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## Singer plans to study law



by Anilu Martinez

Staff Writer

Elizabeth Aguilar was born on April 18, 1995 in Mexico City.

Her hobbies are singing, and learning to dance different kinds of music. Aguilar is part of the Chamber Choir and also a singer in the Praise Band Team.

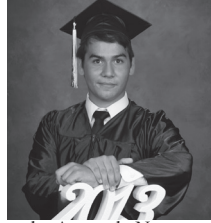
After graduating, she plans to go to college and get into law school. "I am planning to get a law degree as an International lawyer," Aguilar said.

She said PPAS changed her life because she made the best friendships. "PPAS made me realize how much I love my family," Aguilar said.

In her time at PPAS, Aguilar has learned to be more responsible, organized, faithful, and leave everything in God's hands.

**Favorite Class:** Algebra II  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Meek  
**Best Friends:** Sarai B, Alexandra G, Karla C

## Soccer Player heads to TAMUK



by Armando Navar

Staff Writer

Guillermo Aranda, 18, said that he wants a graduate degree in civil engineering from a college in the U.S.

"I describe myself like an awesome, happy and unique person," Aranda said.

Aranda said that he came to PPAS because his parents thought it was a better opportunity for him to study in the U.S.

"I want to study at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and then I want to get a good job and have a family," Aranda said.

Last year, Aranda was chosen as athlete of the year because he qualified for state in track for the category of thrower, and he was also chosen to be in the first team in Texas soccer.

**Favorite Class:** Algebra II  
**Favorite Teacher:** Ms. Kriegel

## NHS member will be lawyer



by Ingrid Araujo

Staff Writer

From Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico Yleana Balboa, 18-year-old senior, was born on May 5, 1995.

Balboa plans to attend La Salle University where she will study law. Her goals are to be more responsible, patience and organized.

During her three years, Balboa was part of National Honor Society (NHS), basketball, 4-H, Peer support team, Social committee treasurer, a dual credit student at Coastal Bend College and was named in Honor Roll.

"I will never forget the people that became my family. I certainly know this was God's will for each one of us, so I am happy to take every moment with them," Balboa said.

**Favorite Class:** Physics  
**Favorite Teacher:** Pastory Mary  
**Best Friends:** Carla L, Andrea M, Zenia D

## PPAS teaches responsibility



by Hefzi Jimenez

Staff Writer

Sarai Bernardino was born on April 28, 1995 in Mexico City, Mexico.

She was part of the varsity basketball team at PPAS for two years and the track team.

After graduating, she plans to go to Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). "I would like to go to Mexico and spend time with my family, enjoy summer and keep studying," Bernardino said.

She said that PPAS has changed her life in many ways. She has learned to be responsible and that sometimes you need to make sacrifices to gain what you want.

"I have learned to be a better person. PPAS has taught me values and valuable lessons that have helped me to mature," Bernardino said.

**Favorite Class:** English IV  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Elizabeth A, Alexandra G, Karla C

## Senior will major in art



by Jahdai Sosa

Staff Writer

Adrian Castrellon, 18-year-old senior, was born on April 22, 1995 in Brownsville. He actually lives in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Baseball, soccer and 4H are the activities that Castrellon participated at PPAS his three years at the school.

Castrellon was in 4H his freshmen and sophomore year, cheer his sophomore year to soccer manager his senior year.

This year, Castrellon practiced baseball. He plans to study arts at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

"Something I would never forget is the study club at the boy's center," Castrellon said.  
**Favorite Class:** Library  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** Sergio G, Javier C, Armando G

## Graduate to study engineering



by Anilu Martinez

Staff Writer

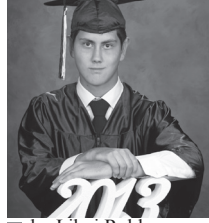
17-year-old Senior Karla Castro is from Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico. Her favorite subject is music. In her free time, she likes to do is play the guitar and listen to music. Her strengths are in math and what has helped her be a good student through the years is her dedication. She would like to study chemical engineering at a university in Chicago.

