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## PPAS SENIOR CLASS OF 2010



**Presbyterian Pan American School**  
**Congratulations Seniors 2010**







## Senior Class of 2010

Hugo Aguilar

Saddam Bello

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Ruben Hernandez

Ilse Ibarra

Sarai Jimenez

Porfirio Lara

Seo Yeon Lee

Terry Liang

Kenia Mascorro

Ana Paola Melendez

Stephanie Molinari

Fernando Montemayor

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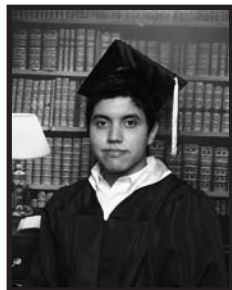
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## Sports star to industrial technology engineer

by Mauricio Saenz

Staff Writer

Born in Miguel Aleman on August 4, 1992, but living in Diaz Ordaz, Tamaulipas Mexico, he has been at



Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) for four years now.

Senior Hugo Aguilar was a soccer state champion twice and was a senior defense captain on the Eagles team. He has also been

in track since his sophomore year and this year was the second time he qualified for state in relays 4x4 400-meter and 4x2. "I felt a great privilege to be on the soccer team and serving as a captain. I've been playing soccer since I was 4 years old," Aguilar said.

Aguilar came to PPAS to learn English to be prepared for college, he said.

"Enjoy every day here at PPAS because time goes by really fast. At first you just want to leave Pan Am because you miss your home and friends and when it's time to go, you don't

want to leave," Aguilar said. In his free time, he likes to exercise, play video games and hang out with his friends by playing any kind of sport with them, Aguilar said.

The persons that Aguilar admires the most are his parents because they have never let him down, he said.

"They have always have supported me with everything I needed," Aguilar said.

He is planning to study industrial technology at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK).

"I really like that career because

it is a major that gathers all the engineers and has a lot of work. Also, it's what my brothers studied and I have seen very good results from it," Aguilar said.

**Favorite Teacher: Mrs. G**

**Favorite Class: English IV**

**Best Friends: Soo Won, La Suit, Monclova**

## Mexico City native hopes to be lawyer

by Jimena Gonzalez

Staff Writer

Saddam Bello, 18, from Mexico City enjoys reading, listening to music, and being with his friends in his free time.



His favorite kind of music is Indie Rock and his favorite bands are Death Cab for Cutie, the Kooks, and Delphic. His

favorite books are the *Catcher in the Rye* and *Prince of Foxes*.

This is his third year at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). He first came as a sophomore and is a senior this year, graduating May 22.

"I came here because I thought that it would be different than studying in Mexico," Bello said.

During his three years at PPAS, he has been on the soccer team, in show choir, worship committee, and was junior class treasurer last year.

I enjoyed it because it gave me a chance to interact with people and do things

together. In soccer, I learned to work as a team, Bello said.

"I liked to go out of the school with my friends and eat somewhere else," he said.

His favorite teacher is Mr. Meek because he understands the students without forgetting that he is a teacher, Bello said.

Bello describes himself as perseverant, a little bit selfish, and a terrible student, yet smart. He is a dual credit student at Costal Bend College, where he's taking English 1301, 1302, Government, Economics, College Algebra and Pre-calculus.

"I learned how to find good things here and I also met people that would be hard to forget," Bello said. Bello wants to study International Affairs at American University and is looking forward to law school because he's interested in the politics of his country.

**Favorite Teacher: Meek**

**Favorite Class: Pre-Calculus & Economy**

**Best Friends: Fo, Borunda, Roberto Castrellon, Christian Zavala.**

## Senior wants to work in stock market

by Daniel Victoria

Staff Writer

It took her three years to graduate and now her future has reached her present, Borunda



feels excited and nervous at the same time, she said.

To learn English and be independent were the two main reason why she came along

with her twin sister, Claudia Borunda, to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS)— a place where she found a family made of best friends only and a lot of people to trust, she said.

The 17-year-old National Honor Society (NHS) member, from Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico enjoys reading, spending time with her friends, watching movies and listening to music. Borunda's biggest inspiration and example for her life is her father.

"He has taught me to never back down and fight", she said.

She also said that staying at PPAS for such a long time changed her life completely because she grew up and learned how to make decisions and she is thankful for that.

Smiley and friendly are the adjectives she chose to describe herself. Besides having a so desired place in the NHS, she was also part of the track and field team and member of the choir during her time spent at PPAS.

In the future, Borunda hopes to make a family, be a good mother, a good example for her kids and she would also

like to travel across Asian countries learning about all the good stuff they have to offer.

She has chosen EBC (Escuela Bancaria Comercial) as the university she'll attend after graduating. "Working in the Mexican stock-market has been my dream for a long time and I want to make it real," she said.

**Favorite Teacher: Mrs. G**

**Favorite Class: Speech**

**Best Friends: Sr Girls**



## Senior plans to open her own restaurant

by Carlos Gutierrez

Staff Writer

After three years since her sophomore year when she first came from Guanajuato, the 17-year-old Senior **Claudia Borunda** is graduating from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).



Borunda describes herself as spontaneous, talkative, bipolar

and sometimes serious. She also likes listening to music like pop and spending time with her friends talking and watching romantic movies.

"I think that my friends are people that I really appreciate for all that they have done, we finally got to know each other," she said.

She came here with her sister because her brother also studied here so they came as a tradition. And while she was living at PPAS, Borunda was part of the track team, worship committee, 4-H, Morris Chapel Choir, and she participated in the science fair, where she won first place

with her solar box project that cooked with solar energy.

She liked to participate in these activities because it involved being off campus and she could spend time with her friends in other places, she said.

"Here at Pan Am, I learned to know myself and also to know deeply the people that were surrounding me," Borunda said.

Meanwhile, Borunda is planning to continue her studies on Gastronomy and she wants to study at Instituto Superior de Gastronomía that is located in Mexico City. She is hoping to open her own

restaurant one day in the future.

"Thanks a lot for giving me the opportunity to know every single one of you, including myself. Do not give up at any circumstance," she said.

**Best Teacher: Ortega**

**Favorite Class: Marine**

**Biology**

**Best Friends: Karla, Areli, Flor**

## Sports fanatic to study international relations

by Jimena Hernandez

Staff Writer

Passionate, realistic and optimistic is how **Oscar Borunda**, an 18-year-old senior at



Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), describes himself. He was born in Mexico City, but currently lives in Tijuana, Baja California. He enjoys playing

football, listening to music, and watching sports on TV.

Borunda came to Pan Am with the purpose of experiencing a new life away from home.

After three years of experience at PPAS, Borunda shared that what he enjoyed the most were his friends. Friends that always made him laugh and supported him when he needed but also when they were not needed, he said.

