

Ash High School

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One Town
One School
One Family



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By Marisa Ramos

In a matter of days, the class of 2018 will be walking the stage and moving on to the next chapter of their lives. These last days we have been talking about our plans. One that kept coming up and is interesting to me is joining the military. Although I do not plan to join, my brother serves. Students here at Ash have an awesome support system in place for not only training and getting prepared for the military but also providing important life skills.

Lance Corporal Chris Ramirez, is currently serving his 4th year of a 6-year contract as a Marine Reservist. He is also working at Ash as a Special Education Aide. LCpl Ramirez after marrying his wife, Mayra in 2014, he attended boot camp for 13 weeks in San Diego, California. When asked why he wanted to join the military, he explained, "I wanted to be involved in something more than myself." He shared that it was difficult being away from his new wife and his family. However, he also stated, "You can do anything as long as you set your mind to it, and for me, as long as I have God by my side anything is possible."

Mr. Ramirez has positively influenced the lives of many students here. He is constantly pushing them to strive for academic greatness. He also implemented morning and after school workouts with students who are planning to enlist in the military. Here are some things a few of those students had to say about his contributions.

"Mr. Ramirez is really motivating and inspiring us to push ourselves to accomplish our goals of wishing to be in the military. He's also preparing us for what's to come. Without this I wouldn't have been this motivated to accomplish my goals."
- Danielle Herrera

"He doesn't have to help us prepare for anything, but he takes time out of his day workout with us. You can tell without a doubt he's here to motivate us." -Anissa Romero

"Mr. Ramirez doesn't care about just himself, he cares about others and getting them ready for the next step. Mr. Ramirez takes time out of his day and mornings to exercise with us and help us prepare for our future in the military. He's a good role model for me." - Omar Santiago

Having this type of energy and motivation around is such a wonderful thing for the students. Mr. Ramirez, you are highly respected and appreciated for what you do and how you help us strive for success. Thank you for your time and dedication to our students. Most of all thank you for your service to our country.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/25/18 Graduation

Summer Hours for Ash
May 29 – July 27
(30 minute lunch)

Mon. – Wed. 7:30 – 5:30
Thursday 7:30 – 5:00
Friday CLOSED

8/16/18 First day of School
for the 2018-2019 school year

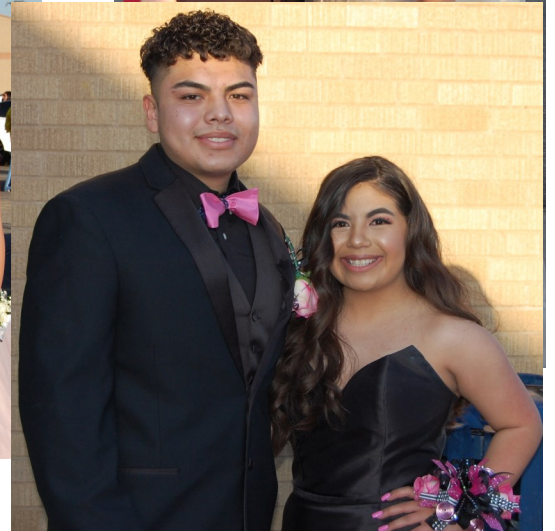
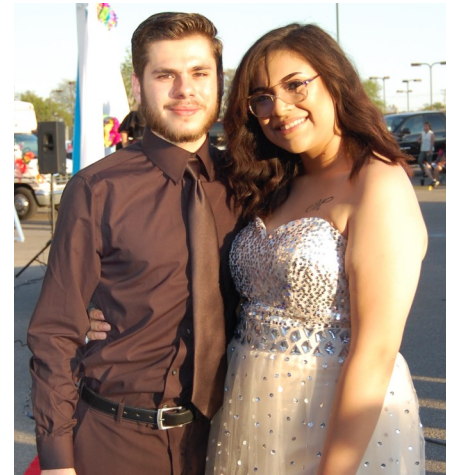
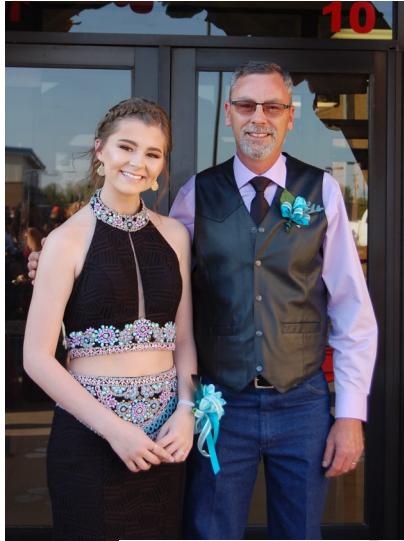


PROM: Red Carpet Review

By Vivian Gonzalez

Prom was a great experience, I think everyone should go at least one year of high school. The theme for prom this year was Fiesta, to coincide with the date of Cinco de Mayo. There were so many great things about prom; the decorations, the food, the DJ, the dancing.

