and I felt valued in his class. Having multiple father figures in my life is a blessing, and I'm proud to say he is one of those extraordinary men I admire. His effortlessness to make others laugh and effortless intentions to encourage students are extremely impressive. He has always had the right words for me whenever I needed help or sought advice. The idea of taking pride in one's work is slowly dying, but through education like Mr. Myatt's, our future students have a bright future. I have learned to take pride in my work and execute with excellence every detail, part, and fix to the best of my ability! I am thankful for the memories spent in the classroom/shop and the out-of-town ones. The weeks we would spend in Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Houston for ag mech or land judging contests only strengthened my relationship with Mr. Myatt, and I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life. After all, it has shaped the man I am today. He has taught me that no act of kindness is ever wasted and always to be considerate of others. Mr. Myatt showcased this through his selfless leadership and service. There is no day in school that Mr. Myatt did something for himself. Always serving others with excellence and putting others before himself, all the while never asking for anything extra in return, that is a man I strive to be like. What a gift to have learned, worked, and grown under Mr. Myatt!



Jackson Bobbitt

honoring Jill Faith

A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Christ Church Youth Leader

Leadership Positions

Varsity Mascot, Junior Leadership Brazos, Thrivers Group Leader (Principal Cabinet for AMCHS), Superintendent's Cabinet, AMCHS Print Shop President & Co-Founder

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity mascot for 4 years

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University and eventually enter into vocational ministry or owning my own company

Parents

Matt & Cassie Bobbitt

When becoming a high school counselor you agree to work Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm in an office, helping students navigate their way through a four year journey, assisting in creating a class schedule, fulfilling responsibilities and requirements, and helping create a way for after high school. However, Jill Faith is way more than a counselor working at A&M Consolidated. She is an advocate for students and their needs. Her willingness to help students does not stop at her office door, in the hall during passing periods, at sporting events, etc. She is always checking in on students and their well being which is something that myself and many other students truly value. She is a mentor who guides students through everyday life, assisting in any way possible to help better students, families, staff, and overall Consol as a whole. No matter what is needed she always cares for everyone and their own needs, oftentimes before she cares about her own. I graduated from A&M Consolidated in January of 2023. Throughout that process Mrs. Faith was right there to support me in any way she could: helping me make a plan not only to graduate but to then transition from high school to college, spending countless hours in her office, doing research, making phone

calls, submitting forms, and talking through different options with me. One of the most impactful moments I can remember Mrs. Faith having on my life is the time where I preached at our church one Sunday morning. To my surprise, she came to support me and my journey. Not only did she attend, however; she also encouraged multiple people from Consol to join her in doing so. That moment, although it may have seemed small to some, was huge in my life. There is honestly no way to truly express my gratitude. It showed the willingness and steps that she will take in order to support one of her students, giving me confidence and courage throughout the whole morning. That is not something you see from many, especially outside of the school walls however, it is something you see from her. It's not something she feels obligated to do or as a chore. It's something she is passionate about and truly cares for. Jill Faith became a counselor my freshman year and I have had the privilege of having her throughout my high school career. I could not have asked for a better counselor, mentor, or advocate to have on my side at all times. I am extremely grateful for all that she has done in my life and the countless ways she has and continues to be there for me.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Brazos Church Pantry, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

CSHS Coding Society Public Relations Chair

Extracurricular Activities

Tennis, Grace Bible Church Youth Group

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in visualization

Parents

Cody & Lorin Catalena

Kate Catalena

honoring Chris Collins



Some people think that history is boring, but they must have never taken Coach Collins' World History. His room alone bespeaks excitement, with posters lining the walls and aircraft models hanging from the ceiling. Many teachers have decorations, but few have decorations that actually inspire students to learn. In Collins' room, I would squint to read the words adorning the bulletin board on the opposite side of the room and admire the hanging airplane models. From the back wall, handmade "Rules of History" posters taught me lessons that even the strongest world leaders failed to realize. For example, "Never invade Russia during the winter." Even better, during the WWII unit, two real helmets from enemy soldiers sat on display at the front of the room. But I'm not honoring Coach Collins for his classroom decor. His room is amazing, don't get me wrong; but it is only a fruit of what really makes Collins an amazing teacher. What sets him apart is his pure passion. Just as

his room shows the excitement of history, Coach Collins' teaching style is engaging and thrilling. He embraces the storytelling side of history, enlivening the imaginations of his students and helping us understand the true wonder contained in the old, dusty records of reality. As a World History student in my sophomore year, I would eagerly look forward to his class, and, after hearing Collins' exposition of battles and movements and people, I would go home and repeat the stories to my parents. In other words, Coach Collins taught history so well that his words echoed all the way to my dinner table! Coach Collins' passion—not only for history but for his students' comprehension of the amazing things we learn—is what makes him a uniquely life-changing teacher. I'll always be thankful for the awe-inspiring way he teaches the principles of how our world does (and doesn't) work, by enthusiastically telling the stories of its conflicts, eras, and conquerors.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Student Council, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

The Roar Newspaper Editor-in-Chief, Student Council Secretary, NHS Co-Vice President of Scholarship

Extracurricular Activities

The Roar Newspaper, Student Council, Brazos Valley USBC Youth Bowling, National Honor Society, 4-H

Plans After High School

Major in neuroscience and join the college bowling team and newspaper staff

Parents

Greg & Misty Cathey

Myla Cathey

honoring Mike Williams



I knew Mr. Williams and I would get along when I found out he and I had the same favorite Marvel character, Captain America, on my very first day of freshman year journalism. From high-fiving me between fourth and fifth period everyday of junior year to keeping a sticker I gave him freshman year stuck to the window of his door ever since, Mr. Williams has impacted every moment of my high school career even in the smallest ways. Every day I think of how grateful I am that I chose to join the newspaper staff over yearbook when I was an insecure journalism student. And I wouldn't have been confident enough to choose what I really wanted to do if it hadn't been for Mr. Michael "Big Mike" Williams. Sure, I made close friends in my journalism class who helped convince me, but he's the one that affirmed me in my writing skills, and he's the one that made class comfortable for me every day. He's not much of a hugger, but he sure does become one when I need a hug. He says, "Just please don't cry" when I get frantic, but he always comforts me when I inevitably end up crying anyway. He not only applauds my successes, but he amplifies them. When I interrupt his English classes to borrow keys or ask for a pass to leave class for an interview, he doesn't get annoyed. He pauses his teaching to help and makes me feel important. He's seen me at my worst: the distressed walk to my car after I published my first newspaper as editor-in-chief. And he's seen me at my best:

the day after the walk to my car when I realized I got through my first newspaper leading the staff as editor-in-chief. The news lab has given me a sanctuary. Need a nap? Mr. Williams doesn't mind if you sleep on the couch. Want to rant about life? Mr. Williams will at least pretend he's listening. If only I could always have someone to play "The Throne Room/Victory March" song from the end of Star Wars: A New Hope in the background of my best moments like he does for any awards we win. However, he is also the teacher that has given me the most criticism to grow from. He lets me know when I haven't done my best work, and he guides me through how to improve. I respect his criticism more than any other because he emphasizes my achievements just as much as, if not more than, my failures. Having a teacher for four years that constantly tells me I'm capable and talented has given me the confidence I needed to excel in high school. Mr. Williams stays until 10 p.m. on publishing day if we're struggling to finish a paper, and I've even heard horror stories of him having to stay even later for past newspaper staffs. He never leaves us hanging when we need him, and he never fails to make the staff smile, whether that's because he cracks a joke so bad that it's funny or because he cracks a joke that's actually funny. He wins the award for most dedicated club sponsor, best English teacher, and most outstanding academic supporter I've had. *Cue The Throne Room/Victory March song.*



College Station High School

Community Service

National Honor Society, Cougar Mentoring

Leadership Positions

Lady Cougar Soccer Varsity Captain

Extracurricular Activities

Challenge Soccer, Cougar Soccer, Cougar Track

Plans After High School

Attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University to study psychology and play soccer

Parents

*Yvonne Dang
Coi Dang*

Elie Dang

honoring Stoney Pryor



Throughout high school, you gain knowledge that you carry with you for the rest of your life. Coach Pryor has ensured that I will graduate with more knowledge than just what's required to receive a diploma. He has taught me how to treat others, whether that has come from me observing the way he interacts with those around him, or directly from lessons he has taught my teammates and me. He has admirably demonstrated how to be God-fearing, selfless, and humble. Though I did not have Pryor as a teacher, I've learned some of my most influential life lessons from him and having him as a soccer coach has been one of my biggest blessings. He creates an environment that everyone wants to be a part of. Whether it was "taco in my pocket Tuesday" or rivalry game day, he always kept positive energy that reflected onto the rest of the team. He would always push me to work to be the best athlete I could be, then remind me that my worth was not defined by my athletic performance and that being a good person does not go hand in

hand with being a good athlete. He had bigger goals for us, not to just win but to get better and do it with class. It's always reassuring knowing that as his athlete, soccer is not who I am, it's just what I do. It is obvious how much he cares about each and every one of his students and athletes, often reminding us that he is there for us if we ever need someone to talk to about anything. He has always been present and supportive, whether it's soccer, track, school, or just life in general. He treats us all with respect and kindness, yet enforces discipline and accepts nothing but hard work. He comforts us in hard times but makes sure to pick us back up onto our feet. Being able to honor him tonight does not even come close to recognizing how much time, effort, and love he has poured into each and every student and athlete he has encountered. I will never be able to thank you enough, Coach Pryor, for all that you have done to help me grow as an athlete and as a person. Your kindness and passion are contagious, and I strive to be even just half the person you are.



College Station High School

Community Service
National Honor Society

Leadership Positions
Captain of Soccer Team

Extracurricular Activities
Football, Soccer, National Honor Society

Plans After High School
Attend Texas A&M University to major in construction science

Parents
*Yvonne Dang
Coi Dang*

Zach Dang

honoring Victoria Hund-Stewart



During my Sophomore year, I was lucky to have Mrs. Stewart as my English teacher. When I first received my schedule, my first-period teacher's name read Victoria Hund-Stewart, a very unfamiliar name. However, this would quickly change as 1st period would become a class I looked forward to going to despite English being one of my least favorite subjects. I had a few friends in that class and an admirable teacher who was laid back and wouldn't hesitate to tell us about her life like her pet tortoise's TikTok or whatever it was. Mrs. Stewart never failed to make me chuckle in her class which was always a good way to start off my day. I will admit I did find it amusing when she would get flustered at us. I can't fully remember the absurdly odd and random things she used to threaten us with when she couldn't get

us to shut up or stop messing around. It has been a long time since I was in her class though the past two years, I have been fingers-crossed before the school year hoping I get her as my English teacher again regardless of knowing she most likely doesn't teach the course I am taking. More recently, it has just been me walking down Mrs. Stewart's hallway during passing periods to greet her occasionally. She always brightens my day even when it's often just a hello or a short conversation. It is difficult to explain how Mrs. Stewart is able to so easily put a smile on someone's face, she just has that effect on people. Hopefully, this can hang up on her wall next to the poem of mine that she helped me write. I still to this day regret not writing it with better handwriting. If only I would have known she was going to put it on her wall.



College Station High School

Leadership Positions

Officer of Art History Club

Extracurricular Activities

Volleyball, National Art Honor Society, Art History Club, Volleyball Club, Art Club, Powder Puff Coach, High Jump, National Honor Society

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in general studies

Parents

Marc & Nancy Deer

Marcella Deer

honoring Chris Ribardo



Throughout my educational career, I have encountered many ways of learning from teachers who try to make their lessons fun for the students. Many of these past classes included having different privileges based on grade or behavior status in the class. I can't speak for all of us students, but this never attracted me to wanting to learn more. Well, let me tell you what sparked my incentive to go to school. Mr. Ribardo and The Stick™. In the first days of knowing Mr. Ribardo, he introduced us to The Stick™. Now this was not just any ordinary teaching device. Mr. Ricardo's partner in crime, The Stick™, took on many roles in the U.S. history classroom all the way from the telescope of Galileo to the horse Paul Revere rode on to Lexington. Thinking back to this class, I seriously cannot think of the average person coming close to what Mr. Ribardo performed in order to teach the curriculum of the U.S. History class. He perpetually engaged me by enacting scenes from history that I don't believe I would have any interest in to this day without Mr. Ribardo. He mentioned in class a few occasions when he ran into

former students and that they would always ask about the condition of The Stick™. While sitting at the desk of his classroom I would think about how well he connected to my learning style. I cannot imagine a different teacher who would have been nowhere nearly as crazy as him, having as much of an impact on me. I could not see my history class taught by anyone other than Mr. Ribardo. Quite frankly, I did not want to learn history from anyone that was not in front of the class using a cane as a sword. Mr. Ribardo led his class with The Stick™ to engage and communicate with his students. This changed my perspective then, and now, in the real world, by demonstrating how to interact with people. There are many ways to connect on a deeper, more meaningful level with my peers and there is no need for one uniform, strict way. Mr. Ribardo taught me how to creatively communicate through his history lessons, which I can incorporate into my daily life. Here I am now years later looking upon my educational career. I've become Mr. Ribardo's proud former student. So, am I entitled to ask a question: Where is The Stick™, Mr. Ribardo?



College Station High School

Community Service

CSHS Student Council, NHS, Cougar Mentoring, Young Life Camp Work Crew

Leadership Positions

CSHS Lady Cougar Soccer Captain, Student Council - Drug, Alcohol, Safety & Health Committee Head

Extracurricular Activities

CSHS Lady Cougar Soccer, Volleyball Club

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in economics in hopes to attend law school and become a corporate lawyer

Parents

Tony & Lucy Del Rio

Camila Del Rio

honoring Lara Leigh Ewing



Walking into school on the first day of junior year I felt overwhelmed, hearing from upperclassmen that junior year is the most challenging made me start the treacherous grade with very low expectations. As I went to my first class, everything felt routine, normal, and honestly pretty boring. However, as I was making my way down the hall for my third-period class, standing outside was Mrs. Ewing. Little did I know she was going to change my life. I remember vividly she had, of course in Mrs. Ewing fashion, the best outfit on with a scarf tied in a bow and topped with a smile. Since the beginning of the year, I was lucky enough to be seated right next to Mrs. Ewing's desk. So, naturally, we got to talking and truly got to know one another. Throughout the year I learned a lot about myself and Mrs. Lara Leigh Ewing. Mrs. Ewing embodies what it means to be an educator; not only can she teach you how to write an incredible rhetorical analysis, but she goes above the guidelines of teaching requirements and shows you how to love others and live life with a big heart. Walking into her class every day always puts a much-needed pause on the real world. She would constantly ask how I was and genuinely valued my interests. Mrs. Ewing took interest in the events in my life and proved that she cared for me not only as a student but as a person. However, what I am most grateful for is Mrs. Ewing pushing me to

do difficult things. My entire high school career I hated English; it was always my weakest subject. Nevertheless, she constantly pushed me to do work I did not know I was capable of. This led to me learning to thoroughly enjoy and gain confidence in my English assignments. Mrs. Ewing has a gift for making each one of her students feel unique and confident in the best way possible. She does not see differences among her students and always wants the best for everyone. She is able to sympathize with the struggles of her students and wants nothing more than the best for everyone who walks into or even just past her classroom. Mrs. Ewing not only wants to be there to celebrate the exciting moments in life but pushes herself to take notice of the hardships her students face. Mrs. Ewing truly is a person I cannot seem to put into words of how special she has made my high school experience and I wish everyone had the opportunity to be taught by such a strong, wise, and caring teacher. Sure, junior year was difficult but that's not what is going to make me remember it. Rather, it was Mrs. Lara Leigh Ewing's fun, uplifting and loving spirit that was consistent every single day, even on a bad day, that made this year something I will never forget. Thank you, Mrs. Ewing, for teaching and for being the greatest teacher ever. One award is simply not enough for all of the hearts you have touched.



