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Tiger Doll Officers

Pictured are the new Tiger Doll Officers. Front row from left are Jr. Lieutenant Harper Davis, Senior Lieutenant Payton Tyler, Captain Rachel Sharp, Senior Lieutenant Zannah Hutchings and Jr. Lieutenant Abigail Amerson. Back row from left are Sergeant Natalie Ramirez, Sergeant Cassidy Carr, Head Sergeant Jenny Carmona, Sergeant Lindsey Espinoza and Sergeant Emily Bird.

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Crouch selected Teacher of the Year

By TERA WEST
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Regina Crouch was recently named Teacher of the Year by her fellow employees.

Mrs. Crouch is a graduate from Texas A&M Commerce with a degree in English, as well as History.

She also has her master's in Education in literacy studies and curriculum development from UT-Arlington.

Mrs. Crouch has worked for the school district for 14 years.

"It 'sounds cliché, but seeing a kid light up with the realization that they are learning. I love having a part in that,'" says Mrs. Crouch, when asked of her favorite part of teaching.

When asked what she liked best about her job,



Crouch helps a student prepare for her UIL event.

Mrs. Crouch replied with "the students."

Crouch was honored to be selected by fellow teachers.

"To know my peers chose me over the others they could have chosen is an honor, and it makes me want to continue and strive

for better for my students," Crouch said upon receiving the honor.

Along with her duties as an English teacher, Crouch serves as the UIL Coordinator for the high school and is the coach for the spelling and Current Events teams.

Hargrove named Employee of the Year

By JIHSLEINY RIOS
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Staff members recently chose Athletic Trainer Justin Hargrove as the school's Employee of the Year.

Hargrove was born and raised here and graduated

from MPHS in 1994 and Howard Payne University in 1998. He is married to Kay Hargrove and they have two children, Devon and Madison. Justin arrived back on the campus in 2004 as the Assistant Athletic Trainer.

"I was pleasantly surprised that my peers recognized the hard work we do as Athletic Trainers year round and I hope I can live up to their expectations as Employee of the Year for MPHS," Hargrove said.

Hargrove said what he likes about his position is seeing the athletes back playing sports.

"The best part of my job is helping athletes return to competition after an injury, and the front row seat to all games," Hargrove said.

In January 2007, he was promoted to Head Athletic Trainer upon Randy Nolen's retirement from Athletic Training. Hargrove oversees the healthcare for the district athletes in 20 different sports at the high school as well as Junior High sports.



Hargrove provides treatment to Taylor Bartlett.

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Shahid is 2017 valedictorian

By **JIHSLEINY RIOS**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Husban Hashid, valedictorian of the MPHS Class of 2017, feels humbled that his parents came from nothing and now their children are becoming successful.

He feels proud that he is carrying the academic recognitions and achievements of his older brothers. Husban is the son of Shahid Latif and Nateesa Shahid and has two older brothers named Husnain and Rehan (both in dental school) and has a sister named Sanum, who is a sophomore in high school.

“It (becoming valedictorian) makes me feel proud that I’m carrying on the academic recognitions and achievements of my older brothers,” Husban said. “It makes me feel motivated to continue on this journey of success.”

His favorite high school memory is winning the state championship in a UIL math event with his two best friends, Carlos Barboza and Daniel Hernandez.

His least favorite memory is staying up all those endless nights studying and trying to keep his grades up while being in extracurricular activities and having a job.

Husban plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas and graduate with his bachelor’s degree in 2019.

“I will major in Biology and minor in Business



Husban Shahid

Administration,” Husban said.

Shahid said he set goals he hoped to attain and that motivated to continue to do well academically.

“Some of my greatest accomplishments in high school started off by being goals,” Husban said. “What motivated me to reach for those goals are my two older brothers, Husnain and Rehan Shahid. I have always had the mentality to work as hard as them and to keep up with the family reputa-

tion.”
As Shahid prepares to graduate from high school, he has mixed emotions.

“It feels bittersweet. I am excited to leave high school and pursue my career,” Husban said. “However, leaving my friends and family brings me remorse.”

As for advice, Shahid has words for anyone to live by. “No matter what you are going through, always remember there is a light at the end of the tunnel,” he said.

Davis is 2017 salutatorian

By **ERIC VASQUEZ**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Holden Patrick Logan Davis, grandson to Marla and Rickey Stovall, son to Jenny and Roy Stovall, and brother to Harper Davis, Finley and Kortland Stovall, has attained the honor to be called Salutatorian for the Mount Pleasant High School Class of 2017.

Along with his many achievements such as winning the district championship in basketball this year, maintaining a 4.0 college Grade Point Average, Davis was accepted to the University of Alabama with a full ride scholarship this fall.