"I have been here three years already. I entered as a sophomore in August 2007, but now I'm about to leave as a part of the 2010 senior class," Borunda said.

What Borunda liked the most about his senior year was the Mo-Ranch trip but his best life-lesson during these years was that he learned to overcome himself.

Borunda's role model is his father, also Oscar Borunda, because he is a very intelligent person who cares and always protects his family.

He wants to major in International Relations but still unknown as to what college.

His career idea came when he discover he likes to be around people and to solve common problems.

"I see myself in the future

as a successful entrepreneur and politician (next Donald Trump)," Borunda said. "But also, I want to accomplish my future plans that include getting a degree and becoming a very successful student," he said.

**Favorite Teacher: Cantu**

**Favorite Class: Government**

**Best Friends: Saddam, Bobby, Mundo**

## Future artist ready for the college life

by Karla Gonzalez

Staff Writer

After spending three years studying at Presbyterian **Pan American School (PPAS)**, the 21-year-old senior from Mexico, D.F., **Javier Castrejon**, also known as "Mono," will be graduating and leaving for college at the end of this school year.



Castrejon has mixed feelings about graduating, but overall he is excited about this change.

"I am happy because I am leaving, but I will really miss my friend Tavito" he said.

Castrejon can still remember his first summer at PPAS.

"When I first arrived here at Pan Am I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I thought that I wasn't going to be living in a place so far away from civilization, but once I got use to it, it just became part of me."

Castrejon took advantage of the three years he spent here by getting involved in activities

such as soccer, cross country and the worship committee.

During his sophomore year, Castrejon joined the soccer team.

"I wanted to spend my time in something productive so I decided to become part of the soccer team and it was a good choice," he said.

He still remembers all of the tournaments and away games in which he participated in with a smile on his face.

Castrejon has been part of the worship committee since his sophomore year and he still is an active member of the committee. What he likes the most about

worship committee is the support of the members, who help one another to solve their problems.

Castrejon thinks about the future with optimism, and is planning on attending either the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), or Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) once he graduates.

**Favorite Teacher: Ortega**

**Favorite Class: Government**

**Best Friends: Sam L, Erick T, Fabian**

## FONDEST MEMORY OF PPAS

"Every afternoon after lunch, sitting on the benches."

-Tania Rodriguez

"Being with my friends."

-Sarai Jimenez

"When Miss Reyes caught us in my room late."

-Claudia Borunda

"Winning the state soccer championship three years and being named best soccer player."

-Israel Gomez

"The boys dorm at night."

-Eli Castrejon

"When I sang with Chan."

-Veronica Vasquez





## FONDEST MEMORY OF PPAS

“Movie nights with  
my friends.”

-Edmundo  
Castrellon

“Bonfires.”

-Seo Yeon Lee

“English II with Mrs.  
Nanez.”

-Terry Liang

“When we went to  
the mall.”

-Roberto Garza

“Math Models”

-Porfirio Lara

“Summer breaks.”

-Fernando Montemayor

“Too much home-  
work from Mrs. G  
and Mr. Robertson.”

-Advento Trevino

“Being with my  
friends.”

-Javier Villegas

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## Valle Hermoso native will attend TAMUK

by Jose Manuel Torres

Staff Writer

17-year-old Edmundo Castrellon was born in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Castrellon came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) because he wanted to learn English, to him this is a necessary tool in our days.

“When I came here, I did not know what to expect, but with time, I made many friends,” he said. During his three years at PPAS Castrellon, was a member of the soccer team. He was part of the team that won three championships consecutively. Castrellon said that PPAS is a place where he learned to live independently and to appreciate all the things that his family does for him. During his free time at PPAS, Castrellon likes to exercise, have fun with his friends, and do his homework.

“I will remember my friends and the movie nights that we spent together. I am going to miss all my friends. I could not make mention of all them but they know perfectly who they are and that I will miss them,” Castrellon said.



Castrellon wants to study Agriculture-Business at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK). He chose this career because he grew up in this kind of environment. In ten years, he hopes to be working as boss of his own business and with his family.

If there is one person that Castrellon considers a hero, it is his father. “I admire my father for all

the things that he has done, and for the good example he sets. I can tell that he is my hero,” Castrellon said.

**Favorite Teacher: Meek**  
**Favorite Class: Aquatic Science**  
**Best Friends: Bobby, Oscar, Saddam**

## Outgoing senior plans to study business

by Ana Jimena Gonzalez

Staff Writer

Florestela Flores, 18 year-old from Corpus Christi, likes to dance in her free time. Her favorite song is “I’ve loved you all along” by Our Lady Peace and her favorite movie is “The Lion King.”

“Now that I’m graduating I feel successful, but also sad to leave my friends,” Flores said. She came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) her junior year. She comes from a family of three siblings and she is the youngest of the four. Two of her siblings live in Corpus Christi and one in Mexico.

“It was a great opportunity to change,” Flores said, “here I developed my spiritual religion, met a lot of different people, and I also learned a lot new things.”

During her two years at PPAS, she has been on the volleyball and basketball team and during her senior year, she



has been on the yearbook staff. “What I liked the most was volleyball because I like the uniforms and it was fun to play against others schools and to get out of here sometimes,” Flores said. “It also taught me to work in a team and to never give up.”

Outgoing, quiet, humorous and smartish she describes herself. Flores will study business administration at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She sees herself in the future running her dad and brother’s construction company in Mexico. Her role model is her brother because he makes her view things

in a different way, Flores said. “All I have to say to my friends is to stay cool and fresh as always and I will miss you all,” Flores said.

**Favorite Teacher: Windham**  
**Favorite Class: Speech**  
**Best Friends: Seo Yeon, Twins, Cristina**

## Senior to attend Art Institute in Houston

by Mauricio Saenz

Staff Writer

Jesus Flores was born in Monterrey Nuevo Leon and raised in Sabinas Coahuila, Mexico. He’s known as Jesse, 17, who came to learn English at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) and has been here for three years.

“The most embarrassing moment I had in this school was in my summer when they asked the groups to say the continents out loud and instead of Australia I yelled Oceania,” Flores said. In his free time, he likes to work out, draw comic characters and real life portraits, play the piano and fool around, Flores said.

“I describe myself as a person that always accomplishes my goals I set for my self and also a little lazy because when I want to do some new cool things I never stop till I accomplish them,” Flores said.

Interested in music, Flores said that he admires Beethoven



because he had to overcome a lot of obstacles to accomplish what he wanted and his life is an example because when he started losing the ability to hear and was in his frustrating depression, he developed incredible creativity to make the best of his works.

“Don’t waste your first year fooling around because you’ll have a hard time your senior year,” Flores said about being at PPAS. Flores plans to pursue his goal of getting an art degree in animation at the Art Institute of Houston.

“Since I was a little child I’ve always filled my notebook with

cartoons drawings,” Flores said.