She came to PPAS because her brother was a graduate from here. She has had a lot of good memories at PPAS, but what she will remember the most, is the people. "Take advantage while you are here," she said.

She said time went fast, but as her last year is about to end, she does not want it to.

**Favorite Class:** Library  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Meek  
**Best Friends:** Ana M, Elizabeth A, Daniela D

## Athlete pursues marketing



by Libni Robles

Staff Writer

From Comales, Tamaulipas, Mexico, Orlando Cepeda, 17, describes himself as friendly, sympathetic, and remarkably tall.

Cepeda participated in soccer, basketball, and track. Besides to learning to maneuver the ball, he also said that he learned to be more responsible and to value his family and friends.

"I met a lot of friends, and now all of them are part of my family. I love them," Cepeda said.

Cepeda's role model is his father. He said he admires him because he is hard-working, caring, respectful, and loving.

Cepeda plans to study marketing at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

**Favorite Class:** Animal Science  
**Favorite Teacher:** Ms. Kriegel  
**Best Friends:** Emmanuel R, Armando G, Samuel R

## Hopes for world travel



by Armando Navar

Staff Writer

Zenia De Leon, 18-year-old, said that she wants a graduate degree in psychology from a U.S. college such as the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"I describe myself as a happy person that is sincere, but gets mad so easily," De Leon said.

De Leon said that she came to PPAS to learn English and experience something new.

"After college, I just want to find a job and travel around the world, then an awesome family," De Leon said.

**Favorite Class:** Geometry  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Gonzalez  
**Best Friends:** Katia N, Kheila N

## Plans to study education



by Hefzi Jimenez

Staff Writer

Ciudad Valles, San Luis Potosi, Mexico is where 18 year-old senior Daniela Dueñas is from. She likes to have different opportunities, and that is how she ended up at PPAS.

"I saw a door and opened it," she said.

She would like to study educational administration at the Autonomía de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Mexico.

She believes her character and having an open mind has and will continue helping her succeed.

At school, she has participated in volleyball, CMC, and drama club. Some of her greatest achievements are winning 1st place as best actress in district, and 2nd place as best actress in the state competition.

**Favorite Class:** Bible II  
**Favorite Teacher:** those who may have touched my life  
**Best Friends:** you know who you are

## Baseball player to be doctor



by Merry Kim

Staff Writer

Sergio Galvan, 17-year-old senior from San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico came to PPAS in 2010 to learn another language and learn a new life without his parents.

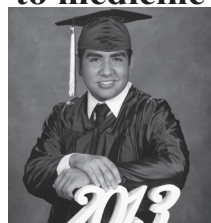
He enjoys playing soccer, which led him to participate in the Eagles soccer team for three years. He participated in basketball and baseball as well.

"I've learned how to take good and bad decisions, don't waste your time doing nothing," Galvan said.

He said that 'burn-fire' is his happiest memory. However he feels excited about knowing his graduation is coming, and he wants to study medicine.

**Favorite Class:** Algebra I  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Perkins  
**Best Friends:** Tavo R, Cesar G, Rene V

## From soccer to medicine



by Libni Robles

Staff Writer

Armando Garcia, 17, from Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico describes himself as funny, cheerful, and friendly. One of the many things he learned at PPAS was to live as a family and to control his emotions. He enjoys hanging out with friends on weekends, sleeping, and playing soccer. Garcia was captain of the soccer team.

"We started from the bottom, and now we are leaving all together from the highest point. We did it, brothers," Garcia said.

Garcia plans to follow his father's step, who is his role model, by studying medicine at the Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas.

**Favorite Class:** Geography  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Moreno  
**Best Friends:** La Suit

## Track member to attend UTB



by Osmara Perez

Staff Writer

17-year-old Cesar G17-year-old Cesar Garcia, from San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico is planning to attend University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB).

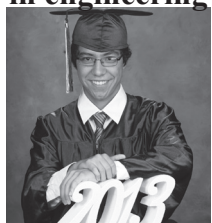
Garcia came to PPAS two years ago to improve his English skills.

"It is hard to be here but at the end everything is worth it," Garcia said.