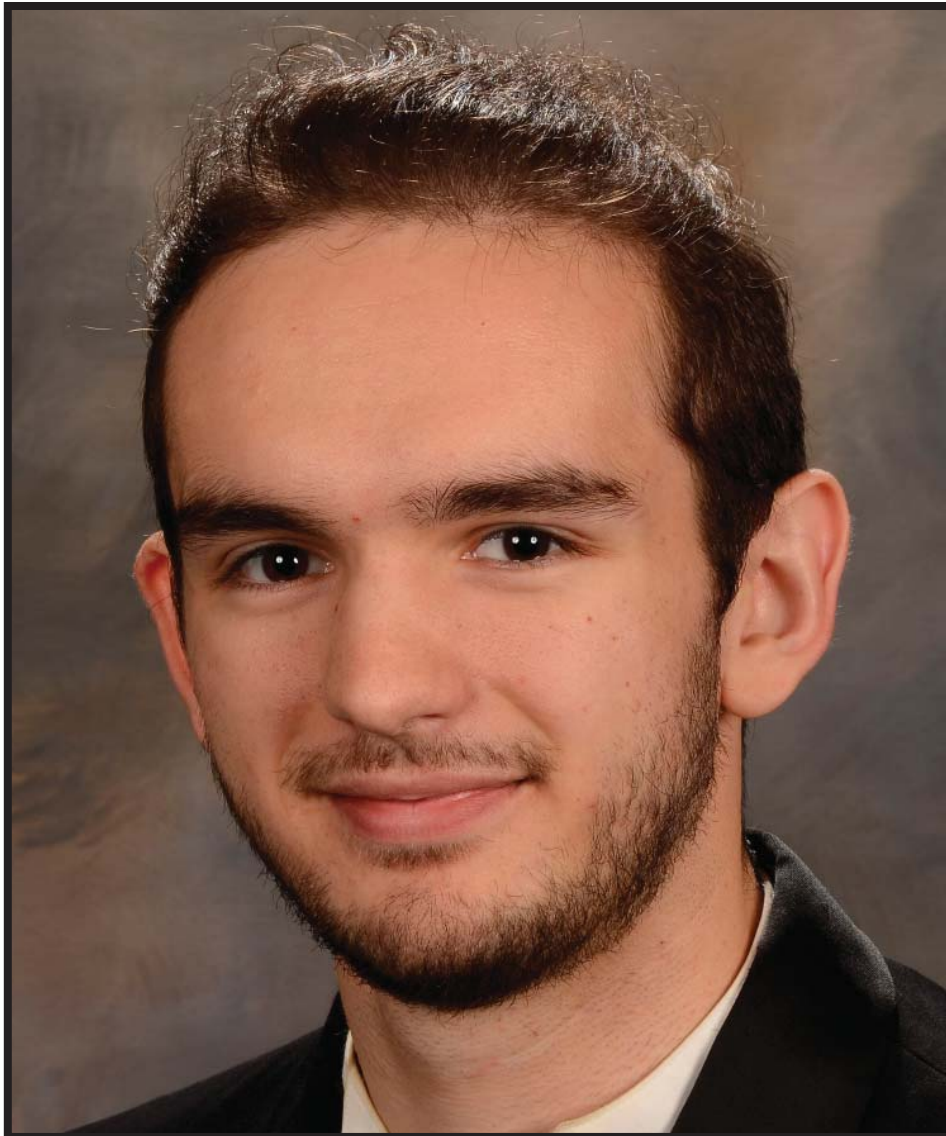
"I am going to the University of Alabama and I am majoring in International Finance and German so I can one day work in Germany," Davis said.

Like many of his peers, Davis sometimes lacked motivation the late nights of projects and papers that were most of the times being put off to the day before they were due.

"I'd like to say that I completely motivated myself, but my mom is definitely the one who kept me going whenever I started to drag," Davis said.

Along with English II Pre-AP, Physics Dual-Credit is one of the hardest classes offered, and Davis said that it was his least favorite class due to the being the hardest class he has ever taken.

"My favorite class was



Holden Davis

definitely English II with Mr. Newman," Davis said.

"I'd never tell him that, but I've never looked forward to going to a class like I did that one. My least favorite class was probably Physics just because it's the hardest class I've ever taken."

The race for the top three spots was tight and Davis said that finishing number two is something he can be proud of and has provided some

words of encouragement for his peers.

"Keep working hard in class and stay involved," Davis said.

Davis said also that underclassmen shouldn't wait until their senior year to start putting emphasis on your future.

"It doesn't seem important until senior year when you are applying for schools and scholarships and you realize how much more you could have done."