**Favorite Teacher: Robertson**  
**Favorite Class: Senior Seminar**  
**Best Friends: Joakin, Monclova, Vero**



## WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT YOUR SENIOR YEAR?

“Every Monday senior class meetings with Mr. & Mrs. Perkins.”  
-Soo Won Yoo

“Dinner at Wendy’s.”  
-Stephanie Molinari

“The 7 p.m. chapel bells.”  
-Jimena Hernandez

“The homecoming and senior cheerleaders.”  
-Ilse Ibarra

“Coming and going from home.”  
-Ana Paola Melendez

“‘6:30 tomorrow morning,’” love,  
Mr. G.  
-Oscar Borunda

## Soccer captain to international business

by Jose Manuel Torres

Staff Writer

17-year-old Roberto Garza was born in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) because it's a good opportunity to be a better person and student, he said. “When I came here, I was confused. I did not know what



to expect. I was alone but as the time passed, I made many friends. Your friends will make it easier to be in school,” he said.

During his three years at PPAS, Garza was involved in the soccer team. He enjoyed every victory of the team and last year, he was one of team captains. He also was one the seniors at PPAS that took classes at Coastal Bend College as part of the dual credit program.

Garza said that PPAS is a place where he could meet a lot of friends. During his free time at PPAS, Garza likes to exercise and do his homework.

“I will remember my friends and all the things that we did do together. It is going to be hard to leave my friends, but we have to accept that nothing is forever. When you come here, you know that, but however it is hard to accept it,” he said.

Garza wants to study International Business at the University of Texas Pan-American (UTPA). In ten years he hopes to be a successful man with a plentiful life, having a job, and being with his family.

“My hero in life is my father. To me he is an example to follow. Children think of

Spiderman, Superman and Batman as heroes. I think my father is my hero,” Garza said.

**Favorite Teacher:** Meek  
**Favorite Class:** Senior Seminar  
**Best Friends:** Edmundo, Oscar, Saddam

## Soccer star hopes to become aircraft pilot

by Jimena Gonzalez

Staff Writer

From Estado de Mexico, Israel Gomez, 18 year-old, came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) in August 2007. “I came here because I saw it as a challenge to prove to myself that I can be independent and that I can move on without



my parents,” Gomez said.

He describes himself as happy, a person who likes to laugh, socialize, and joke. He also likes music, sports, helicopters and to exercise.

Gomez has been on the soccer team since his sophomore year and this year he was team captain and recognized for the highest title of First Team All-State & All-District.

“I was excited because we won soccer championship three years in a row. I thought we were going to lose the last championship because the competition was tough. But thanks to

God, we won,” Gomez said.

He was also on the basketball team during his three years, in the show choir playing the drums and track & field team during his sophomore and junior year.

I enjoyed being in these activities because it was fun going out with my friends and learning new things, he said.

He wants to study to be an Aircraft Pilot at California Mazzei flying school.

My dad is an aircraft pilot and since I was a kid, he used to take me with him and he taught me how to fly and I always liked to fly, that's my dream, Gomez said.

“I'm excited to begin my career, but I feel sad when I think of all the friends I met during these three years that I'm going to leave behind,” Gomez said.

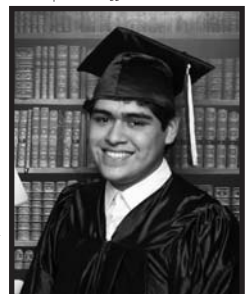
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. G  
**Favorite Class:** English IV  
**Best Friends:** The Suite, Ilse, Paul

## Future doctor ready to take on college

by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

On February 20, 1992, Andres Hernandez, 18-year-old senior, was born in Minatitlan, Veracruz, Mexico but now he lives in Mexico City, Mexico.



He describes himself as a lazy, friendly, shy, sincere, smart and outgoing person.

He arrived at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) in the summer of 2008 during the Intensive English Program (IEP) to start his junior year.

“I came here to escape from my parents,” he said.

Hernandez was part of the cross country and track team, choir and youth group. He was also the basketball and soccer manager his junior year. During his senior year, he was part of the choir and show choir.

“These activities were a big part of my life here at PPAS,” he said. “They helped me to get distracted and occupy my time

in something that was worthy; they also helped me to make new friends and to get good at something,” he said.

In his two years at PPAS, he has learned to take advantage of what his parents have given him and to trust people as well as God.

“I grew up for real. Maturity, friendship and my knowledge increased,” he said.

Doing Mrs. Garcia's homework (English IV), sleeping, running and weightlifting are some of the activities Hernandez does in his free time.

After graduating in May, he plans to go to the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) to study medicine.

“My parents are my role model,” he said. “They have taught me values and have made me the person I am today.”

**Favorite Teacher:** Robertson  
**Favorite Class:** Computer Lab  
**Best Friends:** Roomates, Gordas, Jun/Fresh





## Cheerleader to attend college in Houston

by Daniel Victoria

Staff Writer

She might be small in size but the things this Colgate-smile-owner has achieved are more than big.

The 18-year-old Mexico City native came three years ago to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) to learn English, become an independent woman



and also because she liked the idea of studying in another country, she said.

It seems that she wanted to use her time to the fullest during her three high school years. Cheerleading (captain), track and field, choir, volleyball, worship committee, praise band and student council were part of her daily student life.

Hernandez said that Pan Am gave her long-lasting friendships and memories. It also gave her the ability to live with others as a family and share her thoughts and feelings

with everybody. In the future, she looks at herself as a good mother, president of her own company and married sharing a lovely family.

In her few free time, Hernandez likes singing, dancing, hanging out with her friends and drawing.

Traveling, singing, getting a master's degree in business, living in Italy and learning to cook, are some of the things that occupy a place in her goals-and-biggest-dreams list.

Now that her time is up at this place, Hernandez will go to University of Houston and

major in International Business.

"I like to be around people and work with them. I also find amazing the opportunity of knowing different countries," she said referring to her chosen career.

**Favorite Teacher: Robertson**  
**Favorite Class: Pre-Calculus**  
**Best Friends: Monclova, Soo Won, Gata**

## BEST ADVICE

"You must trust in yourself in order to trust others."

-Karla Reyes

"Try to make the best of every moment that you spend here and learn to organize your time."

-Cristina Morales

"Good is never enough."

-Javier Villegas

"Read and enjoy your senior year."

-Samantha Santos

"Work hard to make your parents proud and have lots of fun while you can."

-Veronica Vasquez

## Senior hopes to become electronic engineer

by Jimena Hernandez

Staff Writer

A future electronic engineer that discovered his skills building his own amplifier is Ruben



Hernandez, a 19-year-old senior, born in McAllen. "I didn't have an amplifier but I wanted one, so I found out how to build it. After I finished it, I realized that I

did a good job and maybe I needed to study something related to it," Hernandez said.

