



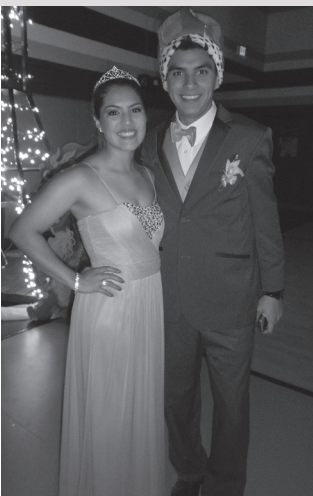
# 2013 Prom is taken “Around the World”

■ by Adriana Sanchez  
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On April 20, 2013 Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had their 2013 Prom. This major event took place at Santa Gertrudis School Gym, where approximately 200 people attended. The Junior class was in charge of this event, and they had worldwide decorations for the big night. Last year's theme was Under the Sea. For

this year students were transported to different parts of the world. President of the class, Anilu Martinez, said that the class had a lot of ideas in mind such as Vegas, Paris midnight, and Candy Land, but since PPAS has a diversity of students, they chose Around the World as the theme for 2013.

Prom started at 6:30 pm. Juniors Andrea Garcia and Jun-Sang



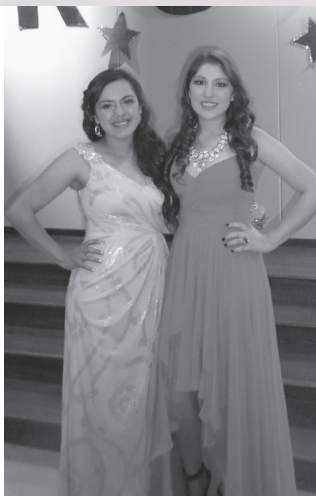
Seniors Regina Hernandez (l) and Nathan Zelaya, 2013 Prom Queen & King.

You presented each one of the fifty-two seniors and their prom



From left, Seniors Alex Hernandez, Omar Moreno, Jimena Gonzalez, Santiago Nava, Uzziel Garcia and Farid Redondo

date. After their waltz, dinner was served. “This year was



Seniors Yleana Balboa (l) and Andrea Morton.

All prom photos provided by: Regina Hernandez

a little different. I hope everyone liked the decorations

and that everyone enjoyed this event, especially seniors,” Martinez said.

Principal Ellie Perez said that this was a very special event, now that this was the last dance of the year. She also said that it will be a moment of recognition for the seniors, as well as a realization that their highschool experience is almost over.

## PPAS participates in Adopt-A-Highway

■ by Hefzi Jimenez  
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On April 6, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School's National Honor Society, Student Council, and 4H participated in an Adopt-A-Highway Don't Mess with Texas trash off. Students met at the school's cafeteria at 7:25 to depart from the school and went to the Highway to divide into two groups of students in order to start the pickup.

Ivan Morin, junior at PPAS, said that he liked it because it was something that he did with his friends, and he enjoyed being outside cleaning the city to make it better.

“It was a wonderful and pretty experience because we helped our city and our environment,” Morin said.

According to the Adopt-a-Highway program, this project began in Texas in



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*Members of PPAS' NHS, Student Council and Eagles 4H Club picked up trash around Kingsville on April 6 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.*

1985 and continues to grow saving taxpayer's money. This Texas-born program has spread to 49 states, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and Mexico. More than 1.3 million volunteers participate in Adopt-a-Highway nationwide.

The Adopt-a-Highway program gives citizens an opportunity to support the department's litter

prevention programs by adopting a section of highway for the purpose of reducing litter on an adopted section through public participation. Adopt-a-Highway volunteers keep this Texas-born program going strong. The program currently has more than 4,500 groups across the state, to keep Texas clean.

Job Ramirez, senior at PPAS, said that it was a great experience and even though there were not many people, it made a difference because the trash pickup improved the street views. He also said that he found new weights for the school's gym while cleaning the highway, so it was something good he did not expect to get.

“It really makes a difference, especially in agricultural and cattle places like Kingsville,” Ramirez said.

## Students test the unknown at science fair

■ by Armando Navar  
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On April 10, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had their annual science fair that everyone who has chemistry and physics class participates in.

“I think that the science fair was awesome because many students did interesting and pretty projects,” said Alejandro Herrera, 18-year-old.

Herrera said that his partner Frank Porras, 16-year-old, chose a good project to present to PPAS students.

“I think it did help students discover new things of the world and how amazing it is,” Porras said.