Class of 2017

Magna Cum Laude



Husban Shahid
Valedictorian



Holden Davis
Salutatorian



Jamie Adams



Eryn Armstrong



Jacob Baker



Reagan Ball



Carlos Barboza



Madison Blalock



Emily Brown



Ashlynn Burns



Daniella Campos



Juan Carrillo



Juan Castanon



Estephane Chavez



Taylor Craig



Raegan Davis



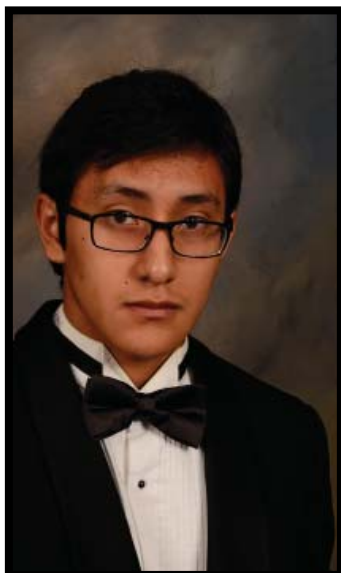
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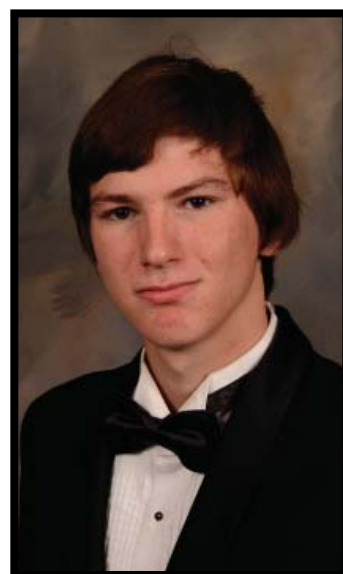
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Daniel Hernandez



Cayden Hunnicutt



Michael Irvin



Caleb Johnson



Presley Jones



Karla Landeros



Carly Lewis



Zach Luker



Cullen Marshall



Lane Martin



Morgan Martin



Brandon McCarver



Jennifer Mora



Emily Mott



Allie Norfleet



Sadrian Olvera



Gisel Paco



Karina Pena



Adlai Plancarte



Yaritza Romero



Nataly Ruan



Clarissa Santos



Thomas Spann



Jorge Tamayo



Morgan Thurman



Annie Trout



Katelyn Walden



Krissa Woods

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The Athletic Training staff maintains all medical records for athletes, coordinates physicals, doctor's visits, oversees rehabilitation of injured athletes, educated the athletes about proper hydration, nutrition, and prevention of athletic injuries.

Hargrove also is the District's Administrator for the Extracurricular Drug Testing program managed by the Superintendent's office as well as many other behind the scenes activities as directed by the Athletic Director.

Before Hargrove returned to MPHS, his previous work experience included working for an Orthopedic Surgeon, a Physical Therapy Clinic where he worked as an Athletic Trainer for LeTourneau University, and the National Football league.

He has served as a summer intern athletic trainer for the New York Jets.



2017 Cum Laude

The following is a list of seniors who earned the distinction of Cum Laude.

Troy Allen
Patricia Bazan
Andrea Becerra
Brylea Carter
Adriana Castillo
Natalie Cigarroa
Chandler Currey
Cristi De Santiago
Nate Doss
Tyreesha Douglas
CheyAnne Dyke

Connor Gage
Camilla Galimberti
Jaqueline Galvan Tapia
Roseamy Gonzalez
Samuel Gonzalez
Pablo Gutierrez
Tyson Harper
Ja'Letha Heath
Caleb Huggins
Jennifer Jaime
Michael Jimenez
Candanich Lim
Francisco Lopez
Henry Lopez

Julia Martinez
Maritza Martinez
Oscar Munoz
Mirna Olvera
Melisaa Ortiz
Jesica Padilla Ramirez
Erik Puente
Daniela Reyes
Jessica Reyes
Donte Rosborough
Agustina Rubio Johnson
Michael Scaggs
Reed Stickels
Kendel Thompson

Senior Columns

Tips, tricks to survive high school

By **RAEGAN DAVIS**
Tigertalk Co-Editor

As my senior year comes to a close and I start saying my goodbyes to friends and teachers, I leave advice and hopefully an impact on everyone here.

As I made my way from freshman to senior, I learned a lot of tips and tricks to survive high school so now it is time for me to share them.

The first couple are things you hear every year from teachers and upperclassmen. Stay on top of your work and don't get behind because most teachers don't take late work. Even if the work isn't finished, turn what you have in because anything is better than a zero.

This is coming from the person who got a four on a homework paper. If you know you are missing for any reason, check in with the teacher so you know ahead of time what you will be missing.

Teachers will most likely work with you if you put in the effort and teachers will even tell you it is your responsibility to get make up work. They are not afraid to give you a zero and zeros will cause your grade to go down more than you think.

Be aware of the classes that you can and cannot eat in. Some teachers will let you chew gum or suck on hard candy, but not eat something like a bag of chips.

Other classes you bring a whole meal and the teacher doesn't care. Be respectful of the teacher's rules because they are in place for a reason.



Raegan Davis

Teachers don't like having ants in their classroom because some dumb kid doesn't clean up the chips they smashed in the carpet.

By the way, for teachers who have an ant problem try cinnamon. The ants will be gone by the next day, then just vacuum the extra cinnamon.

Now bathrooms. I personally hate the bathrooms and try to avoid them at all costs. If I just have to, the best ones are located in the English wing downstairs, the science wing upstairs and the ones in the art building.

The biology and English wing bathrooms are usually the cleanest and have running hot water. The bathrooms in the art building are newer, but don't have hot water.

As far as water fountains go, the fountain in the math wing and gov/eco wing both have cold, clean tasting water. If you don't know where the second one is, it's straight down the hallway coming down the stairs from the math department.

Lastly, stay involved. Find something you really enjoy doing and stay with it because high school is going to be boring and unenjoyable if you don't.

We have to come so why not make it a little more bearable by mixing some fun into the day instead of just sitting in classrooms.

Also, be patient and kind to one another because we don't know what others are going through.

