



## Graduation Class of 2015 to be held May 31

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Many seniors are preparing to graduate this upcoming May. The graduation ceremony will take place at the NRG arena, formerly known as the Reliant Arena. The date of the ceremony will fall on Sunday, May 31 at 1 pm.

In order to graduate, seniors must complete all the high school requirements and other preparations for graduation. Like previous years, seniors at Lee will take finals one week before everyone else in order to make time for the senior ceremony practice, award ceremony, and to take care of anything missing.

Some of the senior graduation requirements are passing all STAAR and TAKS tests, these tests are required by the state

as graduation requirements. There have already been some makeup tests but there will soon be more in May. All over Lee, teachers are preparing students for their makeups considering the fact that it is one of their last chances to pass them before graduation.

There are STAAR tutorials held every Saturday and every student who needs extra help is welcomed to attend. There are even snacks offered.

Another important requirement for graduation is attendance.

Attendance is one of the most important requirements because if you have only three unexcused absences or more then you are in jeopardy of losing credit for a

class even if you are passing it. Unless you plan to recover your credit during summer school and not graduate in May with the rest of the senior class, then reconsidering your absences is necessary.

Passing all courses during the second semester of the school year is vital. Some of the most important tests are finals, which make up about 25 percent of the final grade for the semester. This means that getting a high score on the final can boost up your final average drastically.

The same goes with failing, it could result in a failing grade for the semester. That is why studying and taking importance in preparing for final exams is necessary.

One of the last steps for graduating is

applying to a four or two year college. All seniors are required to apply to either or. The College Center is there for assistance in any steps of the process. For more information see Ms. Smith-Davis in the College Center.

And lastly, the graduation ceremony, all seniors who are graduating will have to attend the ceremony in a cap and gown. Every senior must purchase the same cap and gown as everyone else and pay a fee of ten dollars for the diploma cover. If the cap and gown are different, then the student will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

For more information on senior requirements see Ms. Herron and Ms. Broadnax.



PHOTO TAKEN BY AMY AND EMMA LIANG

## Lee High School honors two Valedictorians in the Class of 2015: twin sisters Amy and Emma Liang

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Lee High School usually has one valedictorian, but the class of 2015 will not be following the norm. This year there are two valedictorians with exactly the same GPA. They are two senior twin sisters, Amy and Emma Liang and they will be the valedictorians this year.

“Frankly it was solely unexpected because I was merely taking classes, mostly AP and Pre-AP classes that interested me the most,” Senior Amy Liang said. “I am very grateful to be one of the top people of the class of 2015.”

They’ve both been through challenges, but they have done their best to get through them.

“Being persistent in academics and embracing academics as something entertaining has been the challenge,” Senior Emma Liang said. “Time devotion and irreplaceable dedication are main components of my academic career,” Amy said.

Two different speeches will be given by the twins, Amy will start-up the speech and Emma will be closing it.

“I mostly want to accentuate the difficulty of coming of age and transformation from a teenager to a young adult: responsibility, maturity, and hope for college years,” Amy said.

“My speech will be about prolific thanks to my teachers, recommenders, and everyone who supported me throughout my high school years,” Emma said.

The girls said that being valedictorian inspires them to work harder and make something more of themselves and their career.

“It will push me harder in college and throughout my lifetime because I’ll always set a higher benchmark once I achieve the one before it,” Emma said.

“It shows where I am academically in high school and I will continue to keep my grades up in college,” Amy said.

## Highlights to remember from the 2014-2015 year

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Many incredible things happen here at Lee High School to the students. There are also a lot of really memorable events for students. Three students have decided to allow the school to learn about their most memorable moments here at Lee HS.

This year was full of great experiences for the students that they will never forget, just like the Junior Azka Javed expressed.

“My most memorable memory this year was when I entered Ms. Loza’s Speech Class,” Javed said. “This made me feel very happy because Ms. Loza was the first teacher I met who was beautiful and polite in her classroom. I do wish I could relive that moment, but I would not change

anything.”

Another student, Sophomore Mariana Maldonado, allowed Lee High School students to learn of her fun experience.

“My most memorable moment was when Ms. McGraw started to dance in the classroom,” Maldonado said. “This made me feel very excited and it made me laugh a lot. I wish to live through that experience again, but I would leave it as it is and not change anything.”

The last student that wished to let us know of her experience was Junior Harronjahnee Chase.

“My most memorable experience was when the Lee High School Guard Dance

team went to the competition and won in the sweepstakes,” Chase said. “I was overwhelmed by excitement and happiness. It was the greatest feeling I have ever experienced. I would love to experience this once again, because I would like to cry tears of joy.”

There have been a lot of events at Lee High School that have been very memorable. The events are the results of the latest UIL competitions, with LHS winning the HISD district. Other memorable events happening include the arrival of a new principal, Mr. Trinh, the Lee High School Girls’ Wrestling Team goes to state, LHS enrolls in Linked Learning, and the victo-

ry of Cross Country for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place.

A lot of events have also occurred worldwide in the past year. Big, impacting events worldwide include the Ebola outbreak in Africa, or the Malaysian Airline Airplane missing with over 200 passengers on board. Other events include the seizing of regions by the extremist group named ISIS, or the landing of the Rosetta Spacecraft landing on a comet.

This year, there have been a lot of unexpected events that have caused either chaos within nations or have helped us discover new things beyond what we know now.





# Principal Trinh looks forward to next year

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As the school year wraps up, students are wondering if Principal Trinh is going to continue to be at Lee High School. The answer to that question is yes!

He reflected on this year here at Lee and says he can't wait to come back next year. He even graded it, saying that it was a, "B-," because it was his first year as principal and with all the experiences he gained, next year will be even better.

"I was able to see our students in action," Trinh said. "I tried to attend at least two or three functions of the major sports and academic programs."

Trinh attended many of the sports events, as well UIL events. His only regret was not being able to teach during the school year.

"I was able to help Mr. Malik when he was here during the first semester in Chemistry and in Algebra 1 twice," Trinh said. "I wish I could

of done that more but I just didn't have the time to continue on."

Trinh says that next year he will hope to help with more classes and more teachers.

"I just want the teachers, admin team and the students to know that I was a teacher for 16 years," Trinh said, "I really enjoy doing that! I really hope that I can do that more next year."

Trinh also said that he wishes to bring more community organizations, businesses and programs into Lee next year.

Also, because of the amount of gang fights that took place this year, Trinh is ready to put a stop to that next year.

"When you look at it now, it's the same kids that are getting into fights," Trinh said. "We are helping those kids as much as possible."

Along with helping those who are in gangs, Trinh is helping all students at Lee High School next year by ordering school supplies for every

student.

"They will have a three inch binder, a pencil pouch with pens and map colors in the pouch, three subject notebooks, single subject notebooks, a composition notebook and loose leaf paper," Trinh said.

Trinh said that many people have already questioned him on spending money on this because of the students. But it's just because of the students that Trinh wants to do this. He believes it will help those that may be struggling financially.

"Majority of the students here are excellent," Trinh said. "Some are just really shy and won't admit they need help. I believe that this will help at least with the beginning of the school year."

Overall, Principal Trinh wants the students and staff of Lee High School to know that he is here for all of you and trying to help and support everyone he can.



# Students rewarded for perfect attendance at bash

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This May, Lee High School's very own Ms. Washington hosted this year's Perfect Attendance Super Hero Bash.

