

# THE AEGIS



Issue #3 Student Spotlight

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## Sam Houston Honors Students Going Above and Beyond.

Not all students are the same. Some slack off and enjoy high school stress-free, but others strive to be the best they can be socially, academically, and ethically. The people below are renowned as being above average in everything they compete in school-wise. Some may say it is fake but these individuals are simply living to succeed. .



Pictured above, the Physics Class roller coaster project.

School Beautification works the garden outside the Life-skills Wing

Art class creating the back-drop for the upcoming Mariachi concert

# Academic Royalty 12th Cheyenne Kirksey

There are students that sometimes exceed our expectations. They go beyond the limit and go the extra mile, and at times they seem sort of alien to us. These people that we are going to mention in this month's article could arguably be said to be the absolute epitome of genius, although it might not just be their undeniable brilliance, but their ability to work hard.

## Layla Mayorga

**Extracurriculars:** ROTC Battalion Commander, Vice President of NHS, Student Council

**Favorite class:** College algebra

**College Plans:** Texas A&M University

**Who I admire:** I admire Megatron for never giving up after defeats

Quote: "With God all things are possible" -Matt 19:26

## Lisset Mosqueda:

**Extra-Curriculars:** NHS, Debate

**Favorite class:** AP Government

**College Plans:** want to go to The University of Texas at Austin, I want to major in political Science and then go to Law School and become a lawyer.

**Who I admire:** I admire Malala Yousafzai because she is an education advocate and I am too, I believe that a person achieves genuine success when they achieve their goals and help others achieve theirs. I think that inclusive leadership is very important because I get to express my identity and I get people to know me.

**Quote:** "A dream written down with a date becomes a goal, a goal broken down into steps becomes a plan, a plan backed by action makes your dreams a reality" Greg S. Reid

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**Statement from Teacher :** Lisset Mosqueda, she is without a doubt the best student I ever had. Her intelligence is just impressive; she took my AP Spanish Language class last year, and she got a 5 on her AP test. This year instead of taking off campus for 7 period, she decided to take my AP Literature class because she wanted to learn about our culture even more. Her work is always neat, and always on time. I am grateful for her effort, and all the great work she keeps doing. -Mr. Salazar -Mena

## Xochitl Garcia

**Extra-Curriculars:** NHS, Student Council, Robotics, UIL

**Favorite Class:** This year my favorite class has to be my AP English Literature class, even though English is one of my least favorite subjects, I have truly gained so much knowledge over the past few weeks.

**College Plans:** After high school, I would like to attend my dream school Washington State University in Pullman, Washington and major in Biochemistry and minor in Mathematics.

**Who I admire:** Someone I look up to is a former teacher of mine. Her class sparked my interest in studying Biochemistry and helped me decide what I wanted to do. She was also such a strong person, with so much going on in her life, she still came to class and gave the lesson because she wanted all of us to succeed.

**Quote:** "Have some fire. Be unstoppable. Be a force of nature" -Cristina Yang Grey's Anatomy

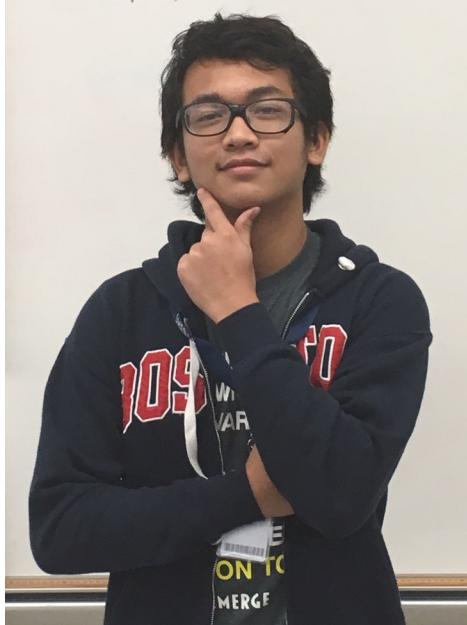


Pictured left

Xochitl

Pictured Right

Layla



**Andy Im** is a junior at Sam. He is involved in NHS, Debate, Robotics, Student Council, Verizon App Development Team, and his favorite class is AP English . Andy plans to attend MIT and greatly admires Magaret Hamilton. His favorite quote is “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did so. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

**Javier Espinoza** is another junior honoree for Academic Royalty. His favorite class is US History and he greatly admires his mother. His favorite quote is, “If it was easy, everyone would do it..”