Garcia has been involved in track and 4H. He said that one of the best things that happened to him when he came to PPAS was meeting his girlfriend and making more friends. "Being at PPAS helped me to learn how to be responsible and clean," Garcia said.

**Favorite Class:** Pre Cal  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Meek  
**Best Friends:** Sergio G, Javier C, Carlos Z

## Plans to major in engineering



by Hefzi Jimenez

Staff Writer

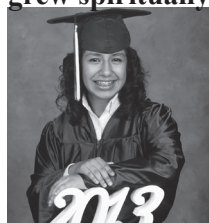
Uzziel Garcia was born on October 7, 1995 in Coahuila, Mexico. He likes rock music and his favorite band is Nirvana. He has been in Praise Band as the bass player for two years and he said he enjoys playing in Chapel with his friends. He was also part of the 2012 state soccer Runner up team. After graduating, he plans to go to TAMUK.

"I will like to pursue a mechanical engineering career because it attracts my attention," Garcia said.

He said that PPAS has changed his life in many ways. He has learned to be responsible and to really enjoy time with his friends.

**Favorite Class:** English IV  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Regina H, Santiago N, Guillermo A

## Choir member grew spiritually



by Hyunsuk Choi

Staff Writer

Alexandra Gonzalez is an 18-year-old senior at PPAS. She spent three years at PPAS. Her parents sent her here to make her strong spiritually and to learn English. There are many things that she likes about PPAS, but the best thing she likes was that she could have special experiences like meeting students who are from different countries.

Because she wanted to be closer with God, she joined Choir, Praise band, and CMC during the three years.

"Since I arrived here, PPAS had changed me a lot. I could say that I found one of my best friends in my life and I grew a lot both spiritually and morally," Gonzalez said.

**Favorite Class:** Pre Cal  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** Elizabeth A, Sarai B, Andrea G

## From PPAS to UT-Austin



by Osmara Perez

Staff Writer

Jimena Gonzalez, 18-year-old from Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, has participated in cheerleading, soccer, track, Student Council, volleyball, 4-H and NHS.

"I'm going to miss watching movies with my friends and the moments of laughing at the senior table," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez plans to study actuarial science at University of Texas at Austin.

She said that being at PPAS helped her to be more independent and to focus on her studies.

"I see myself opening my own business," Gonzalez said

**Favorite Class:** Spanish  
**Favorite Teacher:** Ms. Kriegel  
**Best Friends:** Katia L, Rebecca L, Javier C

## Future educator heads to N.Y.



by Adriana Sanchez

Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old Yi Guo, from Shanghai, China, has been at PPAS for four years.

Since her freshman year, Guo was a very shy person, but her closest friends know how funny she really is. Guo considers herself an introvert person. In her free time, she loves to sleep. This year she joined the basketball team.

"I was super tired, I still don't know what I was thinking," Guo said.

Guo looks forward to her future, and her education. She is planning to go to St. Joseph College in New York and earning a degree in education.

"I became more responsible. I am really proud of myself for learning English and a little bit of Spanish," Guo said.

**Favorite Class:** Pre Cal  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** Adriana S, Sofia V, Filiberto O

## Senior wants to study art



by Anilu Martinez

Staff Writer

"Never forget God, in the good and in the bad," is what 17-year-old senior Priscila Gutierrez wants to say as advice for the other students at PPAS.

Gutierrez is from San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico; and was born on June 6, 1995. Gutierrez likes to listen to music and watch Korean dramas in her free time.

Her favorite activity that she participated at school was 4-H in which she won a red ribbon for her lamb at the livestock show.

After graduation Gutierrez hopes to study psychology with a specialization in art, to travel, and to continue studying English.

**Favorite Class:** U.S. History  
**Best Friends:** Cesar G, Sergio G, Gustavo R

## Prom Queen will cheer in college



by Hefzi Jimenez

Staff Writer

Regina Hernandez was born on October 28, 1994 in Mexico City. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, and sports. She was 2013 Prom Queen and Best District Actress.

She was also part of the Track, Soccer, and Volleyball team.