Ms. Washington was looking to reward 250 students who have had perfect attendance and also those who have most improved their attendance.

The students who qualified for the bash received a golden invitation to attend the perfect attendance bash in the cafeteria; there was food, music and fun!

The best parts were the amazing super hero decorations, selfie photo booth, over the top candy bar, and the 200 prizes raffled off.

Perfect attendance means absolutely no absences (excused or unexcused). Therefore, make sure your attendance is 100% percent perfect!

When asked what inspired her to do this bash for the students, Ms. Washington responded, "Students should be rewarded when they make positive choices. This is the fifth year we are celebrating perfect attendance and student success. I wanted to reward the students who are above and beyond, by coming to school on time every day, with awards and certificates."

"I am so excited for this bash! I've been waiting all year for it," Junior Carolina

Montoya said.

According to Ms. Washington, the types of students who were able to attend the bash were the ones who have "perfect attendance (no excuse or unexcused absences), most improved students who are leaders in classrooms, and teacher nominated students."

"I've been coming to school on time and trying my best not to be absent. Hopefully, I will qualify to attend the bash, I heard that is a fun event to attend," Freshmen Luis Quintanilla said.

When asked about the types of prizes that students can expect to see and win,

Ms. Washington enthusiastically reported prizes like "free food coupons, gift cards, and small accessories like headphones jewelry, and backpacks."

Even larger prizes like televisions, CD players, Bluetooth wireless speakers, x box, and play stations were available.

"This is a big event and all that you have to do to get invited was come to school every day and go to all your classes. I like giving rewards, parties, and gifts, but only to the students who deserve them. You don't have to be perfect; you can be the most improved," Ms. Washington said.

So make sure to come to school!

# Freshmen Class of 2018 share accomplishments from the year

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This year was a farewell to class of 2015 and salutations to class of 2018. Since the year has been mostly about seniors, we should pay some attention to the freshmen who have been slightly overlooked. Here are some interviews from the class of 2018 about their experience at Lee High School.

"My experience at Lee High School this year has been great," Freshman Deborah Akimana said. "This year, I have had so much fun with my new teachers and friends. This past year I have grown closer to my teachers and I have learned a lot of things. I got to see new things and even things I did not want to see."

Akimana was a part of the first year of Lee High School's new Linked Learning initiative.

"I am a Linked Learning student and I got the chance to learn different things from my fellow linked learning teachers. Learning new things from different teachers has been a great experience," Akimana said. "This year in linked learning, I got to go to the Port of Houston and learn all about ships and staff. I got to learn how Houston and the United States trade with different countries around the world. Being a linked learning student has been the best thing so far."

For students of any age, it is important to be involved in after school activities and participate in the pride and spirit of Lee.

This year, Akimana participated in UIL

Academics and competed in science. She won 3rd in the District competition and was able to compete at the Regional meet in Magnolia.

"I was so happy to be able to go to Regionals with my friends and sister," Akimana said. "Going to Regionals made me and my parents proud. Most of all, it made my Biology teacher, Dr. Furst, proud. It showed him that I really listen in class and not just play around. I want to thank Ms. Loza, Ms. Wiener, Mr. Cody, Mr. Mark, and Dr. Furst for helping me get there and for seeing that I can make it to State (even if we didn't). I was the only freshman to make it to Regionals this year."

Other freshmen have different perspectives on the year and how it went.

"Well, really it was fun because mostly all the people from my middle school came there and I really had fun during the basketball season, and I really enjoyed the programs they had for us freshmen to try to make us better people outside of school and inside of school. And I'm really looking forward to seeing more next year ... And that's pretty much it..." Freshman Francois Murishi said.

With over 600 freshmen this year, and a lot of new opportunities coming their way, the class of 2018 will have the chance to make a great impact on the school and community in these next four years. Good luck Lee Generals and remember that every year matters!

# Apollo Fellows hold annual competition for STAAR prep

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The Apollo program in Lee High School that is on the third floor held a very special competition recently. The competition was intended to help the students learn the concepts of Algebra 1 in a way that was fun and enjoyable.

Apollo Fellow Lauren Pratt shared the details on the competition and the purpose. "This is an annual event held every spring to get the students to view videos of the most common TEKS given on the STAAR released test," Pratt said. "Students take an assessment after each video showing for one week and have fun. A lot of students enjoyed it. This competition was held to have all of the Apollo students participate in the contest."

Pratt gave the mechanics to how the competition worked.

"The way the event worked was for one week all of the Apollo rooms were split up among five groups. Starting with their home room, each student rotated with their class to compete to be the top four students to represent their room. The competition involved math questions that coincided with the math TEKS. The fellows were assigned two TEKS to find videos for and assembled questions that aligned with introductions and instructions," Pratt said. "The first video was played, after the video, students answered 6-8 questions with a 13 minute time limit. The second video was shown and the students answered the questions, and then the Ticket to Leave (5 minutes). On the 'Big Day,' 28 students competed for the best. We used Socratic to generate harder and challenging questions. Overall, we loved the effort our students put forward."

Apollo Fellow Pratt shared that the results yielded by the students was great and the feedback received was great. Most students preferred this way of learning more than the normal routine and the fellows really enjoyed it. The rewards that were given to the finalists of the competition were shared by Ms. Pratt.

"There were 12 finalist, all competing for the top three positions. The winners received fun prizes such as school supplies, food coupons, and gift cards. The top three received medals and so much more!" Pratt said.

The finalists of the competition were "The Champions," "The Lucky Stars," and "Too Legit to Quit." "The Champions" include Ana Romero, Malkah Tariq, Moni Giri, and Anne Verduco. "The Lucky Stars" include Imnet Petra, Jacqueline Gonzalez Amaya, Yzhbl Astrid David, and Pedro Pacheco. "Too Legit to Quit" include Daniel Ramirez Maceda, Steven Mcfarlin, Wakif Ferdou, and Xochitl Serna. All of these students did great in the competition and they have shown the Lee pride.

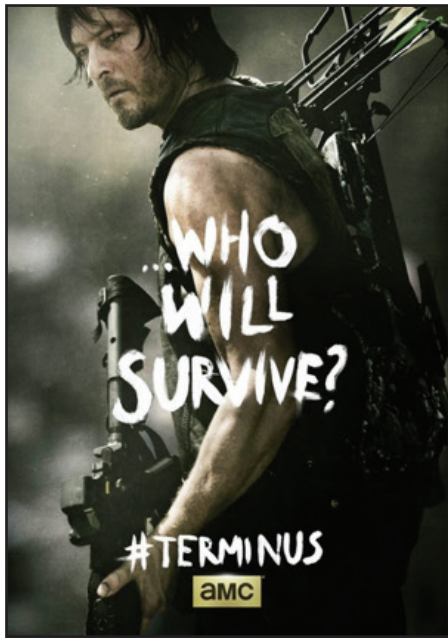




# Hits on Netflix and HBO to watch

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Summer is really close and it’s time to catch up to our favorite TV shows! It’s time to binge on new series and old ones until 5am. This summer, for those of us who will be doing nothing but sleeping and eating the whole day, we have some series you may be interested in watching on Netflix and HBO.



The first runner up is.... The walking dead! The series aired on October 31,2010 and currently has 5 seasons in total. The story follows Rick Grimes, a police officer who gets shot in the line of duty and awakens from a coma to find the world dominated by the dead. The TV series has some jump scares and really gruesome deaths, but heck, that isn’t going to stop me from watching it.