The idea of learning English came to his mind and later he accomplished it, attending Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). During his senior year, he became part of 4-H with the big responsibility of owning a steer named "El Abusado".

Hernandez's future plans are to get a job and if possible, a masters degree. He visualizes himself working for his own business and living in a minimalistic house with a grey cat, a drum set, an electric

guitar, a bass, and a keyboard.

"I describe myself as funny, spontaneous, creative, and meek," Hernandez said.

Hernandez hobbies are playing the guitar and listening to music. He enjoys laughing at lunchtime with his friends, learning new things and sharing different thoughts and ideas with others.

"After all these three years at Pan Am, what I can really say is that time passes really fast," Hernandez said. "And what I liked the most is that I am near my home and I could leave during the weekends."

Hernandez's main challenge

was to learn English, but now he said that being at PPAS helped him to accomplish his task.

Hernandez plans to study at the University of Texas-Pan American, (UTPA) in Edinburg after graduation.

**Favorite Teacher: Ortega**  
**Favorite Class: English IV**  
**Best Friends: Saddam, Oscar, Mundo**

## Senior to major in fashion merchandising

by Tania Rodriguez

Staff Writer

Hard-working, spontaneous, crazy and emotional is how Ilse Ibarra, 18-year-old senior, describes herself.



Three years ago, Ibarra came all the way from Toluca, Mexico to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) pursuing her goal of studying

a career in the United States.

During her three years at PPAS, she participated in several activities such as cross country, track, cheerleading and choir. During her senior year she was a dual credit student at Coastal Bend College, National Honor Society (NHS) member and she was awarded student of the month by the Rotary Club. Ibarra sees her older sister as her role model.

"She has always been a good example for me and she encourages me to be the best I can," she said. Ibarra is also an inborn runner.

During her free time, she University-Kingsville and loves running outdoors. She major in fashion merchandising.

also likes to hang out with friends, watch movies, listen to music and go shopping. Ibarra visualizes herself in ten years as a successful professional and capable of sustaining herself.

Ibarra said that friendships are what she liked the most about PPAS. She concluded with her favorite quote that says, "Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a gift, that's why we called it the present," she said.

After graduating she has decided to attend Texas A&M

"I chose that major because it combines the industry of fashion along with business," she said.

**Favorite Teacher: Robertson**  
**Favorite Class: English 1301**  
**Best Friends: You know who you are**



## Class secretary will study graphic design

by Carlos Gutierrez

Staff Writer

Born in Estado de Mexico, Mexico State, the 18-year-old Senior Sara Jimenez is graduating from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) after three years. She first came to PPAS as a sophomore. Jimenez describes herself



as happy and artistic. She enjoys drawing, doing art crafts, talking with her friends and spending time with them during her free time. She came to PPAS because her brother was studying here. She wanted to have more opportunities and new experiences, she said. "Friendships are what make Pan Am the best," Jimenez said. "I enjoyed being with everyone this whole three years," she said. While attending PPAS, Jimenez participated in some activities which she enjoyed because she spent time off campus

and enjoyed different meals. She was a dual credit student at Coastal Bend College and part of the worship committee, Choir, and National Honor Society (NHS). During her junior and senior year, her class nominated her to be the class secretary. "During these long three years, I learned that I can also do things by myself like being responsible with my things, cleaning them and taking care of them, and also doing my homework and studying in my classes," she said. Thoughtfully, with the motivation of her family as

role models, Jimenez said she wants to have a good life with the reward of her studies as a Graphic Designer. Jimenez is planning to continue this Graphic Designer career at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) at Mexico City

**Favorite Teacher: Robertson**

**Favorite Class: Pre**

**Calculus**

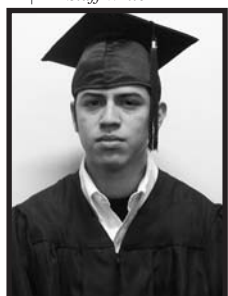
**Best Friends: You know who you are**

## Loyal senior to pursue career in architecture

by Mauricio Saenz

Staff Writer

From Guadalajara, Jalisco, 17-year-old senior Porfirio Lara came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) three years ago as a sophomore. He studied at PPAS because a friend of his recommended the school. Lara said his



friend recommend him the school because you learn English very well and it had a really good environment. "I came here to improve my English," he said. "That was the main reason. I also learned to appreciate all the stuff that I had outside like my mother's cooking and also that I needed to do things by myself like be more responsible and wash my clothes that I didn't do when I was in home. My mom always takes care of that, those kind of things make you more independent," Lara said. He describes himself as a

person which you can count on, a little bit crazy and friendly. "I like spending time with my friends, working out and fooling around," Lara said. Lara and his friends are interested in cars and they enjoy going to dances and having group dinners, he said. Work hard your first and second year so you will not have a hard time your senior year, Lara said. Lara said his father is his role model because he never gives up. Meanwhile, with all the things Lara has learned at PPAS, he is hoping to become an architect and continue his studies at Centro

de Estudios Superiores de Diseno (CEDIM) in Monterrey, Mexico.

**Favorite Teacher: Ortega**

**Favorite Class: Art &**

**Yearbook**

**Best Friends: Maury Mike, Diego Yeye, Vale**

## Korean native ready to design in Austin

by Jose Manuel Torres

Staff Writer

18-year-old Seo Yeon Lee was born in Seoul, South Korea. She came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) because she wants to study at the University of Texas at Austin (UT) because UT is the college that she wanted to attend since she was younger, she said.



"I came here [to PPAS], because I wanted to learn another language and also to learn about different cultures. Leaving my house was hard, but to fulfill my goals, I had to do it," Lee said. During her three years at PPAS, Lee said she enjoyed many good moments. She took classes at College Coastal Bend as part of the dual credit program. Lee said that PPAS is a place where you can live many different and new experiences, experiences that she will remember. During her free time at PPAS Lee liked to exercise and watch movies.

"I have many good memories at Pan Am. I will not forget all the fun that I had during every bonfire. It was so fun to be with my friends around the bonfire. These are experiences that I will not forget," Lee said. Lee's dream is to study Interior Design at the University of Texas at Austin. As for her future in ten years, she does not know what she is going to do, she only expects with certainty that she will be successful anywhere she goes, she said. Lee considers her hero to be her father.

"I admire a lot to my father, he has been my hero since I was very young, because there was nothing he could not do for me," Lee said.

**Favorite Teacher:**

**Robertson**

**Favorite Class: Economics**

**Best Friends: Flor, Meaghan, Paula B**

## MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

"When I failed a class."

-Seo Yeon Lee

"When I had to pray for the first time before eating."

-Roberto Garza

"When I left my swimsuit at the pool and the next day everybody was playing with it. I never said it was mine."

-Tania Rodriguez

"When I was working in the kitchen and I fell down with the bananas."