After graduating, she plans to go to Menlo College.

"I am planning to work all summer and then head to college to be an undergraduate cheerleader who plans to major in marketing communications," Hernandez said.

This is her last and third year at the school, and she said that PPAS has changed her life in many ways. She has learned to value all the things she has, and the school has helped her to have a closer relationship with God.

**Favorite Class:** Art II  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** you know who you are

## Track member runs to UTPA



by Enrique Varela

Staff Writer

Alejandro Hernandez is a senior from Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas who came to PPAS to finish high school.

Hernandez is 18-years-old and he was born on October 10, 1994.

During his time in PPAS he part of the soccer team.

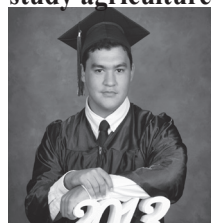
He participated in the state soccer tournament, receiving second place all-state.

When Hernandez finishes high school, he is planning to attend UTPA in Edinburg.

Hernandez's most vivid memory and the one that he will not forget is the soccer state tournaments and also the friends that he met at PPAS.

**Favorite Class:** Library  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Meek  
**Best Friends:** Alex P, Farid R, Enrique V

## 4H member to study agriculture



by Kevin Ngarambe

Staff Writer

Felipe Herrera is an 18-year old senior from Valle Hermoso, Mexico. Herrera only attended his senior year at PPAS.

During his stay at PPAS, Herrera was in 4-H, cross country and he was also named student of the month for February.

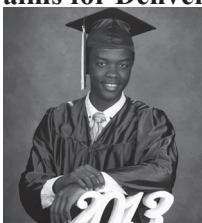
Herrera plans to attend Texas A&M University-Brownsville and then may transfer to its branch in Austin.

While at college, Herrera wants to major in agriculture.

Herrera said he's always going to cherish his memories at PPAS and that he's going to miss the people most of all.

**Favorite Class:** Animal Science  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** Alejandro H, Yurim L, Joseph K

## State champion aims for Denver



by Kevin Ngarambe

Staff Writer

Daniel Ishimwe is an eighteen year old senior from Kigali, Rwanda, central Africa, and has been at PPAS since his junior year.

While attending PPAS, Ishimwe participated in basketball, cross country, soccer and was also the 2012 110-meter hurdles state champion.

After graduating, Ishimwe hopes to attend Denver University and major in computer engineering.

After college, he wants to return to Rwanda and start working to help his parents.

**Favorite Class:** Physics  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Nathan Z, Elizabeth A, Gustave R

## Actress hopes to film and direct



by Anilu Martinez

Staff Writer

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico is where 18-year-old Senior Cynthia Jacobo is from. Jacobo has been at PPAS for three years and is proud of entering National Honor Society, winning 2nd place in the science fair and starting a drama club. She wishes to study filming at the University of Texas at Austin.

"I will like to graduate with a Master's degree in filming and study acting to be a successful director and actress," she said.

She said coming to the school helped her.

"Something I have learned is to trust in who you are," Jacobo said.

**Favorite Class:** Theatre Arts  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Saenz  
**Best Friends:** you know who you are

## Newcomer learns new culture



by Ingrid Araujo

Staff Writer

Sabrina Kambanda was born on June 11, 1992 and arrived six months ago from Kigali, Rwanda, Africa.

Kambanda learned how to live with people, who have a different culture from PPAS.

She participated in basketball.

Kambanda wants to study psychology at Lincoln University and she describes herself as shy.

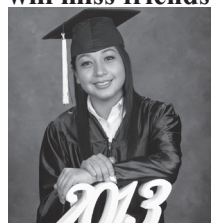
She likes to dance and her favorite movie is Twilight.

Kambanda enjoys her communication class, especially when Mr. Meek was dancing.

The person who inspires Kambanda is her dad.

"I will miss all my friends and Mrs. Tamra and Mrs. G's humor," Kambanda said

## Future dentist will miss friends



by Jahdai Sosa

Staff Writer

Rebecca Lambarría was born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico on March 26, 1995. She lives in Los Fresnos. Lambarría has been at PPAS for three years. During her time, she participated in volleyball, track, and swimming.