Game of Thrones is such an interesting TV show. The show follows the viewpoint of eight different people, so it is a bit hard to understand and is not meant to watch with younger kids, its very fantasy based but it’s a show that is recommended by so many people that it has to be placed in our list to binge on!



Orange is the new black is a TV series about Piper Kerman who hooks up with a chic lesbian drug dealer named Nora Jansen and helps her smuggle money across borders in Europe. She leaves this life behind and eventually meets a man named Larry, whom she moves to New York with. But her money-laundering past catches up with her, and she’s indicted on drug charges, she pleads guilty to avoid a maximum sentence, and is sentenced to eighteen months in Danbury Federal Prison. The TV series sounds really interesting but also makes you think about what life in prison would be like. You can watch this TV series on Netflix!



Sherlock Holmes BBC version, this is, to be honest, my favorite BBC series apart from Doctor Who. The Series follows Sherlock and Watson who at first hate each other with a passion, well mainly Watson hates Sherlock. As Sherlock says it, “I’m not a psychopath Anderson, I’m a high-functioning sociopath. Do your research.” The episodes to this series are really long and are fast paced, because they are British, you will grow to hate and love them at the same time. This series can also be watched on Netflix.  
Hopefully you have found a new series to watch and enjoy during the summer. See you next year Generals and I hope you all have fun during summer, be careful and make good decisions!  
See you next school year.

# Fun activities to try around Houston this summer

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We are all very excited for the upcoming two-month happiness and that is the summer.  
What will happen during the summer though?  
A lot of people have plans for this summer.  
Maybe last year summer wasn’t as great as you wished it to be.  
But this one should live up to the expectations.  
You and a lot of people are planning big, but just in case you have no plans, look at what some people are planning to do for their summer.

Maybe you could tag along with them?  
How are you planning to spend summer 2015?  
“I plan to skate until my wheels fall off,” Junior Bryan Eriza said. “Skating plays a big role in my life and now since it’s the summer time I have an unlimited amount of time to skate. If I work by then, I’ll do my best at my job but after work or my off days I’ll go skate.”  
Around Texas there are also plenty of places to get away and go hiking. It is a good way to get out into nature.  
“I’m going to Trinity Pines to camp with my family,” Junior Guadalupe Bonola

said. “This is a yearly thing for me and my family. We go every summer. It’s very exciting because you see a lot of animals and you could do so many things there. I really believe it’s going to be exciting.”  
While planning vacation time and figuring out ways to do what you love are good options for the summer, you may also want to buckle down and find a job.  
“I want a car and the only way I’m going to receive that car is to get money,” Junior Ricardo Rodriguez said. “The car I’m wishing to get is a G35 and I’m planning to work the whole summer if I have to in order to get it. Nobody likes walking or catching

the metro to school so I’m going to change that for myself and some of my friends.”  
If you don’t have places to go, here are a few suggestions.  
You could head to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Museum of Fine Arts, or Houston Zoo, Minute Maid Park, and the Galleria and there are many more places to go during this summer.  
“I’m trying to do every fun thing there is possible during this summer,” Junior Ronnie Mason said.  
This summer, don’t waste your time sitting inside watching TV, get out there and try something new.

# Summer movies to see in theaters

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Max

After U.S. Marine Kyle Wincott is killed in Afghanistan, Max, his highly trained service dog, is too traumatized to remain in service. Back in the U.S., Kyle’s family adopts the dog, but teenage brother Justin (Josh Wiggins) has problems of his own and doesn’t want the animal. However, Max may be Justin’s only chance to learn what really happened to his brother. June 26, 2015



Ant-Man

With the ability to shrink in size but grow in strength, a con man (Paul Rudd) must help his mentor (Michael Douglas) protect the secret of his Ant-Man suit and pull off a heist that will save the world. July 17, 2015



Tomorrowland

A former boy-genius (George Clooney) and a gifted teenager (Britt Robertson) set out on a dangerous mission to unearth the secrets of “Tomorrowland,” an enigmatic location caught between time and space. May 22, 2015



Poltergeist

Terrifying apparitions hold a suburban family’s youngest daughter captive, forcing the family to seek help from a paranormal expert to save the child before she disappears forever. May 22, 2015



Jurassic World

The story unfolds 22 years after the events of “Jurassic Park,” in a fully functional resort on Isla Nublar that sees more than 20,000 visitors a day. But humanity’s continuing efforts to dominate nature generate unexpected, and dangerous, results. June 12, 2015



# Celebrated accomplishments of Class of 2015

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It’s difficult to believe that four years have passed since the incoming freshmen of 2011 first stepped foot at Lee High School.

In four years the class of 2015 changed the face of Lee High School and transformed it into a force to be reckoned with against other high schools.

Over the past four years, the class of 2015 has made several changes to the school that positively impacted the school as well as the lives of our students. One of the first things was Lee goes Green for the class of 2015. It was held in November 2011 where several students planted trees and painted the class of 2015 mural.

Another accomplishment by the class of 2015 is the very first class that has been in internships. 6 people were chosen to be in the Chronicle Classroom at the Houston Chronicle

downtown and 6 other people were chosen to be part of Genesys Works. All 12 people worked in offices downtown and were the first to get a real life work experience.

Class of 2015 also led the Lee UIL further than it has ever made it before. Four journalism students of the class of 2015 took the team to the Regional competition in Huntsville, Texas in 2014. Ten students took the team to regionals again in 2015 and one of them became the state first alternate.

The class of 2015 was also the foundation of the journalism program at Lee. In the 2013-2014 school year, the fifth period journalism class (comprised of a majority of class of 2015) began working on reviving the school newspaper The Traveler. With these three new issues of The Traveler began a legacy and for the next school year a new issue every month

would be published.

The class of 2015 was also part of the state recognized soccer team. In 2014, the Lee soccer team made it to the state semifinals. About seven of the soccer team comprised of the class of 2015. In addition in wrestling we had three girls from the class of 2015 make it to the state competition twice in a row.

One student in the graduating class was also a founding member of Lee’s media program, LeeTV. Saras Paudel was one of the innovators of LeeTV as a director, editor and actor for the show. The show has now expanded into two classes which produce an episode every week.

In terms of academics, the class of 2015 was awarded \$1,954,409 in scholarships and have been accepted to numerous prestigious colleges. Some of the public universities that Lee was accepted into include Abilene Christian

University, Houston Baptist University, Lamar University, Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M, Texas Southern, Texas Tech, Texas Woman’s, University of Houston, University of Texas. In addition there were four out of state acceptance to The University of Chicago, The University of Colorado at Boulder, Knox College, and The Pennsylvania State University.

The class of 2015 has accomplished many things over the last four years and now that this chapter of their lives is over all that’s left to say is thanks for everything.

Thank you to teachers, staff, administrators, family, bosses, loved ones, friends for always being there for us and supporting us as we head on to the next part of our journey.

Lee class of 2015 has left a legacy that will forever live on.

## Seniors accepted to college

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Seniors have worked hard to reach their goal which is getting accepted to their dream college.

“When I got the acceptance letter from Knox College it was a great feeling and I can’t wait to start attending their next year,” Senior Saras Paudel said.