My favorite thing was seeing all the gorgeous dresses! Most of the females had flower dresses which were all very beautiful but I had to say my favorite dress was Courtney Fisher. Her dress was a deep royal blue with gold trimming designs at the bottom it was a little poufy. I think out of all the dresses I saw that night, Courtney's dress matched the fiesta theme the most.



Best Of Ash High School 2018

Category	Guy	Girl
Best Smile	Omar Santiago	Madison Newberry
Best Hair	Chris Texiera	Erin Wilkinson
Best Laugh	Tyger Juarez	Raquel Salazar
Best Sense of Humor	Omar Santiago	Sarah DeLuna
Best Car or Truck	Jose Medina	Ms. Thompson
Worst Driver	Jake Bertram	Zonia Alcantar
Best Looking	Eric Peña	Sanissa Ramirez
Best Dressed	Skyler Ramos	Abriana Maldonado

Photos from Awards Banquet



Senior Quotes

By: Raquel Salazar

Jose Medina, "Leaving school behind, like I left the Camaro on the line"

Danielle Herrera, "I am ready to face any challenge that might be foolish enough to face me." Dwight K. Schrute, "The Office"

Arely Patino, "In order to become successful, you must push yourself."

Kami Montes, "It was a long hard journey, but I made it!"

Courtney Fisher, "If you want to actually find peace in your life, you must keep moving forward and leave all the negativity in the past."

Omar Rivera, "If you are afraid to fail, you will never do the things you capable of doing." John Wooden

Sanissa Ramirez, "I want to thank Brainly, Quizlet, and whoever invented copy and paste."

Ryan Holmes, "Abstinence Rocks!"

Ricardo Sepulveda, "No matter the haters, get it done."

Zonia Alcantar, "Oh My"

Ruben Reyes, "Shark bait, ooh ha ha!"

Tyger Juarez, "I'm sorry, but I'm about to flex on everyone who doubted me, and switched up on me when I was at my lowest. Y'all don't deserve me now."

Marisa Ramos, "I just wanna take this time to apologize to all people "distracted" with my purple hair."

Madalyn Monkres, "I'm gonna go stand outside. If anyone asks, I'm outstanding."
Unknown

Angel Martinez, "I spent 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake."
Unknown

Eric Pena, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Kevin Maeda "Never give up."

Ethan Gomez "Accept what you are able to do and what you are not able to do, accept the past as past, without denying it or discarding it, learn to forgive yourself and to forgive others, don't assume that it's too late to involved." *Tuesdays with Morrie*

Mark Arnold, "To be old and wise you must first be young and stupid." Unknown

Damien Cano, "Get rich, die trying"

Omar Santiago, "Has been released from his 12-year sentence."

Ashley Gonzales, "Always stay true to who you are even when life gets tough."

Rosa Pulido, "I want to live in a world where the word 'normal' is an insult." Misha Collins

Jake Burtrum, "I never switch sides, I just switch lanes, got older, and realized everybody ain't the same." Lamar

In Five Years

By Omar Rivera

I had one task to complete for this months newsletter, collect the thoughts of my peers graduating this May, and asking them where they thought they would be in five years.

This was not the most successful task, as many of the responses were "I don't know." I discovered that each one of us face some uncertainty about our future.

Therefore, I believe we just have a brilliant and bright future in front of us. I hope nothing gets in our way to accomplish what we want to be or the career we are interested in. Each one of us are strong and we will stay on the right path to succeed in our chosen path.

"Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs: The future can be better than the present, and I have the power to make it so."

David Brooks

Letter from the Editor

Sing, if not now, When?

I can say that all of us faculty and staff are proud that you have completed the requirements to graduate. We are excited to see where you go and what each of you accomplish. Cannot not let you leave without giving you a few thoughts to ponder.

I realize I have been with Ash for a short time; some of you I have seen since your freshman year. In this year I have seen each of you change in some way and for the better. Many of you already have the weight of responsibility regarding, bills, family, children, and burdens only you know about. These comments are for all of you to consider. Please take a moment to read this and take one nugget of information or should I say teacherly advice (yes, I can make up new word).

Advice to our graduates:

Travel whenever and wherever you can.

Pay attention to the news.

Never, ever, get a tattoo of the name of your significant other.

Volunteer.

You cannot change anyone else.

Experiences are way more valuable than things.

Do not overdraw your bank account. The fees are brutal.

Coolness is overrated.

Everyone does embarrassing things sometimes.

Call your mom, grandmother, or person that raised you often.

You will fail at some point, that does not mean you shouldn't try, or that you are a failure.

If you make a mistake (and you will), apologize. Sincerely.

Forgiveness is something you do for yourself, not for the person you are forgiving.

Work hard.

Have fun.

We will miss you.

Congratulations!