Lambarría's plan for the future is to go to University of Texas at Austin and study Dentistry.

"The best thing about PPAS is my friends," Lambarría said.

She will never forget PPAS especially all her friends. She added that her best year was her first one when she was a sophomore.

**Favorite Class:** English  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** Jimena G, Job R, Katia L

## Future dentist strives for UTB



by Libni Robles

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## Drummer plans to be engineer



by Enrique Varela

Staff Writer

Omar Moreno is a 17-year-old senior from Guadalajara, Mexico. He was born on September 22, 1995. He wants to study mechanical engineering or marketing and he likes to play American football and wants to do so in college. At PPAS, he is part of praise band, where he plays the drums.

He has been at PPAS for three years and what he likes about the school is that friends become brothers. He is almost through high school and now he is ready to college at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara.

**Favorite Class:** Physics  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Meek  
**Best Friends:** Victor R, Uzziel G, lunch table

## Senior learns responsibility



by Libhi Robles

Staff Writer

Maria Pinto from Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico had a great experience at PPAS, she said, since she joined the college a year ago. She has participated in the Bible club, track, and National Honor Society.

"I learned to be responsible, to take care of myself, to organize my time, to respect others' opinion and to accept the consequences of my decisions," Pinto said.

Her next step is to go to the University of Texas-Pan American, where she wants to study medicine and specialize in neurology.

**Favorite Class:** Physics  
**Best Friends:** Ana V

## Class president chooses advertising



by Ingrid Araujo

Staff Writer

Adriana Sanchez, 18 year-old senior, from Mexico City, Mexico she was born on September 5, 1994.

Sanchez has learned to be more responsible and independent. In her four years at PPAS, Sanchez was part of National Honor Society (NHS), President of the Senior Class, 4H Photography, cross country, basketball, track and was captain of the girl soccer team her junior and senior year.

Sanchez wants to study advertising at the University of Houston-Victoria. "My dad inspires me, he always get things right," Sanchez said.

**Favorite Class:** English I  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Robertson  
**Best Friends:** Yi G, Victor R, Jessica S

## Senior continues family tradition



by Merry Kim

Staff Writer

From Alende Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Samantha Moreno came to PPAS in August 2010.

"I came here to be successful and become whatever God had planned me to be, though it's a tradition of my family, coming and studying at PPAS from my father," Moreno said. She said she feels excited because she knows it's a new step that she's taking in her life to become someone successful.

Moreno has been in cross-country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and track and field. She also has been participating in choir, CMC, National Honor Society, theater, and 4-H. Moreno said that she's happy because it seems like she'd found true friends at PPAS.

**Favorite Class:** Reading II  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Daniela D

## Future longhorn to start a band



by Ingrid Araujo

Staff Writer

Job Ramirez, from Muzquiz, Coahuila, Mexico was born on May 15, 1995.

He wants to attend University of Texas at Austin to study mechanical Engineering. Ramirez describes himself as reserved, knowing when it is necessary to talk, a good listener and a great friend.

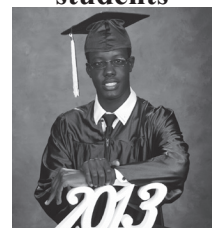
In his three years at PPAS, he participated in 4-H, NHS, Track, was freshmen vice president, praise band and CMC.

Ramirez's goals are to get a good job, obtain enough money to start a band.

"I will miss the people not the place," Ramirez said

**Favorite Class:** Calculus  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Meek  
**Best Friends:** Sebastian G, Rebeca, Jimena G

## Senior advises students



by Merry Kim

Staff Writer

Aime Shema was born in Kigali, Rwanda, Africa and came to PPAS in 2011 as a junior.

He said he chose PPAS because it is a Christian school. "I've learned how to become a leader and gotten closer to God," he said.

He said he feels excited and hopefully it is all that he has expected about college.

He is planning to go to Dordt College to study industrial engineering.

He chose Mo-Ranch experience as his happiest memory at PPAS.

He said that it was a good time with all his classmates.

