



IN PLAIN VIEW

Summer 2016

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2015-2016 Campus Educators of the Year

Ten outstanding educators were recognized by the Plainview ISD Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on May 19.

The honored educators are recipients of the 2015-2016 Educator of the Year awards for their respective campuses.

The award is the highest award given to teachers by the district.

Recipients, selected by vote of their campus peers, will also be honored during convocation ceremonies in August. Their names will be engraved on plaques at each campus listing previous honorees.

Profiles of Educators of the Year:

Sheila Alexander, College Hill Elementary, has been with Plainview ISD for 26 years, teaching one year at Thunderbird before moving to College Hill 25 years ago. For the last three years she has held the position of math specialist. Previously she taught fourth grade, third grade, second grade and Resource. She is receiving the award for the second time. She was College Hill Educator of the Year in 2003-2003.

Charlotte Adams, Edgemere Elementary, has served the district as a school nurse for 31 years. The first four years of her career with the district, she split her time between Thunderbird and Highland. For the past 27 years she has been the school nurse for Edgemere and
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Educators of the Year for 2015-2016 are Leslie Miller, Estacado (seated, left); Paulina Gonzales, Hillcrest; Shelly Slack, La Mesa; Sheila Alexander, College Hill; Linda Rodriguez, Coronado; Jimmy Fikes, Ash High School; Jennifer Stephenson, Highland; Cailey Stoerner, Highland; Charlotte Adams, Edgemere; Kristy Jernigan, Plainview High; and Luis Luna, Thunderbird.

Edgemere dedicates Jade's Tree



LIVING MEMORIAL Fifth grade students and staff at Edgemere Elementary planted and dedicated a chaste tree near the school's entrance as a living memorial to their friend and classmate, Jade Villeda, who died in March. Funds to purchase the tree, which will bloom purple flowers in the summer, were raised by students across the campus.



Educators of the Year (from page 1)

Thunderbird. Prior to joining the district, she was a nurse at the hospital. She is a third time award recipient having previously received this award from Edgemere and from Thunderbird.

Jennifer Stephenson, Highland Elementary, is completing her eighth year as an educator. She currently teaches third grade, but has also taught second and fourth grade. She is a first-time Educator of the Year award recipient.

Cailey Stoerner, Highland Elementary, is completing her first year as a school counselor. She has been an educator for eight years. She worked as a special education teacher at La Mesa Elementary for five years and taught at Lockney Junior High prior to joining Plainview ISD. She is receiving this award for the second time; she was Educator of the Year at La Mesa in 2014.

Paulina Gonzales, Hillcrest Elementary, is completing her eleventh year with the district. She currently teaches in a first grade bilingual classroom, a position she has held for eight years. She also taught bilingual kindergarten for three years.

Shelly Slack, La Mesa Elementary, is in her twentieth year with the district. For the last three years she has held the position of fifth grade math teacher at La Mesa Elementary. Previously she taught math, reading, language arts and social studies at Lakeside for 17 years. She is a third time recipient of the Educator of the Year award.

Luis Luna, Thunderbird Elementary, has been an educator for 23 years. This year he served at Thunderbird as a bilingual fifth grade math teacher. Prior to this year, he spent 15 years at Hillcrest teaching fourth grade math

and bilingual second grade. He has also taught in Dimmitt ISD and Socorro ISD. He is a second time recipient of the Educator of the Year award.

Linda Rodriguez, Coronado Middle School, is completing 33 years as an educator. She was a paraprofessional for eight years before becoming a certified teacher. She has worked as a reading teacher at Ash and Coronado for the last 25 years.

Leslie Miller, Estacado Middle School, has been an educator for seven years. She has served her entire career as an eighth grade science teacher at Estacado Middle School. Prior to taking her first full-time teaching position with the district, she student taught at Ash and served as a long-term sub at Lakeside and Estacado.