Herrera and his partner Porras said that they were nervous because it was their first time



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*From left, Seniors Maria Pinto, Sofia Villarreal and Samantha Moreno with their science fair project, Magnetic Effect in Water.*

that they presented a science project about the effect of putting salt and bicarbonate on an apple, and what can be done with the apple.

“I think that the judging was very interesting, and they asked a lot of good questions that we needed to explain to them,” said Ivan Morin, 17-year-old.

Morin said that he likes the science fair and the projects that his peers made because

without a lot of creation, they did an awesome job in their presentations.

“I felt relaxed and comfortable when the three students from TAMUK (judges) asked me and my partner Raisa Santos all the questions,” said Darian Iracheta.

Iracheta said that he liked all the projects because he learned more.

Morin, Herrera, Porras, and Iracheta said that they had fun with their friends and with all they saw at the science fair.

“I believe it allows students the capability of connecting with their inner scientists by testing the unknown,” said Sylvia Gonzalez-Garza, physics and biology teacher.

## Eagles baseball season comes to an end

■ by Enrique Varela  
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Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) baseball team had two games on April 6, against H.M. King, in Kingsville. In these two games, PPAS baseball team A and B played.

“Every game, we improve. Many new guys start to hit the ball and catch too, and most of them are underclassmen. I think that next year we would have a nice team,” said Hyunsuk Choi, 17-year-old junior.



photo provided by: Alejandro Herrera

*Junior Darien Iracheta up to bat against Riviera Seahawks.*

PPAS baseball season ended with this two games but Coach Hardy Robertson and Santa Gertrudis Academy's Coach are planning another game.

PPAS and Robertson are working on the construction of a baseball field for the school. Robertson said that he hopes that the field will be done by

next year but it all depends on how things go in the summer.

The most exciting game was against Agua Dulce in the baseball tournament, Robertson said. They had played eight games together.

“They made a lot of progress, everybody did well,” Robertson said.

He also pointed out that having an open field where his team can practice is going to be really good for them and he likes the idea of having home games.

## Track & Field to compete in district

■ by Hyunsuk Choi  
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On April 4, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) track team competed in Falfurrias. PPAS got second place in 400 - m x 4 category. Zack Duran, 17 - year old junior, Junsang You, 18 - year old junior, Samuel Rivero, 18 - year old senior, and Nathan Zelaya, 17 - year old senior, were the team members.

“I ran 400x1, 400x2, and 400x4. I could run as the best for 400x4. I think its because my teammates were cheering for each other. This second place is not only because of me, but also my teammates were doing their best,” Rivero said.

PPAS track team was named on high record in not only in 400 - m relay race, but also in 100-meter hurdles and

jump categories. Daniel Ishimwe, 18-year-old senior, said that he enjoyed this meet, but next time, he will do better and break the school record, which he set during a previous competition.

Some team members including Hefzi Jimenez, 17 - year - old junior, Rivero, and Zelaya, did well during this competition, but said that it was not like previous track

meets. This time, they could not do their best because it was hard and their opponents were good.

“I was not in a good mood. I was very tired. I think I will do a lot better during the next track meet,” said Jimenez, who ran two miles and got fifth place.

The team still has a few more competitions including district on May 4.

## NBA playoffs set to start with Spurs and Heat in the lead

■ by Kevin Ngarambe  
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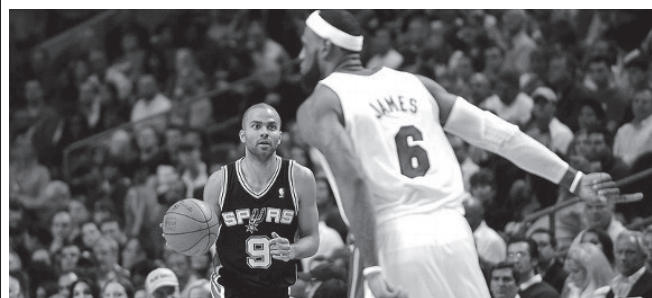


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*The San Antonio Spurs have taken first for the Western Conference and the Miami Heat is leading in the Eastern.*

The NBA is heating up as the playoffs quickly approach. The San Antonio Spurs are in first place in the Western Conference, thanks to the good season they've had this year. Last season's NBA champions, The Miami Heat are in first place in the Eastern conference and are also the favorite to take the NBA championship this year thanks to their star player, Le Bron James.

The big story, however, is about the Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers, who are currently in tenth position overall in the western conference, are fighting for the eighth position with the Utah Jazz. It seems highly unlikely though as the Lakers have less than five games to play in the regular season as well as missing their star guard, Kobe Bryant, due to a torn Achilles tendon. The Lakers might not make it to the playoffs for the first time in more than thirty years.