I personally have been

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Senior Columns

High school goes by in a blink of an eye

By **KARLA LANDEROS**
Tigertalk Co-Editor

Oscar Wilde once said art imitates life, yet in my experience, every single movie about high school proves to disappoint. High school never fit into the stereotypes of the films.

High school just seemed like an endless cycle of copy and paste. However now that I'm towards the last couple of days, I've realized that time slipped by like sand in my fingers.

It feels like I was only 15 and scared to enter the huge world of high school life, but now at 18, I feel nothing but a mixture of happiness for my future and nostalgia for what I'll leave behind.

The friends I made in high school will never leave my memories, and even if we never do connect the same way, I will at least have the memories to look back on every now and then. I think that's something everyone should keep in mind.

People change with time, including yourself. I like to think I have a bit at least. I hope to continue to change for the better, to become someone I looked up to as a child. I want to be a person younger people can ask for advice and feel comfortable around.

Despite this slight melancholy about graduating, I'm excited to move on



Karla Landeros

with my life. College life will be completely different from high school, and I'm glad for that.

While high school wasn't a bad thing, it was certainly boring except with a few bright spots. So, I'm excited for my life to come.

After years of late night studying and keeping my nose in a book, everything

is paying off and I can close this chapter of my life.

My advice for students in high school or barely starting high school is to never give up even when things seem difficult. Your life matters so much more than a grade, so never lose hope of something great happening to you in the future.

Senior Columns

Finish line met; now on to next race of our life

By **ROSIE GONZALEZ**
Guest Columnist

It's been a crazy four years huh guys? We have learned, lost, gained and grown. Once we walk that stage, no more talking to our friends walking to class. No more riding the bus to school, breakfast in the cafeteria, or seeing the same people all at once.

Some of us will move far far away, some will stay here, but all of us will move forward. Our future is bright and full of life, that's if we stay positive and fight every challenge.

As freshmen, the seniors would tell us to enjoy high school and that the years would soon fly by. We failed to realize how soon our turn as seniors would be.

Now we are here. It is mind-blowing, insane and breathtaking how far we have gotten. It has dawned to me that we finally made it to the end, but there shouldn't be a stopping point.

High school was very difficult for me and for anyone else. Everyone would say senior year was the easiest but to be honest for me, it was the most challenging.

From studying to loads of homework and projects I had very few days off. Now that we are only days from graduating I begin to feel like every one of us and our sacrifices we have made are beginning to pay off.

High school has provided so many opportunities for each of us whether it has been meeting our significant other, meeting new people inside and outside of school, getting involved in organizations or even finding the key to open the door to your future.



Rosie Gonzalez

There will never be enough words to describe my high school life. I am grateful for so many people and super glad I got to meet each one of you guys. It has been crazy but I know each one of us is capable of doing up to the impossible.

I wish you all nothing but the best in your lives and futures and I hope you will each cherish every day and every person you encounter throughout the rest of your life.

We made it to the finish line in this chapter but we each now must choose a different road and start the race again but at our own pace.

Senior Columns

Don't be afraid to try something new

By ALLIE NORFLEET
Guest Columnist

After four years, I am finally ending this chapter of my life. When I walked into this school in August of 2013, I never imagined I would be here. In my mind, senior year would never come.

I am no longer who I was then, and that is something I am deeply proud of. Cherish the memories you have made in high school, because you'll be moving on before you know it.

Don't be afraid to try something. Freshman year, I never would have imagined I would be where I am now. Then, I wasn't in any clubs or organizations except for UIL. As the years progressed, I became more involved.

Trying out for Colorguard was one of the best things I did in high school. Being a part of that team made me believe I had the confidence to conquer anything.

High school eventually fades into nothing but a blur. The only thing that stands out are certain memories- Monday night band practices, football games, weekend competitions....

Everything you loved then becomes what you remember when it is all in the past. Some things will stand out more than others- like the way certain teachers have impacted you or the way the hall-



Allie Norfleet

ways sound in between bells. You will always remember the little things, the small memories made along the way.

Even though I am going to college 2,000 miles away, I'll never forget where I began. I discovered who I was and what I wanted in high school and I will carry everything I have learned with me into college.

I strongly encourage everyone to go out and

do something they never thought they would do. Join a club, run for class officer, make new friends. Step out of your comfort zone and amazing things will follow.

I wish you all the best of luck as you finish your high school career. And to my class, the class of 2017, I say congratulations. We are finally here, finally graduating, and we will do amazing things in our futures.

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through some hardships that I haven't told even my friends, but I still come to school with a smile on my face and a good attitude because it might just make someone else's day better.

As I conclude my last article for the newspaper, I'm happy to say I'm ready to graduate, but I'm going to miss all the amazing teachers and friends I've been to blessed to have introduced into my life.

The teachers I have had all made some kind of impact on me and I want to say thank you for that.

As for my friends, I will always be there for you even if I don't see you everyday.

Seniors announce their future plans

By **CALVIN LEWIS**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

As the school year comes to a close, multiple seniors from the class of 2017 prepare for what comes next in their life after they walk the stage graduation night. Several of those seniors share their future plans.

Presley Jones – Attend University of Mississippi and major in Psychology.