College Station High School

Community Service

Young Men's Service League, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

Young Men's Service League - Vice President and Sergeant of Arms

Extracurricular Activities

CSHS Football, Texas Boys State, Junior Leadership Brazos, National Honor Society, Texas High School Bass Association, Hunting

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in industrial distribution

Parents

Jeremy & Shelley DeWitt

Brooks DeWitt



honoring Jennifer Rinn

Having had the privilege of attending school in the College Station ISD since I was in kindergarten has been an honor to learn from a range of exceptional educators who have contributed to my development. They have developed me and made me the person I am today. I will always be grateful for the unique influence that each of these teachers have had on my life. When I was considering who should be inducted into the Hall of Fame as an educator, I could only think of the one person who not only taught me the worth of upholding my principles, but also the value of appreciating the ways in which others uphold theirs. The instructor, Mrs. Jennifer Rinn, has always felt like a second mom to me. Mrs. Rinn has helped me see math from a different point of view and always helped me understand the littlest things. She always has a huge smile on her face no matter what, even if she was having a bad day. She always greeted me with a huge hug at the door. Having her class 7th period, the very last period of the day, I found myself looking forward to Pre-Calculus. She always made time to help me on certain math subjects that I was confused about, or struggling with, and would stay after school if I needed her to. Mrs.

Rinn had an impact on me even before I took her class. She would always have a bright smile on her face and say "good morning you love bugs" in the hallway as I passed her dropping Nadia off at her class. There are undoubtedly other characteristics that make Mrs. Rinn exceptional, but I only have 500 words to write about her, and even if I had 1,000 words, I couldn't possibly capture the influence she has had on me. She took it upon herself to get to know me on a more personal level, and she would always ask how my day was going and if I was going fishing that weekend. She has always been kind to me, and I made a point to always be on my best behavior and to never disrupt her lesson. She has always treated me with respect, valued my opinion, and made me feel like I mattered. Additionally, she pushed me to take math outside my comfort zone, and I made tremendous improvement during that academic year as a result. Math is now one of my favorite subjects, even so, that I am pursuing an engineering degree at Texas A&M University in the Industrial Distribution Department. I love Mrs. Jennifer Rinn and will always remember the impact she has had on me and how much it influenced the course of my life.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

FFA serving the Brazos Valley Food Bank, Still Creek Ranch, and Fishing Buddies Program

Leadership Positions

Reporter for the AMC FFA Officer Team

Extracurricular Activities

Future Farmers of America

Plans After High School

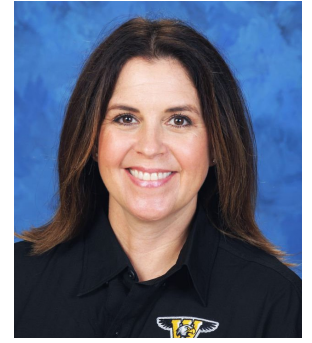
Attend Blinn College for two years and then transfer to Texas A&M to get my degree in agricultural business, hoping to one day own my own real estate firm

Parents

Donald & Alison Dippel

Kyle Dippel

honoring Jackie Wolf



My 8th grade year was one of my favorite years hands down, with many different teachers that were involved that year, but there was one that really stood out to me every day, one that would always manage to put a smile on my face no matter what just happened that morning, and that was Mrs. Wolf. Mrs. Wolf was always there standing at her door with a “good afternoon” right as I walked in. She always found a way to make science more than just a worksheet. I remember all the different projects we did that year. One of my favorites from that year was our egg drop unit. We had to make a parachute/ protective case that would protect the egg from a fall from the bleachers. I can say that the egg drop project was the first project where I made a parachute out of our trash bags and tested each parachute out by climbing to the roof of our house and dropping the eggs off the top of our chimney. One of my favorite things about Mrs. Wolf and her class was you never knew what you were going to walk into; what lab she had come up with that was going to make you think on many different levels. The best thing about Mrs. Wolf is her positive, encouraging, and uplifting personality. No matter what type of day you are having, your

whole mood would be completely flipped the second that you walked into her class. That year I learned many different things in her class that had nothing to do with science, and I think one of the biggest things was you don’t always know what someone’s day could have been before you saw them, and sometimes all that person needs is someone to smile and start up a conversation. I also learned a lot from watching how she would interact with other students along with myself. Mrs. Wolf played a huge role in my life not just as an educator but as an adult. She sees the success in every student no matter what success looks like for them, and she recognizes it and she praises that success. Being able to make people feel successful, regardless of how big, is one reason she has impacted so many students. For example, she found value and worth in a simple improvement from a low B to a high B, even on something as insignificant as a quiz grade. Her encouragement and personality allowed me to open up and step outside of my comfort zone each time I entered her class. Without Mrs. Wolf being in my education career I would never have found my ability to step outside my comfort zone. Thank You, Mrs. Wolf. You Are Amazing!



College Station High School

Community Service

CSISD Summer Enrichment, Junior League Stuff the Bus Back To School Drive, Cougar Cheer Mini Camp, Paws To The Pavement Community Neighborhood Run, CSHS Community Pep Rally

Leadership Positions

Head Varsity Cheer Captain & Captain for the UIL Spirit State Championship Team, Varsity Cheer Co-Captain, NHS, Junior Leadership Brazos, Texas Bluebonnet Girls State

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Cheer Team, UIL Spirit State Championship Team, NHS

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in allied health

Parents

*Todd & Julie Wellmann
John Dujka*

Nadia Dujka

honoring Erin Hernandez



Throughout my educational journey within College Station ISD, I have had the privilege of getting to know multiple teachers and staff members who have all inspired me in their own special way. However, I have had one remarkable teacher who not only introduced me to my future career path, but unknowingly taught the most valuable life lessons. This educator's name is Erin Hernandez, and I am beyond blessed to have had her as my Anatomy teacher during my junior year at CSHS. I had Mrs. Hernandez's class near the end of my long school day, so my energy and focus was often drained by the time I got to her class, but I was soon enlightened by her welcoming personality. No matter what, Mrs. Hernandez always greeted me and my other classmates at the door with the most uplifting smile on her face. This never failed to create a positive atmosphere as I walked into her room every single day. As the year continued and Mrs. Hernandez taught more and more lessons, I began to recognize what I loved so much about her teaching; she thoroughly taught each unit, and welcomed questions that my classmates and myself had due to the fact that we were all intrigued with the amount of knowledge Mrs. Hernandez poured into us. With each question, there was always a detailed and interesting answer that never failed to amaze me. Not only did her inspirational amounts of knowledge create

a drive in me to know the material she taught, but her sense of humor made her class even more entertaining. If I wasn't listening to her teach a new unit, I was laughing at the amusing comments that she made. Nearing the middle of the fall semester, Mrs. Hernandez announced that she was pregnant with her third baby, but sadly was experiencing serious problems that prevented her from coming to school to teach us. This news was very disheartening, but I was constantly encouraged by the daily Schoology messages she would send that included the plan for what we would learn that day. She always ended the message with the most comforting farewell by saying how much she missed and loved us. No matter how hard her pregnancy was, Mrs. Hernandez persevered through any pain and took the time to still send those messages to ensure the mental health of her students would be stable even in her absence. She is the perfect model of what it's like to be selfless in difficult situations! I believe that Mrs. Hernandez deserves all of the appreciation for exemplifying what it's like to be a teacher. No matter what was happening at home or with her personal life, she still put in so much effort to care for her students. Although she thought she was just doing her job, she provided me with a life lesson that I will never forget; always inspire and help others even when you might be going through your toughest times.



College Station High School

Community Service

Young Men's Service League

Leadership Positions

Captain of CSHS Football Team and 2-Year Starter, Vice President of Young Men's Service League

Extracurricular Activities

Football and Golf

Plans After High School

Attend Blinn College, then Texas A&M University to major in business

Parents

Brian and Stacy Edwards

Jaxon Edwards

honoring Brian Edwards



A hero is someone who is admired, loved, and respected. Many people pick their heroes to be who they want to be like or who they look up to. My hero is a person who I've known my whole life. A person that I share the dinner table with and sometimes when I'm nice, I let him borrow my shirts that he thinks we share. My dad, Brian Edwards, is my hero. But he's more than a hero, he's a teacher, a coach for over 30 years and also a loving father. All my life I knew one thing, and that's football. I've grown up around the game since I could remember, running around the field house and messing with the players. And every single Friday night, my dad and I would be together on the field. He would be coaching trying to win a game, and I would be trying to figure out how I could throw the ref the ball in a perfect spiral as the ball boy. That's one thing I knew my dad and I could always share would be Friday nights under the bright lights as father and son. And yet, my dad had to wait for over 20 years where he could actually coach his son in a real Friday night game. Coach is what people in my family call him. My dad has been Coach to

many kids throughout many years. And those kids that are now adults have always said the same thing, "Your dad is an amazing man." I'm very grateful that I have gotten the chance to call Coach Edwards my coach, but I'm even more proud that I get to call him my dad. He's taught me many things in life that I'll always remember; but one stands out to me the most and that's what it is to be a father. A father is the protector and the one who you call at night when your truck won't start. But I also know my dad is the one that will always have my back no matter what and will always support me. A father is someone who takes his son out of elementary school so that he could ride the bus with his dad to away games. Or the dad that would come to his son's field day knowing both of his parents are teachers and might not be able to make it. I now know the true meaning of father because of the great man that I get to call my dad. I honor my dad tonight not just because he's my dad, but because he's a coach and a teacher who impacts so many kids' lives every day. I would be proud to be half as good of a man my dad is. That's why he's my hero.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Symphony Belles, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Brazos Church Pantry, Youth Group

Leadership Positions

Track Captain (senior), Co-Captain (junior), NHS VP of Scholarship

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Track & Field, NHS, Student Council, FFA Floriculture CDE Team, Volleyball, Club Volleyball

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in biochemistry with the intent to study plant genetics

Parents

Darrell & Michelle Engelke

Julie Engelke

honoring Chad Bronowski



What makes a good teacher great? James Shall once said: "When a teacher sees his students leave his classroom for the last time, he wants them to carry with them not so much the memories of his jokes or his tests, but the internal possession of the matter itself." A great teacher can be defined as someone who encourages active learning while passing on knowledge to their students. Throughout my high school experience, I have encountered many lessons and tasks that require active learning, but none quite like Mr. Bronowski's ADI labs in AP Biology. During these labs, Mr. Bronowski encourages all his students to be active learners by discouraging any direct questions, without first problem-solving amongst our peers and lab partners for the solutions/answers. While following just the procedures before us, Mr. Bronowski watched many of us struggle from time to time. Little did I know, the true

purpose of his silent observation was to challenge each student to think for themselves, through the application of knowledge. When walking into Mr. Bronowski's Pre-AP Biology class as a freshman, little did I know a seed was being planted. Throughout the year this seed started to germinate, drinking in the knowledge and sprouting roots. I found myself looking forward to his class every day, and science became my new favorite subject. Slow and steady, this new plant, an orchid (I'd like to believe), started to bud and grow leaves at the beginning of this year. Just like a stem strengthens and grows, my passion for this field has grown, likewise. At this stage, the orchid has bloomed, and I have found my passion, which is to major in biochemistry, and if you haven't guessed by now, with the intent to study plant genetics. I am forever grateful for this challenge. Mr. Bronowski, thank you for being a great teacher.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Church Youth Program, a Buddy at Beloved and Beyond, a camp for kids with special needs

Leadership Positions

Captain of the Cross Country and Track Teams, NHS Vice President of Service

Extracurricular Activities

Cross Country, Track, NHS and Automotive

Plans After High School

Major in mechanical engineering to become an automotive engineer and design car engines

Parents

Joe & Michelle Fix

Kathryn Fix

honoring Andrew Hanna



As a first-year coach, Coach Hanna has made an astounding impact on me. He embodies dedication, passion, and grit. Coach Hanna has supported my journey as a runner in a multitude of ways. He has run with me to ensure I have a training partner, he has pushed me to reach my goals, and most importantly, he has been there to lift me up whenever I was shortsighted with the training process. When I first met Coach Hanna, he was still an undergraduate student at A&M and he was planning to apply to coach cross country and track at Consol. I did not know much about him at the time, but he immediately dedicated himself to the program before he even got the job. Over summer break, Coach Hanna made it to every single early morning practice. While most coaches sit on the sidelines to oversee, Coach Hanna ran with us. An easy task for a sub-3-hour marathoner, but re-

spectable, nonetheless. Coach Hanna took us under his wing and shared his passion for running with each and every one of us. In high school, it seems like every bad workout or subpar race is the end of the world. However, Coach Hanna makes sure we know that no matter what, our times do not define us. Even when I feel like I am failing, Coach Hanna comes alongside me and reminds me that I am worthy regardless of my performance. He is a coach that values every member of the team holistically, not just as an athlete. Coach Hanna is soft-spoken, genuine, kind, and caring. Most of all Coach Hanna is an exemplary leader. I wish I could have more time to be mentored by such an honorable man. In his first year coaching, he has made a lasting impact on the team. Coach Hanna has made an impression on me, and he has taught me many valuable lessons that I will hold onto for the rest of my life.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Mr. G's Pizzeria - Help renovate, Consol Cares, Scotty's House, Ongo Concrete, Softball Classics, Youth Group

Leadership Positions

Captain of the Football Team

Extracurricular Activities

Football, Baseball, Basketball, Rugby, Fishing and Outdoors

Plans After High School

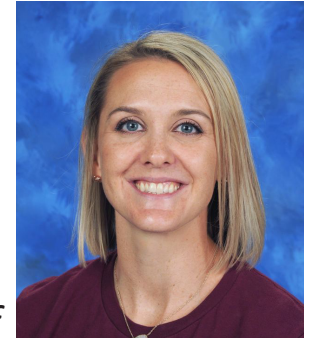
Attend Jireh Preparatory Academy in North Carolina to continue his athletic career in football

Parents

Poli & Mica Foketi

Mosese Foketi

honoring Jordan Lauhoff



The start of Junior year, I honestly didn't know how to feel about my U.S. History class. The upperclassmen always told me that I have to make sure that I get Mrs. Lauhoff as a teacher because she is like the #1 teacher in the nation. Well luckily for me, I had the opportunity to be one of her students and have her as my U.S. History teacher. After a couple weeks of having Mrs. Lauhoff as a teacher, I would find myself sitting at the desk next to her. Whether it was a passing period, or I was escaping from another class, if you needed to find me, I would be sitting in Lauhoff's talking about anything and everything that happened in my day or other random stuff. Mrs. Lauhoff was always there for me through the ups and downs of school and sports. Even if she didn't agree with me, she would always be there to listen and most of the time she was always correct. Mrs. Lauhoff truly cares about every single student whether she knows them or not. She has a way of making sure

they feel loved and that it's a safe space to share their opinions and not be judged. She wanted everyone to speak up and say what they believe is true and to know that it's okay to think something different from the person you sit next to. She made learning enjoyable, and her students were always engaged with her teachings. Mrs. Lauhoff is one of the most selfless, passionate, and devoted people I know, and she makes an impact not only in her class but in the whole school. One of my favorite memories is the time when me and the boys decided to change the seating chart when she left. Sooner than later when she came back, we got the lecture of the century (jk), but I ended up writing an apology letter that turned out to be a treaty. (I believe till this day she has not accepted the treaty, haha.) Mrs. Lauhoff, thank you for all that you did for me and for the impact you have made in my academic career in high school. You will always have a special place in my heart. Love ya, LJ!