The NBA playoffs is a best-of-seven elimination tournament among sixteen teams in the Eastern conference and Western conference, ultimately deciding the final four teams who will play in the conference finals. This year's NBA playoffs are poised to be the most exciting in recent memory.



## Senior named Rotary Student of the Month

by Ingrid Araujo  
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Guillermo Aranda, 18-year-old senior from San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico, from Presbyterian Pan American School, (PPAS) was awarded a certificate and scholarship from the Rotary Club for Texas A&M University-Kingsville on Tuesday, April 9 at the Cherry Tea Room.

"I'm very proud that Guillermo received a scholarship from TAMUK because he is a great person and excellent student and deserves to be



photo provided by: Doug Dalglish

From left, Principal Ellie Perez, Guillermo Aranda and Rotarian Mike Desiderio.

recognized," said PPAS Principal Ellie Perez.

Aranda said that he feels very happy because this will help him to study a good profession.

He studies two hour a day and wants to become a civil engineer. "I'm really happy, proud of myself and thankful with my teachers and parents," Aranda said.

Aranda plays soccer, basketball, baseball, track and field and he enjoys his college Algebra class at Costal Bend College as a dual credit student.

"I'm really thankful with the Rotary Club and TAMUK for this opportunity and this chance to prove that I am a good student," Aranda said.

## Homecoming Queen chosen as Student of the Month

by Anilu Martinez  
Staff Writer

April's Student of the Month at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) is Senior Homecoming Queen Zenia De Leon, from Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

De Leon, since her first year of high school, has been involved in several activities such as soccer, cheerleading, track, and basketball. Even if she does all of these activities, her favorite is 4-H. Other things she likes to do in her free time is listen to music and being with her friends. De Leon has been at PPAS for three years and she is excited she is finally graduating.

"I feel excited, free, and sad because I will miss some people," De Leon said.



photo by: Anilu Martinez  
Senior Zenia De Leon

Her plans after graduation are to relax during the summer and prepare herself for college. De Leon wants to study psychology.

"I want to help people with problems and kids at schools," she said.

What she likes best about PPAS are her friends. She said that there is no great difference in being a

senior than her past years since the only things that change are her privileges like sitting at the senior table, first in line to eat, and exempt from tests.

Something interesting about De Leon is that when she proposes something to herself, she always achieves it. Her greatest achievement has been going to Coastal Bend College as a dual credit student. She will graduate with 15 college credit hours. She also feels honored and excited to be named student of the month.

"I have worked hard to be a good student and to stand out," she said.

Now that graduation is coming, her goals are to continue having a strong relationship with her friends and to never lose it.

## Seniors honored at 1st Presbyterian

by Anilu Martinez  
Editor-in-Chief

All 52 seniors at Presbyterian Pan American School went to the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsville on Sunday, April 14.

The seniors attended the service and had lunch afterwards with the members of the church and Pastor Chuck Miller.

"All of the people were very amiable and everybody smiled," said 18-year-



photo provided by: Patrick Flores  
2013 Seniors

old Cynthia Jacobo.

The goal of the service was to welcome the seniors to the community, to invite them to continue being part of the church, and to bless them in their future. The

seniors enjoyed delicious treats and felt at home by the decorations the church had placed. Each table was decorated and had a flag with each of the seniors' name on it.

This was an opportunity for the community to get to know the graduating students more and the school. On several occasions, PPAS has attended the church.

## Senior Athlete recognized as Student of the Month

by Jahdai Sosa  
Staff Writer

19-year-old Senior Arnaud Muhire, from Kigali, Rwanda, Africa, has been selected as the student of the month (SOM) for May at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

Muhire said he feels honored to be the student of the month, and to be chosen among all of the students at PPAS.

"I had to work hard in the few months I've been here and it was difficult," Muhire said.

He said that his favorite thing about being the student of the month is that it gives him more



photo by: Jahdai Sosa  
Senior Arnaud Muhire

strength to keep on.

Muhire said that he never had a bad grade. He always has good grades in all his classes.

He said that he likes to study a lot and he studies three hours per day because he wants to graduate

with goods grades and go to a university

"My favorite classes are U.S History, Communications, English IV and Pre-Calculus," Muhire said.

His favorite teacher is Daniel Meek, U.S History teacher.

He said that he is very excited because after all the hard work, you get the best.

Muhire said that he wants to study civil engineering at Oklahoma Christian University when he graduates from PPAS.

"I like staying here. PPAS is an experience for life and it taught me how to live in a society of people," Muhire said.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Choir performs at Parkway Presbyterian

by Libni Robles  
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Photo provided by: Joe Garcia

PPAs' Morris Chapel Choir performed at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi on April 7.