-Sarai Jimenez

"In the soccer finals, I slid to kick the ball and my shorts ripped."

-Fernando Montemayor





## MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

“My sophomore year, during break-fast, I was carrying the tray with milk and I fell twice.”

*-Ilse Ibarra*

“When people thought I was Korean and I spoke Spanish.”

*-Terry Liang*

“When I was mopping in the kitchen and fell down in front of Tania.”

*-Joakin Perez*

“When I fell in front of everybody after the movies.”

*-Soo Won Yoo*

“When I cracked during the Christmas Concert my first year.”

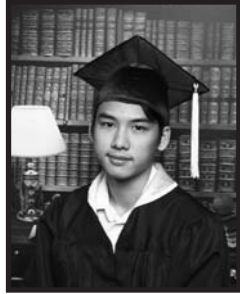
*-Jimena Hernandez*

## Taiwan native to major in computer science

by Daniel Victoria

Staff Writer

The only Taiwanese student at school is leaving and even though he's taking a little part of Asia away from school, he's ready to enter to real life, he said. Four years ago, Terry Liang came as a freshman to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).



But before becoming a college guy, Liang has to say goodbye to Pan Am- the place he decided to come for high school because it was an inexpensive boarding school and because he wanted to learn about other cultures.

The 17-year-old Taipei native did use his time wisely while living here. Basketball, track & field, cross-country, choir and worship committee were the activities he was part of. He also became a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) his junior year and a dual-credit student at Coastal Bend College his senior year, where he took math classes.

The best example in his life is his uncle that passed away a time ago. “I really liked him. He was a successful man who taught me how to be healthy,” he said. In his so deserved free time, Liang likes watching videos and playing basketball. Liang can't wait to get out of school but he also keeps in mind that living at Pan Am gave him a family and many good memories. In the not-so-far future, Liang looks at himself as a successful man doing what he likes and working somewhere in the giant Asia.

The University of Texas at Austin (UT) is waiting for him, where he'll become a master in computer science.

“I chose UT because it's a really good school and going there was one of my goals,” he said.

***Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Johnston***

***Favorite Class: English II & III***

***Best Friends: Potter, Asians, Team of Physics***

## Choir member looks forward to college

by Karla Gonzalez

Staff Writer

Friendly, kind, and funny; is how she and her friends describe her. Kenia Mascorro, a 17-year-old senior, can still remember the first time she came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).



“I came here just for the summer and when it ended, I

asked my mom as a joke if I could stay for the year; surprisingly she immediately said yes... I really didn't expect it.”

Mascorro never imagined that she would attend a school away from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico; the city where she was born and raised. Mascorro joined the PPAS choir her sophomore year and continued to assist in choir rehearsals her junior and senior year.

“I really like to sing so I couldn't think of a better way to spend my free time,” she said.

During her senior year,

Mascorro also joined the robotics team and went along with the team to participate in the robotics contest correspondent to this school year, 2010.

“I really liked the way we all worked as a team and even though we didn't win, we all had fun. It was a great experience,” she said.

For Mascorro, leaving PPAS can be described as a bittersweet experience.

“I feel relieved because I will finally get to graduate, but I also feel sad because I won't be able to see my friends anymore,” she said.

Mascorro will attend the University of Texas Pan-American at Edinburg to study mechanical engineering.

“I feel nervous about graduating, but at the same time, I am excited to start this new stage,” she said.

***Favorite Teacher: Ortega***

***Favorite Class: Aquatic Science***

***Best Friends: Twins, Karla, Sarai***

## Senior has future in international relations

by Tania Rodriguez

Staff Writer

Two years ago, all the way from Mexico City, Ana Melendez, 18-year-old senior, came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) in order to expand her horizons and get to know a different culture. These two years were enough for her to demonstrate



her intellect and get to be one of the most outstanding students of the class of 2010.

Melendez describes herself as outgoing, sarcastic, athletic, thinker, and sometimes mean. She was an active student involved in several activities such as volleyball, cross country, track, cheerleading and Student Council.

During her senior year, she was a dual credit student at Coastal Bend College and a member of National Honor Society (NHS).

During her free time at PPAS, she enjoys watching movies with her roommate and

spending time with her best friend. She loves to play tennis and to read. Her favorite book is “Love in the Times of Cholera.”

Melendez said she always dreamed about being a professional tennis player. She also would like to study Literature, just as a hobby, but not to make a living, she said.

Melendez said that during her time at PPAS, she learned to have limits, be responsible and to be tolerant. She also said that it was at PPAS where she met the sisters she never had.

“I can't wait anymore [to graduate]. I miss my

previous life,” Melendez said.

Hoping for the best, Melendez sees herself as a diplomat.

After graduating, she plans to go back to Mexico City in order to study International Relations, at Universidad Iberoamericana.

“I'm interested in improving the relations among people all around the world,” Melendez said.

***Favorite Teacher: Ortega***

***Favorite Class: English 1301***

***Best Friends: La Cookie***





## Mexico City native will study human nutrition

by Samuel Chavez

Staff Writer

Stephanie Molinari, 18-year-old senior from Mexico City, Mexico, enjoys reading and watching television but what she likes to do the most is hang out with her friends.



Molinari likes to read books based on true life and watch television series in

her free time. She also really enjoys talking and going to the movies with her friends.

"I really enjoy watching television series such as The Mentalist, Dr. House etc...," Molinari said.

Molinari came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) three years ago because one of her mom's friends recommended it as a good school to learn English and to learn to be independent.

Molinari has been part of the cross country team her sophomore year, choir track and basketball her junior year and cheerleading

her junior and senior year

She enjoyed being in those activities because they were an opportunity to get to know different places and to learn new things.

"I met and learned about several different people and traveled a lot being in these activities," Molinari said.

Molinari describes herself as talkative, optimistic and a person who likes to laugh.

Molinari wants to study human nutrition at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK).

"I want to pursue this career

because I want to help people, because I think is important to help them in their health problems," Molinari said.

"I will never forget moments at Pan Am and I will miss all my friends very much," Molinari said.

**Favorite Teacher: Mrs. G**

**Favorite Class: Economics**

**Best Friends: A to Z**

## Soccer champion heads to San Antonio

by Tania Rodriguez

Staff Writer

Three years ago, all the way from Monclova, Coahuila, a soccer player and track champion came



to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

Fernando Montemayor, 18-year-old senior, best known as "Monclova" describes himself

as calm, quiet, lucky and shy. Montemayor's role model is his father.

"My dad has always given me all I need," he said.

Besides soccer and track, Montemayor loves music.

Since he was a child he had always wanted to play soccer with the national team. He hasn't achieved that yet, but during the past three years he was part of the PPAS Eagles team and became a soccer state champion.

During his senior year he was a dual-credit student and stating it once more, he was the Track star for 2010.