Campbell Gattis

honoring Michael Witherwax

A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

National Charity League, Symphony Belles

Leadership Positions

Varsity Cheer Captain, Varsity Golf Captain, VP of Business NHS

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity and JV Cheerleading, Varsity and JV Golf, National Honor Society, Partners in Physical Education, Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Brazos, Student Council

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in environmental design - architectural studies

Parents

Joe & Adrienne Gattis

From the first day of Partner PE, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Of course, I was signing myself up for the class, but little did I know I would meet my role model and learn how to be the best individual I could be. Coach Witherwax (aka Coach Wax) had such perfect timing in the funniest ways. When I would walk into second period upset after bombing a test, he was ready to lift my spirits. Whenever I did not achieve something that meant a lot to me, he went out of his way to look into it. His support for me and how he continued to push me did not go unnoticed. I cannot thank him enough for distracting me from my stressful day and allowing myself to be fully present in the class. Even in the last round of playoffs, when I realized how quickly my cheer

career ended, Coach Wax welcomed me with open arms. He was always someone I could go to about anything. His ability to push us to be leaders within the class was very much appreciated. Even when he played the same playlist for class every day, it only urged us to take control and lead the class more! Walking into the class sophomore year compared to my senior year was a complete 180, as my leadership skills and sociable personality grew immensely. I am confident in my abilities of being a strong leader from watching him and from leading the class. Coach Wax, even though you are no longer a part of CSISD, I could not express how well your timing is, as this is my last year as well. Thank you for shaping me into the confident individual I am today. You will be missed!



College Station High School

Community Service

Student Council, National Honor Society, Brazos Church Pantry, Camp Allen Summer Camp

Leadership Positions

Sophomore Class President, Student Body Vice President, Student Council Secretary, Texas Boys State Senator, Cougar Drumline Section Leader

Extracurricular Activities

Band, Student Council, National Honor Society

Plans After High School

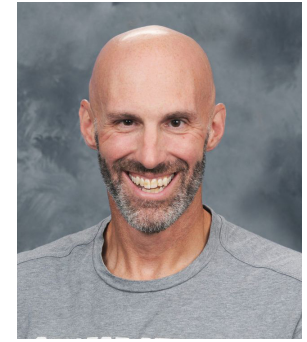
Attend Texas A&M University to major in genetics

Parent

Mary Ellen Glanz

Joshua Glanz

honoring Jonathan Brady



I remember when I first met Mr. Brady. What seemed like yesterday was over three years ago. I was trying to hang up posters for my freshman class president campaign with my brother, but I had forgotten to bring tape. Matthew, my older brother, had Mr. Brady for English II so we went to his room to ask for tape. He introduced us and Mr. Brady let me borrow his packing tape. I foolishly promised to bring it back and he jokingly said, "I sure hope so." From the layout of his room with Star Wars memorabilia on every wall, I knew we would get along well. In my freshman year as a member of the Student Council, I saw how hard he worked and how much he liked his job. He put in long hours and had a genuine passion for everything he did. During my sophomore year amid the pandemic, he helped me plan a homecoming like no other. That year I also got to experience his English class firsthand. From Shakespeare to Orwell, I enjoyed his class and the books we covered. I also enjoyed the effort and care Mr. Brady put into teaching. Mr. Brady's biggest impact on my educational career has been that of a mentor and friend. I know Mr. Brady is someone I can talk to about almost anything. From school to movies and books, to practical life

advice and experiences, Mr. Brady and I have had conversations about it all. Spending four years with him in Student Council, I know more about him than any of my other teachers. I can tell you of his love of classic rock music, his favorite band being Guns N' Roses, his obsession with Batman and Star Wars, and that we both agree The Empire Strikes Back is the best film in the franchise. He has an undying loyalty for the Dallas Cowboys, and consequently his a huge distaste for the Philadelphia Eagles. The hatred he bears toward ranch dressing is unparalleled by anyone else I know. I have also seen the kind of selfless and honest person that he is. The same caring and thoughtful nature he extended to me I see him apply to his classes every day. Mr. Brady is a man who loves his job, family and seems to have his life figured out. I know other students and teachers think the same of him and respect him for his kindness and good-natured humor. Five hundred words are not enough to express how grateful I am for all that he has done for me. It is my extreme honor to have known him and had him as a mentor and friend. Thank you, Mr. Brady, for your constant support and encouragement that has had a major role in shaping me into the man I am today.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

National Honor Society, National Charity League, Student Council

Leadership Positions

NHS Executive, Student Council Executive, Challenge SC Team Captain

Extracurricular Activities

AMCHS Soccer and Track, Challenge SC Club Soccer

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to study business and play soccer

Parents

Hunter & Amber Goodwin

Ella Goodwin

honoring Terri Casto



Going into senior year comes with a new set of challenges: the unexpected of where you're going to spend the next four years, applying for scholarships, trying to make the most of all of your "lasts," and trying to limit the symptoms of senioritis. For these reasons, I walked into Mrs. Casto's class on the first day of senior year feeling unsure and overwhelmed by what I saw as just another 5.0 class. However, only five of us are in the school store, and we get to spend two hours together each day. Somehow, my worries seemingly went away each day as we were in her classroom. It is hard to explain my gratitude for Mrs. Casto and her ability to make learning fun daily and create such a great team and family environment that is Tiger Cage. She intentionally goes above and beyond as an educator to teach, advise, inspire, and prepare us for the future. It is clear to see her sincere care for each one of her students. The compassion and love are so natural to her, not just for us but for her family. She loves to share about her kids and grandkids. There has yet to be a day where I see her, and the first thing for her to ask about is MY

day, how MY game went, or how MY quiz or test went. In the same way, in her room, the other girls in the school store and I share the laughter and frustration that comes with high school with Mrs. Casto. And regardless of how big or small, she has empathized with our struggles and rejoiced in our accomplishments. Every birthday is celebrated, every good idea or design recognized, and, most importantly, treated to the ever-so-exciting trips to Sam's Club! Lastly, her being a college athlete and enduring the club mom lifestyle, she truly understands the student-athlete balance and is always willing to talk soccer with me, which has not gone unnoticed. One of the things I am proud of this year is the overwhelming success of the school store compared to the past years, which would not have been done without the business principles taught, encouragement given to each of us, and open-mindedness to all our ideas. As a result, I have grown in my passion for business and learned vital skills to be successful as a student, friend, and leader. I cannot wait to come and visit Mrs. Casto and the TC staff once I graduate.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

UMARMY, Vacation Bible School for K-6, Brazos Valley Food Pantry, Beep Baseball for the Blind World Series

Leadership Positions

Jr. High Boys' Bible Study Teacher & Group Leader, Youth Leadership Council

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Football, Varsity Powerlifting, FFA, Youth Livestock Heifer Cow/Calf Showing, Youth Choir

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in agricultural economics

Parents

Jerry & Jana House

Hudson House

honoring Janson Soltis



Many of the things that we as students learn in school will assist us in our walk through life, whether it be geometry, physics, or in Coach Soltis' case, even history. One would certainly think that through countless bearcrawls or the numerous times we as a class would have to go back into the hallway and re-enter the room, because someone either gave a dead fish handshake, or didn't make eye contact when greeting one another, that I might lose any appreciation for this guy. But that is obviously not the case. It took me some time to realize that the lesson he continued to teach me and my peers was one that will carry further than any of the topics we discuss in class. That lesson is the necessity of respect, not only for authority but also for those around me. I have been fortunate enough to have been coached by his

father for the duration of my high school career, and it is not difficult to see that they have been cut from the same cloth. I have received many lessons on how to honor those around me from both Coach Soltises, and for that I am truly grateful. Another way I have learned lessons of life from this man is simply by observing; observing the way he interacts with students and teachers alike. I will never forget in my middle school years, I recall watching Coach Soltis teach some of the guys on the basketball team how to tie a tie, which is certainly not in the job description, but was just another prime example of his main goal of turning good students or athletes into better men and women. Although it's been quite some time since I have been enrolled in one of his classes, I cannot make it down the history hallway without a hello or good morning.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service
Student Council

Leadership Positions
Basketball Team Captain

Extracurricular Activities
Track, Basketball, Student Council

Plans After High School
Attend either The University of Texas at Arlington or University of Wisconsin - White-water to major in psychology

Parents
Butch & Sandi Ireland

Maria Ireland

honoring Angela Williams



I met Mrs. Williams at the beginning of freshman year in my math class. At first, since I couldn't remember her name, a couple of classmates and I decided to just have a nickname for her. We couldn't think of any good nickname, so we asked Mrs. Williams what she thought, and she gave us some name ideas, but we didn't like any of them, but after a few names she finally came up with a nickname that we liked. So, for all of freshman year instead of Mrs. Williams she nicknamed herself Supreme Goddess. For some of 10th grade I was doing online school, so I didn't come to school at all but one time a day. I didn't get to see her much that year but when I did it was fun just to sit and talk to her about anything. My junior year is when I really got to know Mrs. Williams. Not wanting to go hang out in the

cafeteria in the mornings I had to go hang out somewhere else which was always Mrs. Williams' classroom. That's when I figured out I could talk to her about anything I wanted to. If it was stressing me out, I could go to her at any time, and she would give me the best advice that she could. After really getting to know her in my junior year, my senior year I went to her class at least twice a day just to talk about anything. I went there sometimes for lunch since I really didn't have anyone to sit with in the cafeteria. And every time I went to her class, she was okay with it. We just hung out and talked about life and anything else we wanted. To Mrs. Williams: thank you, for being there for me for all 4 years, and letting me hang out in your room at any time I wanted and listening to me talk about anything I wanted.



Ashton Jaspersen

honoring Emily Ramos

A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Eagle Scout Project, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, National Honor Society, AMCHS Choir Service Projects

Leadership Positions

Boy Scout Troop 967 Patrol Leader, Choir Leadership Council, Varsity Football Captain, Church Youth Assistant

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Choir, A-Side A Cappella Group, Boy Scouts of America, Varsity Football, Varsity Track, Wrestling, Powerlifting, NHS, Musicals

Plans After High School

2-year mission trip for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Attend BYU or TAMU to study business and continue to sing in a choir

Parents

Jon & Annette Jaspersen

Controlling a classroom full of teenagers is not easy. Teaching a rowdy group of lackluster boys how to sing as a booming choir of men is difficult. Caring for each student-singer individually is quite time-consuming. Taking time out of class and out of school and out of personal life to advise, teach, guide, and push a stubborn and busy student, me, on top of everything else life shoves onto your plate, is all but impossible for anyone not completely devoted to making the world more joyful, more organized, and full of music. Mrs. Ramos has hundreds of students under her wings, each with unique problems that she strives to address and fix. However, Mrs. Ramos has made such an amazing impact on me by constantly reaching out. She has helped me become an accomplished musician and caring leader. I knew that she cared for me from the moment I met her. She earned the nickname “Mamos” because of her mother-like concern for each student. When I was a little freshman, she whipped me into singing shape, giving me the support, tools, and confidence I needed to earn a spot in the All-Region Choir. Mrs. Ramos gave me the opportunity to taste the joy of music and I was quickly hooked. Through

countless hours of work, Mrs. Ramos prepared me for singing in an experienced upperclassmen choir, auditioning for All-Region and All-State Choir, and performing in an award-winning A Capella choir. Mrs. Ramos has never let me work alone to reach my goals. She reaches out, drops in, and encourages me in every practice of every day. In addition to growing, strengthening, and refining my performing and singing abilities, Mrs. Ramos has bolstered my capacity to lead and love. She has trusted me to care for, teach, and organize small and large groups of students in class, social activities, and big events. Each opportunity I am given to aid my fellow singers builds my confidence and compassion. In addition to being a mentor and teacher, Mrs. Ramos has been a friend. Throughout many choir and A-Side trips, I had several long conversations with Mrs. Ramos. Whether she was telling me a joke, offering advice, or inquiring about my future, Mrs. Ramos showed that she undoubtedly cared about me. I am so grateful that I have been given so many hours of learning, growth, and fun with Mrs. Ramos over all four years of high school. Thank you, Mrs. Ramos, for shaping me and making me proud of who I am!



College Station High School

Community Service
Church Youth Volunteer

Extracurricular Activities
CSHS Cross Country and Track

Plans After High School
Attend Texas A&M University to major in kinesiology and run cross country/track

Parents
Bill & Julie Jones

Maddie Jones

Wow, where to begin? It feels like only yesterday that Coach Hall was calling out splits as I rounded the track, cheering me on as I raced to finish a seemingly impossible workout. Even though middle school track practices are long behind me, I still consider those mid-afternoons spent with Coach Hall to be some of the best times of my life. To his bubbly personality, quick wit, and contagious smile- Coach Hall was the guy. Coach was just so hip and cool, he was always dripped out in the latest Hoka's and even biked alongside us on runs (I could barely believe it)! I grew super close to Coach Hall my 8th grade track season, and he soon became one of my favorite people to talk to. I remember countless post-run stretch sessions where Coach would just sit and talk with us girls, genuinely interested in what we had to say and adding his input to our conversations- never failing to make us laugh. There were no dull moments with Coach Hall around, and it meant so much to know that he truly cared about his athletes. Speaking of athletes, Coach Hall was an athlete himself! His PR in the mile was quite impressive and he could hit 3 pointers



honoring Jesse Hall

on the basketball court all day long. He was so relatable and inspiring. All I wanted to do was be like Coach Hall and make him proud. Coach truly pushed me to be my best and helped shape me into the runner and person I am today. After an injury-filled cross country season, Coach Hall reintroduced me to the joy of running and allowed me to fall in love with the sport again. I am forever thankful for his impact on my running career and his continued support throughout these last few years. Coach Hall has cheered me on throughout all of high school, even making special appearances at some of my postseason meets. Seeing Coach Hall at my races has to be one of my favorite things; it makes competing that much more special and truly brightens my day. Regardless of how I perform, Coach Hall always knows just what to say and has a perfect way of being both comforting and motivating. Coach, you're one in a million and I can't thank you enough for everything you've done to help me succeed. My track career wouldn't be the same without you. Thank you for always believing in me and helping me to reach my goals- love ya Coach!



Corey Kingman

honoring April Wilson



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Leading worship for Youth at First Baptist Church of College Station

Leadership Positions

Coordinator of the Youth Worship Team

Extracurricular Activities

Breakaway Ministries, Music Writing & Recording, A-Side A Capella, NHS

Plans After High School

Attend Dallas Baptist University to study worship leading in pursuit of a call to ministry

Parents

Douglas & Stacey Kingman

Every great novel has some common components; a compelling setting, an extraordinary individual, and a mentor to instruct the hero. Say what you will about myself and College Station, but the students of Consol could have asked for no greater teacher and guide than our Captain, Mrs. April Wilson. She taught us how to prepare for college coursework, but more importantly, what it meant to have a teacher to look up to and trust. From day one, it could not be more clear that Mrs. Wilson truly loved her job, and that we, her first period of seven, were in for an adventure. Every day was a new voyage into history, and she was our trusted Captain, leading us through fierce storms and uncharted waters. From the Mesopotamian Era to the Cold War, she was an expert in every field and era one could imagine, and it was more than just knowledge. Her passion for history was contagious and inescapable, and it wasn't long until her morning lectures became my most anticipated part of the school day. It was the perfect environment for deep learning, accentuated

and boosted by the community we built. It was a lecture hall and a college of history tucked away in the corner of a high school, but also a place to rest, something that wouldn't have been possible without Mrs. Wilson. She always expressed empathy and trust with us, ensuring my loyalty and respect for her to this day. What she juggled best was balance: for all her kindness, she was never soft, holding us to a high standard, yet it never felt like a burden. It was understood that she wanted the best for us, and no one could doubt that. This truth, knowing that she cared for us as both students and people, is why I know I can trust her to be there with wisdom when life is not the easiest, even after not being her student for two years. Life goes on, and new students come and go, but I will ask her to continue to be who she was for my class; kind, passionate, wise, and understanding, because she doesn't know the difference she made in my life and the life of my classmates. Know that wherever I may go, and whoever may teach me, you, Mrs. Wilson, will always be my Captain.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Project Computer Donation, GoBabyGo, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Junior Docent at George Bush Library, Mathematics Tutor

Leadership Positions

President of College Station Code Society, President of Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, President of Orchestra, President of UIL Academics, Chief Engineer of GoBabyGo, Science Bowl Captain, Vice President of Project Computer Donation

Extracurricular Activities

UIL Mathematics, Science, and Computer Science, Orchestra, Research Assistant, College Station Code Society, Science Bowl, NHS