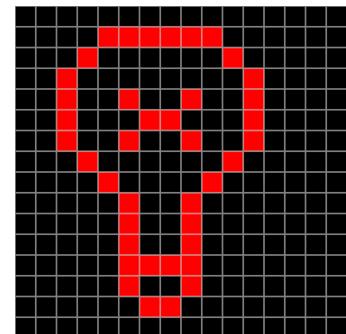
I have the pleasure of having Javier Espionza in class for the second year in a row. He has always been helpful, cheerful, and excited to learn every time I see him. Javier goes above and beyond every day by always completing work early and doing extra credit. I have never seen Javier without a smile on his face and I truly hope that he has all the success in the world both

**Karina Guzman-Turrabiartes** is a junior involved in both Student Council and UIL Math and Science. She plans to attend NYU, Vanderbuilt or Drake University. Karina admires her sister and her favorite quote is, “Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself. - Leo Tolstoy

## Luz Rubio

Luz is a sophomore attending Sam who participates in Mariachi. She plans on attending A&M with Chemistry being her favorite subject. Her role model is his/her sister saying “she does not conform with the things she have, she looks for something better everyday.” Luz’s favorite quote to guide his life is “Don’t stop because you’re tired. Stop because you’re done.”

“Extremely hard working and diligent. She works well in groups and really cares about her school work. She is truly a great student. Here is a picture of her personal “favicon” that she created in Computer Science.” -Mr. Kowshik



## Tyron Morais

Tyron is a Sam Houston sophomore whose favorite subject at Sam is Chemistry. He wants to attend college but is undecided on which. Of the people Tyron knows his role model is his mother saying “she always guides me, she is my strength she always wants me to be successful and someone great in life” Tyron’s quote to live by is “Fear to fail but fear not to try”

“Tyron Morais is extremely dedicated to his work. He is always the first one with the right answers! He is quick to volunteer answers in class, which helps the class learn and improve.” - Mr. Ruggles



## Isaac Nostraza

Isaac is a 10th grade student attending Sam Houston who has goals of attending HCC and becoming a lawyer. His favorite class at Sam is P.E. His role model who “pushes him to do his best at all times” and is “very supportive of him” is none other than his mother. Isaac’s favorite quote that guides him is “If there is something you feel is too hard, just try.”



# Academic Royalty 9th

Elva Valdes

Marcos Alegria, was voted an Academic Royalty nominee and is seemingly very interested in all of his classes. He wants to go to college, but as can be seen from most freshman he's inevitably undecided to which one he wants to go to.

Diana Rodriguez was also voted to be a Academic Royalty nominee. She's in Mariachi and can be described as being very lively and positive..



Marcos, Diana and Leslie

Leslie Mendoza's favorite class is English and she wants to go to Yale. She admires her mother, "Because she helps me through everything and pushes me to do the best that I can. Her favorite quote is "The best way to predict the future is to create it."



# Extra-Curricular Superstars

Cheyenne Kirksey & Maria Barahoma

## The Physics Class Team

Our physics team is currently working on a Roller Coaster PBL that is a comprehensive 1st semester project. They're just beginning to get the roller coaster put together but we will be having a physics night the **1st week of December** to have these amazing projects on display. It'll be a pretty big event for our students with their families coming out to see what they've been doing all semester.

We want our staff and students to be aware so they can support our kids!

Mrs. Dominique Towner- Physics Team Lead



Physics class works on projects

**This week (October 31-November 3, 2016)** the Theatre Department will continue the production of 'How to Succeed in "High School without Really Trying The room can accommodate up to 35 students, Performances will be during A and B lunch on Monday (October 31) and Thursday (November 3) and B Lunch on Wednesday (November 2) in room 824 students will be given complimentary tickets to view the play and this will double as a pass for students who attend the first lunch performance. Students will not be allowed in without tickets and a teacher. Thank you for your support of the Theatre program and we look forward to seeing you!

Artfully, Crystal L. Curry

## **Sam Houston HS Mariachi**

Come out and enjoy a great Mariachi show with the Sam Mariachi every Friday at Los Charros Mexican Restaurant: **11108 Bentley St, Houston, TX 77093** Through 8pm-9:30pm.