Montemayor decided to come to PPAS and he said he is glad he did it. The people he met are what he liked the most about PPAS.

"Everybody has been wonderful to me, from students to teachers and staff. I learned at Pan Am that people can change your life from one day to another," he said.

At two weeks from graduating he said he feels fear of not seeing again the people he loves.

"I want to thank each and every person I ever talked to because they made these last three years a lot easier," Montemayor said.

After graduating, he plans to attend the University

of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) to study medicine.

"I would like to study medicine for the reason that there is always going to be sick people so it is almost secure that I will have a job," Montemayor said.

**Favorite Teacher: Garcia**

**Favorite Class: Art**

**Best Friends: Samantha, Ilse, Sarai**

## Future lawyer plans to attend TAMUK

by Alejandra Del Real

Staff Writer

Dorian Cristina Morales was born on October 14, 1991 in Brownsville, but now she lives in Matamoros, Tamaulipas.



She is finally graduating from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) after three years.

"I am excited because I'm finally graduating from

high school and I achieved my goal," Morales said.

Morales has been involved in cheerleading both her sophomore and junior year.

"My parents wanted me to come here to Pan Am because they saw it as a good opportunity where I could learn the meaning of responsibility and to have a better education," she said.

She describes herself as funny, friendly, noble, lovely, creative and honest.

The most important thing she learned here at Pan Am was friendship and that the students are all a big family, Morales said.

Her definition of a friend is someone who is there for you no matter what, someone loyal who is with you in good and bad moments.

This fall, Morales plans to attend Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) because she thinks it is a good school where she can develop her talents and become better in all aspects. She is excited and nervous about entering college and the real world, she said.

What she plans after graduating is to study prelaw.

"Prelaw has always been my dream and something I know I

am really going to enjoy," she said. Her goals and dreams are to study prelaw and with time become a successful lawyer because it's interesting and they earn a lot of money, she said.

**Favorite Teacher: Cress**

**Favorite Class: Art**

**Best Friends: Samantha, Flor, Stephany**

WHAT WILL YOU

REMEMBER  
MOST ABOUT  
YOUR  
SENIOR YEAR?

"Talking and sitting at the senior table."

-Samantha Santos

"Track."

-Tania Rodriguez

"That I was always changing rooms."

-Ruben Hernandez

"My friends."

-Porfirio Lara

"Track District Meet."

-Hugo Aguilar

"All the good moments with my friends."

-Edmundo Castrellon

"Friendship, love and soccer championship."

-Roberto Garza



## FONDEST MEMORY OF PPAS

“Being silly and dancing with my friends in study hours.”

*-Samantha Santos*

“Checking rooms with Ale.”

*-Cristina Morales*

“All the times I was with my friends.”

*-Kenia Mascorro*

“Any day in marine biology class.”

*-Ismael Sandoval*

“When I went to the pool.”

*-Ilse Ibarra*

“With my roommates, Madeline and Pamela.”

*-Ana Paola Melendez*

“Math Models Adventures.”

*-Jesse Flores*

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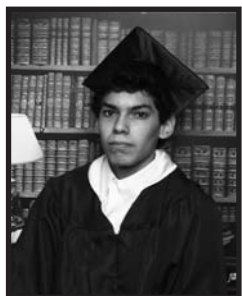
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## Basketball player will study architecture

by Samuel Chavez

Staff Writer

Joakin Perez, 17-year-old senior from Ciudad Valles, San Luis Potosi, enjoys playing the drums and playing basketball.



But what he likes to do the most is to hang out with his girlfriend, Senior Tania Rodriguez.

Perez learned to play the

drums when he was 13-years-old and now he enjoys playing rock music in his free time.

“I used to go to classes to learn how to play the drums and I also used to play at my church in Mexico,” Perez said.

Perez came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) three years ago because his brother came to PPAS too and he told him about it.

He has been part of the soccer team his sophomore and junior year and joined the basketball team in all his three years at PPAS.

“I just played soccer for two years at PPAS and I used to

play defense. We also were the state championship team for those two years,” Perez said.

Perez describes himself as happy, funny, optimistic and humble. His goal is to graduate and go to La Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas at Tampico and study architecture there.

“I want to study architecture because I want to build my own house and because since I was a child, I liked to design and build and I used to do it with ‘Legos,’” Perez said.

He said he wants to build a nice modern good looking house.

He also said that he will miss

his friends but what he will remember the most is the time spent with Tania Rodriguez.

“I spent the best moments of my teenage life here [PPAS]” Perez said.

***Favorite Teacher: Meek***

***Favorite Class: Senior Seminar***

***Best Friends: Jesse, Karla, Tania***

## NHS member plans to attend TAMUK

by Jimena Hernandez

Staff Writer

Her role model is God and the only reason she gave was that He is perfect. She is Karla Reyes from Mexico City, Mexico, a 17-year-old future graduate of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). She describes herself as an outgoing,



responsible and energetic person. Her favorite hobbies are dancing, playing games on the computer, creating new things and reading.

“I came to Pan Am because I saw it as an opportunity and I wanted to come here. I loved the idea of studying in another country,” Reyes said.

Reyes said that what she enjoyed the most these years was to living with the “Twins” (Claudia and Areli Borunda), because they made her laugh a lot and supported her everyday at Pan Am.

According to Reyes, she

experienced something new every day. That made these three years interesting and full of surprises, she said.

What she learned the most while being here was to forgive and to love others, she said.

“I feel really excited but nervous about leaving, mainly because I’m afraid of what is going to

happen next, but at the same time I feel sad because I will leave my friends,” Reyes said.

Reyes college plans are to major in International Business at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK),

because she loves everything

related to different cultures. In her future plans, Reyes wants to travel around the world, learn a variety of languages, but the main thing for her is to go and visit

orphans and nursing homes just to have a good time and share a little of what God has given to her.

***Favorite Teacher: Ortega***

***Favorite Class: Aquatic Science***

***Best Friends: Twins, Flor***

## Senior will tackle environmental issues

by Carlos Gutierrez

Staff Writer

Eco-friendly, determined, dedicated, and a girl who really strives for what she wants is how 18-year-old Senior Tania Rodriguez describes herself.



From Mexico City, Rodriguez came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) for

the first time three years ago. She came here after her brother.

“I came here looking for a new experience away from home,” Rodriguez said.

Her first year, she was elected president of her class, her junior year, she was a student council officer and this year she was student council vice president. She was also part of the PPAS’ cheerleading squad, track team, cross country, worship committee, National Honor Society (NHS) and during her senior year she was a Dual Credit student at Coastal Bend College.

During her free time, she

enjoys running, reading and watching movies.

Her mother is her role model because she has been the best mom she could have, she said.

“More than just being my mom, she is also my best friend,” she said.