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Austin under the Turing Scholars Honors Program as a Forty Acres Scholar to major in computer science

Parents

Daniel & Jadie Larsen

Kyler Larsen

honoring Michelle Jedlicka



My thirteen years at CSISD have been filled with wonderful moments and enriching experiences that challenged and strengthened me. Within these memories, a common thread ties them together: a caring teacher, thoughtful mentor, and encouraging role model. In my mind, that is Mrs. Michelle Jedlicka, the teacher who introduced me to the expansive world of physics, guided me through scientific research, and helped me with numerous competitions and science fairs. She is the epitome of an educator. My first introduction to Mrs. Jedlicka was nerve-wrecking. I was a freshman trying to sign up for AP Physics, but needed her signature to take the class. Shuffling towards her classroom, my eyes fixated on the sign above her door, "Physics C... A Piece of Cake." Slowly walking inside, I noticed her white board was scrawled with complicated diagrams and incomprehensible mathematical problems. My heart sank, wondering if it was too late to escape. Luckily Mrs. Jed saw me and must have seen through my apprehension. She patiently asked about the classes I had taken and reassured me. She told me it would be a demanding class but she would help me along the way. That's how Physics became my favorite subject. After a successful AP Physics I, I knew AP Physics C with Mrs. Jed was a must. Her lectures were thought provoking, and there were no questions I could ask that she couldn't help. I appreciate her intense dedication to her students, constantly setting up

labs in between periods or skipping lunch to help tutor or go over projects all while maintaining the perfect classroom atmosphere. Her methods of explaining the confusing world of abstract physics topics make the concepts much easier to digest and comprehend. When assignments are particularly challenging or time consuming, she is always understanding of each student's time and stress levels, often altering the workload or postponing deadlines. She believes in all of us and provides a supportive environment for us to learn and succeed. In my junior year, Mrs. Jed advised me to start research to expand my knowledge and dig deeper. Her research class gave me the time, space, and technical support to pursue many interesting topics that have fascinated me. Through my hectic research and paper-writing process, she was there with advice, coordination, and wisdom. Besides her heavy load of classes, Mrs. Jed is always present at our science fairs, overseeing every detail, giving up her own time to support us. She is someone we can always count on. I admire Ms. Jed not just for doing all the things that make her an amazing teacher, but also for going above and beyond to ensure that all her students grow and achieve. I appreciate her and all the dedicated and wonderful teachers at CSISD. I sincerely wish that each student finds their own "Mrs. Jed" in their high school career who supports and inspires them like Mrs. Jed does for me.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Bridge Ministries, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Christ Church Youth Ministries

Leadership Positions

Youth Bible Study Leader

Extracurricular Activities

Baseball, Young Life, Church

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to study business administration in the Mays Business School

Parents

Chris and Caley Lee

Ryan Lee



honoring Jason Pratt

Everyone who has sat in on Mr. Pratt's lesson has been greeted with the utmost enthusiasm, kindness, and of course, "Good morning you beautiful people." This greeting displays Mr. Pratt's outstanding ability to make everyone feel valued beyond a teacher-student relationship but closer to friendship. During the first week of my senior year, I walked into Mr. Pratt's class expecting to experience the assistant principal version of Mr. Pratt that I observed the previous three years. However, Mr. Pratt breaks down the barriers I built and invited me and the rest of his students into his life. Mr. Pratt shared with everyone what he believes, stories of his family, what baseball team he likes, etc., without the judgment of differing values. Although I participate in learning US Government and Macroeconomics, the knowledge I have received from Mr. Pratt surpasses the curriculum. Day in and day out I have

the privilege of learning from the way he conducts himself and from the wisdom he provides. Mr. Pratt humbly treats all members of Consol with the same respect that many of us only receive when we mature. Mr. Pratt has indirectly taught me to breach my sense of comfortability to make all of those around me feel genuine love, respect, and humility. Mr. Pratt makes everyone at Consol feel valued and respected which has encouraged me to mimic his methods. Although I'm supposed to grasp and apply government and economics in his class, I find myself wanting to apply his way of life to my life. As I move on to the next chapter of my life, it's not US Government or Economics that I want to apply, but instead the passion, respect, hard work, and enthusiasm that I get to witness every day with Mr. Pratt. Yes, taking his class has shaped me into a better student, but more importantly, has refined me into a better man.



College Station High School

Community Service
National Honor Society

Leadership Positions
Gymnastics Team Captain

Extracurricular Activities
Speech and Debate, FCCLA

Plans After High School
Attend Texas A&M University to major in special education

Parents
Chad & Kristin Lehrmann

Leslie Lehrmann

honoring Lexa Newsted



I can safely say this will be the easiest essay I have ever and will ever write in my academic career. Coach Lexa has been working with me for over half of my life, which is much longer than she has been in the district and I am beyond grateful that she joined CSISD. Coach Lexa pushes me harder than anyone else and yet knows my limits. She asked me to join the high school gymnastics team when she became the coach. I knew the second she asked that I would be doing it, even though I was terrified. This wonderful and amazing woman has become a second mother to me. She knows about all of my problems and will just listen and offer advice if she knows I need some. We have laughed, cried, gotten angry, and anxious together. Coach Lexa keeps me grounded in moments where my mind is going a mile a minute and I do the same for her. We have always said we have this “thing” where we just get each other. No words will be said and yet we immediately understand what the other person wants or needs. We click. There is no other adult (other than my parents) that I have the ability to do that with. It may be due to the fact that there are weeks I

spend more time with her than my actual parents, but I like to believe it is because we are very like-minded and really understand how the other person thinks. She is stubborn and knows how to get you to do what is needed to improve, yet does so in a caring way. She can be stern but it is all out of love. I believe that her best trait is that she will stand up for the people she cares about. She has done so much for me since I was eight years old. She has done so for our USAG team and our high school team. She fights because she cares and needs everyone to realize it. I look up to her for that. The most important thing that Coach Lexa has taught me has nothing to do with gymnastics; it is to fight for the people you love. She has stood by me through thick and thin and if she thinks that I haven’t noticed, she’s wrong. I have seen everything she has ever done for me. She has taken me in as her own kid and I will forever appreciate that. I will always hold Coach Lexa in the highest regard. I will always remember how she laughed with me. I will always remember how she fought for me. Most importantly, I will always remember how she loved me.



College Station High School

Community Service

Church, Boy Scouts, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

Math Club President, NHS president, Debate Vice President, Orchestra Section Leader, Eagle Scout

Extracurricular Activities

Orchestra, Math Club, Theatre, Jazz Band, Speech and Debate, UIL Academics, Cross Country and Track, Boy Scouts, Piano

Plans After High School

Attend Princeton University to major in mathematics

Parents

Xuguang Li & Hong He

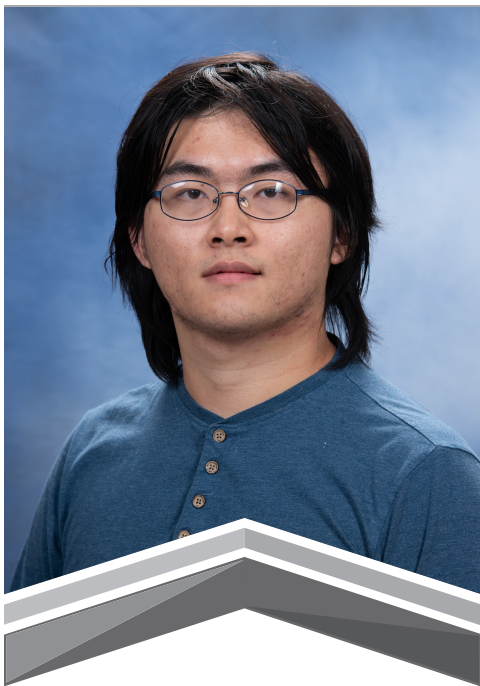
Heyu Li

My first impression of Mr. Taulli was that of a timid, mole-like man with a penchant for plain black polo shirts. Upon getting to know him better, I learned that he played Dungeons and Dragons, can spin a pen on the pad of his middle finger in a feat of incredible dexterity, and likes to spend his time on the internet perusing the esteemed library of intellectual conversation that is Reddit. He seemed like the quintessential nerd. And being a pretty big nerd myself, I felt an immediate connection to him. (Also, I really wanted to learn how he did the pen acrobatics.) But what captured my affection the most about Mr. Taulli was his teaching. When Mr. Taulli teaches, he has a gift for imparting knowledge in a way that makes me feel empowered. As if he is guiding me, in a spaceship, on an adventure across the universe, and as we explore, he points out treasures that he has previously discovered: sparkling gold observations about quantum electrodynamics, deep green manifolds which hide the secrets of electromagnetism, frozen furnaces filled with the laws of thermodynamics. And then, in a singular moment of intimacy and kindness, he picks up a small quantity of gold or jade or diamond, and gently places it in my hand, a precious jewel of knowledge. Mr. Taulli has led me upon a great expedition of learning these past three years. We started in the solar system, flying around planets covered in free-body



honoring Ian Taulli

diagrams, using Newton's Laws as our celestial guide. As we traveled farther, we encountered comets carrying Maxwell's equations, and entire galaxies dedicated to wave functions and fluid dynamics. We veered off course, sucked in by black holes of relativity and quantum mechanics. But Mr. Taulli did not just let me sit idly in the passenger seat as he piloted us through space, he taught me how to drive the freakin' ship. He has given me the necessary skills to fly my own spaceship. The creativity to spark the engine, the passion to keep it running, the determination to deal with trouble, and of course the cool humor to keep it from overheating. To use a colloquialism, he taught me how to fish. Students often come into high school with a robust sense of skepticism about public education. We struggle with relationships, hectic schedules, external expectations, and just carving an identity for ourselves in a world we've only had 17 years to try and understand. Under these circumstances, it's easy to develop a grumbling cynicism about school. Mr. Taulli possesses a quirkiness and sincerity in his passion for teaching that disarms these doubts. I'd like to thank Mr. Taulli from the bottom of my heart for the past three years, for his gravitating lessons about physics, his infectious curiosity about the universe, and above all his quiet compassion for others.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

SEE Math Summer Camp, Destination Dig: First Baptist Church Bryan, BPA & JSA Booths, Homecoming Carnivals, Fort Bend County Library

Leadership Positions

Club President Business Professionals of America, Team Leader BPA Economics Research Team, Co-Founder of Junior States of America, Class Historian (previous school)

Extracurricular Activities

BPA, Junior States of America, The Robospartans, HHr Community on various Chinese Platforms, EasyTech Lab (Online Community devoted to EasyTech game modding)

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Austin to major in computer science through ATP program

Parents

Xin Lu & Shuqin Zhou

Forest Lu

honoring Lindsey Gough



Ever since I moved to College Station in my sophomore year, I've met numerous excellent educators. Yet when I think of the one singular educator I wish to honor, Mrs. Gough doubtless prevails because of her great compassion towards every student in her classroom. In Mrs. Gough's art studio, I learn and succeed in an unconventional way. I practice for the sheer, simple desire to draw an aesthetic work, to create something better; I explore various art techniques and push my boundaries of understanding, as creativity shatters my old mental shackles one after another; I merge the colors in my heart and soul, pouring the images in my head onto papers in a way that I never thought to be possible. Indeed, after half a year taught by Mrs. Gough, I have evolved from a green hand struggling with the most basic shading techniques to a confident artist who is courageous enough to mix various materials and draw an earwig-paratrooper art piece in a novel way. Art is also one of the few classes that I can relax and restore my energy. Since we work at our own paces, it's possible to just walk in and take some time for ourselves, take a nap, or sit and watch a Disney movie when we are having a bad day. Mrs. Gough has built her room into a shelter, which I for one find really helpful to promote and protect mental health as the pressure of life trickles

in throughout high school life. Indeed, as much as I am grateful for the superb art education Mrs. Gough provides, I eventually find her ability to reach and empathize with students even more impressive. She can always sense it when her student is overwhelmed by anxiety and tiredness, and she will ask us how our day is going. Sometimes, she only gets a sketchy answer and it's fine. She won't push for more; instead, she discusses the artworks or just chats a bit. If, however, she gets a thorough tale of what's happening in their life, she will take it seriously and hear them out. She never tells them what to do in a patronizing way; only considers their perspective and guides them kindly. Either way, she makes students feel that they are cared for and loved. And that is her secret to building a comforting classroom and bonding with all her students. She truly cares. In fact, many students I know consider Mrs. Gough a "second mom," and it really shows how far such bonds go. I envy those who can take her classes for four years, but one is enough to make me believe that our school will be better off with more educators like Mrs. Gough, enough to make me believe that she deserves as much recognition as I can give for her kindness, empathy and compassion. For all the positive influences you have made on my life as well as many, many others, thank you, Mrs. Gough.



College Station High School

Community Service

Earth Day Trash Pick-Up through 4-H club, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Twin City Missions Coat Drive, Chicken Coop Assistance, Blessings in Bags, Souper Bowl Of Caring, NHS

Leadership Positions

FFA President, Treasurer, Wixon Valley 4-H Club President, VP of Recruitment, VP of Recreation and Programs, TYLA- Texas State Poultry Ambassador

Extracurricular Activities

FFA, Wixon Valley 4-H Club, BCYLS, Texas State Poultry Ambassadorship, NHS, Junior Leadership Brazos, Elevate BCS, Poultry Judging Team, Agricultural Advocacy Team, VASE Art Competition

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in agriculture leadership and eventually get my law degree

Parents

*Tom Marrs
Judy Marrs*

Truett Marrs

honoring Sheridan Clinkscales



The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the term “teacher” as “someone whose occupation is to instruct.” Mrs. Clinkscales has helped me learn a very valuable lesson regarding this definition: the fact that it’s complete bologna. For those who don’t know Clinks, let me provide a quick run-down. Clinks is a level-headed, outgoing person, who shows up to class every day with a big smile and something to be excited about (only after she’s downed at least 2 cups of coffee, of course). She’s the rare type of person who’ll invest in your growth but hold you accountable along the way. Clinks is the person who’ll cheer you on through your race, and high-five you as you cross the finish line, regardless of what place you came in. She’s also, genuinely, the most hard-working human being I’ve ever met. In all seriousness, I feel like I’m looking at an itinerary for a trip around the world whenever I take a glance at her planner. However, while Mrs. Clinkscales has so many outstanding qualities, her actions speak even louder. I mean, how many other students could name a teacher who literally created a class for them after their schedule got messed up? I’m going to go out on a limb here and assume it’s very few. When I was diagnosed with Type One diabetes before my freshman year and forced to quit cross-country, I joined the College Station FFA Chapter as a new outlet for personal growth. Clinks made me feel comfortable right away

and was the first person who encouraged me to run for an officer position (which I’m sure she now regrets, considering she’s attempted to impeach me on five different occasions). Over the last four years, she’s helped me develop leadership skills I could’ve only dreamed of having when I first began my Freshman year. I’ve learned a great deal of lessons while in a classroom with Clinks, but the most important of them all has been that leadership, above all else, is about being a servant to those who entrust you to lead them. So many people have generously walked alongside me on the path to my future, but Clinks has been one of the few to spur me into a sprint down it instead. So many days when I’ve felt overwhelmed or unmotivated, she’s reminded me why work ethic and a drive to achieve your goals are essential facets of success. There’s also been many times when I’ve felt defeated or upset, and Clinks has cheered me up, often inadvertently. But this shouldn’t come as a surprise to anyone because it’s what Mrs. Clinkscales is known for. She can take anyone who feels like a piece of coal and remind them why they’re actually a diamond. Clinks is a teacher, but it’s not because her “occupation is to instruct people.” It’s because her passion is to inspire them. Not a day goes by where I’m not grateful to have her as my advisor, teacher, and friend. I hope she knows just how extraordinary she truly is, and more so, how loved.