Getting accepted to a great university is a blessing because many people study a lot and dedicate themselves to school by having all A’s to have a high GPA and great SAT score.

Everybody can reach their goal to get an acceptance letter from the college they have been dreaming about, but you have to put dedication into getting there.

In the end, it is going to be worth all the hard work and studying, not only are you going to be proud of yourself, but your family is going to be proud. Parents want their kid to succeed in life and they work hard to give them education and should be appreciated for it.

These are all the Universities that the class

of 2015 got accepted to:

Abilene Christian University, Lamar University, Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M College Station, Texas woman’s University, Houston Baptist University, Many Hardin Baylor University, Sam Houston State University, Texas Southern University, University Of Colorado Boulder, Knox College , Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Stephen F Austin State University, Texas Tech University , University of Houston, University Of Houston Victoria, Penn State , University of Perminian Basin, University of Texas Austin and University Of Texas San Antonio.

These are great universities that our seniors are going to be attending next year.

We are all proud of all the dedication you have put into school these four years and to see all the seniors graduate from high school is a wonderful feeling. Class of 2015, we are going to miss you and we wish you the best in the universities you’re going to be attending.

## Shout out to Class of 2015

Kymyatta Gabriel  
*News Writer*

“I would like to shout out Aby for being the best trumpet player that I have ever heard!” – Ryan Salazar

“Shout out to Ryan Salazar for being the bestest best friend ever, I love you so much.”♥ - Natalie Avilez

“Shout out to Mariam Rizvi as well as Leslie Rodriguez for being the realest girls in Lee High School.” - Dillon Morales

“Shout out to Jackie Torres for being the most girly girl in Lee High School.” – Luis Alejandro

“Shout out to Aby for being in charge in the trumpet players.” – Abimael Cruz

“Shout out to Michelle Ramos for always being there for me since freshman year. You are the best! I love you best friend!” – Mindy Hernandez

“Shout out to Diana Alas for starting up the Super Buddies Program it means a lot to those kids.” – Vincent North

“I would like to shout out to all my fans (Insert fan emoji here.)” – Ixchel Perez

“I would like to give you (Kymyatta) a shout out for being fab and being true to who you are. You ROCK!” – Counselor Mrs. Broadnax

“Shout out to all NHS seniors for proving

there is not anything wrong with being average BUT there is nothing average about y’all! GO NHS!” - NHS Sponsor Ms. Hubbard

“I want to give Belshedy Ammanuel a shout out because she’s so intelligent and down to earth.” –Dejanee Cherry

“I want to give Ixchel Perez a shout out because she is very smart and always has a positive mind-set.” – Ronnie Mason

“I want to give Argentina Barrios and Natalie Avilez a shout out because they are amazing people. I met them my freshman year (2 years ago) and they have been a blessing to my life ever since. I wish them the best in their future.” – Guadalupe Bonola

“I want to give a shout out to Guadalupe Rodriguez because she is so smart and amazing. Even though she has gone through thick and thin she is still making it. She has accomplished so much and I know she will be able to do so much more! Love you Lupe!!!! ♥♥” - Jennifer Coyoy

“I want to give a shout out to Kevin Morales because he works extremely hard.” – Jennifer Coyoy

Keep it up seniors!

## Seniors prepare to say goodbye to Lee High School

Bryan Herrera  
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Seniors have about one month left to go before they finally leave Lee High School and head to college for a better future.

Some seniors might be upset and disappointed to leave but others are content and excited that they accomplished something huge, which is finishing up four years of high school.

“In this point in my life, I feel great about graduating and pursuing my dreams and reaching the rest of my goals, but at the same time, I feel melancholic about leaving my friends behind and putting my high school experiences to an end,” Senior Alicia Reynoso said.

Feeling great about finishing high school, seniors experience many things and meet new people throughout their year as a senior.

“It sure was a wonderful experience growing up next to my friends and also learning something new each day,” Reynoso said. “Whenever you keep trying and you want to know the concept and you finally get it, it’s an amazing experience to finally say I get it and I can do it.”

Many students strive to be the best they can be and want to be remembered for something they have accomplished during their last year of high school.

“I want to be remembered about my achievements and my one and only passion, track. I wasn’t highly involved the moment I came to Lee High School, but junior year I left my fear behind and I involved myself in the team,” Reynoso said.

Being part of something means a lot to a person, knowing they put their mind, hard work, and dedication to be able to accomplish their obstacle.

“It was an awesome experience to compete with other kids of my age and hearing people cheer for me. I honestly love what I am capable of accomplishing when I propose myself to do it,” Reynoso said.

Looking forward to graduation, big things are to be expected while walking the stage or receiving your diploma and seeing friends and family watch you in excitement.

“There are many things I look forward to for graduation, such as walking across the stage with my graduating class, receiving my diploma, or watching my fellow classmates shed tears of excitement,” Reynoso said.

Achieving, accomplishing, and experiencing many things can be a big deal. Graduating is one experience that many seniors want to live in.

“The one thing I look forward to is knowing that I made it, that I accomplished an important part in my life and that I will keep going to get myself to where I want and become as successful as I can be,” Reynoso said.

Four years of hard work and also following the same routine can be difficult to many students.

“I feel good about leaving Lee High School because it means four years of hard work would finally have paid off,” Senior Brenda Maldonado said. “Also I’m excited for a change because I’ve been coming to the same place every morning and watching the same people every day, even though I will miss them.”

Many may say that after four years of high school it’s about time to start meeting new people, experiencing new things and starting a brand new journey.

“Leaving this school will let me have the opportunity to meet new people and experience new things,” Maldonado said.

Leaving high school is a big deal, you want to be able to leave a piece of yourself behind so that people will remember you for a long time.

“I want to be remembered for being a friendly person that likes to make new friends, because I like to interact with other people,” Maldonado said. “Also for being a positive and responsible

person that encourages people to do well. I have a positive attitude and like to have positivity around me.”

Seniors look forward to a particular part during graduation, whether it may be receiving your diploma or your friends and family watching you as you walk across the stage, but to others it’s something much more meaningful.

“The part I’m waiting for in graduation is the walking up the stage while my parents are watching me from the crowd and tears are running down their faces,” Maldonado said.

Receiving your diploma and shaking the hands of your teachers who helped you get where you are now, can be an emotional feeling you will want to remember.

“Another part I can’t wait for at graduation is when Principal Jonathan Trinh hands me my diploma because that’s when I can finally say I made it,” Maldonado said. “Knowing that my family and friends will be proud of me is the best feeling ever that anyone can feel, this is why I can’t wait for graduation.”

Students have their own feelings toward graduating and how they had many memories of people they enjoyed spending time with.

“I feel sad yet excited to start something new once I leave. The time that I’ve been at Lee has been fun,” Senior Vanessa Cabrera said. “I met great people that have become friends that I will have fond memories of.”

Students also have a way they want to be remembered and how people saw them throughout their years of high school.

“I want to be remembered for being that nice person that could be sarcastic when she needed to,” Cabrera said.

Graduating can be an exciting part of your life and for others receiving your diploma can be just what you were waiting for to reward all your hard work.

“I’m looking forward to getting my diploma!” Cabrera said.

Not only will the students be the ones attending graduation but also the teachers who helped them guide their way through high school.

“I will surely miss the Class of 2015 after they leave,” Senior Teacher Dahirou Ndiaye said. “The reason is that a lot of these seniors did a good job in my classes despite some challenges with class lessons. They did not give up on work.”