Kristy Jernigan, Plainview High School, is completing

21 years as an educator. She taught in Nebraska and Kansas before joining the Plainview ISD staff 14 years ago. She is a science teacher at PHS where she has served as the science department chair for eight years.

Jimmy Fikes, Ash High School, joined the PISD staff last fall after retiring from a 17-year career at Wayland Baptist University. He teaches Business Education classes at Ash High School. He says transitioning from teaching at the college level to the secondary level has been an interesting experience, but he is learning something every day from the excellent teachers who are his coworkers.

Limo Ride to Lunch

Eighteen Hillcrest students were treated to a limo ride and lunch with the principal at the Cotton Patch. The reward was part of a PTA candy sale fundraiser.





2015-16 Plainview ISD Employee Long-Term Service Awards

Employees eligible for a long-term service award will be recognized

10 years

Priscilla Becerra, Estacado
 Mike Dunn, Service Center
 Sandra Gardner, PHS
 Venus Hernandez, College Hill
 Misty Johnson, Coronado
 Ashlee Juarez, Estacado
 Karen Latimer, PHS
 Sylvia Luera, Edgemere
 Anna Macedo, Hillcrest
 Amy Meek, Thunderbird
 Elizabeth Moreno, Highland
 Clint Patterson, College Hill
 Mischell Roberts, Technology Center
 Richard Roberts, PHS
 Kelly Shackelford, PHS
 Janelle Styne, Highland
 Cynthia Tabb, Student Support Services

15 years

Janet Cunningham, PHS
 Anthony Gonzales, PHS
 Jennifer Havens, College Hill
 Arlinda Hernandez, Estacado
 Rebecca Hilliard, Coronado
 Sharon Hughes, PHS
 Jan Ragland, PHS
 Debbie Raymond, PHS
 Shelley Roberts, Tech Center
 Monica Rodriguez, Coronado
 Konnie Schafer, Coronado
 Mary True, La Mesa
 Anita Vasquez, PHS
 Bruce Waldrip, Coronado
 Anatalia Willey, Ash

20 years

Curtis Bailey, Tech Center
 Lisa Becker, College Hill
 Brandon Buchanan, Highland
 Theresa Burns, Administration
 Alissa Carter, Administration
 Ted Ditmore, Tech Center
 Kristie Goines, Estacado
 Boneva Hill, College Hill
 Susan Hurt, Thunderbird
 Rene Kayler, PHS
 Marci Owens, Estacado
 Yesenia Pardo, Hillcrest
 Maria Pena, Estacado
 Maria Ramos, PHS
 Rigo Rey, Coronado
 Julie Rincon, Service Center
 Melody Rockwell, Edgemere
 Shelly Slack, La Mesa
 Tonjua Smith, La Mesa
 James Soder, Estacado
 LaTressa Waldrip, Edgemere
 Rodney Wallace, Ash High School
 Patty White, Highland
 Rhonda Williams, Edgemere
 Herminia Zuniga, Thunderbird



25 years

Tracy Dawson, PHS
 Hope Gonzales, Hillcrest
 Terri Higgins, La Mesa
 Mike Lewis, Ash
 Betsy Lewis, Highland
 David Lopez, Service Center
 Eva Marroquin, Thunderbird
 Brenda McDonough, PHS
 Valinda Parker, PHS
 Susan Rivera, PHS
 Jan Seago, Administration
 Laura Spencer, Business Office

30 years

Nancy Lewis, PHS
 Carolyn Thompson, La Mesa
 Tracey Wirth, Highland



Aramark Service Awards

5 years

Melissa Garcia—Edgemere
 Patricia Morales—Plainview High

10 years

Jackie Espinoza—La Mesa
 Tina Jaurrieta—Coronado
 Teresa Landeros—Ash High
 Rosa Medina—Highland

15 years

Pauline Owens—Plainview High
 Inga Pizana—La Mesa



Chamber of Commerce Mini-Grant recipients

Ten Plainview ISD educators were recognized during the April meeting of the Plainview ISD Board of Trustees as recipients of mini-grants awarded through the Plainview Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

The grants, in amounts up to \$150 each, are provided by service organizations in the community.