College Station High School

Community Service

National Honor Society, Cougar Mentoring, ACE Tutoring program

Leadership Positions

Captain of CSHS Volleyball Team

Extracurricular Activities

NHS, CSHS Volleyball, TAV Volleyball

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at El Paso to play volleyball and major in rehab sciences - PT/OT

Parents

Mike & Alicia Martindale

Ava Martindale

honoring Bailey Bradford



While only experiencing one volleyball season with Coach Gillum (now Coach Bradford), she has impacted my life every season since. I remember the nerves before my first school volleyball tryouts for a sport I still wasn't quite sure about. Not only was this my first year at CSMS, but also Coach Gillum's, and I had no idea what to expect. During tryouts my nerves eased as I realized Coach Gillum only wanted to help us and see us succeed. I still remember the immense amount of excitement I felt when I saw my number under A team posted outside the gym doors, because this meant I'd have Coach Gillum as my coach. Even while we were winning every game, she still kept pushing us knowing we were capable of so much more than we realized. She constantly made drills more difficult or gave us some type of goal during games to challenge us. At the time, most of us found it annoying but now looking back, it

made such a significant difference to how we played. She perfectly balanced instilling confidence in her players while also holding us to a high standard, which is not easy especially with middle school girls. Not only was she an amazing coach she was someone I could count on to talk to about anything and I knew she would listen. Whether it was mean middle school girls or just a bad day, Coach Gillum somehow always knew how to make it better. I knew if I wanted an honest opinion, I could always count on her. She made the first year of middle school bearable and my first season of school volleyball one of the best ever. Coach Gillum made me first realize my love for a sport that now I can't imagine my life without. Over the course of one year, she not only made me a better player but more importantly a better person. Thank you, Coach Gillum, for believing in me and continuing to support me - even beyond middle school.



College Station High School

Leadership Positions

Basketball Team Captain

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball

Plans After High School

Attend Newman University to major in kinesiology and play basketball

Parents

Jeff & Amanda McMillin

Jaeden McMillin

honoring Megan Symank



My first impression upon meeting Coach Symank was intimidation. I've known Coach Symank since I was in sixth grade, but when I really got to know her, I was a young, fourteen-year-old freshman just beginning my high school career as a basketball player. At the time, I was the youngest player on the team with mostly juniors and seniors and a coach who had been known for her success and wit, but along with that came respect. Respect from me, respect from her players, respect from parents, administrators, etc. When I came into practice that first day of school, I was intimidated by her nature but also very excited because I knew I would have the opportunity to be a part of something great throughout my high school career, and four years later I know that to be the truth. It is difficult to fit my relationship with Coach Symank in five hundred words because she has played such a major role in my life, and still does even though she is no longer my coach. She showed me how to deal with

adversity, she was hard on me because of the potential she saw in me. I am the player and the person I am today because of her. I remember a moment we shared after we had lost the state semi-finals. Coach Symank told me she never expected me to have as great of a season as I did, and I had exceeded all expectations. It was then I realized that all the times she had been hard on me or pushed me more than other players was because she saw all of that potential in me, and she knew who I could become. After my sophomore year, Coach Symank took a new job, but still to this day I look for her in the bleachers at all of my games and she's one of the first people I talk to after the game. I am forever grateful to her for believing in me and showing me the true meaning of tough love. I am so happy for the relationship we have created over the past four years, and I couldn't imagine my life and my career without Coach Symank in it. I will forever look back at our time together and be thankful for her.



College Station High School

Community Service

National Honor Society, Leo Club, American Cancer Society, Keep Brazos Beautiful

Leadership Positions

Varsity Soccer Team Captain, NHS Vice President of Business and Administration, Junior Leadership Brazos

Extracurricular Activities

Soccer, Track & Field, Cross Country, National Honor Society, Leo Club, American Cancer Society, Challenge Soccer Club

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in chemical engineering and run cross country/track

Parents

Wendel & Mary McRaven

Kylie McRaven

honoring Peter Martin



Entering my senior year of high school, I had high hopes for the year ahead. I started applying to colleges and was excited about my classes and competing in athletics. After a summer of solid training, I was looking forward to racing cross country. When Coach Martin was introduced to the distance squad as a new coach, I had no idea of the impact he would have on my life. Early in the fall, I tore my ACL playing soccer. Although I was no longer able to run cross country, Coach Martin always made me feel like part of the team. On race days, we would chat while waiting to take runners' splits. Those joyful conversations allowed me to forget that I was unable to compete. Throughout the season, he consistently checked in and asked about my knee and how I was doing. Coach Martin was, and has been, one of the most supportive teachers and coaches throughout my rehab process. Later that season, I cheered as my teammates placed 3rd in the state cross country championships. I proudly watched as Cougar athletes

and coaches were awarded medals and smiled while their photos were being taken. In an incredibly selfless act, Coach Martin quietly walked over to me, shared a few words and placed his state medal around my neck. Words cannot express how much this gesture meant to me and how overwhelmed I was at his sincere kindness. Legendary college basketball coach, John Wooden once said, "The true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching." Coach Martin's actions definitely personify this quote. A few more months have passed, and I have been cleared to start running. Coach Martin continues to be encouraging and supportive yelling "Look at McRaven!" and giving me high-fives any time I pass him on the track providing endless enthusiasm and inspiration. Although this senior year may not have been what I initially envisioned, Coach Martin has been a wonderful addition. His character, leadership, integrity, and enthusiasm is incredibly impactful. Thank you for everything, Coach Martin!



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Coached Girls Youth Soccer, Ticket Scanning at TAMU football games, NHS, Maroon Men

Leadership Positions

Maroon Men Captain, Office Aide, Manager at Texas Renaissance festival, Print Shop Leader

Extracurricular Activities

Football, Track, Cross Country

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in business

Parents

*Louie Migliaccio
Samantha Matush*

Christiano Migliaccio

honoring Lee Graebner



Meeting Ms. Graebner was the luck of the draw. It was my sophomore year, and I needed an art credit so I chose to take Art I and that year was the only year Ms. Graebner was teaching art. Over my sophomore year I really enjoyed my time with Ms. G and found myself in her main classroom joking around and ranting about anything and everything. Going into my junior and senior year, I learned a lot about graphic design and learned all the possibilities I can use graphic design for. Besides just the school curriculum part of class, she invited me to join her in print shop alongside Jackson Bobbit and learn so much through running the pseudo "print shop business" and having the opportunity to expand my views and create a business-like experience. Over the three years of having Mr. G as a teacher, she has been there to watch me grow and learn, and through that she has watched me fall on my face many times. However, she has been

there to talk through my mistakes and help guide me through academics and life. There have been many days where I could not feel I could smile, let alone laugh, but somehow Ms. G managed to do that and a bunch more. I am very glad I was able to do the same for her, as well. Through thick and thin and many occasions, Ms. G had my back and I had hers. For instance, when I forgot to buy my girlfriend flowers for Valentine's Day, she went out of her way to buy flowers for me because I forgot. That was one small instance out of many where she has saved me. Not only is she a great teacher, but she is an amazing friend, someone who is always there for me. Not only that, but she also holds me accountable, because trust me, I need a smack on the head every once in a while. I am very blessed to have the opportunity to know Ms. G and truly honored to have her be a part of my life, and I am excited to see where life takes me next.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Through FFA: Fishing Buddies, Sock Drive, Books and a Blanket, greeted kids and opened doors at elementary school

Leadership Positions

FFA Strengthening Agriculture Committee Head

Extracurricular Activities

School and Club Volleyball, FFA, Grace Bible Church Youth Group

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in animal science

Parents

Guillermo & Darcy Munoz

Lesley Munoz

honoring Amber Jones



I moved to College Station in the fourth grade and since then have gotten to see first hand just how excellent the educators of CSISD are. When asked to look back and pick just one that I believe played a fundamental role in my education as well as shaped me into the student and young adult I am today, it was difficult. In my reflection, however; one teacher kept coming to mind: Amber Jones, a Floral Design and Horticulture Science teacher at A&M Consolidated High School. Then came the even more difficult and essentially impossible task: trying to describe such an amazing woman's character and impact on my life in just 500 words. But I guess I can begin with one of my earlier memories with Ms. Jones. It was after the FFA Public Relations State Leadership Development Event Contest. My team and I had been preparing for months, but when we went in to compete, we messed up pretty bad. We were all crushed. As we were walking back to the car after, and as I was in tears, Ms. Jones walked alongside me and comforted me. Though I do not remember exactly what it was that she said, I remember the way that she was there for me. She had no obligation to be, she was not my teacher or Public Relations coach, and I did not even know her too well yet either, and still she was there for me. As simple as it sounds, it is one of, if not the biggest

things a teacher can do for their students: just being there for them. As I would go on to learn further, when I finally had the chance to have her as my teacher senior year, Ms. Jones was the embodiment of this. The way she cares for each individual student is so beyond admirable. She gives students a space to come as they are, and just be their authentic selves. Walking around school sometimes I feel like I have to put on a face, acting like everything is fine on days when that may not be the case. But I know as soon as I walk through Ms. Jones' door that all changes. I can let my walls down when I am around her. If I am having a rough day, Ms. Jones is the first to notice and the first to ask me what's wrong. If I am having a great day, she notices that too and is the first to smile or laugh right along with me. In this way she is also so selfless, that no matter what stresses she has going on in her life, be that from running her own personal business, dealing with moving and renovating her house, balancing her multitude of FFA teams, or dealing with her pregnancy, she never lets that get in the way of caring and being there for each of her students. I thank God that he gifted me with getting to know such a caring and selfless woman. Mz. Chonez is, has been, and always will be such an impactful blessing in my life and in the lives of so many students.



College Station High School

Community Service

Camp Forest Glenn, RCB Volunteer Group, CSHS Cougar Volleyball Camp, GO project benefitting the Anderson Food Bank, Restoration Church of Bryan's fall festival

Leadership Positions

Volleyball Team Captain, Tutor for the ACE Tutoring Program

Extracurricular Activities

Volleyball, Young Life, NHS, FFA

Plans After High School

Attend Mays Business School at Texas A&M University to major in business

Parents

Jordan & Katie Newton

Riley Newton

honoring Ed Wetterman



Throughout my time in CSISD, I have been blessed with some truly phenomenal and inspiring educators. Our district is filled with some of the most hard-working and passionate people I have ever met, and I am eternally grateful to the teachers, coaches, and administrators who have helped sculpt me into who I am today. When tasked with choosing the most impactful educator I have had, one person immediately came to mind, my history teacher, Mr. Wetterman. I decided to honor Mr. Wetterman not only because of the prodigious way he leads the classroom, but also for his undeniable ability to connect with and care for anyone he meets. I had Mr. Wetterman for different variations of history classes during my junior and senior years of high school, and he was also the announcer at the volleyball games all four years that I played at CSHS. His classroom was a place that I could walk into and immediately feel welcomed and safe. He never failed to greet all of his students at the door with a smile, and there were almost always some old-school tunes playing on his smartboard that filled his classroom with warmth and excitement. Mr. Wetterman is a teacher who genuinely invests in his students and makes an active effort to ensure that their education is enriched with wisdom and knowledge that adequately prepares them for the real world. He is a teacher that cares. He goes the

extra mile to make certain that everyone in his class feels seen and heard, and he is one of the most supportive people I have ever met. He has participated in many of our school's plays and connected with many students in my class through music, or his expertise in classic movies. It doesn't matter what it is; if his students are interested in it, that's all that matters to him. He is a teacher eager to listen and delighted to help, and in his classroom, there is no such thing as a "dumb" question. Nothing he does is done without proper preparation and practice, and it made learning in his class something I not only looked forward to but walked out of feeling better prepared to succeed. I look up to Mr. Wetterman in many ways, and I am extremely appreciative of his impact on my life. He has helped show me the importance of making people feel like they belong and has been a pristine example of what it means to make the most out of each day. Mr. Wetterman never lets a day in class go to waste, and he fills each of his lessons with so much thought and passion. I want to thank Mr. Wetterman for taking the time to make my high school experience just that much sweeter, and for being one of the most kind, considerate, and compassionate teachers I have ever had. I will remember the lessons Mr. Wetterman has taught me for the rest of my life, and I am truly honored to be able to recognize such a wonderful educator.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

National Charity League, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

Debate Club President, Copy Editor for Tigerland Yearbook, Varsity Golf Co-Captain

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Debate, Yearbook, Varsity Golf, Student Council

Plans After High School

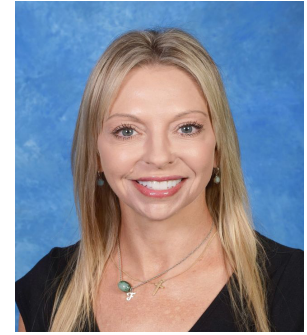
Attend Colorado School of Mines to major in environmental engineering

Parents

Mark & GERALYN Nolan

Annabelle Nolan

honoring Freda Carraway



I wanted to challenge myself my freshman year, so I signed up to take Pre-AP English. I had always loved to read and write but was not prepared for a class of that caliber. However, I had the best teacher I could ever ask for: Mrs. Freda Carraway. Mrs. Carraway was patient and knowledgeable, but most importantly, it was obvious that she loves teaching. I fell in love with Mrs. Carraway. Her class became one of my favorites, one that I would look forward to daily. Throughout the year, I became closer with Mrs. Carraway and found myself going to talk to her whenever I had free time. At the end of the year, Mrs. Carraway encouraged me to fill out an application to join the yearbook staff. I jumped on that opportunity and filled out my application. Fast forward three years and yearbook has been such a fundamental part of my life. I have been able to develop such an amazing relationship with "Cway". Cway went from a really good teacher to a fantastic mentor and an amazing friend. Besides being an extraordinary English teacher, when in the lab, Cway was a creative genius. She has an eye for design and always had ideas to help elevate my page to bring it to the next

level. Every year, our yearbook looks phenomenal because of Cway. Outside of the lab, Cway was an amazing friend. She never failed to ask me how my day has been going. This year, I had my very own yearbook work period which has allowed me to have fifteen minutes every day of Cway time. Cway time was a very important part of the day because we got to talk about everything. I know that I can always count on Cway being there for me any time I need to talk. Too many yearbook class periods have been lost with a few of us sitting in Cway's room talking about our lives or her family. Cway has created her own school family by constantly showering all her students with love. Yearbook and my high school experience would not be the same without Mrs. Carraway. One of the things I love most about Cway is her ability to provide her students with unconditional love and support. It's this love and support that has allowed me to thrive and grow. With Cway by my side, I have learned how to be a better writer, a better artist, a better communicator, a better leader, and overall, a better person. I am so thankful for Mrs. Carraway for being a teacher, a mentor, and a friend. I love you Cway.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

NHS, CSISD Carnivals, Scotty's House, The Bridge, Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach, Anderson Food Pantry, Blessings in Bags, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Chrissy's Closet, Still Creek Ranch, Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra Symphony Belles

Leadership Positions

Varsity Volleyball Captain, Varsity Golf Captain, NHS President, GenNow Media Chairperson

Extracurricular Activities

NHS, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Golf, GenNow Ministries, Student Council, Youth Volleyball Coach, Symphony Belles

Plans After High School

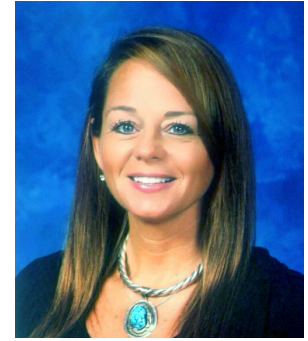
Attend Texas A&M University and major in biomedical engineering

Parents

Josh & Nikki Norton

Ella Norton

honoring Jennifer Nelson



The summer before 7th grade was spent preparing for volleyball tryouts and by the time they finally rolled around I was beyond nervous. However, my first day in the gym was not near as daunting as I had envisioned. It was actually welcoming and warm and I immediately knew it was because of Coach Nelson. Her big personality, sweet demeanor, and bubblegum pink tennis shoes filled the echoey gym with positive energy and squeezed out any nerves. Once I made the team and became a part of the program, I realized that AMCMS volleyball was different. It was a growth environment made to encourage, uplift, and better young athletes as players and people. And Coach Nelson was at the heart of it. Before the season even began, I knew that the relationship she and I were forming would be something special. She quickly became someone I admired and wanted to imitate. Coach Nelson's no-nonsense attitude and constant optimism were the best traits imaginable for a middle school athletics coach. These traits of hers allowed her to instill a sense of dedication and hard work into all of her athletes. In the gym, we did tough drills that demanded a lot of us physically and mentally but also did silly things like singing Sweet Caroline at the

top of our lungs, and she encouraged all of it. As our team began to play in games and feel the highs and lows of wins and losses, she repeated to us, "Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat." This phrase has stuck with me ever since and I think of it often now as I am going through different seasons of life. As my volleyball career continued into high school her belief in me never faltered. I was a freshman on varsity and was intimidated by the older girls who had several more years of volleyball experience. She believed I was a talented player even when I did not want to believe it and always made a point to reassure me. She was at almost every single home game of my high school career and has always been there for anything I needed. She has shown me what it means to be a leader through her actions, her consistent support, and her servant-hearted approach to life. She always treats others with kindness and respect but knows that it is necessary to stand up for herself. The past six years of learning from Coach Nelson both on and off the court have been immensely influential. I am so grateful that I stepped into the AMCMS gym and into the wonderful, welcoming, pink world of Coach Nelson, who I love and respect as a mentor.