Teachers will also be looking forward the graduation ceremony and the speeches given by students who achieved the best in their class.

“The best part of it is the time when seniors walk on the stage to get their recognition,” Ndiaye said. “Additionally, I am looking forward to the speeches from the top ranked students.”

Teachers throughout the years give wise and knowledgeable advice to students every year about how college and life will be when graduating.

“My advice to them is a continuing education process,” Ndiaye said. “I recommend them to go for college without a major gap of time or break from high school.”

With this advice comes similar routines from high school that many may use when they begin their new journey in their future college.

“In addition, I suggest that they cooperate or form study groups with classmates and seek help from Teachers’ assistance if necessary,” Ndiaye said.

Graduation has a lot of meaning to every person, and that meaning is worth a lot.

Years of hard work throughout high school can be very rewarding at the end.

Graduation is just the end of one beginning and the start of a new journey.

Good luck!



# Seniors remember inspirational teachers

Cristian Moralez  
News Writer

Four years in high school are gone and many Generals from Class of 2015, will be in the loving memory of our school. There is excitement and tears, but always a remembrance of teachers.

Many teachers left a legacy and a seed of knowledge that seniors would remember and appreciate.

“I will remember my Debate coach Ms. Schultz because I was really close with her and I shared a lot of my favorite high school memories with her,” Guadalupe Rodriguez said. “She changed my life, everything was better after her.”

“I actually have more than one memorable teacher but I would like to start by mentioning Ms. Wiener,” Kymyatta Gabriel said. “She is one person that was there for me regardless of the situation from the time I came here my sophomore year. She is an overall amazing person. Also I will remember Mrs. Andrews-Elwell because she has also been sort of a life mentor through my school career too. Any questions I have about college or what I need to do in order to be successful with becoming a lawyer, she helps

me with. These two women are amazing people and I’m so happy that I was able to meet them.”

Elective teachers also are important in a students learning. They provide a hands on training.

“Mr. Brooks is a great woodshop teacher and I will always remember him,” Senior Nemer Batnij said. “He taught me how to make cabinets and work hard.”

But not only would teachers be remembered, administrators will live in the memory of the Generals.

“I will always remember Ms. Broadnax,” Senior Bigyan Sudai said. “She is always there for her students by talking and listening to them. She is literally the boss and my favorite administrator.”

Throughout these past four years, the seniors of Lee High School look back and reflect on and remember all the teachers that made a difference in their lives. Here are some shout outs.

“Shout out to Ms. Loza for being so real,” Senior Kimberly Benitez. “She has been such a great teacher and keeps it real

everyday.”

“I remember being in Ms. Savoy’s freshman class. She encouraged me to run for freshman homecoming princess and I won,” Benitez said.

“Shout out to Ms. Wiener for being a great, kind, understanding, motivational teacher and positive person who is always there for us and loves us,” Senior Isabel Martinez said.

“Ms. Shultz encouraged us to always go farther than we thought we could. It was really memorable when she talked to the class about her mom and the whole class cried,” Senior Dafne Sanchez said.

“Mr. Estes is always real and an amazing and patient band teacher. I will always remember all the games we went to and cheering on the players in the field,” Gabriel said.

“Shout out to Mr. Schiff for teaching me to love English so much that now I want to major in it,” Senior Maria Ramirez. “Reading Fahrenheit 451 really opened my eyes about reading and how I could enjoy it. This made me want to pursue a English career.”

“Mr. Phillips always encouraged students and was nice to everyone always,” Benitez said. “He was so supportive of all students and a great swim coach.”

“Mr. Bremer was so funny and could never pronounce the word ‘bag’ or ‘flag’ correctly,” Benitez and Gabriel said. “He was such a great teacher and gave us a great lesson in each class. He was the best science teacher I have ever had.”

“Shout out to Ms. Potts for being an amazing history teacher,” Ramirez and Gabriel said. “She always enjoyed teaching and was very enthusiastic. She had cute animals on her desk and students were never allowed to touch them.”

“Shout out to Mr. Ellis for being patient with all the students and always being in a positive mood,” Senior Melissa Garcia said.

“Shout out to Mr. Cash or Mr. Dinero for always giving us motivation in school and in our lives,” Ramirez said. “And for being funny!”

Thank you to all teachers who have helped us to get to where we are today! Congratulations Class of 2015!

# Advice from a senior to students in high school

Melissa Garcia  
Co Editor-in-Chief

It’s all fun and games until you are told you no longer have one off campus period because you need to take a class you didn’t pass three years ago. This is exactly how every senior who did not try his or her hardest freshman year feels.

During the beginning of high school it may seem like there are still four long years left and that there is still plenty of time to fix your GPA and make up classes. Then you might start to slack off and find that it’s very easy to do so. At the end of your freshman year you notice that your GPA is not that great but, “oh well” is all you say, after all there are still

four years left.

Then there is sophomore year and things are getting a little bit more serious. You notice during the middle of your sophomore year that when it’s over there will, in fact, only be two years left. Classwork becomes more challenging and if you are involved in extra-curricular activities your schedule becomes busier. How are you supposed to make up for that one class you failed freshman year? Once again you are careless and decide to forget about it.

Things soon begin to get serious when you become a junior and notice your GPA

is still not that great because of something that happened freshman year. This definitely makes it harder for colleges to accept you. Turns out that freshman year mistakes can haunt you for the rest of your high school career. However, you try your best and finish off with an A average in every single class for junior year. And finally senior year, you receive your schedule and notice that you only have five periods. Everything is great and you are enjoying your senior year to the fullest when suddenly you receive a note that explains that now you have six periods due to a class you either never took or failed during

freshman year. It’s devastating because now you have about two extra hours of school including lunch. “What is this class? I don’t even remember,” you say.

However, there is nothing you can do about it other than take it, or else it could mean not graduating.

It seems like the four years actually felt like two and not nearly as long as you expected them to be. You are glad it’s finally over and decide that you will never mess up your GPA again just for being careless. You are motivated to start over in college with a GPA that actually reflects yourself.

# Seniors plan for after graduation

Noor Al Yacoub  
News Writer

Seniors- it’s already time to walk down the stage to receive your high school diploma! The class of 2015 is a wonderful and diverse group of students, united, of course, by their own goals, dreams, and hopes to achieve and be successful. Not only do they have the idea of going to college and continuing to study and be an educated person, but also they have some goals for summer and what job they would like to do and what place will they want to live in.

“After high school I have so many plans for what I would like to do. One of those plans is finding a job that can help me save money from to buy my own car,” Senior Fatin Khmo said. “Another goal is to get my driving license this summer so I can drive anywhere I want with friends and family.”

Seniors have a good future ahead. They plan for their summer fun and what they should do in order to use this summer time to achieve at least one or two of their personal goals.

“I want to travel to San Antonio this summer and stay there for almost a month as my parents planned,” Khmo said. “For the summer, I want to give myself the time to walk every morning at least for an hour so I will stay fit and healthy.”

It sounds pretty positive for those seniors who decided to stay healthy and enjoy summer as much as they can at the same time. Enjoying summer and having fun

get you ready for college and give you a strong, positive energy to stay out of negative thoughts.

“I plan on going to college, I’m not deciding yet, but I do know I will study nursing,” Senior Jazmin Adame said. “I will spend my summer working and saving money for my college.”