Teachers have the opportunity to apply for the grant funds to support or implement classroom activities and projects.

The following grant applications were selected for funding:

Aimee Teeple, Estacado Middle School, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. She will utilize grant funds to purchase 25 sets of VersaTiles to be used for strengthening math skills.

Ashlee Juarez, Estacado Middle School, also received a grant provided by the Soroptimist Club. She will purchase two VersaTiles kits with activities for small group instruction in problem-solving.

Carrie Huber, Thunderbird, received a grant from the Rotary Club. She will purchase supplies to paint graphic organizers, charts, maps, grids, game boards and letters mats on the concrete areas around the school building as a way to extend learning outdoors..

Jeana Hill, Coronado Middle School, received a grant from the Rotary Club. She will use the grant to purchase Jenga blocks to create hands-on problem-solving activities for algebra students.

Jen Scarborough, Plainview High School, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. The grant will be used to purchase classroom manipulatives, therapy materials, and games to demonstrate the concepts in the Counseling and Mental Health class, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course at PHS.

Jimmy Fikes, Ash High School, received a grant from the Chamber of Commerce. Grant



Mini-grant recipients are Minga Rodriguez (seated, left), Karen Wanjura, Carrie Huber, Misti Juarez, Jennifer Scarborough (standing, left), Tracey Wirth, Jeana Hill, Jimmy Fikes, Aimee Teeple, and Ashlee Juarez.

funds will be utilized to purchase 15 USB headsets to be used in video recording presentations for a marketing project.

Karen Wanjura, Student Support Services, received a grant from the Kiwanis Club. The grant will be used to purchase a five-book set of social stories/lessons designed to help students with autism address health and hygiene, social interaction, behavior management, school environment, and communications.

Minga Rodriguez, Highland Elementary, received a grant from the Lions Club. She will use the funds to purchase math manipulatives to help

pre-kindergarten students build number concepts and logical reasoning skills.

Misti Juarez, Thunderbird Elementary, received a grant provided by the Lions Club. The funds will purchase games and manipulatives for a family math game night for third grade students and their families.

Tracey Wirth, PISD Gifted & Talented program, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. She will use the funds to purchase 30 headphones to allow students working on research projects to listen to audio on computers and laptops and to dictate speech and imbed videos into digital presentations.



Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Retirees!

Charlotte Adams, R.N. is retiring after 31 years as a school nurse. For most of her career she split her time between Edgemere and Thunderbird campuses, but she was also the school nurse at Highland for four years. Prior to joining the district she was a labor and delivery nurse at the hospital. She is now nurse for the children of some of the babies she helped to deliver. She plans to spend her retirement doing more of the “fun stuff” she used to wait until summer to do. Her words of wisdom to new nurses: “Try to get to know and really engage with the kids, they are so much fun. And wear comfortable shoes!”

Elaine Barnes is retiring from a career in education spanning 31 years. Most recently she was the counselor at La Mesa, but she has also held the positions of counselor at Houston School, science teacher and coach at PHS, physical education teacher at La Mesa, and physical education, math and science teacher at Lakeside. She also taught elementary physical education and was a high school coach for 10 years in Lockney. Her retirement plans are to travel more, help with elderly family members, and do the many things she has neglected to do over the years. Her words of wisdom: “Form relationships with your students, their parents, and your fellow colleagues. It will pay huge dividends in the end.”

Rita Blanco is retiring from a 36 year career in education. She has

worked under 15 different principals as a teacher for first grade, second grade, third grade, and as a reading specialist. She also taught summer school for 20 years. Rita says she would not have survived without her coworkers, secretaries, nurses, custodians, and cafeteria workers and considers them all friends. She is also appreciative of the parents who entrusted her with their children. Her future plans are to “venture out and enjoy retirement.”