College Station High School

Community Service

Student Council, Tutoring for NHS, Cleaning Parks, Volunteering at Elementary Schools

Leadership Positions

Working at Threads & Suede Boutique

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Cheer, Student Council, National Honor Society

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in psychology and eventually become a family lawyer

Parents

Brett & Melissa Redfearn

Randi Novosad

honoring Amie Corley



I have been a part of the College Station Independent School District for nine years and have had the pleasure to have some pretty amazing teachers. However, when I stepped foot into my sophomore Pre-AP English II class, I had no idea I was about to meet the teacher who would have an impact in my life throughout my high school career. From having my freshman year cut short due to COVID, I had no idea what to expect for my sophomore year since I felt like I never really finished the year before. I had to adapt to a temporary “normal” with awkward social interactions and not seeing everyone’s face. When I walked into my English class, I immediately felt relaxed and welcomed. Mrs. Amie Corley was the teacher who granted that sense of calm and happiness. I was in her only sophomore class, and it was her first year at College Station High School. Not many students can say that they have connected with an educator in their life, but Mrs. Corley and I immediately clicked. If you ever pass her in the halls, she will always give you the biggest smile and wave. She has served as a mentor, peer editor, and a friend. Mrs. Corley is someone who you can rely on to always give the best advice and be there for you when you have the absolute worst day. I remember at

the end of my sophomore year she told me to come visit her as much as I can next year at school until I graduate, and I can proudly say I visit her almost every day. She is always willing to hear about how my Dual English class is going and how hard pre-calculus is. She also never fails to ask how my day is, how cheer is, and how my life is. She is strong-willed, passionate, and selfless even when she’s not having her best day. What makes Mrs. Corley unique, is that she will always put her students first and make them a priority over everything else. I know I can always count on her to do something for me, and she will get it done diligently. For these reasons, I strive to be like Mrs. Corley. She is truly one of my biggest role models and someone who I will always look up to dearly. She is someone who can brighten your day and someone who I will miss the most as I graduate in May. Thank you, Mrs. Corley for being someone who I can look up to and for everything you have done for me. There truly are not enough people with your kind heart in the world, and I am so glad I have had the opportunity to have you as my teacher and friend. My past three years in high school truly would not have been the same without you. You are the definition of the best teacher ever!!



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Student Council, National Honor Society, Consol Cares

Leadership Positions

AMCHS Student Body President

Extracurricular Activities

Student Council, NHS, French Symposium, Cross Country, AMCHS Literature Society, Presidents Club, Thrivers Group

Plans After High School

Attend Blinn or Texas A&M University to major in international studies with a minor in business

Parents

William & Laney Pitman

Trinity Pitman

honoring Lindsay Zahn



Last year I had the honor of being in Mrs. Zahn's AP psychology class. At first, I thought psychology would be an easy class that could boost my GPA, but little did I know how much the class would truly impact me. Psychology was a surprisingly difficult course; it challenged my brain in ways I've never been challenged before. I soon became passionate about the class and the information we got to learn each day. While I enjoyed the class greatly because of the curriculum, I looked forward to getting to talk to Mrs. Zahn each day. Mrs. Zahn is one of those teachers that you instantly feel comfortable with, someone whom you know will always have your back and whom you can talk to about anything and at any time. Junior year is, arguably, the most difficult of your high school years, and I am so incredibly lucky that I had Mrs. Zahn to talk to and ask for advice throughout it. Not only did she set an example for me through her words, but

also her actions as well. She treated everyone in the class with kindness, even when they were goofing off, or not paying attention, or asking stupid questions (like me). She corrected them gently and got them on a path to success. I often wondered how she was able to consistently have a kind heart throughout the school year. She never snapped at a student or yelled at them, even if she was having a stressful day. She never turned a student away when they wanted to talk about their day, instead, she listened with an open heart. She became a role model to me with her actions alone. Whether she meant to or not, Mrs. Zahn set the standard for how I wish to treat people. She taught me the lesson that the biggest thing you can do with your life is make a positive impact on someone else's. I will forever be grateful for the time I spent in Mrs. Zahn's class, and I can only hope to pay her kindness forward as I graduate high school and enter the next chapter of my life.



College Station High School

Community Service

National Honor Society, The Bridge Ministries Food Pantry

Leadership Positions

Cross Country and Track Leader

Extracurricular Activities

Cross Country, Track, NHS, Grace Bible Church Youth Group, Young Life, Student Council, Junior Leadership Brazos, Texas Girls State

Plans After High School

Attend Mays Business School at Texas A&M University to major in business management and run cross country and track

Parents

Keith & Nancy Roberts

Megan Roberts

honoring Josh Munson



I would not be the person I am today without Coach Munson. As both my teacher and coach, he left an imprint on me and my future. I still remember the first time we met, and it began with me in tears. He had come to talk to the eighth graders interested in running cross country and track in high school; this included me. My eighth-grade year was rough and included a hip injury that took away most of the cross-country and track season. I honestly did not think I even belonged in the meeting for interested runners, as my hip still prevented me from running. Though he could have ignored the girl crying in the back, he did not. He told me he still wanted me. He told me I still had a place on his team. He believed in me. The next four years under Coach Munson's guidance went by faster than I ever could have imagined. One second, I was the little wide-eyed freshman going to him with constant questions, and the next, a senior two months away from a collegiate running career still pestering him for advice. As Coach well knows, my high school journey has not been perfect. Challenging classes, bad races, injuries, and my tendency to stress about anything and everything got

in the way occasionally. But he was there to shoulder all my burdens as if they were his own alongside me. When I came to him upset after a failed test, he was always ready to listen. When an injury would strike, he was there to reassure me throughout recovery. When I put big expectations on myself and failed to meet them, he inspired me to keep my head up. With all of that said, his greatest impact on me stretches far beyond just running. In the four years we spent together, I never overlooked his ability to put a smile on someone's face. Whether through a game of rock-paper-scissors, a funny joke, or a question as simple as "how are you doing?" He never fails to positively influence others and me. The 3,500-plus miles I logged under his supervision made me a better runner and person. He is my biggest supporter, my most trusted advisor, and someone who will never fail to provide me with an hour-long talk regarding the science behind running. As sad as I am to leave his program, I am not going far! Because of him, I get to continue running on the College Station streets for Texas A&M. Because of him, I get to continue my running passions. Because of him, I am who I am today.



College Station High School

Community Service

BVCAP Head Start & Early Head Start Volunteer

Extracurricular Activities

Special Olympics Track & Bowling, Pride Assist Baseball, Brazos Valley Crusaders Baseball, Suzanne's School of Dance Joyful Noise Team, CSISD Annual Art Show Participant

Plans After High School

Continue to spread awareness and full acceptance of individuals with disabilities. Continue to share my love for sports with others like me!

Parents

David & Krista Salazar

Cody Salazar

honoring Jaime Slade



The core values of any hero are honor, courage, and commitment. Heroes are often the ones that get sent into situations that others simply might not be capable of handling. Mrs. Jaime Slade, or “Slade” as we call her, personifies those same core values, and is definitely sent into situations that others simply are not capable of handling. You see, Slade is the Life Skills teacher at College Station High School...a position that others simply cannot handle, and some simply avoid. She teaches the most diverse group of students on the CSHS campus. She teaches the students who rarely get opportunities outside of their homes or classrooms to participate in extracurricular activities. She teaches the most vulnerable population of individuals in the world...those with disabilities. Teaching kids like me takes grit. Grit is that innate characteristic that exhibits perseverance, power, and passion. She’s all three. Slade’s unique position here at CSHS is one of HONOR. Only a select few can do what she does...and at the caliber she does it. And she totally ROCKS at it! My first year of high school was scary, and I could not tell anyone. I do not have the same communication skills that most people have. I rarely saw any of the familiar faces I had grown up with. And because of how the world of disabilities usually works, I spent very little time outside of the Life Skills classroom, which separated me even more

from the friends I had grown to love and trust. There were times I did not feel like I belonged here. There were times I did not feel valued. There were even times I did not feel safe. Then Slade showed up, and everything changed. Slade makes me feel safe every single day. She makes me feel valued in every moment. And she most definitely makes me feel like I belong. Her COMMITMENT to each and every student’s success and sense of belonging is limitless. When it comes to her students, if Slade is fired up enough, Mr. Grimes knows that he has to rein her in before attempting anything else. You see, Slade demands the very best from administration and specialists too...not just her students. She does not accept mediocrity. It is in those very moments that I treasure her most. Like me, several of my classmates cannot communicate the way most people do. Slade knows our “language” though; therefore, she is our voice. The COURAGE she displays in those moments is genuine and in short supply, yet Slade never flinches when the time comes to advocate and fight for her students. Slade personifies everything I believe to be true of a hero; honor, commitment, and courage. She holds a unique position of HONOR by choosing to teach kids like me. She is COMMITTED to ensuring our success and safety in a world kids like me are sometimes forgotten. She has the COURAGE to fight for us when we cannot fight for ourselves. She is my hero.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Helping Happy Wheels, Brazos County Special Edition Livestock Show, FFA Fishing Buddies, Still Creek Ranch, Blessings in Bags, FFA Sock Drive, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Wreaths Across America, Bridge Ministries Food Pantry

Leadership Positions

FFA President, Texas 4-H State Livestock Ambassador, Norman Borlaug Youth in Agriculture Program Member, World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Texas Delegate, Houston Hunger Summit School Delegate, St. Joseph 4-H Club 1st VP, Brazos County Youth Livestock Show Junior Board Member, Junior Leadership Brazos

Extracurricular Activities

FFA, Brazos County 4-H, Grace Bible Church Youth, National Honor Society

Plans After High School

Attend Oklahoma State University to major in animal science, pre-vet

Parents

Bruce & Tracy Sanders

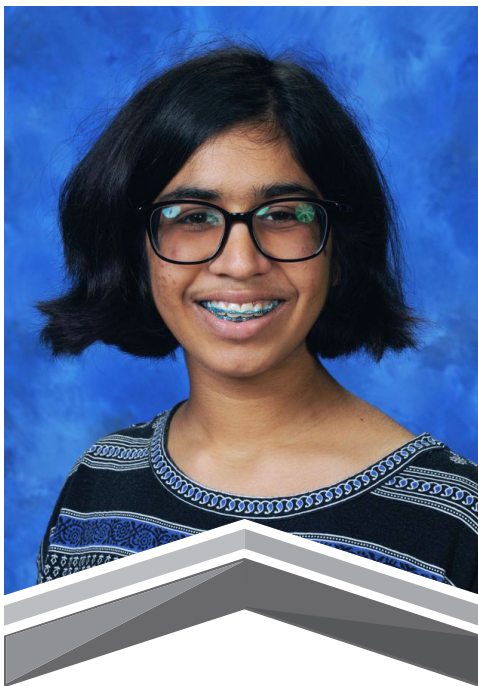
Luke Sanders

honoring Julie Cooper



What do Taylor Swift, world-renowned brownies, unforgettable lessons, and daily story time filled with laughter and tears have in common? Mrs. Cooper's 4th-grade reading and writing class. Also known as the most influential and memory-filled class I can remember. Even though she may or may not have shown up to the first day of school a minute or two late, I knew I was in a special classroom with a special teacher I could never forget. Over the course of nine months, Mrs. Cooper taught me more valuable information and life lessons than I could have ever imagined. Academically, she single-handedly prepared me to become a successful writer, an engaged reader, and one that continues to seek knowledge. I still remember the in-depth lessons on personal narrative versus expository writing, as she wrote on her big paper easel with bright colors, explaining how each and every one of us could make high, if not perfect, scores on our essays. Not to mention the intense STAAR test boot camp that every Greens Prairie Elementary student knows about, where she challenged us daily in order to prepare us for the infamous 4th-grade STAAR tests. In the moment, I knew she was teaching us material, but I failed to recognize how she was also teaching us collaboration, work ethic, drive, and tenacity,

that would be much more important in the future. Paired with impeccable teaching skills stood her energy, love, and passion she lived by. Her dedication to making students feel loved and fostering fun learning is what makes her stand apart from others. Dancing on tables singing songs, crying over chapters of Wonder, celebrating moments with brownie parties, and much more give a small glimpse of what it means to be in Mrs. Cooper's class. By the end of the year, our class was no longer a class; it was a family. To attest to this was the end-of-the-year water balloon fight. As soon as the water fight began, we all sprinted toward Mrs. Cooper to throw our balloons. Now, this may not seem important, but in 4th grade, this was an act of love for our incredible teacher. On the last day of school, we were all sad to leave, yet, we did not go without life-changing lessons. Lessons to work hard towards goals. Lessons about striving for excellence. Lessons to share passion and enthusiasm. And most importantly, the lesson to love big. Mrs. Cooper, thank you for showing us how education can and should be fun. Thank you for memories that will not be forgotten and your love for your students. Thanks to you, I not only still know all of the words to "Shake It Off," but I know what it means to lead and love with passion and excitement.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Larry J. Ringer Library, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

Managing Editor of The Roar, Officer in Audio Video Production Program

Extracurricular Activities

The Roar (School Newspaper), Audio Video Production

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Austin in the Communication Honors Program to study journalism

Parents

Vivek & Vandana Sarin

Medha Sarin

honoring Emily Crosthwait



I was this close to not doing a math class my senior year, so I'm incredibly thankful for my last-minute decision to take statistics with Mrs. Crosthwait. Within the first few days, I could tell how much I needed the class—not just for the material, but for Mrs. Crosthwait's thoughtful and constructive teaching style. She has been my motivation to finish off my senior year strong. Even while challenging us with difficult concepts, she's cognizant of the countless other activities happening in her students' lives. She goes the extra mile to check in and follow up with us, ask about our extracurriculars, provide a much-needed laugh, and make sure we're doing okay. Her statistics classwork is demanding, but she tries to be as accommodating as possible. With every assignment she designs and every deadline she places, I've noticed that she takes extreme care to keep our best interests at heart. Mrs. Crosthwait has a dedicated work ethic and the kind of time management skill I could only dream of. She is diligent and meticulous with her class structure, ensuring we have plenty of time to learn and review each concept. Her reliability—the way I can walk into class and know exactly what I need to do, and her unfazed willingness to help and support us—has been a hugely beneficial gift this year. I'm deeply inspired

by how Mrs. Crosthwait goes out of her way to help students. Firstly, she carefully and considerately answers student questions in a timely manner at every hour of the day, in-person and online. Secondly, she pays attention when students are discussing math; when they get stuck, she offers a useful formula reminder or suggestion for how to view a problem, guiding her students out of confusion. This happens countless times when my friends and I study statistics in Mrs. Crosthwait's advisory class (while she's grading or working on teacher stuff at her desk, mind you). It amazes me every time that, despite her mountainous responsibilities, she has one ear open, listening for a way she can help us out. It's hard not to smile at her funny quips, her unbridled positivity, and the energetic go-getter spirit she shows in every lecture. Mrs. Crosthwait is my reminder to keep challenging myself and put my best foot forward, even when my work feels impossible. She reminds me to view failure as growth, to value improvement and progression, and to remember the bigger picture. She always sets up her classes for what's coming next, creating a comfortable learning environment. I'm excited for the next round of students who get to experience her incredible teaching skills and her overflowing warmth and kindness.