Once a senior, Adame said she started looking at her life differently and focusing on what she likes to do and how to become a person who can handle her life by herself and be independent.

“I want to become more independent and make a living on my own. I also want to make my parents proud,” Adame said. “I will keep working hard and while I’m in college I will keep my grades up.”

This year, seniors are really full with energy and totally want to change their lives for the better, moving forward on their next steps because staying in the same place will waste time and also make no difference. As adults, they want to make a big transformation for their own life styles, colleges, and selves.

“I want to attend HCC and start my goal for the next few years in studying pharmacy and working really hard in college so my hard work will pay off later,” Senior Mariam Al Hasan said. “I think I will be outside the U.S. this summer and go back to my home country and spend the whole summer there with my family and relatives.”

# Senior Quotes

Jennifer Coyoy  
News Writer

“Always keep your goals in mind. Never say ‘I can’t,’ you will be surprised of the things you can accomplish.” – David Cruz

“Dreams don’t work unless you do.” -Raul Torres

“Change your thoughts and change your world.” – Kevin Morales

“God is always great.” - Cristal Santana

“It is better to prevent than to heal.” –Ngalula Mbaya

“I’m an anomaly, giving my 100 to rise, awaiting paradise, the place where I’ll never land.” – Maria Ramirez

“Nothing is impossible, the sky is the limit so be the rainbow in the sky.” –Kymyatta Gabriel

“You will remember me, I am the rainbow.” – Ixchel Perez

“Always work hard and keep reaching for success. Don’t let anyone hold you back or pull you down to their level.” – Cindy Wakiyama

“Man, Tyler the Creator changed my life. I Love him so much. He has a great album. FIND YOUR WINGS.” – Guadalupe Rodriguez

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.” – Nisa Adnani

“Because I’m a senior.” – Diana Alas

“May the time fly, but not the mind!” - CEO Coconation

“Don’t let your GPA, judge you.” – Cristian Moralez

“A human being is not attaining his full heights until he is educated. – Horace Mann” – Melissa Garcia

“Grab all the opportunity that knocks at your door.” – Prashantika Guatam (Prisha)

“Whatever you do in life enjoy the max out of it because there won’t be a second chance for it.” - Bigyan Subedi (Biggy)

“Soccer is life.” – Even Arenfaine

“I did it for my mom.” – Brenda Zuniga

“Don’t count the days, make the days count.” – Isabel Martinez

“Once again the world has proven anything you can do, I can do better.” – Kim Benitez

“No Ragrets.” – Elizabeth Bishop

“This was not high school musical.” – Dafne Sanchez

“To me, I am perfect.” – Sabhee Dhillow

“In the end, we only REGRET the chances we didn’t TAKE.” – Lilian Carcamo

“When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you will be successful.” – Even Arefaine

“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.” – Bex Garcia



# Solomon Fiseha named ‘Athlete of the Year’

Maria Ramirez  
News Writer

Many students are being recognized for their talent at Lee High School. But not all students are being nominated Athlete of the Year. Junior Solomon Fiseha has been nominated Lee High School’s Athlete of the Year. Students had to meet many requirements in order to be in this position. But with Solomon in this position, based off his grades and achievements, he has certainly met these requirements. “This feels awesome!” Fiseha said. “I have been working hard all year in my education and in sports especially.” Fiseha participates in many sports and extracurricular activities at Lee. He is in cross country, track, UIL and the

National Honors Society. “I am in many things,” Fiseha said. “I think I have accomplished many things this year and I am happy about that.” Fiseha also said that, in his country, it is normal for people to run and that it is his ancestors that he wishes to make proud. “I am more of a cultural person,” Fiseha said. “I want to be as smart as I have to be and one of the best athletes.” Even though Fiseha is a junior, he is already thinking about college. He wishes to do sports in college and said that he believes that everything and anything is possible with hard work and practice.

# Check out these tips for staying healthy in the summer time

Ixhel Perez  
News Writer

When summer comes around, our routine changes. We don’t really keep on track with the calendar unless it’s for ‘pay day’ (only if you have a summer job). Being healthy is very important only if you want to live longer in good health conditions (I am pretty sure that everyone does). Well, we should all use this summer to make a difference to our health. From the way we eat to the hours we sleep, it is all an important role to a healthier life style. You do not necessarily need to have a gym membership to workout. The park is a free and clean environment in which many people love to go for a run. Running is not only a good way to lose weight but it also improves a healthier heart rate and metabolism, but that is not it. Running is helpful in many different ways. It is also a good way to get out of the depression zone, it builds up confidence and energetic thoughts. If you are trying to lose weight this summer remember that working out is not all that it takes in order to accomplish your goals. Thirty percent of workouts and 70 percent of the way we eat depends on how fast you will lose some fat pounds. Many people struggle losing weight. Although they workout everyday like crazy, they do not seem to meet their goals. This happens when they only work

on one side of the process. For better results, you should not only workout everyday, but also work to improve the way you eat. It is very interesting to see that everything that tastes so good and is so tempting to reject such as candy, cupcakes, Cheetos, sweets, sour, and even greasy food, it is very unhealthy yet we still choose it over a sweet natural apple. This needs to change. It is very important to learn how to eat healthy. Determination is all that it takes for you to make a change to how healthy you want to live your life. There are many things that you can do to still consume some sweets but manage to stay healthy. Fruits already have enough sugar, a fruit cocktail with honey is very delicious and a lot better than candy or a cupcake. Salads are not meant to be a boring way to lose weight. Salads are actually very delicious if you make it fun and colorful. Add every vegetable that you desire. Salad fans often like to combine sunflower seeds, dry grapes, strawberries, and raspberries to their salads, which will give it a sweet bitter taste. There are many ways on how to stay healthy without it being boring and hard. Enjoy your summer, but remember to make good healthy food choices and workout hard. You will only know if it’s a good workout if you can feel the pain.

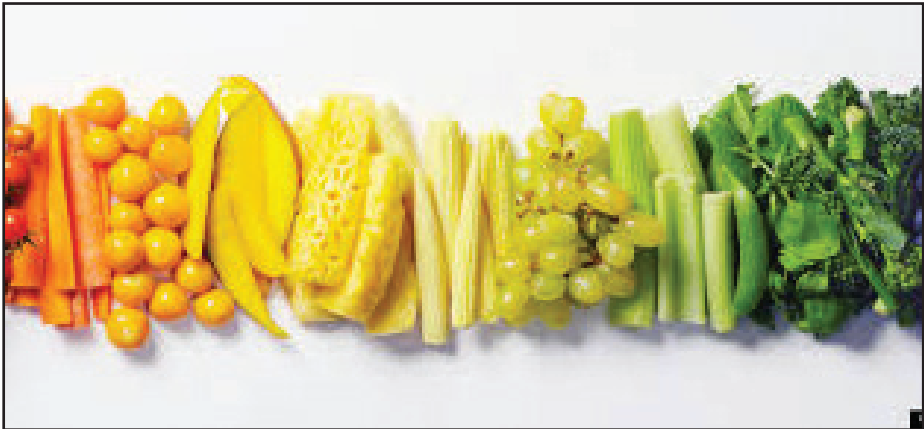


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Lee Athletic Week was a success as students and teachers competed against each other in various competitions including dodgeball, basketball, etc.