Also Sam Houston HS Mariachi will be having a concert there will be food also, the event will take place on: **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2016 at 6:00PM in SAM HOUSTON MSTC 9400 IRVINGTON HOUSTON, TX 77076.**

## **ELL**

We are having a Parent and Student ELL (English language Learner) Meeting on November 2, 2016 from 6-7pm in room 705 to help parents and students understand transcripts, graduation requirements, and how to use Gradespeed. Audrey Torres- Dean ESL

## 2016. Sam Houston Cross Country Meet Results

### 10/8 Sam Houston Invitational at Veterans Memorial Park

Varsity Boys 3 miles  
12 Jorge Ruiz **18:47**  
13 Alvaro Hernandez 18:50  
23 Jesus Perales 19:42  
42 Yuri Caballero 22:16  
49 Christopher Salazar 26:17  
**6<sup>th</sup> place team 139 points**

Varsity Girls 3 miles  
2 Shauncy Ringo **22:28**  
7 Nelly Castro 23:22  
9 Josselin Cano 24:14  
12 Nayla Corvera 24:24

### 10/10 and 10/11 District 18-6A Meet at Tom Bass Park

Varsity Boys 3 miles  
33 Jorge Ruiz **18:54**  
42 Alvaro Hernandez 19:39  
45 Jesus Perales 19:56  
53 Jose Ruiz 21:26  
54 Christopher Salazar 22:34  
55 Yuri Caballero 23:09  
**8<sup>th</sup> place team 227 points**

Varsity Girls 3 miles  
18 Shauncy Ringo **24:21**  
19 Nayla Corvera 24:25  
30 Josselin Cano 25:23  
41 Nelly Castro 29:29



Cross Country

My most valuable runners in cross country were juniors Shauncy Ringo and Jorge Ruiz. (Coach Utecht)

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## School Beautification

School Beautification is about making the school look better physically while building school pride and esteem in your club members.

**Lifeskills Garden Spotlight-** Jesus Perez and Raymond Schmitz



School Beautification tills the garden

## UIL Academics

Competitors Anthony Foreman placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Prose division, and Andy Im and Bryan Robles placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively in LD Debate.

## Student Council-

Events round-up and shout-out to top student contributors and Officer Elections

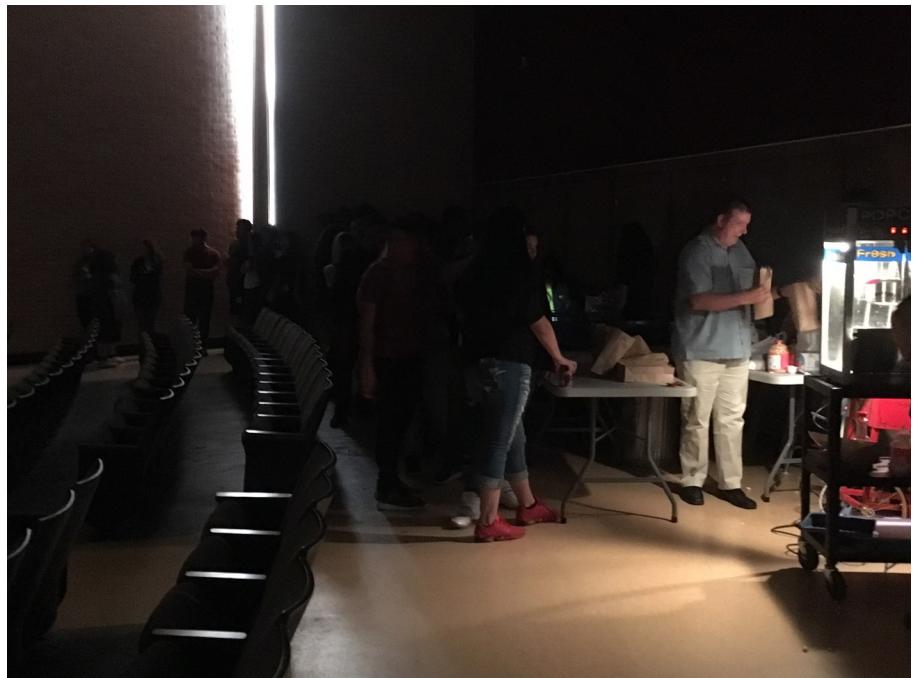
President: Jesus Perales Jr.