Ashley Heim – Attend Tyler Junior College in the fall to pursue a dental hygiene degree.

Krissa Woods – Attend Louisiana College where I will play soccer and major in Biology.

Morgan Martin – Attend NTCC for two years to get my RN and then transfer to a university to get my BSN.

Emily Brown – Attend Texas A&M...Gig 'Em!!!

Luiz Gonzalez – Attend Texas Tech University and major in Accounting.

Mayra Gomez – Attend NTCC for 1 year then transfer to SFA University.

Estephane Chavez – Attend NTCC and transfer to UNT to major in Biomedical Sciences.

Ashlynn Burns – Attend ETBU and major in Child Development with a minor in Children's Ministry to become a children's minister.

Daniela Campos – Continue on with my education in order to become a Registered Nurse.

Holden Davis – Attend University of Alabama and major in International Finance.

Jennifer Jaime – Attend TCU and earn bachelor's in Applied Science.

Eryn Armstrong – Attend Texas A&M at College Station.

Annie Trout – Attend SFA and major in Nursing.

Madison Blalock – Attend Kilgore Junior College and try out for the Kilgore Rangerettes and later transfer to SFA and get my BSN.

Yasmin Alvarado – Attend NTCC for 1 year and transfer to Texas Woman's University.



Presley Jones will attend the University of Mississippi.

Kendal Thompson – Attend Texas A&M University of Commerce to major in Business Marketing.

Karina Gonzalez – Go to college and be successful.

Rosie Gonzalez – Hopefully get a job at MPISD, working with children while attending NTCC. Afterwards transfer to Texas A&M-Commerce.

Reagan Ball – Attend Texas Tech's Honors College and Color Guard.

Clarissa Santos – Attend University of Texas at Austin! #HookEm

Zach Luker – Attend SFA and pursue degree in nursing with a nurse practitioner license.

Kaitlyn Slone – Attend NTCC to pursue my starting career in Medical Assisting, then transfer to a university.

Mirna Olvera – Attend NTCC to complete her basics and later transfer to UT-Tyler to get her Bachelor

of Science in Nursing.

Daisy Martinez – Attend NTCC for medical assistant and in the future become a pediatrician doctor.

Cristy De Santiago – Attend NTCC during the summer, fall and spring and later transfer to an A&M University.

Katelyn Walden – Attend Oklahoma University to major in marketing.

Raegan Davis – Go to Sul Ross University to play tennis and finish my basics. I will then transfer to University of Central Oklahoma to major in Forensic Science.

Karla Landeros – Attend University of North Texas and major in English.

Arielle StarWilliams – Attend NTCC and later transfer to TWU for Nursing.

Julia Torres – Attend NTCC and later transfer UT-Tyler or TJC.

Sadrian P. Olvera – Attend

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the University of Texas at Austin and major in Radio-Television-Film. I hope to premier my own work at the annual Austin Film Festival before I graduate.

Bestadia Delgado – Attend Texas Tech's Honors College.

Chey Dyke -- Attend college

Jacob Baker – Attend the University of Texas at Austin. #HookEm

Taylor Craig – Attend Texas A&M University and major in Biology.

Jazmin Garcia – Attend NTCC and be in their Honors program and major in Biology.

Juan Castanon – Attend NTCC to get my basics and later transfer to Commerce and major in Biology and become a physical therapist.

Gisel Paco – Become an anesthesiologist and enjoy life.

Emily Martinez – Attend Summer College classes at NTCC and later attend TJC in fall.

Alex Quezada – To be in National Guard and get a degree in Biology to become a pediatric neurosurgeon.

Amy Palacios – Attend NTCC to get a degree in Science and also apply for a PTA program.

Kayleigh Mayfield -- Attend Stephen F. Austin and become a dental hygienist.

Roseamy Gonzalez --- Attend NTCC and major in nursing.

Jesica Padilla Ramirez -- Attend summer program at NTCC, continue with college and get a nursing degree.

Allie Norfleet --- Attend University of the Pacific, then law school, earning a Juris Doctor Degree.

Veronica Ortiz -- Go to



Jacob Baker is going to the University of Texas. college and work.

Ivonne Ramirez -- Attend NTCC and major in nursing.

Marli White -- Going to college at Weatherford.

Adlai Plancarte --- Attend

Texas A&M-Commerce and major in Biology.

Agustina Johnson --- Go to Navy Boot Camp and then to school for Hospital Corpsman.

Montijo's advice is to get involved with different school organizations

By J'ANTHONY VARGAS
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Nancy Montijo says that her favorite memory about high school was hanging out with her friends every day at school.

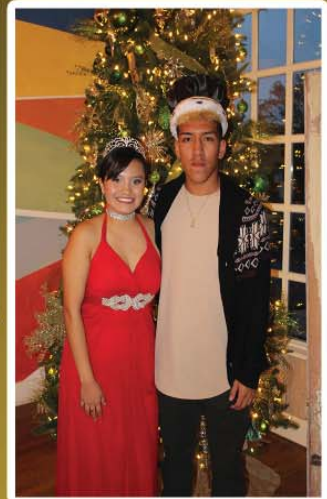
What she loved about high school was meeting new people and making new friends. Her greatest advice for some coming to high school would be "enjoy your year while you can."