Nancy Cox, R.N. is retiring after 23 years as a school nurse. During her career she served students at Plainview High School, Houston School, and Hillcrest Elementary. She plans to “live life to the fullest” during retirement. She will stay up late, sleep in the next day, and be involved in the community. She and her husband, Phil, will use their artistic abilities to refurbish their rent houses. They also plan to travel, especially to Alaska where their daughter and granddaughter live. Her words of wisdom to new nurses: “Be involved. Know your teachers, staff and above all your students. You will find that the people you come in contact with day after day are an AWESOME group. Working for Plainview ISD has been a labor of love.”

Lee Finley is retiring from a career of 23 years in education. She has been a member of the Hillcrest staff for 14 years and has taught bilingual pre-kindergarten,



Hillcrest retirees Hope Gonzales, Renee Williams, and Lee Finley

second grade and fourth grade writing. Prior to coming to the district she taught first grade in Floydada and pre-kindergarten and third grade in Booker. After retiring she plans to spend three days a week caring for her two of her grandsons. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: “I have found that beginning each day with prayer for the students, the staff, and myself has helped give the students in my care the best education I can provide. Also, keep laughing because a good sense of humor is a definite plus!”

Kristie Goines is retiring from a 20-year career as an educator, 13 of those years as a special education teacher. She considers herself fortunate to have spent all her career at Estacado Middle School working with students and colleagues better known as her Estacado family. She will move into a new phase during retirement when she welcomes her first grandchild. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: “If you win a student’s heart, you can teach him anything.”



2015-2016 Retirees (cont.)

Hope Gonzales is retiring from a 25-year career at Hillcrest Elementary. She joined the campus as a 2nd grade assistant for eight years before moving into the office as the attendance clerk. During her retirement years, she hopes to work as a substitute and plans on spending more time with her family.

Dee Ann Helton has taught for 33 years in Plainview ISD. She began her career as a 6th grade resource teacher at Ash. After 8 years she helped pioneer the Triple "A" Academy at Houston School where she taught English/Language Arts and history. She taught special education at College Hill and Edgemere, English/Language Arts at Ash, and is retiring as a second grade teacher at Edgemere. She plans to teach English at Plainview Christian High School beginning this fall. Her words of wisdom: "Keep your focus and don't allow the challenges you face to distract you from fulfilling God's plan and purpose for your life!"

Jodie Hinch has served the students and teachers of the district for 22 years. She is retiring from the position of secretary to the principal at Estacado, a position she held for 20 years under the leadership of three principals she calls "inspiring." Prior to becoming school secretary, she worked as an instructional aide assisting students in all content areas. She says she has mixed feelings about retiring because she loves her

job and the people she works with, but she is looking forward to fishing, spending time with her husband of 50 years, and playing with her grandchildren. Her words of wisdom: "Remember that children are little people and that they have good days and bad days just like adults. What is good about tomorrow is that you can start with a clean slate."

Susan Hurt is retiring from a 27-year career in education, 20 of those years with Plainview ISD. She was an instructional coach at Thunderbird and a classroom teacher at La Mesa, Hillcrest, Ash and Lakeside. She also taught five years at Plainview Christian Academy and taught grades 3-8 for the Texas Virtual Academy, an online charter school for home-based students. In retirement, she plans to spend time with her mother and four grandchildren and support her husband in their agribusiness. She will continue as the site coordinator for Plainview SnackPak4Kids. Her words of wisdom: "Always strive to see every child as an individual with huge potential. Believe in your own potential for change, and be flexible!"

Nancy Lewis is retiring following a 31-year career as an educator. She taught math one year at Midland High School before joining the Plainview High School staff as a math teacher 30 years ago. During this time she has served as a mentor teacher, department chair, cheerleader sponsor, UIL Math coach, and an

Upward Bound sponsor. During retirement she plans to continue teaching at South Plains college and show her dogs. Her words of wisdom: "Be the best role model possible."