Vice President: Gabrielle Aguirre

Treasurer: Katrina Cuellar

Secretary: Ana Hernandez

VIP Member: Eduardo Ulloa



Halloween Movie Night Student Council

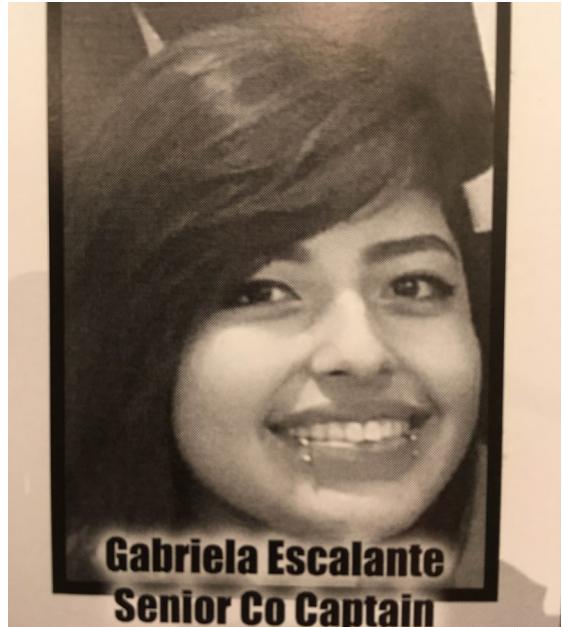
# The Aegis & Volleyball Spotlight

Benson and Turpie

Gabby is the true definition of a leader. Regardless of the circumstance or any adversity that confronts her she always seems to handle it with grit and determination without letting her teammates down.

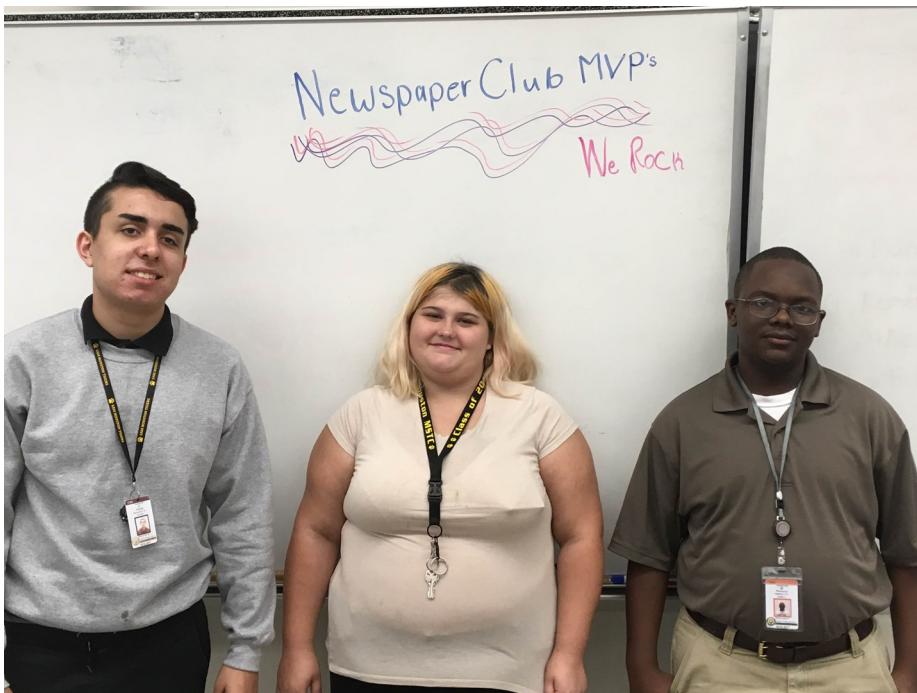
She leads by example and I am so glad that I had the opportunity to coach her. I am positive that she will go on to be an outstanding and productive citizen once she graduates from Sam.

-Coach Harris-



**Gabriela Escalante  
Senior Co Captain**

Even Newspaper has their very own top-dogs! Every issue has had a student or two go above and beyond the call of duty to get the issue finished. This includes staying late and working hard on top of demanding school work in order to keep the oldest school paper in Texas alive.



Pictured above left to right: Raymond Schmitz, Cheyenne Kirksey and Charles Mackray

Thanks everyone for helping us get the issue out., the Aegis appreciates your support.