She has mixed emotions about graduation. She will miss her friends, but is relieved since she doesn't have to do as much work as everyone else anymore. She says you can make the best of high school by joining as much clubs as possible to get involved with school and to make new friends.



Nancy Montijo

To help her get through high school was her parents, they were motivation to get through it all and push her to succeed. Leaving high school as a MPHS Tiger feels "awesome" she says it's an honor and she is happy to have spent her high school years here at Mount Pleasant High School.



Graduation Sam Parker Field May, 26, 2017 at 8 P.M.

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” -MARK TWAIN

By Karla Landeros

Calculator team wins state; math group finishes second

By **NICK JACKSON**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

A year filled with hard work, numerous meets and long bus rides came to a fruitful end for the high school Calculator Application and Math teams.

The Calculator Applications team won the UIL State Championship with the Math team second.

The Calculator Applications team of Carlos Barboza, Daniel Hernandez, Husban Shahid and Sanum Shahid beat second place team Wisdom High School from Houston by 56 points.

Husban Shahid earned 5th place and medaled in the event while Daniel Hernandez placed 7th.

"It felt surreal after winning both state in Calculator Applications and placing second in Math," Shahid said. "It didn't feel real and was a really weird but exciting experience."

The Math team of Jose Liera, Daniel Hernandez, David Barboza, and Husban Shahid trailed first place team Highland Park by 52 points but beat third place team Lubbock High School by 132 points. Jose Liera placed 1st and Daniel Hernandez tied for 4th. Both received individual medals as well as a team medal.

"It feels extremely satisfying knowing that we worked hard to earn those places," Liera said.

Students faced a variety of challenges this year from self-improvement to dealing with grades.

"The biggest challenge was improving my own score



From left are David Barboza, Sanum Shahid, Coach Andy Speir, Daniel Hernandez, Husban Shahid, Jose Liera and Carlos Barboza

which helped the team," David Barboza said.

For Valedictorian Husban Shahid, he had many challenges this year.

"One of the biggest challenges for me this year was trying to increase my UIL scores, while having extracurricular activities, maintaining high grades and having my own cell repair business," Husban Shahid said.

For Liera, he said going up against Highland Park was a challenge for the team.

"Their scores were really high, and it was hard imagining ourselves up there with them in the real UIL competitions," Liera said.

While students faced various challenges, as you can expect the students find math fun and have various reasons why.

"Math is fun for me because there is multiple ways to

work problems and there is always an answer," Sanum Shahid said. "Therefore, math never gets boring because there is so much to it."

Sanum said the easiest part for math to her is that there is always a solution.

"I find it easy in the fact that there's always an answer whether it's crunching numbers and problem solving," Sanum said. "The challenge in itself is what I love and that's what I find easy."

Liera agreed with Sanum that math is easy for him.

"Math is a series of logical steps and a lot of relationships with the numbers to know," Liera said. "Once you know the logic behind a topic, it becomes easy."

Husban Shahid said math is fun "because it reminds me of a Rubik's Cube. There are endless ways to solve each problem and can be tackled from different perspectives."



Students display the Academic Blankets they were awarded.

Academic Blankets awarded

Students were recognized at the annual Academic Awards Blanket ceremony.

Students were recognized in a number of different subjects.

Below is the list of winners for each blanket that was awarded:

Advanced Quantitative Reasoning --- Valeria Lara; Agriscience --- Cristy De Santiago; Agriscience Mechanics --- Ricardo Tapia; Algebra 1 --- Baley O'Neal; Algebra II --- Jose Liera; Anatomy and Physiology --- Karina Gonzalez; Animal Science --- Reed Stickels; Art --- Andrea Becerra; Astronomy --- Verania Leyva; Band --- Ashley Heim; BIM --- Candanich Lim; Biology I --- Colby Hunnicutt; Biology II --- Husban Shahid; Business --- Dianna Daugherty; Calculus --- Carlos Barboza; Career Preparation --- Chandler Perkins; Certified Nursing Assistant --- Morgan Martin; Chemistry I --- Rebecca Yox; Chemistry II --- Holden Davis; Choir --- Jennifer Flores; Communications --- Matthew Armstrong; Construction Technology --- Brayan Bautista; Cosmetology --- Ana Castillo; Culinary Arts --- Jessica Reyes; Dance --- Natalie Ramirez; Education and Training --- Angelica Marino; Electrical Technology --- Michael Scaggs; English I --- Abigail Mason; English II --- Audrey Courreges; English III