"Keep on working hard and trust God," Shema said.

**Favorite Class:** Algebra I  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Perkins  
**Best Friends:** Gustavo R, Prince K, Arnaud M

**Favorite Class:** Speech  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Sabrina K, Silvie U, Francine U

## Graduate matures at PPAS



by Osmara Perez

Staff Writer

18-year-old Andrea Morton from Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, wants to study communications at Universidad de Monterrey (UDEM).

Morton has been involved in basketball, soccer, track, cheerleading, Student Council, social committee and peer support team.

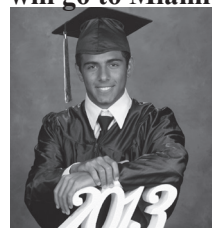
She said that she will never forget the dancing walks with her roommates and the good times at the senior table.

"Being at PPAS helped me to grow more mature and be aware of God's graciousness," Morton said.

She said that the best thing that happened to her was the friends that became like siblings for her.

**Favorite Class:** U.S. History  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Alegria  
**Best Friends:** Yleana B, Carla L, Regina H

## Colombia native will go to Miami



by Enrique Varela

Staff Writer

Farid Redondo is a senior at PPAS and was born in Puebla, Mexico, but he lives in Cartagena, Colombia.

Redondo is 18-years-old and was born on December 12, 1994.

He came to the U.S. to complete high school.

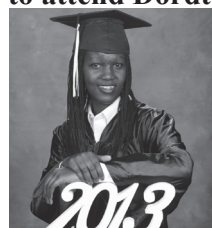
At PPAS, Redondo participated in soccer, track & field and was on the yearbook staff.

After he graduates, he is attending college at Miami Dade College, where he will major in marketing.

The thing that he will never forget about PPAS is his friends the state soccer tournament that he enjoyed a lot and Mrs. Garcia.

**Favorite Class:** Library  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Garcia  
**Best Friends:** Alex H, Samuel G, Enrique V

## Choir member to attend Dordt



by Merry Kim

Staff Writer

Silvie Uwimbabazi, from Kigali, Rwanda, Africa came to PPAS in 2011 as a junior to learn English and have better opportunities.

She said she feels overjoyed, happy and excited about her upcoming graduation and starting a new life.

She is planning to go to the University of Houston Downtown (UHD).

"I've learned a lot at PPAS, working in a society without selfishness, getting closer to God with stronger faith," she said.

During one and half years at PPAS, she enjoyed playing basketball as a member of Lady Eagles.

**Favorite Class:** Physics  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Anais U, Sabrina K, Francine U

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## Ball player shoots for Miami



by Kevin Ngarambe

Staff Writer

Arnaud Muhire is an 18-year old senior from Kigali, Rwanda; Central Africa, and this was Muhire's first year at PPAS.

While at PPAS, Muhire participated in basketball and was also named as student of the month for May.

After graduation, Muhire wants to travel to Miami, where he plans to attend college at Florida International University.

He will major in civil engineering and after he graduates college, he wants to go back to Rwanda and start working.

**Favorite Class:** U.S. History  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Best Friends:** Joseph K, Gustave R, Aime S

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## Senior is set for California



by Armando Navar

Staff Writer

"I'm a very positive person, active and patient. I try to help people and learn something from everyone," said Santiago Nava, 18.

Nava said that he is excited to start a new school in his life and have a good job by the time he finishes his career.

"I came to PPAS so that I could graduate from a U.S. high school and college too," Nava said.

Nava mentioned that he wants a graduate degree in Industrial Engineering.

"I would like to attend the University of San Diego at California," Nava said.

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## Top student to study dentistry



by Adriana Sanchez

Staff Writer

Seventeen year old, Katia Navar is from Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Navar has been at PPAS for three years, where she joined cross country, basketball, soccer, track and the cheerleading team.

She was named to the Honor Roll List and she was also selected as English Top Student.

At PPAS, Navar learned how to make friends, to become responsible and to manage her own time.

Navar wants to pursue a degree in either dentistry or odontology.

"I would like to go to UT Austin, but I think that I am going to UTPA," Navar said.

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