College Station High School

Community Service
National Honor Society

Leadership Positions
Texas Boys State Delegate

Extracurricular Activities
Varsity Football, Varsity Track, NHS, FFA

Plans After High School
*Attend Texas A&M University to study
biomedical engineering*

Parents
Eddie & Heather Sherman

Noah Sherman

honoring Diane Gillum



When my sophomore year began it was uncertain how schools would operate in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Socializing was replaced by social distancing and many of my friends were in online school. I am typically a “go with the flow” kind of guy but I must admit that I was really nervous and apprehensive about what the year would bring. On the first day of school, I remember being greeted by faces covered in masks and thinking sarcastically to myself, “this is gonna be a great year,” but then I walked into my English class and was immediately comforted by the familiar face of Ms. Gillum. Although she didn’t remember me at the time, I remembered her from 6th grade at Cypress Grove, and I knew right at that moment this was not going to be a normal English class. I was right. Unlike most classes where you review the syllabus and classroom rules on the first day, Ms. Gillum instead took time to get to know each one of her students. As an introvert, opening up to someone and talking about myself has always been difficult, but that day I was pushed out of my comfort zone and my growth began. As the year progressed, Ms. Gillum continued to challenge me by continually raising her expectations. With each writing assignment, she learned more about me and soon became more of a mentor than a teacher. She saw past who I am on

the outside and got to know the real me; what I am passionate about, what ignites me, what makes me unique. She used this knowledge to help me better understand myself and the world around me. She recognized my talents and leadership abilities, most of which I didn’t recognize in myself. When I think back on her class, what I remember the most isn’t the topics of research we wrote about or what grade I received. What I remember is that my thoughts and words had value. She made me feel seen, heard and that I could have a great impact on this world by simply being myself. Ms. Gillum is the kind of teacher that cares more about her students than the grades attached to them. No matter what is going on, inside or outside of school, Ms. Gillum will always be there. She makes sure each student knows they are deserving of her help and worthy of her time. Even though I no longer take her class, I know I can stop by anytime for help or just to talk. Her motherly nature and willingness to see the best in everyone makes her undoubtedly the best teacher I’ve ever had, and I can’t thank her enough for the impact she has had on me. As I move into the next chapter of my life, I know that Ms. Gillum will always be in my corner; cheering for me, celebrating my accomplishments and reminding me of the success I can achieve simply by being myself.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Young Men's Service League, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

Christ Church LEAD, Varsity Football Team Captain

Extracurricular Activities

Football, Track, Powerlifting, Christ Church Youth Choir

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University in the Mays Business School

Parents

Damon & Tara Slaydon

Brock Slaydon

honoring Belinda Pruitt



Coming back to school, in the fall of 2020, mask on my face and post-quarantine, I had no idea what the school year was going to look like. Luckily, Mrs. Pruitt had a plan. She was not going to let anything affect her from teaching us pre-calculus. I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Pruitt for both pre-calculus and calculus my sophomore and junior years. One of my first thoughts of her was, "how is she smiling through her mask?" The answer soon came to me as I experienced her first week of teaching. She is the most passionate teacher I have ever had. Each year, she has taught the hardest class on my schedule but luckily for me, she has the ability to make challenging topics seem easy. I can honestly say that for two years, there was never a dull day in her class. One moment that I believe captures Mrs. Pruitt as a teacher and as a person happened my junior year. The day of the infamous related rates test had finally come around. Long story short, I turned in my test feeling defeated and just tried to forget about it the rest of the day. I had successfully put it behind me and was not thinking about it until another one of my teacher received a call: It was

Mrs. Pruitt asking me to come back to her room. I arrived to her holding my test with a stern look on her face. She grabbed a big pink eraser and erased the whole back page of my free response question. She pointed out that I had made a mistake on the very first part of my answer. She said "I know you know how to do this. You have five minutes." I realized I would have failed if it was not for her giving me another opportunity. This small act was just one example of how much Mrs. Pruitt truly believes in her students. She loves for her students to succeed and pushes us to excel in our learning. From teaching her new phrases and sayings, to helping her get her hacked instagram back, I have made so many memories in her class. She truly knows how to make a classroom feel like home. Even during my senior year, I have visited Mrs. Pruitt many times and she still has the same smile she had the first time I met her and she always stops what she is doing to chat with me. It is a blessing to have been taught by Mrs. Pruitt, but even a bigger blessing to be able to call her a friend. She has impacted countless numbers of lives, and I am very thankful to be one of them.



College Station High School

Community Service

Camp Beloved and Beyond Counselor, Young Men's Service League, Special Olympics, Cru/Grace Bible Mission Trip in Bratislava, Slovakia; Special Olympics, National Honor Society

Leadership Positions

President of FCA, State Party Chairman at Texas Boys State, Senator & Party Chairman at Boys Nation, Director of GenerationNow Ministries, High-School Buddy at Capernaum, Young Life

Extracurricular Activities

Golf team, FCA, NHS, GenerationNow, Grace Bible Church Youth Group, Young Life

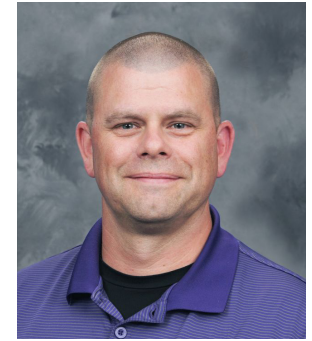
Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University Mays Business School studying business with hopes to attend law school

Parents

Jeanie Sloan-Frank & Chris Frank

Cole Sloan



honoring Jay Summers

I was tired of the book work, tired of the silence; it was only the second month of school, and I was at wit's end with Law Enforcement 1. Everything soon changed. A new person in slacks and a tie greeted me at the door; I thought he was just an over enthusiastic sub or another 2-month teacher, but I was mistaken. Our new teacher was dedicated to changing our lives through a better understanding of not only law enforcement, but life. He did not have to be there, an already accomplished police officer, Mr. Summers did not need to start a full new career; he decided to anyway. He is one of the most humble people I have ever met. The perspective Mr. Summers brought to our classroom was broad, yet detailed. He did not shy away from the hard questions of our present day and police work, but he made certain that we would never know his political views. Mr. Summers is an includer; no person is left out in his classroom. When it comes to a student's needs, he is the first to accommodate. When a student needs help with schoolwork he is there. When a student needs a mentor, a friend, an ear to listen, or advice, he is there. He treats his students with the utmost respect with a smile even when it is hard. Mr. Summers is an amazing educator. Mr. Summers has made me a better man. I believe

I was born with a passion for US History, Law, and Public Service. I chose to study every course of law enforcement in high school simply to learn more. I never could have imagined the impact outside of my studies these classes would have. At the most basic level I understand the trappings of police work better in the real world. I understand the government better and the application of law in the real world. I also can say for certain that my character has been majorly impacted through my relationship with Mr. Summers. His example of selfless service and commitment to doing the right thing is nothing short of inspiring. His experience when applied to the classroom is not only unmatched, it is vital. I will never forget the unit over drunk driving. Nobody in my class ever will. It is tough to put into words how much that unit changed my perspective, and I can say with certainty that we need more people like Mr. Summers. People who will stand up against drunk driving. People that can adequately steer youth in the right direction with love. Mr. Summers has a way of teaching that not only educates but teaches us to do the right thing. I could not be more proud to have been a student of Mr. Summers and I look forward to maintaining a friendship with him that transcends the halls of College Station High School.



A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Helped create a Thrivers student wellness team to allow students opportunities to serve the BCS community and to voice their needs to our administration

Leadership Positions

AMCHS Cheer Co-Captain

Extracurricular Activities

Working at Montelongo's Fine Jewelry, Brazos Symphony Belles, NHS, Cheer

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in agricultural business, with hopeful plans to attend graduate school or law school

Parents

John Harvey & Theresa Slocum

Dillan Slocum

honoring Jodi Schlather



One of the most challenging tasks I have completed during my high school career would have to be describing Jodi Schlather in 300-500 words, but here is my best try! I met Coach Schlather at the end of my freshman year. Very nervously, I introduced myself, eager to try out to become a member of her cheerleading squad; little did I know that she would become one of the most influential people in my life. I had the honor of having Mrs. Schlather as a cheerleading coach for the past three years, and I was lucky enough to also have her as my English teacher during my junior year. Mrs. Schlather always has your back; she will be there no matter the situation, circumstance, or time of day. She also never meets a stranger; she will make it her goal to know your name, where you are from, and your story, no matter who you are! She will go to extremes to support her students. Whether it means showing up to any sporting event, writing letters of recommendation for colleges, or even just checking in on how we are doing every now and then. Coach Schlather believed in me when I didn't even believe in myself. On those random days when I

just felt down, or if something a little bit more serious was going on, she would be the first to notice and check on me; by the way, her hugs instantly make you feel better. Coach Schlather loves her Texas A&M Aggies, which we have in common. Telling Coach Schlather that I got into college there was one of the highlights of my senior year! I will always appreciate how Coach Schlather never let us just "be comfortable." There is a quote by Brenae Brown that states, "If you're not uncomfortable, you aren't growing." At first I did not understand why Coach Schlather challenged us so often, but as I got older, I started to understand why she was hard on us, and I am so grateful! Mrs. Schlather has taught me many traits I will carry into my college career and for the rest of my life. My mother often asks me, "Who is someone you have met that has changed the course of your life?" Without a doubt, I can answer that question! Coach Schlather, you have influenced me in ways you will never know. Thank you so much for your time, effort, and love! You are the biggest blessing to my family and me, and I will never be able to thank you enough!



College View High School

Community Service

Aggie Parking Lot Fundraiser, Chrissy's Closet, Texas Ramp Project, United We Serve, Brazos Valley Gives, Youth Leadership Cabinet Garage Sale, Bench Painting for Post Oak Mall, School Event Set Up, NHS

Leadership Positions

United Way Youth Leadership Cabinet Co-chair, School Chair, and Events Committee; Student Council Secretary, Freshman Representative, and Vice Presiden; NHS Secretary and President; Aggie School of Athens Advisory Board Member

Extracurricular Activities

United Way Youth Leadership Cabinet, Student Council, NHS, Aggie School of Athens Philosophy Camp

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Austin to double major in architecture and architectural engineering

Parent

Heather Almanza

Grace Sorensen

honoring Laurie Rath



Ms. Rath does so much for her students at College View, and her work extends far past her responsibilities as Dean of Students. She is at the center of everything at school, and her dedication to her job and students is astounding. Every time I see her, she is helping every individual student succeed, and she manages to make me laugh at the same time. Rath has become invaluable to College View through her constant determination and her ability to make high school fun. Ever since I began my high school career at College View, Rath was always the person to ask for help, and she works so hard to support the whole student body. My first experience with this was Student Council. Every month, we would meet in an empty classroom and discuss our next dance, fundraiser, or event. Rath let us have a say in the things that happen around the school, and she would take time out of her busy schedule to help us get everything together. As for me personally, she has helped me work through my dual credit courses. Because of her, I can take classes I need for my degree, and I have spent many advisories and study halls sitting in her office trying to find out how to work them into my schedule. In addition to all the hard work she puts in, Rath is always a joy to be around. I remember spending the

weekend decorating for Halloween with her, and she was so excited to get to put up the different props we keep at school. The Student Council would go to the school the weekend before Halloween and spend hours putting up props and posters to get the school in the Halloween spirit, and Rath was just as excited as we were. More recently, for Youth Leadership cabinet, we had to shoot a video for a fundraiser with Double Dave's, and she bought Double Dave's for everyone. While filming, she even drank a container of ranch. We had asked her to say why she likes Double Dave's, and her response was that she loved their ranch. She said that she could even drink it, and she was true to her word. Ms. Rath has made College View feel like a home as well as a school, and I know I can always rely on her to answer my questions. From planning out my classes to just making the school more welcoming for everyone, I know that she will do her best to help. Everything said here is just scratching the surface and seeing her tirelessly work every day to help the student body is inspiring to no end. There is so much more that Rath has done, but if I listed everything, it would take pages and pages to write it all down. She deserves this honor more than I can even say, and I am glad I am able to recognize her for all that she does.



Divya Srinivasa

honoring Kimberley Decker

A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

National Honor Society, Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States

Leadership Positions

President of Consol GirlUp Club, Treasurer of Consol's AYLUS Club, Lead Dancer in the Odissi Dance Company

Extracurricular Activities

Viola Player in School Orchestra, Professional Indian Classical Dancer trained in the Odissi Style, Figure Skating

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Austin to major in economics

Parents

Arun Srinivasa & Prabha Vasudevan

People will forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel. This quote reminds me of Ms. Decker because she has made me feel nothing but love and happiness. With her pure heart, confidence, and compassion, Ms. Decker completely changed my life by helping me grow into my skin and feel self-assured. I've always had an interest in politics and feminism. People would often belittle me by asking, "What do you know about politics? You're just a kid." Another personal favorite is the phrase, "Women already have rights. Haven't you heard of the 19th Amendment?" Ms. Decker was not one of these people. In fact, she is currently the sponsor for my feminist club, GirlUp. She has encouraged my interest, engaging in thoughtful discussions with me on the prison industrial complex and misogyny in sports. Ms. Decker never failed to introduce me to new perspectives on social issues. She listened to my thoughts intently and never treated me like a naive child. During a time when my passion was invalidated, Ms. Decker made me feel like my voice mattered. Her belief in me, her belief in my passion and my words, gave me the confidence to be proud of who I am. It is because of Ms. Decker that GirlUp has gotten to the place where it is today. With her support, our club has

been able to raise over three hundred dollars for various organizations this past year alone. Ms. Decker is just as passionate as I am about supporting those in need, and she has helped me accomplish several of my GirlUp goals. She has provided us with countless supplies, from chairs to poster boards to the skeletons from her EMT class. Her generosity knows no bounds and I am incredibly blessed to have that kind of support system at school. No matter what problems are thrown at us, Ms. Decker tackles them with grace and poise. She is my sounding board, the person I can trust with anything. She has this thoughtful way of looking at people when she talks to them, and it makes me feel safe and valued. Ms. Decker is one of the least judgmental people I've ever met. She has such a big heart and is so accepting of those around her. Last year, I came to Ms. Decker with a serious problem on my hands. I showed up during her lunch break in tears and in need of guidance. Without a second thought, Ms. Decker dropped everything to help me. She made sure I had a private space to collect myself and worked to solve the problem on her own time. I will never forget her kindness in one of my most vulnerable moments. I can only hope that everyone has a Ms. Decker in their life. She is my role model and someone I am so happy to have met.