--- Nancy DeJesus; English IV --- Reagan Ball; Environmental Systems --- Brandon Steinmetz; Environmental Systems --- Anthony Cortez; Forensic Science --- Juan Carrillo; French I --- Jocelyn Mendoza; French II --- Yalitza Mendoza; French IV --- Patricia Bazan; Geometry --- Shelby Courreges; Government and Economics --- Daniel Hernandez; Health Science Technology --- Samantha Gonzalez; Journalism Newspaper --- Karla Landeros; Journalism Yearbook --- Rosie Gonzalez; Law Enforcement --- Jorge Tamayo; Marketing Education --- Katelyn Kimbrough; Math Models --- Kachina Swafford; Music Theory --- David Barboza; Pharmacy Tech --- Eryn Armstrong; Physics --- Nathan Segovia; Physics C --- Jamie Adams; Pre-Calculus --- Orlando Olivares; Spanish I Bilingual --- Meredith Sanchez; Spanish I Monolingual --- Maggie Lilly; Spanish II Bilingual --- John Rodriguez; Spanish II Monolingual --- Sanum Shahid; Spanish III Monolingual --- Zamaica Bayna; Spanish Language --- Leshly Zermeno; Spanish Literature --- Sadrian Olvera; Sports Medicine --- Makaylon Hines; Statistics --- Morgan Thurman; Theatre --- Star Williams; U.S. History --- Austin Cheatham; World Geography --- Maddison Weddle; World History --- Cesar Ramirez.



Pictured above are students who were honored as Texas Scholars.

Texas Scholars are recognized

Seniors who were recognized as a Texas Scholar were recognized at a luncheon in their honor held at the Civic Center.

MPHS students who earned the distinction as being Texas Scholar included Jamie Adams, Yasmin Alvarado, Eryn Armstrong, Jasmine Balleza, Madison Blalock, Sylvia Botello, Emily Brown, Daniela Campos, Juan Castanon, Adrina Castillo, Estephane Chavez, Taylor Craig, Holden Davis, Raegan Davis,

Daisy Delgadillo, Cristy De Santiago, Jaqueline Galvan Tapia, Yasmin Gomez, Karina Gonzalez, Cayden Hunnicutt, Presley Jones, Karla Landeros, Carly Lewis, Zachary Luker, Morgan Martin, Maritza Martinez, Giles McCarver, Zurishaddai Moreno, Sadrian Olvera, Karina Pena, Jesica Padilla Ramirez, Adlai Plancarte, Nataly Ruan, Michael Scaggs, Husban Shahid, Thomas Spann, Tate Thompson, Morgan Thurman, Katelyn Walden and Krissa Woods.

Choir is a form of art

By NICK JACKSON
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Choir is one of the amazing ways to express yourself. In my opinion I think that choir is a form of art, it makes people happy when they do it.

It is a good way to relief stress or anxiety because you get to be your true self and express who you really are. When I asked students what made them want to be in there they mostly responded by saying singing is their passion, it makes up a part of their lives or it completes them.

Choir seems to have a major impact upon the students of MPHS and it's great. As long as we have a class to make students feel free to be who they are then it is wonderful.



Choir students perform at a concert.

Passion for dance is on display in annual Tiger Doll Spring Show

*Great Dancers
ARE NOT GREAT
because of their technique
they are great
because of their
passion.
-Unknown*

By **DANIELA GUTIERREZ**
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Since the beginning of the second semester, the Tiger Dolls, Dance 1 and 2 prepared for the Spring Show.

The theme was LIVE TD Mount Pleasant Tiger Dolls TV Show. In every practice there was a mistake but when we dance in the Spring Show without a mistake. We show our passion through our smile and movements.

Two of the best dancers that I got to meet were Litzy Yanez and Baley O'Neal. I admired both of them because they never give up on their teammates. As for the teacher, Mrs. Wood, she instilled hope in us and she acted like another mom to us.

At first, I thought that I couldn't dance in front of everybody but I grew in courage over time.

Yanez is the type of person that would never give up especially if it involves dancing.

No matter the obstacles, she was always be there for everyone. Her biggest challenge in the Spring Show was performing in front of a big crowd.

"Especially when I perform I really get irritated but the time that I get mostly frustrated is when people start to ask me questions right before the performance even though they could have asked a month ago when we started practicing" she said.

One thing that Yanez learn from the Spring Show was



The Tiger Doll officers perform a routine during the show.

that work pays off.

As well as her dance class, they worked very hard to make the performance good and she believes that they did skillfully on the dance.

There are many things that Litzy is going to miss about the Spring Show.

She is going to miss dancing in front of her family, friends and watching Jaletha Heath dance because to be honest she's such an amazing dancer!

O'Neal has characteristics that not all people have. She is an outgoing person, charismatic and every easygoing to understand. Her biggest challenge in the Spring Show was not knowing when to go on stage.

"The thing that frustrated

me the most was that people wouldn't be quiet backstage," O'Neal said.

She had a great experience during the spring show. One thing that she is going to miss is dancing with her class.

Mrs. Wood has a creative mind and is like a mother to many students. This year may be her last year at MPHS but she left a mark that no person can ever erase from the heart of her dance students.

"Try your best and you will do good on the dance," Wood told me on the day of the Spring Show.

She give me courage to be myself and she never gave up on us.

"There was many challeng-
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es in the Spring Show such as pulling the theme together in one, the order of the show and how to make many quick changes to go to another,” Wood said.

Sadly, they had to cancel the second half of the show on Saturday because of the weather which was of one that things that frustrated her the most.

Mrs. Wood had a lot of faith in her dancers. She tries to sit back and enjoy the show once it is time for it.

“I love the spring show. It’s one of my favorite Tiger Doll seasons, so yes I had a great experience. Friday ran smooth and was one of the best Friday nights I’ve ever had,” Wood said.