“When you take risks, you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important.” —Ellen DeGeneres

***“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.”
—Dr. Seuss***

Congratulations Class of 2018

Ash Highlights



Ash High School sophomore Trine Sigala was recognized for his perfect attendance at Ash High by the Plainview Rotary Club on April 11, 2018. He received a set of Dr. Dre Beats headphones from Rotary District 5730 Governor Charles Starnes and Plainview Rotarian Susie Starnes. His teacher, Santana Soliz, said, "Trine is a solid student. I am proud that he gets to school every day and studies hard." (pictured top left)

Our very own Rodney Wallace, Principal of Ash High School shared with Plainview Rotary Club about Ash High School. Mr. Wallace discussed our student achievements and the value of this school to the future of our community. (pictured bottom left)

At this same meeting Marivel Melendez was announced as the March Student of the month for the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club of Plainview announced they were proud to honor Marivel Melendez as its student of the month for March 2018. Marivel is the

daughter of Leonor Samoya and Alfredo Melendez of Plainview, Texas.

Marivel is a senior at Ash High School. She is a member of the Ash Student Council, holding the position of Secretary and is active in Snack Shack for Ash High School. She has a precious little girl that she provides a wonderful and loving environment. Pictured bottom right receiving an award from Mr. Wallace at Ash's Awards Banquet.



Mr. Rodney Wallace

PRINCIPALS CORNER

To the Ash graduates of 2017-2018, I can only say thank you for allowing me to do my best in guiding you through this part of your educational journey. Right before my eyes I have seen you change within the little time you spent here at Ash. What you have achieved no one can take away from you so I leave you with this poem how you have risen to the challenge. Congratulations!!!

I RISE
I may get knocked down, but I will rise
I may have difficult situations in my life but I will rise
Just like a Phoenix rising from the Ash, I rise
I rise not because I am angry, but I rise because of what is inside of me.
Just like a tennis ball being held underneath the water, eventually I will rise.
The longer I am held down, the more potential I gain.
I may have been arrested, dropped out of school, kicked out of my house, or even been under the influence.
At my age, some may call me mom, some may call me dad and I may have been made fun of because of the one pair of clothes I had.
I can't stand here and say that I wasn't affected by the negative words that was sent my way but I choose not to be infected because I know what is inside of me.
I rise because of determination, I rise because of my past failure only makes me stronger, I rise because I am like a transformer, "I am more than meets the eye". I rise because one bad decision does not define me. Take a look at me now because when you see me in the future, I will be even better, I will be wiser.
I RISE



Student Council Trip to Austin

By Arely Patino

Students, Ashley Gonzalez, Zonia Alcantar, and Marivel Melendez went on a trip to Austin, Texas. Mrs. Howell, Ms. Wiseman and Mr. Soliz accompanied the students on the trip.

While in Austin, the student council toured the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Library. The students described this as awesome and it gave them a deeper understanding of the LBJ presidency. LBJ was an advocate of civil rights. The Library had a recreation of the Oval Office during LBJ's time. Another room was dedicated to "Lady Bird" Johnson, LBJ's wife who was very personal and interesting featuring their family life.

Another museum they toured was the Mexic-Arte museum, which features the struggles and successes of the Hispanic population in Texas. The main feature was a series of photographs from people of all walks of life in Mexico holding an origami paper dove to symbolize their hope for peace within Mexico.

The students and chaperones went to the Hope gallery, which is a series of concrete wall that were used for graffiti artists to show their talent or express viewpoints. There were two artists that were working there that day.

A favorite activity was the variety of restaurants and food. They ate at the many food trucks in Austin, Mrs. Howell said "all of it was very good food. They also enjoyed a meal at the Hula Hut, which is a fusion of Mexican and Hawaiian cuisine on the docks of late, Travis.

Student's share that it was an excellent trip and Mrs. Howell shared that she hopes to take more students on trips like this in the future.



Carissa's Cooking Corner

By: Carissa Gonzalez

This summer I plan on sitting by the camp fire, making my favorite dessert.

Graham crackers with melted marshmallows and chocolate.

Ingredients:

- 1 large marshmallow
- 1 graham cracker
- 1 (1.5 ounce) chocolate candy bar

Directions:

- 1.) Heat the marshmallow over an open flame until it begins to brown and melt.
- 2.) Break the graham cracker in half. Sandwich the chocolate between the cracker and the hot marshmallow. Allow the marshmallow to cool a moment before eating.



Ash Stats, Discipline & Attendance Contest

By: Joseph Castro

The discipline and attendance contest is wrapping up for the year. The standings for the attendance reward are:

Attendance Reward Challenge winner for the final term is Mrs. Coon's Class

The family teacher that won the final term for the least discipline actions is Mrs. Hanoch.

Congratulations to all the students in working hard to make this an excellent year!

Ash Stats

Graduates this Academic Year: 60

Number of Students Enrolled

Graduates this term: 39

We have 70 students enrolled at Ash High School

Credit Recovery Program APEX 5/21/18

Ash Students: 100 credits earned this term

RAC Students: 12 credits earned this term

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