PHOTO TAKEN BY JACKIE CORREA

The winners of the Apollo competition day were posted and saluted for their hard work and effort this year with preparing for the Algebra 1 STAAR.



PHOTO TAKEN BY IXCHEL PEREZ

Students at Lee High School were able to spend a day interviewing and preparing for future jobs at the RAMP Student Mock Interview Day in May.



PHOTO TAKEN BY JARRID CALMESE

Students participate and work together in the Kickback event held by teachers of Lee High School.



PHOTO TAKEN BY IXCHEL PEREZ

Seniors had prom night at the Hilton near University of Houston. Diana Alas was named prom queen.





# Letter from the Editor

*As this is the last issue of the Traveler for the 2014-2015 school year, the senior editor addresses the progress of the year.*

Cindy Wakiyama  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Dear readers,

It was a pleasure to be one of the heads of The Traveler for the past two years. Thank you for taking time to appreciate the hard work of our staff. And thank you to Ms. Wiener who taught us everything we know.

The road we paved was not a smooth one. We began with a Spanish teacher who wanted to make good use of her journalism degree and a class full of students who selected the class because they A. enjoyed writing, B. enjoyed her company or C. both.

That class of 30 students managed to sweep the first place titles of the 2014 UIL District Competition in News Writing, Feature Writing and Editorial Writing along with other titles and won Best Overall in Journalism, this was only the first year.

The one class period expanded to four different classes this year: journalism, newspaper, Lee TV and yearbook. The Traveler class then evolved into what we call the WNBC or Wiener News and Broadcast Corporation.

This was a great year for all of our programs. Lee TV students were able to produce consistently, the newspaper gained monetary support from the administration allowing us to print

every month and this year’s yearbook is the best one of the recent years. And the journalism classes allow students to learn to write without being thrown directly into the newspaper.

I am really proud of the WNBC family and all they have done. Every single member has done above and beyond to create a legacy that should be carried on for many years. I am also thankful for the Lee TV producers, Maria Ramirez and Gustavo Macoco, the yearbook’s editor, David Cruz, and my co-editor, Melissa Garcia, for LEEding (see what I did there?) our staff this year.

Our newspaper did so well this year that our April Fools edition received attention from the district and was featured in the HISD website, a first for our school. Because of Ms. Wiener, Lee students had many “firsts.” The first place wins we received in every UIL competition this year, the first big UIL district placement across many subjects and the first time many of us felt like a teacher truly cared about us, so thank you Ms. Wiener.

And thank you, reader, for being with us through it all.

Cindy Wakiyama,  
The Traveler coeditor-in-chief

# Class of 2016, senior year here we come!

Guadalupe Bonola  
News Writer

Now that the seniors are leaving us, the best class steps into their place! Class of 2016, after so much work for nearly 12 years of school, the students that didn’t give up and kept working hard are finally going to see the results when we graduate.

“I am so excited for our graduation and all the blessings that 2016 is going to bring us,” Junior Cristina Garcia said. “I am super happy and proud of myself.”

Many students are really excited about this some are more concerned about actually getting there.

“It’s so exciting seeing everyone finally graduating!” Garcia said. “All my friends and people I knew are on their way to college and have a bright future. I’m proud of myself and my peers.”

We have been waiting for nearly four years and we are finally going to experience and enjoy the benefits of being a senior! It is really exciting to finally get

to this level in our lives, and to be a good role model for the freshmen.

“I am so excited about the class of 2016. As I am new here, I am going to have so many new experiences,” Junior Namita Kadel said.

Everyone is excited that their success and hard work is finally going to pay off. It is nice to see everyone finally enjoying and getting ready to be a senior.

“I can’t wait to graduate next year! I will be a senior and I will be experiencing new things, which I am actually excited for,” Junior Brenda Renteria said.

Class of 2016 is a big deal and we have won the spirit stick since freshman year! We are leaving memories and a huge mark here at Lee High School. After next year, we are all going different ways, but we enjoyed our high school lives together.

We’ll see what senior year has in store for us.

# Advice for helping juniors succeed in their last year

Cindy Wakiyama  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

During my junior year it seemed like seniors had it easy. They got to go on trips and most had a nonchalant attitude throughout the year. It seemed like senior year would be a breeze, I soon found out that I was very wrong.

Although many seniors take on a whole different persona as soon as they begin wearing their yellow shirts, if you want to be successful, you shouldn’t. Many people say that classes don’t matter during senior year because you apply to colleges during the first semester before receiving the final grades for the semester, but grades still count.

One thing to take into account is that colleges can retract acceptances if admitted students’ grades drop. Also, if you don’t pass your classes, you don’t graduate. Always remember that school ends in May, stepping out of line so close to the end can still result in trouble.

Right now, weeks before graduation, a hand full of seniors are faced with having to change their graduation plans to less credits because they are failing classes. Others may have to graduate in the end of the summer instead of May. Don’t let that happen to you.

For those who plan on going to college, going on tours is a must. I knew that A&M would be my home when I first stepped onto the campus. While choosing a college, logic driven factors such as the school’s overall ranking

and the cost to attend are important but much like one goes about finding a soul mate, finding the right school has a lot to do with feelings.

All the major scholarships will be due either the first semester or the beginning of the second one. This will be the same time that college applications will be due and also the same time that seniors will be retaking the SAT and the ACT, it will be stressful but do not be discouraged. Start applications early, most of them open on August 1, don’t let anything pile up because you will feel overwhelmed.

Speaking of the ACT, you should take it! Yes, testing is awful and draining but taking the ACT will help many students. Since the ACT is structured differently from the SAT, many of students may see different results. Although my SAT scores were average, my ACT scores exempted me from the TSI. This is a test you’ll have to worry about once you’re admitted.

All-in-all, this last year of high school is the most exciting, emotional, stressful and eye-opening year so far. As scary as this all may sound there are lots of activities to look forward to. Prom will feel like a precursor to your wedding day and the many senior perks, such as the Fiesta Texas trip, are quite enjoyable. Have fun but don’t let go of your responsibilities. And most importantly, graduate.

# Spooky Fictional Stories by Sabrina Presents

## ‘Sweet Deadly Part 2’

*Creatively written fictional stories to thrill and terrify*

Sabrina Miller  
News Writer

The lady walks over to me with a tray. On the tray was a glass of something and a plate with eggs, sausage, and toast on it. She puts the tray on the dresser right next to me and helps sit me up.

“My dear can you move,” she asks.

I shake my head no.

The lady grabs a pouch from her pocket and pours its contents into the glass. “Drink this,” she says bringing the glass to my lips.

I drank it. It tasted just like orange juice.

“Try talking now.”

“He...el...lo. Um hello.”

“That’s good dear. Now try getting out of bed.”

I move my legs to the edge of the bed and try to stand. I almost fell but caught myself against the bed.

The boy walks into the room and comes toward me to help me stand. “What did you do to her,” the boy asks the lady.

“Helping her. They got her good so I made a potion to help her.”

“What am I,” I ask looking at both of them.

“Well,” says the boy looking at the floor.

The lady looks straight into my eyes with a serious expression. “You were turned into a zombie after your family and you were brutally murdered.”

Shock hit me and I was aware of how

cold I was. The boy holding me wasn’t warm either. “What are you,” I ask them.

“My son is a zombie like you,” says the lady. “And I’m a necromancer. We keep you zombies alive but your different than my son and other zombies. From what I know you were born a zombie, but when they killed you, your body was activated. You basically became what you were born to be.”