Luis Luna is retiring after 23 years as an educator. This year he served at Thunderbird as a bilingual fifth grade math teacher. Prior to this year, he spent 15 years at Hillcrest teaching fourth grade math and bilingual second grade. He has also taught in Dimmitt ISD and Socorro ISD. He retirement plans include moving to Alamogordo, NM, to be closer to family.

Linda Perez is retiring from a 23-year career in education, 17 of those years as a Kindergarten assistant at la Mesa Elementary. Prior to joining the district, she worked as a migrant aide in Parmer County. She plans to spend some of her time in retirement traveling. Her words of wisdom: "Love, dedication, and patience."

Linda Rodriguez is retiring after a 33-year career as an educator. She began her career as an paraprofessional working at Highland and Ash schools. She returned to school to become a certified teacher at the urging of her then principal Dell Brown. Since graduating from Wayland 25 years ago, she has taught reading at Ash and then at Coronado. She plans to spend her retirement years traveling with family and is looking forward to being more involved



2015-2016 Retirees (cont.)

in her two grandsons' activities. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: " Don't be afraid of change. Keep up with educational trends. Stay updated on current movies , sports, and music. Students love that. Enjoy the ride. It will be over before you know it!"

Hector Tavera is retiring from a 28-year career in education. He has worked as an assistant principal at Plainview High School for 14 years. Prior to joining the district, he was a Spanish teacher and coach in Lubbock. He plans to spend his retirement working at this church and bringing bible studies to shut-ins. Tavera says each day has been an opportunity to try and make a difference in students' lives. Getting into the education field was one of the greatest decisions

he ever made. His words of wisdom to new educators: "Remember you are making a major impression in every life you work with."

Carolyn Thompson is retiring after 30 years with the district. She worked as an instructional aide at La Mesa, Edgemere, and Hillcrest. Her retirement plans include travel and spending as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren. She also plans to devote more time to the music and outreach ministries at her church. Her advice to new assistants: Get to know your students. Be an authority figure, but also a friend that they can depend on, talk to, and feel comfortable with. If you reach them where they are, you can take them where you want them to be."

Renee Williams is retiring after 26 years of service to the district. She worked as a substitute for 11 years before joining the staff full-time 15 ago. She worked as a guest music teacher at Thunderbird and a library assistant and Special Education assistant at Hillcrest. Retirement will give her the opportunity to be her 93-year old mother's caregiver. She also plans to finish a quilt and work on her genealogy. She is also looking forward to spending more time with children and grandchildren.

Also retiring this school year are Denver Hill, PHS; Brenda Coleman, Coronado; Alma Melendez, Coronado; Laura DeLuna, La Mesa; and Beatrice Torres, Thunderbird.

WBU interns celebrate graduation



Interns Ellen Hart Cothran, second grade teacher at Hillcrest (left), and Brooke Fowler, third grade teacher at Highland, graduated with the Wayland Class of 2016.



Intern Chelsea Rushing (right) also graduated from Wayland Baptist University with the class of 2016. She is a kindergarten teacher at La Mesa Elementary. Pictured with her are her husband Justin Rushing, a groundskeeper for the district; their son Evan, a 5th grade student at Edgemere; their daughter Ava, a 2nd grade student at La Mesa; and daughter Emmy, a La Mesa Pre-K student. Chelsea will teach 1st grade at Edgemere this fall.



GenTx College Decision Day & Pass the Torch

Plainview High School participated in its 2nd Annual GenTX College Decision Day on May 4, 2016. We celebrated the seniors of the Class of 2016 as they officially announced their intent to pursue their postsecondary education through universities, colleges, trade schools, certification programs and the military.

As of May 4, 94% of the Senior class of 2016 had been accepted into a postsecondary pathway. This is a record for Plainview High School, and will definitely help in promoting a college-going culture in the school district and community. With 267 students accepted into a postsecondary pathway, students are beginning to understand that education is the key to unlocking the future they want for themselves. This is also a great testament to the quality of education students in Plainview ISD have access to, as well as to the excellence and dedication of the PISD faculty and staff.