Rodriguez wants to continue her studies at Universidad Anahuac, Queretaro. One of her biggest passions is the conservation of the environment and she plans to major in environmental law.

She said that at PPAS, she grew physically, mentally and spiritually. She became closer to God and she learned

He will always be there. “The last three years were the best years of my life and it wouldn’t have been this great without you all. I’m sure that the real friendships will continue after Pan Am.”

***Favorite Teacher:***

***Robertson***

***Favorite Class: English 1302***

***Best Friends: Ana Paola, Joakin, Ilse***



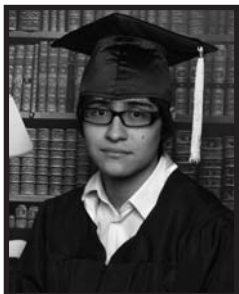


## For senior, film producing is his future

by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

Meet Senior Ismael Sandoval. Everyone calls him "Potter." He is 19 years old and was born in Mexico City, Mexico. "It [nickname Potter] started when I was in fifth grade, because of the first Harry Potter movie," he said. "I looked like him."



He describes himself as ironic and simple. Sandoval enjoys walking and talking, but he also enjoys playing tennis with Eduardo Garcia, 17-year-old junior.

He has two sisters and two brothers, all four older than him.

Sandoval came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) his sophomore year to study high school.

"There is no reason why I came here, I just wanted to study high school here," Sandoval said. He has learned to wash his clothes at PPAS, and of course to be more responsible.

"I have learned to be more open minded to what others believe and think," he said. He said that he is not really excited about graduating but he is afraid of what's next.

Sandoval's hero is the coyote from the roadrunner.

"He is really persistent and never gives up getting the roadrunner," he said.

Sandoval has participated in basketball, choir, show choir and newspaper. His favorite song is "Many" by Frank Sinatra. Sandoval doesn't know where he wants to attend to college, but he wants to become a film producer.

"I see myself making movies," he said. "I'll film any kind of movie. Any movie is a good movie to make."

Sandoval admits that he is excited about going to college because he is going to study what he wants.

**Favorite Teacher:** Garcia

**Favorite Class:** Literary Gender

**Best Friends:** Ana Paola, Fabian Z, Terry

## Senior will follow her brother's footsteps

by Alejandra Del Real

Staff Writer

Samantha Santos is described as a sentimental, friendly, responsible, creative, pretty and funny 17-year-old senior. Santos was born on June 2, 1992 in Brownsville but now she is living in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas. She enjoys drawing, painting,



sleeping and listening to all kinds of music in her spare time.

She has attended Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) for three years and is graduating May 22.

"I came to Pan Am because I wanted to have a better future, better education and to improve my English skills," she said.

She has one sibling, an older brother who attends Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) and she plans to follow his steps and go to TAMUK also.

"What I learned the most these three years is to be more independent, value

my friends, live together with different people and of course, English," she said.

While studying at Pan Am, Santos was in the choir, track team which she said was hard and she always finished tired and wishing to rest. She was in cheerleading her sophomore year where she had fun and had a good time because her friends were also there, she said.

Her goals and dreams are to finish her studies, to be an architect because she finds it interesting and get a good job, get married and have a family.

She will miss all her friends

because she won't be able to see all of them again, but she is sure that true friendships stay forever.

**Favorite Teacher:** Robertson

**Favorite Class:** Algebra II

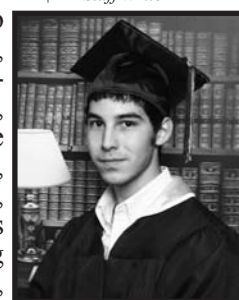
**Best Friends:** Stephany, Belinda, Jimena

## Soccer player to international businessman

by Samuel Chavez

Staff Writer

Advento Treviño, 17-year-old senior, from Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, enjoys listening to music, playing ping-pong and running.



describe himself, his family and friends describe him as funny, outgoing, chivalrous, friendly, humble and hyperactive.

Treviño came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) three years ago because of his brother, who told him about it.

Treviño has played soccer since he was a little kid, about five-years-old. He also has been part of the soccer team at PPAS since his junior and senior year.

Treviño was captain of the championship soccer team and he played as left defense. Treviño is very proud of himself and of the team for what

they did last soccer season.

"All the effort we put was worth it. All of us worked together as a team to achieve our goal," Treviño said.

Treviño plans to study Management - International Business at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) because he likes to be related to money and people.

"I would like to make deals related with money and know different cultures," Treviño said. "This job would sell whatever a company's products produce and I would be in charge of promoting the sell."

His goals are to finish college, get a degree, then enjoy life. He wants to be successful for what God has planned for him.

"I just want to say that I had a very good time getting to know many people from many places around the world," Treviño said.

**Favorite Teacher:** Dzul

**Favorite Class:** Senior

**Seminar**  
**Best Friends:** Suite, Paul, Anuar

## BEST ADVICE

"Work hard to achieve your goals and you'll get satisfactory results in the end."

-Tania Rodriguez

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

-Claudia Borunda

"Enjoy every moment while you can."

-Sarai Jimenez

"Don't leave things for the last moment;

act fast because everything will be better if you do it with anticipation."

-Saddam Bello

"Time will go fast and it's too late for regret."

-Seo Yeon Lee



## BEST ADVICE

“Trust yourself. You know more than you think.”

*-Ilse Ibarra*

“Try to pass the ACCUPLACER.”

*-Fernando Montemayor*

“Don not procrastinate.”

*-Advento Trevino*

“Never give up, no matter the circumstances.”

*-Joakin Perez*

“Life is short, eat dessert first.”

*-Ismael Sandoval*

“Go for it and don't think too much.”

*-Andres Hernandez*

“Be yourself.”

*Soo Won Yoo*

## Senior class president plans to study art

by Karla Gonzalez

Staff Writer

Native



from Cochabamba, Bolivia, our very own senior class president at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), Veronica Vasquez, currently lives in Monterrey,

Mexico with her mother, her grandmother, and her sister.

Vasquez never thought that she would attend a school in the United States, but when the opportunity came, she did not think twice and took it.

“I just came here for the summer, not knowing anything about Pan Am. At the beginning I did not like it, I even asked myself: What was I thinking?

But at the end of the summer, I didn't want to leave,” she said.

She entered as a junior and still remembers her first year at Pan Am as a very nice experience.

“It was cool, I met a lot of

new people and got to be with some of the friends I met on my first summer... and also classes were a lot easier than the ones I took this year,” she said.

In her senior year, Vasquez was elected by the students as the class president.

“I never thought I would be the class president. I was very surprised,” Vasquez said. “Being president of the class takes a lot of responsibility and a lot of hard work; but it is a good experience.”

Vasquez is planning on going to the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to pursue a

career in Motion Media Design.