On April 7, the Morris Chapel Choir from Presbyterian Pan American School visited Parkway Presbyterian Church (P.C.) in Corpus Christi. The students were well received by the members of the church, whom enjoyed hearing the choir. The visit consisted of the promotion of the school, besides worshipping God.

Hefzi Jimenez, student representative from PPAS and choir member, gave a brief speech to the church about the school.

"I felt really comfortable and welcomed by the church. It was a great experience," Jimenez said.

Students spent time singing, and after they were done, Allen Mosiman, Pastor of Parway P. C., PPAS President Rev. Dr. Doug Dalglish and other church members, accompanied the choir for lunch.

Joe Garcia, Director of Admissions at PPAS and Choir Director, said that when the choir members sing together and have confidence in themselves they do a very good job. After students visited Parway P. C., they had the opportunity to visit La Palmera mall in Corpus Christi.

"I really enjoyed singing, but I also had a good time at the mall with my friends," said Celeste Moreno, choir member.

The next choir trip will be on April 24th to Dallas, where eight members of the team will have the opportunity to go. Also on April 28, all choir members will have the opportunity to perform at New Braunfels P.C.

## 4H fashion and photography advance to district

by Osmara Perez

Staff Writer

Four students from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) participated in the Kleberg-Kenedy County Fashion Show on Sunday, April 6 in Edinburg.

Sylvia Gonzalez-Garza, biology teacher from PPAS, was one of the judges at the competition

"When I knew that I advanced to district, I was very excited because fashion and modeling are things that I really like," said Frida Monreal, junior at PPAS.

Sarid Ramon, 17-year-old sophomore, said that she decided to participate in the 4-H fashion show because she loves to sew



photo by: Osmara Perez

From left, Sarid Ramon, Frida Monreal, Estrella Galvan and Edgar Garcia. Not pictured, Adriana Sanchez.

and she thought that it was an opportunity to grow in the abilities that she already knew.

Two students, Adriana Sanchez, senior, and Edgar Garcia, junior, advanced in the 4-H Photography Contest.

"I did not expect to win this time. I didn't think my photos were

gonna make it," said Adriana Sanchez.

Monreal decided to participate in the 4-H fashion competition because someday she would like to try to be part of the fashion industry as a model or designer.

Ramon likes to design clothes because it makes her feel

good or distress and open her imagination to her designs.

Garcia's three photos that advanced to district were of a child, monument and church while Sanchez's photo was of a river reflecting trees.

"I see it, I like it, so I take it. That was my inspiration," Sanchez said.

Ramon's inspiration was 60's style in the skirt, for the blouse was modern patterns and also spring, she said.

The six students that participated in the competitions got red and blue ribbons and diplomas.

## PPAS hosts 'Celebration' to build leadership and character

by Merry Kim

Editor-in-Chief

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Celebration 2013 was held on April 12 to April 13. PPAS hosted two big celebrations in a year, one in the fall to welcome everyone, and in the spring to get students altogether and establish deeper and stronger relationship with God. Helping students recognize how they were growing spiritually is the main purpose of holding celebration each year. 49 leaders and speakers were involved in PPAS Celebration 2013. One year planning from and four months pre-

paring were crowned with great success.

"Developing students' leadership and characters and how I can help students to do better job were being my goals to me as a ministry and spiritual leader. This celebration 2013 went awesome," said PPAS Pastor Mary Ellsworth, who is charge of Celebration.

She also said that all the leaders and speakers worked really hard for the celebration and she really appreciated them.

On April 12, right after school, all students headed to the chapel on campus to greet students and divide into 10 groups with two group leaders for each group. Until

dinner, each group was rotating 10 game stations such as 'Spider's Web', 'Frogs on a Log', 'Lemon Race', etc.

"We had to reveal our teamwork in each game station. Everyone was participating with joy and getting closer in our relationships. It was extremely fun, I enjoyed it," said Junior Andrea Garcia.

After dinner, having a little break time, the 'Faith Sharing' was next from 8:00 to 10:30. Each faith activity leader was set up in their area and when two groups came in their area, by leader's leading, they started giving some messages and activities that they

prepared. Activities were all about relationship with God and how students feel it. Students were required to gather in the chapel again and praise God altogether.

As a highlight of celebration, each student got a bag of letters from their friends, teachers, and parents. Everyone celebrated the past year, said good-bye, and prayed for each other.

On Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 to 12:30, each group presented their group skit in the chapel.

"It was real great. We prayed to God and tried to listen to him. I feel closer to God," said Nerina Cruz, freshmen.