The celebration included a Seniors-Only program in the PHS auditorium, where they heard from keynote speaker, Jodey Arrington, District 19 U.S. Congressional Candidate & former PHS Bulldog. Students also received information on what to do now that they have been accepted into college and listened to PHS administrators

offer advice and encouragement. Seniors were also asked to write a thank you note to someone who made a difference in their lives during their time at PHS. Students were then taken to the east gymnasium to meet with their parents and/or family members. At 3:15, the official signing ceremony began in the PHS main gymnasium. The entire PHS student body, faculty and staff were in attendance to

watch the ceremony and celebrate with the honored seniors. Each PHS senior was introduced along with their chosen postsecondary institution. The students were often escorted in by parents/family members. Once all students were seated, they were allowed to sign a "Letter of Commitment", which was inspired by the letters of intent that NCAA athletes sign when declaring their intent to compete at the college level. Following the signing, the entire student body was addressed by Principal Tye Rogers and future PHS Principal, Brandt Reagan. Finally, all honored seniors were entered into a drawing for 38 prizes that included laptops, ipads,

tablets, printers, microwaves, dorm-sized refrigerators, televisions, gift cards, and various other prizes that they can take with them to college. Students had to be present to win. These prizes were purchased through funds raised by the PHS faculty and staff, the PHS Junior Class and Plainview's Retired Teachers' Association.

The celebration continued on May 16, with the 2nd annual "Passing the Torch" program. All seniors who were eligible to participate in GenTX College Decision Day were also eligible to participate, voluntarily, in the Passing the Torch Program. 191 of the 267 recognized seniors have chose to participate. These students went to one of the elementary or middle schools where they

encouraged younger students to pursue their education after high school. The seniors were on the campus from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and served as role models for younger students by



sharing their plans and encouraging the younger students to value their education and pursue their dreams.

Both of these programs serve as great examples of the outstanding students, parents and educators that we have in Plainview ISD. Hopefully both programs will continue to promote and celebrate a college-going culture within our schools and city.

Several local businesses celebrated GenTX with us by wearing their college shirts to work on May 5. Wayland Baptist University and South Plains College for providing t-shirts for students who will be attending their schools next year.

For more information about how you can help with next year's Plainview High School GenTX Decision Day or the Passing the Torch program, please contact Amy Hagerman at 806-296-3380 OR amy.hagerman@plainviewisd.org.





Graduates begin a new journey

Alicia Kay Straley, daughter of Todd and **Robin Straley** (Admin Office), will graduate from Plainview High with the Class of 2016. She plans to following her parents footsteps by attending Texas Tech University in the fall. She will major in Agricultural Communications with a minor in Marketing.

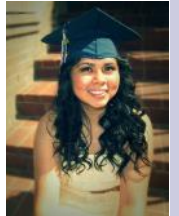


2012) graduates from Texas Tech University on May 21, 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics. His future plans are to apply to TTU's Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics while also working for Bayer Crop Science. They are the children of Spike and **Becca Dunlap** (Business Office).



Rachel Claire Sammann, daughter of Kurt Sammann and **Claire Williams** (LaMesa / College Hill), is an honor graduate of the PHS Class of 2016. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University where she will major in Business.

Shyann Jade Nevares, daughter of Robert and **Barbara Nevares** (La Mesa), will graduate with the PHS Class of 2016. She will attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall to study Criminal Justice.

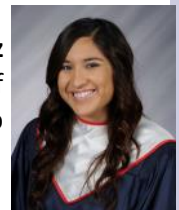


Stormie De La Garza, daughter of **Jeff** (Student Support Services) and **Sylvia De La Garza** (Board of Trustees), will graduate with the PHS Class of 2016. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall.