So many questions rushed into my mind, like why me? And for what reason?

The lady continues, “you don’t need a necromancer to live. They killed your family to find the zombie who’s told to live forever unless he/she falls in love. If this zombie falls in love they become mortal. Man wants to achieve immortality and felt you were the key.” She stops to catch her breath. “Son can you finish?”

“Yes mother. We were asked to save and protect you by your parents, if anything ever happened. Even if you were to become human, one of your distant relatives will suffer the same fate.”

“Why not kill me,” I ask.

“Then the curse will fall on us and our family,” he answered.

“Then I’ll kill myself or not have kids.”

His mother looks at me shaking her head. “There is no escape.”

The End





Goodbye Class of 2015, you will be missed

Jenni Wiener  
Media Teacher

Dearest Class of 2015,  
Having watched you grow in the past three years from sophomores to seniors who are ready to graduate, I could not be prouder of each and every one of you. You have truly shown that you have what it takes to step up to the plate and accomplish what needs to be done. Not only that, but whenever I have given you a task, you have willingly accepted with smiles on your faces and eagerness to succeed.

It was your class’s dedication to coming to the after school journalism club meetings in your sophomore year and taking what you learned into the UIL competitions, in which you took the wins. You were the ones who showed that it was possible to bring the newspaper back to Lee High School and you proved it to Ms. Quintero by inspiring her to grant us a newspaper class in your junior year.

Junior year, 30 of you brave souls decided to follow me in figuring out how to create a published newspaper on our own. We were faced with the challenges of not having enough money, resources, or knowledge to create this paper, but together, we figured it out. We spent countless hours fundraising, reaching out to the community for help, and putting in some of our own donations to make sure we could get our paper printed on authentic newsprint. We put in

the time, practice and commitment of learning how to come up with story ideas, interview people, act professionally, and write like a true journalist. With the high number of English language learners at Lee High School and the low literacy rates, we united over a common goal of making a difference in the reading, and writing skills of the students. Our mission was and still is to create a paper with stories that students want to read and can relate to, so that they will get that extra practice, hopefully, helping them to succeed in STAAR tests and in life.

When the first newspaper was printed, I will never forget the smiles on your faces and the happiness we shared as we passed it out to the school. It seemed like everyone wanted a copy and it was something new and exciting. People started noticing how amazing you all are and how much you can accomplish if you just put your mind to it, and they were impressed with you! We overcame every challenge that came our way that year and published three newspapers with our limited resources. I will forever be grateful to you because I would have never won Teacher of the Year without my Students of the Year supporting and trusting my leadership and challenging me to be better than I thought I could.

And this year is no different. Although you all

have been crazy busy with college applications, SAT tests, scholarships, and trying to get everything done so you can graduate on time, you still stepped up to any challenge or task I threw your way. You helped our one newspaper class grow into six media classes of Lee TV, the yearbook, the newspaper, and a general journalism I class. I saw many of you step up as leaders in these media organizations, including Cindy Wakiyama and Melissa Garcia as co-editors-in-chief of the newspaper, Gustavo Macoco and Maria Ramirez as producers of Lee TV, and David Cruz as Editor of the yearbook. You are all great leaders and you have amazing and supportive classmates who have helped you be successful throughout the year.

This year, with the support of Mr. Trinh and the administration, we were able to get more resources and publish nine full newspapers, a 15-minute episode of Lee TV almost every week, and an amazing yearbook.

Also, with all your success in media, the Houston Chronicle recognized your skills and this was the first year ever that they took six of our original newspaper students and placed them in a daily internship at the Chronicle downtown. Kymyatta Gabriel, Cindy Wakiyama, Maria Ramirez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Ixchel Perez and Cristian Moralez, you all are

incredible and amazing people and with the internship this year, I have seen you grow so much, not only in your writing and communication skills, but also in your maturity, relationship building, and leadership. I could not be prouder of the six of you for giving Lee High School such a good name and going above and beyond the expectations given to you all. Keep it up!

Overall, I just want to say thank you to all of you who have helped and supported me with all my crazy requests and expectations throughout the past three years. I have moved up with your class, and many of you, I have had for three years. I can truly say that I will very much miss you next year. However, never forget that you made a legacy here at Lee High School that will be carried on and remembered. You made a difference in this school and I am very excited to see what more you will do in college and in the world. Never stop striving to be your best! You will always have a home at Lee High School. Best of luck!

Ms. Wiener

Below, I just want to give a special recognition to the seniors who have made this newspaper possible for the past two years.

Thank you so much for everything! I am always here for you!

Jazmin Adame



Noor Al Yacoub



Kimberly Benitez



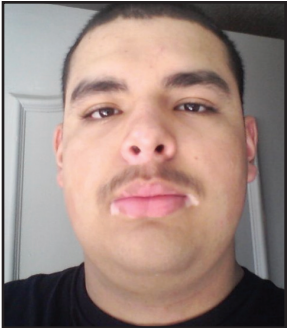
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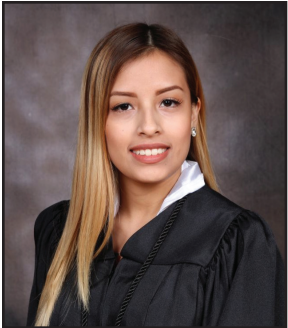
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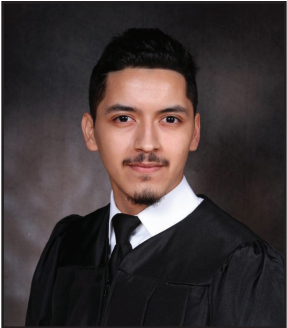
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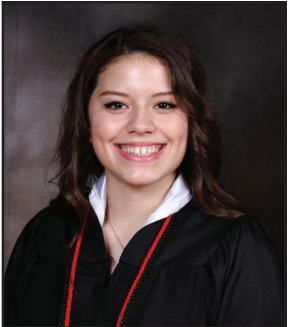
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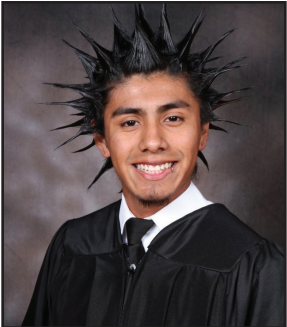
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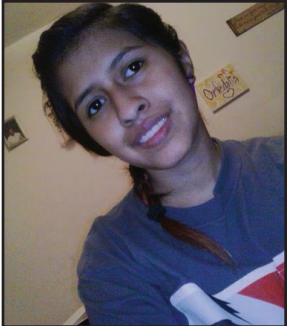
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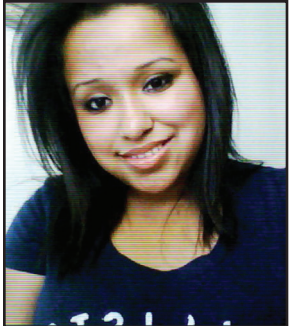
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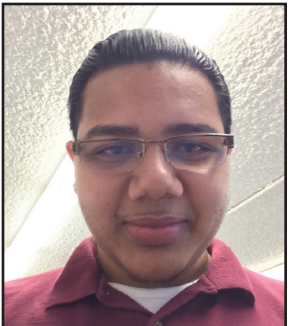
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