College Station High School

Community Service

Conversational English Teacher Intern & Volunteer at Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network, CSHS English as a Second Language Classroom, Bridge Ministries

Leadership Positions

Editor-in-Chief Catamount Newspaper, NHS VP of School Service, Co-Chair of United Way of the Brazos Valley Youth Leadership Cabinet, VP of Programs for Aggieland Chapter of the National Charity League

Extracurricular Activities

Newspaper, United Way, National Charity League, UIL Writing

Plans After High School

Attend Princeton University to major in anthropology, minor in journalism, and write for The Daily Princetonian

Parents

Jay and Leah Stewart

Elisabeth Stewart

honoring Courtney Wellmann



Every detail in a piece of writing deserves loving attention; I labor over commas and transitions for hours, seeking nothing short of my best work for The Catamount Newspaper. Then, I take a deep breath, press “print,” and place my article into Dr. Courtney Wellmann’s loving hands. “I hope it’s okay,” I say. Dr. Wellmann gives me a knowing smile, winks, and says, “I trust you.” Her trust means everything to me. When I joined The Catamount my freshman year, I had two goals: become Editor-in-Chief and impress Dr. Wellmann. Soon, my intense ambition transformed into passion fostered by an educator who shared my love for our newspaper. At least one Wednesday night every six weeks, we trusted each other with the crushing pressure and rushing adrenaline of finishing the newspaper. There’d be stress and panic, but there’d also be plain joy, Dr. Wellmann’s 80s tunes, and her buoyant laugh. There’d even be milkshakes or Chick-Fil-A fries for those of us who dared to stay until 11 p.m. As our eyelids sagged, we labored over details like pica-sized spaces between columns and accent colors in pulled quotes. I wanted to go home and sleep before school the next day, but I also wanted to forever remain in those golden moments, when my heart filled with gratitude toward Dr. Wellmann for her dedication. I witnessed not only her dedication to sharing the stories of College Station High School, but also

to helping me share my own story. In 2020, when my father was diagnosed with an early-onset form of dementia, I wrote to process my feelings, because speaking those feelings aloud was still too painful. When I decided to submit “Peach Pie” to the New York Times contest, I knew I needed help revising. Who could I trust with such a precious story? Dr. Wellmann was the first and only person that came to mind. She was the first to read “Peach Pie.” When I handed her a freshly-printed copy of my narrative, I trusted her as a writer, an educator, my second mother, and a daughter who understands the pain of mourning a parent. But most importantly, I trusted her as a storyteller—someone who understands the nuances of well-placed adjectives, the pride I take in my work, and how stories heal us. Long after “Peach Pie,” she has continued to cherish my story and offer her support. Dr. Wellmann: Thank you for everything. Thank you for accepting freshman-Elisabeth onto the Catamount, an act that would fill her high school career with the happiest of memories. Thank you for teaching me to trust in my abilities. Thank you for accepting all of my quirks, for providing me with a safe place to grow, and for transforming me from a shy writer to an outspoken storyteller. Thank you for teaching me to tell the stories of our school, and for gracefully allowing me to trust you with my own.



College Station High School

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Football and Track

Plans After High School

Attend University of Wisconsin to play football

Parents

Courtney & Anthony Tisdell, Sr.

A.J. Tisdell

honoring Trent Vittrup



I chose Trent Vittrup (Coach “V”) as my honored educator because ever since I came in as a freshman, he already saw the potential and talent that I was born with, in every morning practice or in the actual games. Being coached by him was the most fun time I had during my freshman and senior year. Unfortunately, I changed positions, but it still worked out a little. I always will remember the way Coach V coached me while also hyping me up and congratulating me on reps and plays that I made in practice. Those moments we witnessed and experienced together will always stick with me as a player because playing offense was my passion at first. However, I soon found that playing defense was what I thought was meant for me. Coming back senior year to play offense was a bit challenging at first, but on weekends or weekdays, we would always meet up to discuss plays/routes or how I could be the athlete to create more electricity on the offense. There was always something about offense that made me want to play professionally. I believe it was just me getting the ball, scoring touchdowns and hearing the crowd cheer my name. This is why

I decided to come back senior year. I knew Coach V was hyped to have me back in the wide receiver room. Although I won’t be playing offense in college, being able to play offense at CSHS and being coached by Coach V was a great time that I had during the football season. When it came to just talking in general or football talk, I always took in what he had to say and applied it to my life. If we were talking about recruiting, coaching changes or just asking me what’s up or telling me that his daughter was one of my biggest fans, it motivated me a lot to keep going. Coach V also encouraged me to be a more elite player by helping me make things look more crisp, so I could make and produce more explosive plays. Coach V, I want to thank you for everything you have done for me and how you have made my high school football experience the best it could get. It made a difference by reconnecting me back with being in the endzone and just getting the ball in general, because there are very few chances to have the ball in your hands on defense. Thank you for giving me a chance to show off my talents on a big stage. I appreciate you.



College Station High School

Community Service

Elevate BCS, United Way Youth Leadership Cabinet

Leadership Positions

Basketball Team Captain, United Way Youth Leadership Cabinet

Extracurricular Activities

Varsity Basketball

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University to major in civil engineering

Parents

Tous & Andrea Toussaint

Joey Toussaint

honoring Jerron Reese



I first met Coach Reese the summer after my sophomore year of high school. I remember it was in the auxiliary gym, and he probably thought I was some strange country dude wearing a camo hat to practice to cover my busted eyebrow. But the one thing I will never forget is how excited he was to be there and meet all of us individually, going around to everyone and shaking their hand, learning their names, and having short but meaningful conversations with everyone in the gym. That's something about him I've always looked up to is his ability to connect with everyone he meets and make them feel appreciated. For me the past two years playing for him and being able to learn and look up to him has been one of the best experiences of my life. Since arriving at CSHS, Coach Reese has preached to all of us that basketball is just a game and that his goal was to facilitate our growth as young men

first and basketball players second. At first when he said this, I thought to myself "OK new coach speech makes sense, this is what I'd expect a new coach to say" and sort of shrugged it off as something I'd eventually forget. But looking back I realize the truth behind those words he shared with us in that post practice huddle on his first day. He has helped me grow more than even he realizes and if you ask him, he'd say I'm a completely different person from last year when we met. Through thick and thin Coach Reese has always had my back. We may not always see eye to eye but he has stuck with me and believed in me despite a torn achilles, sprained ankles, poor performances and heartbreaking losses. Although this season may not have ended the way we wanted I can look back on it and feel accomplished because I gained a new family in my teammates and in Coach Reese and a bond that will last a lifetime.



College View High School

Extracurricular Activities

Studio Art, Art Competitions, UIL

Plans After High School

Attend Texas A&M University-RELLIS to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree

Parents

Mark & Kelly Leigh

Andrea Tumaian

honoring Nina Legg



The teacher that I have chosen is Ms. Legg. I had her last year for Economics and this year for U.S. Government. Every day going to her class, I would be excited. I always wondered what she would tell us that day. I liked listening to her stories because she is real and funny. She even told us about what she was like when she was growing up. A lot of things that she said were relatable. An example is when she would tell us she just wasn't having a good day. She always let us know how she felt and wasn't afraid to state her opinion. She also lets us know things that are helpful to us and knowledge that will help us in the future. She tells us how important it is to vote. How do we expect things to change if we don't use our voice? The assignments she gave us were fun and allowed us to be creative. Even our finals weren't just a simple test. The economics final was a project

where we decided on a future job, house, car, and all the budgeting we will have to do. I found it helpful to see what that is like before I have to do it in real life. The U.S. Government final was making a children's book about a court case and I liked having a reading circle. Whenever someone doesn't feel well, she always makes sure that they're okay. If they want to talk about what's wrong, she will help them. However, she will never pry. She is a role model to me because she doesn't let anything get in the way of who she is. When I had her as a teacher, she was always nice to me. She complimented my work and told me that I am a good student. I always felt safe in her class. She knows how to make students comfortable. We could say whatever we wanted without judgment. If I didn't have her as a teacher, I wouldn't like school as much because her class was my favorite.



College Station High School

Community Service

Arts and Crafts Event for Kids with Disabilities, Security for Wrestling Tournament

Extracurricular Activities

Football, Track and Field

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at El Paso to play football

Parents

David and Michelle Utley

Jake Utley

honoring Michael Singletary



For most people, their educator influenced them for many years. However, it is different for me as I have only lived in College Station for two years, and Coach Singletary has only been here for one. Meeting Coach Singletary wasn't an extravagant thing, more of a quick little handshake. I wasn't sure who he was until a few days after meeting. Little did I know he would have the most impact on me during my senior year. After building a quick but strong relationship with Coach Singletary, I have realized many things about him that make him a great person and coach. One day at practice, we were going hard against the defense, and my whole cleat busted. They were unwearable. Coach Singletary drove all the way to Sam Houston University to grab me a pair because he knew it was impossible to find a size 15 cleat anywhere close. The literal and metaphorical lengths Coach Singletary goes for his players is unmatched. Coach cares deeply about his players and what the future holds rather

than only success during the football season. If Coach noticed anything wrong, he would be the first to pull you aside and ensure you were okay. During the beginning of the football season, my back was hurt. Coach Singletary called or texted me every day to make sure I was doing good. He was the only coach to do this, which meant a lot. Coach would also take time out of his day to reach out to many colleges and send me college contacts to set me up for life. He promised me earlier in the season he would help me get my college paid for, and my dream has come true. Not only was he a great support system off the field, but also, he was a fantastic coach. Singletary strives to make practice fun while still getting the valuable work necessary. Coach would make everyone laugh with his jokes and would come up with fun drills for us to do. I will never forget our great times at practice and off the field. Thank you for all the hard work you put into this team to make us better players and young men.



College Station High School

Community Service

Elevate BCS, Habitat for Humanity

Leadership Positions

*Head Section Leader of Front Ensemble,
Head Section Leader of Bass Line,
Student Council Class Representative*

Extracurricular Activities

*Band, Student Council, Nursery Landscape
CDE Team*

Plans After High School

*Attend Oklahoma State University to major
in horticulture with an emphasis in turf grass*

Parents

Jason & Jamie Wiesepape

Samuel Wiesepape

honoring Jon Seale



I can still remember how nervous I was to walk into school on the first day of 6th grade. Although I had already attended Cypress Grove for 5th grade, I had signed up for a course I had never taken before - Band. Before starting the year, I had to go through an audition process and that is how I met Mr. Seale. He was one of the directors that helped with auditions. I remember how calm he made me feel, how he talked with me about a basic beat, and how to feel the music. As I sat with him to audition, I began to fall in love with what I was doing. I had never heard of percussion or even what instruments were included in the percussion group, but after I left that day, I knew that percussion was what I wanted to play. On the first day of school, Mr. Seale greeted those who had been selected as percussionists and began to discuss how the year would work and the order in which we would learn the basics of percussion. Throughout the year and through middle school, Mr. Seale worked with each of us to better our skills, and trust me, each of us made a vast improvement. He was patient with us, encouraging us as we grew. For the past four years while in high school, Mr. Seale has not only been my percussion director, but he has also been my head band director, and for this, I am extremely lucky. I

cannot speak highly enough about the consistent, tireless work he does and the impact he has had on me. During my first two years of band, Mr. Seale spent hours during summer camps helping to oversee the percussion section, and even through COVID safety restrictions, he was the pivotal reason why I was able to continue to excel as a player. However, it was during my Junior year that I worked closest with Mr. Seale. I was selected as the head section leader for the front ensemble, which means I mentored and guided my other section members to make sure they learned their music. However, the tasks of this new position were harder than expected, so I turned to Mr. Seale for help. The knowledge and wisdom he shared were invaluable. I was unsure of my ability to lead; however, once I applied what he taught me, I saw my leadership skills and confidence grow immeasurably. More than the percussion skills, the leadership and life lessons that I have learned from Mr. Seale are ones that I will hold onto for the rest of my life. His love for his students, his family, and Jesus Christ stand as a great example that I hope to one day emulate. I am forever thankful for the impact that Mr. Seale has made on and in my life over the past 7 plus years, and I am grateful that I have the opportunity to thank him in this way.



College Station High School

Community Service

Mama Club, Cougar Connections Mentoring, ACETutoring

Leadership Positions

Student Body President, FCA Vice President

Extracurricular Activities

Cheer, Student Council, NHS, FCA, Church Youth Group

Plans After High School

Attend The University of Texas at Arlington then The University of Texas at Austin to major in speech pathology

Parents

Bryan and Melany Wolfe

Alayna Wolfe

honoring Julie Wellmann



Coach Wellmann. Where to even begin. When asked to pick an educator that has impacted my time in CSISD I wanted to pick one that is different from any other teacher I've ever had. Coach Wellmann has been my cheer coach for all 4 years of high school. While she started out as just a new and passionate coach, she has grown into so much more over the years. Coach Wellmann took on the role as leader of the cheer program and completely turned it around for the better. She made sure that we created good images for ourselves, our team, our families, and our school. She truly paved the way for us to break out of the typical high school cheerleader stereotype. However, on a more personal level I have gotten to know Coach Wellmann much deeper to the point that I consider her to be a second mom. She has laughed with me, cried with me, and celebrated my accomplishments as I was her own. I always had comfort going through school knowing I had someone there for me just a few doors or floors down. The most important thing I have learned from Coach Well-

mann is the importance of advocating for yourself and doing what's best for you even if it's hard. She has always set the example of how to present oneself and never give up. She showed me how to gracefully step back and be able to stand up for who you are and what you believe in despite adversity that comes your way. Coach Wellmann is someone who is an encourager, a fighter for those she loves, a champion of her people, a celebrator of the big and little accomplishments, and the best coach I've ever had the privilege of working with. As cheerleaders we are the ones who do the cheering on, but I know without a doubt that our biggest cheerleader is Coach Wellmann. She is one of a kind in the way that she loves her athletes so deeply and consistently and I am forever grateful that I got to experience that type of bond with an educator in my high school career. I am comforted in knowing that her support will not end when my time in high school does. As I will soon move into another chapter of my life, I can confidently say that I will have someone who wants the best for me cheering me on every step of the way.



Grace Yeh



honoring John Tollett

A&M Consolidated High School

Community Service

Twin City Mission, Brazos Valley Food Bank, Alzheimer's Association, The Texas Ramp Project

Leadership Positions

Tiger Swim Team Captain, NHS VP of Service

Extracurricular Activities

Swim, National Charity League, NHS

Plans After High School

Attend University of Maryland to major in chemistry

Parents

Alvin & Shaila Yeh

When I walked into my AP Chemistry class junior year, I had no idea what to expect. I hadn't been to school since my freshman year. Everything was new... from the AP material to the renowned Mr. Tollett. After taking my introductory chemistry course during my virtual sophomore year, I decided to take AP Chemistry. I had heard great things about Tollett's chemistry classes. However, when I started AP Chem, it was clearly different than taking it online. Although I knew most of the fundamental conceptual information, I had never been in a chemistry lab before. The new experience was daunting... and so was Tollett. I had only ever seen him in lab videos from my virtual year. I knew I enjoyed learning chemistry, but Tollett made the experience of learning fun through interesting metaphors and humor. Over the year, I grew more confident in myself and found that Tollett wasn't as intimidating as I thought. By the end of the year, I spent most of my afternoons in his room with friends from our 4th-period class, joking and arguing about chemistry. Tollett fostered growth in my confidence and knowledge and formed the environment in which I made some of my closest friendships. His class changed how I see the world and developed my love of chemistry; it gave me an understanding and meaning behind common phenomena. Every day, whether you walked in before or after school, Tollett would be there, ready to answer any questions.

Impressively, without fail, our tests would always be graded by the next day. The time and dedication Tollett demonstrates for his students also extends to other teachers. As a lab aide this year, I see the effort Tollett invests outside of class time to set up labs and make solutions for his students and for other classes in the science department. From working behind the scenes to support virtual Pre-AP Chemistry students to making solutions and carting labs for other classes, Tollett is constantly helping students and other chemistry teachers. One characteristic that makes Tollett a great mentor is how honest and straightforward he is. You will always know what he thinks, and he will not hide his disappointment or his approval. This allows me to look at myself critically and know what my strengths are: he calls you out when you're wasting time or not living up to your potential but will also make sure to acknowledge your successes. With his support and guidance, I have pushed myself to be better. While he might prefer us to be more serious, Tollett gives us the space to both learn and have fun. Over the two years I have known him, Tollett has fueled my love of chemistry and supported me in both my academics and in life: from teaching chemistry to being supportive through job applications to college applications and interviews. I am truly grateful to Tollett for his dedication and mentoring throughout these years and for sparking my continued interest in chemistry.

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