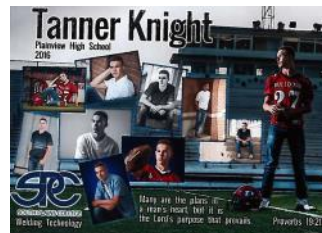
Alexis Wallace, daughter of Broderick Wallace and **Kimberly Burk** (La Mesa), is graduating third in her class from Kress High School. She will attend West Texas A & M University, majoring in Animal Science, and plans to apply to Veterinarian School once all her basics are complete. She is also joining the US Army Reserves.



Lori Gonzalez, daughter of **Monica Gonzalez** (La Mesa) is graduating with the PHS Class of 2016. She will attend South Plains College to study nursing.

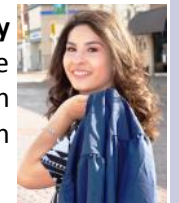


Lauren Hill, daughter of **Johnny** (PHS) and **Pat Hill** (Edgemere), graduated from Lubbock Christian University on May 7 with a degree in secondary education composite sciences.



Tanner Knight, son of **Jeremy** (Estacado) and **Katie Wright** (PHS) is graduating with the PHS Class of 2016. He plans to attend South Plains College to obtain his welding certification.

Bailey Cantu, daughter of Joe and **Kelly Cantu** (College Hill) will graduate with the PHS Class of 2016. She plans to attend South Plains College where she will major in nursing.



Deidre Howard, daughter of **Marla Howard** (Estacado), is graduating with the PHS Class of 2016. She will attend the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and will major in Psychology and minor in Vocal Performance and possibly Music Therapy. She received the Dr. Ron and Melody Miller Scholarship and the O.T. Ryan Scholarship.



Cameron Hurta, son of **Dina Hurta** (La Mesa) is Valedictorian of the class of 2016. He plans to attend the University of Texas or Harvard.



Payton Thornton, son of **Ritchie** (Estacado) and Shannon **Thornton**, is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2016. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University.





Cheers, Kudos & High Fives...

Canyon Junior High student **Bret Ramirez** has qualified to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Bret represents the Texas Panhandle Region which includes students from Texas and Oklahoma. Bret is the son of PHS graduates Bobby and Kristen Ramirez. He is the grandson of **Alicia Ramirez** (La Mesa) and **Anne** (Thunderbird) and **Tim Kelley** (Estacado).



around the world. You can follow her on YouTube as Christina Redfield as her time winds down on her adventure. The Hanochs are planning a Welcome Home event. If you are interested in learning more about this, please email sara.hanoch@plainviewisd.org.

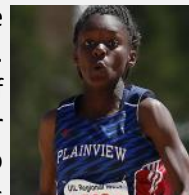


Abbigayle Hanoch, daughter of Chris and **Sara Hanoch** (Ash High) was given the opportunity in August of 2015 to go to Japan as a foreign exchange student for her junior year. She will be returning on July 18 after 11 months abroad after a busy and fulfilling year in Japan. During this year she has served on Student Council at Huguro High School, has been a member of a traveling Taiku (Japanese drum) performance group, has served in English Club, and in Tea Ceremony Club where she had the honor of serving dignitaries in Japan.



Matthew Buxton, son of Bill and **Becky Buxton** (Highland), was awarded the Clay R. Warren Memorial Scholarship given by Mark and Freda Warren.

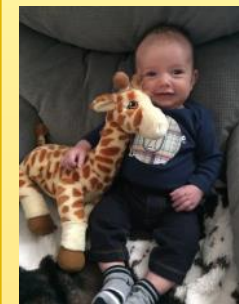
Congratulations to PHS junior **Kaizha Roberts**. She qualified for state for the 3rd year in a row. She placed 6th at state in the 100 meters and she was also awarded the Top Dog Award. Kaizha, the niece of Tresha McCaster (Estacado), is a StuCo member and is carrying a 5.0 GPA.