“I am happy because I really want to go to college, but it is kind of scary for me to take such a big step... besides, I will really miss my friends,” she said.

What Vasquez likes the most about Pan Am are her friends and the surroundings.

“I like the fact that Pan Am has a lot of trees. I will miss that.”

**Favorite Teacher: Robertson**

**Favorite Class: Pre**

**Calculus**

**Best Friends: You know who you are**

## Athlete will follow God's plans for future

by Alejandra Del Real

Staff Writer

Javier Villegas was born on June 8, 1991 in Mexico City, Mexico. He enjoys watching movies



and television series, reading, working out, doing things outdoors and eating. His favorite books are The Da Vinci Code, The Cell, and Alex

Cross. His favorite movies are “Gladiator” and “Taken”.

Villegas came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) four years ago.

“I saw it as an opportunity to have a better future, better education, become independent and to develop my English skills,” he said.

Choir, basketball and track team, in which he advanced to regionals in discus, cross country, worship committee, lifeguard, 4H, cheerleading and junior class president are the activities he has been involved in during his life at PPAS. He took

classes at Coastal Bend College as part of the dual credit program.

Villegas describes himself as a charismatic guy with a great personality and great smile, sometimes tough, cares and believes in people and tries to do his best in everything but only with God's help.

“I don't know where I am going to study yet, but whatever God has planned for me, it's good,” he said.

Villegas will miss PPAS because of all the great moments he spent here and everything he learned, but what he will miss the most is his brother Hector.

His future goals are to receive a college degree, get married, and have kids.

“I want to leave my mark on this planet because whatever we do in life echoes in eternity.” Villegas said.

**Favorite Teacher: Mrs. G**

**Favorite Class: English IV**

**Best Friends: Gafas,**

**Hector, Diego**

## Volleyball player has future in marketing

by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

Soo Won Yoo, 19-year-old senior from Seoul, Korea, enjoys watching movies and listening to music.



“I like romantic comedy movies such as *He is Just Not That into You*,” she said. “I like all kinds of music, and I don't really have a favorite song, it all

depends on my mood,” she said.

Yoo came to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) four years ago as a freshman.

“I came here because my mom wanted me to see other things and learn about another culture,” she said.

She has learned more things than she expected. Before she came here, she didn't speak English and now she has experienced more things than other teenagers in Korea.

In her second year at PPAS, she was involved in choir and show choir. Her third year, she was involved in volleyball,

track, choir, show choir, and finally her fourth year, she was the track team manager.

She said that what she learned at PPAS was how to live with people who were not her family and love them as her own family.

What Yoo learned at PPAS ended up being what she liked the most about it, which was living with friends and becoming closer to them.

Yoo's role model is her aunt, because she has the life she has always wanted since she was little.

She wants to attend the University of Houston and major in marketing.

Her future goals are to be a successful business woman, working for a big company or opening her own company for marketing.

“Try as best as you can, so you won't regret it later on. After all enjoy your school year,” she said.

**Favorite Teacher: Mrs. G**

**Favorite Class: Pre**

**Calculus**

**Best Friends: Jimena,**

**Hugo, Chngas**





## *Carnivale del Sol*



### BEST ADVICE

“Study hard on what is really important for your life and get it done.”

*-Oscar Borunda*

“If you want something, you have to work hard for it.”

*-Roberto Garza*

“Enjoy your friends while you are here.”

*-Eli Castrejon*

“Try to make good memories while you are here.”

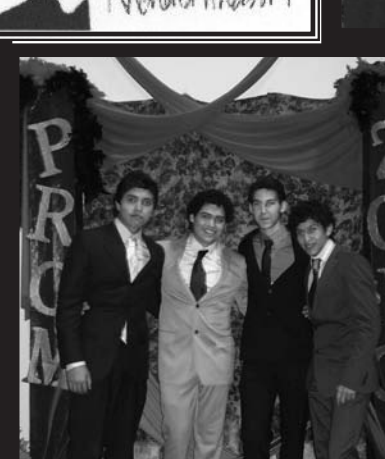
*-Kenia Mascorro*

“Enjoy your days at Pan Am.”

*-Stephanie Molinari*

“Gossip will tell you things about yourself you didn't even know.”

*-Ana Paola Melendez*







WHAT WILL YOU  
REMEMBER  
MOST ABOUT  
YOUR  
SENIOR YEAR?

“Finally we got to  
know each other.”

*-Claudia Borunda*

“My friends.”

*-Sarai Jimenez*

“Meetings with Mrs.  
Perkins.”

*-Advento Trevino*

“Friends and value  
of friends.”

*-Israel Gomez*

“The fun times.”

*-Flor Flores*

“All my friends and  
the things we learned  
together.”

*-Cristina Morales*

“All the friendships  
that I had.”

*-Andres Hernandez*







## MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

"I have had many."  
-Ismael Sandoval

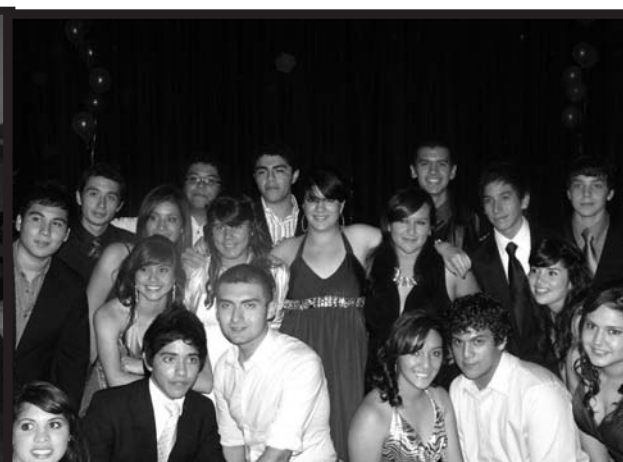
"Waiting to see if I was going to be expelled my sophomore year."  
-Javier Villegas

"When I pushed someone and he fell."  
-Samantha Santos

"When Pepe hit my eye."  
-Eli Castrejon

"When I hit a little girl in Walmart with my cart and her mom gave me a killer look."  
-Veronica Vasquez

"When I fell down from a rope at Mo Ranch."  
-Areli Borunda







## Farewell to PPAS

"Pan Am will stay,  
but memories are  
sculpted in my heart  
and won't leave."

*-Andres Hernandez*

"No place for weak-  
ness, we don't say  
goodbye."

*-Javier Villegas*

"After you leave,  
you will miss it."

*-Joakin Perez*

"It's not goodbye,  
it's our time to fly."

*-Tania Rodriguez*

"I don't cry because  
it's over, I smile be-  
cause it happened."

*-Ilse Ibarra*

"Thanks to all the  
people that were able  
to stand my behavior  
these three years."

*-Jesse Flores*

"It's not a goodbye,  
but a see you later."

*-Jimena Hernandez*