The facility is something that Mrs. Wood is going to miss also the dance stage, fly system and enough room for big crowds.

Mrs. Wood, I thank you for being the best dance teacher that we had here in Mount Pleasant High School.

We are going to miss you and wish you to have a great time in your new place.

I personally believe that you need to find something that makes you want to move and to be a better person once you find it.

The SpringShow had amazing dancers and a teacher that had time for something that is really important to us. I’m going to miss my dance class and we do make a great team.

Fun facts about the Spring Show:

The spring show usually has about 26 or 28 routines which takes about 2 months to get ready for the show. We only get to practice on stage for 1 ½ week or 9 days before we have the show specialty the routines that are choreo-



Tiger Doll dancers display their many dancing skills at the annual Spring Show held last month.

graphed by the officers.

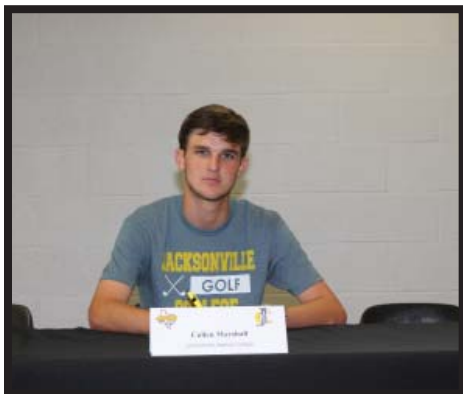
The average cost for the costume is \$65.00 each and they must be order on January.

Also we do skits as fillers so the girls have about 45-60 seconds to change costumes and get ready for the dance. Sometimes the Tiger Dolls

have to make many quick changes that makes layers of costumes. They wear 3 or 4 over each other so they can make all of their routines.

Finally, the Tiger Dolls don’t make much as a fund raiser because it costs so much to produce the Spring Show.

Athletes sign scholarships



Cullen Marshall
Golf--Jacksonville Baptist



Kevin Perez
Soccer-Angelina College



Nataael Villavencio
Soccer-Angelina College



Krissa Woods
Soccer-Louisiana College

Ten current high school students and a 2016 graduate Nikki Martin recently signed their letter of intents to continue their athletic career.

At a ceremony held in the high school cafeteria, the 11 student-athletes signed as family, friends, coaches and faculty looked on in support.



JK Lee
Football-Howard Payne



Sammy Puente
Football-East Texas Baptist



Tyson Harper
Football-Howard Payne



Brayan Bautista
Soccer-NTCC



Esteban Gonzalez
Soccer-NTCC



Diondrae Williams
Football-Howard Payne



Nikki Martin
Volleyball-Brookhaven

Doss takes sixth place at state

Senior Nate Doss finished in sixth place at the UIL State Track and Field Championships held last weekend.

Doss had a best throw of 51 feet, 9.5 inches to take sixth. Doss advanced to the state meet after taking first place in the regional championship.

Other students who advanced to regionals this year were Taidre'ana Wilkerson in the 200 meters, Kemi-yah Howard in the shot put, Sakaria Grant in the long jump and triple jump and Alexia Nance-Thompson in the high jump and triple jump.



Doss took first place at the UIL Regional Track Meet.

Rivera awarded Stinson Scholarship

Diego Rivera, son of Jose Rivera and Araceli Villa, is the recipient of the Wade Stinson Memorial Athletic Scholarship.

He participated in Cross Country Track for three years and advanced to regionals his senior year. He also was a member of the MPHS Soccer team for three years during which time the team advanced to playoffs and became undefeated District Champions during his senior year.

Diego plans to attend NTCC and earn his Automotive Technician certificate. He then plans to attend Texas A&M University-Texarkana and pursue his degree while hopefully playing on the soccer team.

Mrs. Debbie Stinson presented Diego with the scholarship in memory of her son Wade, who played baseball, basketball, and football.

He was an outstanding athlete who played from the heart in all that he did. Wade also loved riding horses, shooting guns, and going




Rivera, right, is pictured with Debbie Stinson to the lake. He was an awesome young man that was a friend to everyone he met. The scholarship was established in his memory by his many friends.



By Karla Landeros

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Tiger Roar

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Tiger Roar page by Tigertalk Staff Writer Connor Reese



"Living in New York."
-- **Jennifer Jaime, 12**



"Being rich, living in the Bahamas."
-- **Tina Johnson, 12**



"A billionaire."
-- **Thomas Spann, 12**



"Working for a book company."
-- **Karla Landeros, 12**



"Working for the FBI."
-- **Raegan Davis, 12**



"Pediatric neurosurgeon"
-- **Alex Quezada, 12**



"Performing all over the world with my gospel band."
-- **Matthew Shelton, 12**



"In 10 years I see myself playing semipro soccer."
- **Esteban Gonzalez, 12**



"Rich and successful in the Air Force and married with kids." --- **Emily Mott, 12**
"Successful with a nice Christian family."
--- **Donte Rosborough, 12**



"A cartoonist in California."
--- **Julia Martinez, 12**



"Bossing people around."
--- **Chandler Currey, 12**