On her return Abbi wants to start a diversity club that studies and shares the beauties of different cultures

Baby News

Roger and **Amanda Garza** (Thunderbird) have a new son, Graison Luke Garza. He was born on April 6. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long.



Ty and **Chelsea Criswell** (Hillcrest) are the parents of a son, Hollis Stedman Criswell, born on March 3. He weighed in at 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long.

La Cosecha Scholarships winners



The La Cosecha (The Harvest) Scholarship, founded by the Plainview ISD Migrant Education Department, honors the academic achievement of migrant students and supports goals for higher education. This year's recipients of the \$500 scholarships, shown with Humberto Gonzalez and Edna Garcia, are graduates Yurima Alvarez and Isaias Ibarra.

FFA



Plainview FFA members represented Plainview well at the Area 1 FFA Convention. Jake Dawson received the Star Greenhand Award and Kaden Horton was elected an Area officer. We are so proud of all the hard work this year's FFA members have put in and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish next year. *next year.*



Buy, Sell, Rent, Trade, Give Away..

FOR SALE:: Olhausen pool table: regulation size, three piece slate. Included in price: cue sticks, two pc. wall rack for cues, balls, standard rack, nine ball rack and table cover. Asking \$2700.00 but will negotiate. Contact Floyd Morris (Stephanie Baeza's dad) at 293-5664 after 6:00 pm.



with 5 acres, has several fruit trees and two additional storage sheds. We have completed some interior work, painting, and new roof. For additional information, call Joe (Shawna Turk) at 806-292-4548. We have recently reduced the price to \$189,000.



FOR SALE: Purchased at Kids Space for about \$2000. Asking \$1000. Includes the twin bunks, dresser, desk, chair and bedding is negotiable. It was specifically made through Kids Space



also. Contact Robyn Rhoades at La Mesa.

FOR SALE: 4 bedroom, 3 bath country house (10 miles from town) with 2 car carport. More than 2400 sq feet. It includes a 32X60 shop with electricity, water access right outside and lean-to. There are over three fenced animal pens with water access within. A storm shelter is attached to the house. The house comes



WANTED: The fashion design class at PHS is in need of any **sewing items, such as fabric, notions (thread, zippers, buttons, trims, ribbon, beads, etc.), fashion magazines**, and basically anything that could be used in the beginner or advanced fashion classes. Contact **Rosemary Peggram** (PHS) if you have items to donate.

Celebrating Speech Therapists Week



The Student Support Services office honored our speech therapists during Speech Therapist Week in May.

Yearbooks are in!



The 2016 Plain View yearbooks have arrived and they are AWESOME! The cost is \$50 and the yearbook prominently features seniors from PHS as well as Ash High School. For more information contact Yearbook Advisor Ryan Crowe at (806) 429-2135 or email him at ryan.crowe@plainviewisd.org



Highland Kindergarten Cinco de Mayo

Highland Kindergarten celebrated cinco de mayo with colorful artwork, writing about Mexico, dancing the La Raspa and having a Fiesta with families. Teachers are Allison Collins, Aubrey Terra, Betsy Lewis and assistants Jennifer Guererro and Lisa Riley.



Coronado students use math skills to construct cardboard dream homes



Think through Math at Highland

By the end of April, these classes had completed their goal of donating 500,000 think points. They earned a \$50 pizza party while improving their math skills.



Leigha Pate's Class



Sarah Williams' Class



Jennifer Stephenson's Class



Shelly Faught's Class



Thunderbird cinco de mayo



Gayla Pool's Class



La Mesa Skating Party



Coronado obstacle course



Highland Lion King Performance



Edgermere Field Day



Estacado Pass the Torch

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TRS ActiveCare Aetna PPO / FirstCare HMO

Flexible Spending Accounts (Medical and/or Dependent Care)

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American Fidelity Accident Insurance

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Texas Life Insurance

Group Life Insurance

New rates for TRS Active should come in June. All TRS and supplement benefits information will be posted on the district website once we receive those rates.

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