



**Abigail Bautista**, the daughter of Renato and Irene Bautista, is a senior at Sulphur Springs High School. She serves as Vice President of the Class of 2026 and Junior Coordinator of her school's UIL Academic Team. She also captains the UIL Spelling and Vocabulary and Current Issues and Events teams. Abigail is the current 4A UIL State Champion in Editorial Writing, a two-time State Champion team member in Spelling and Vocabulary, and a State medalist in multiple journalism competitions. She is also a member of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society and volunteers as a reading mentor for elementary students. Abigail will attend Rice University in the fall, where she plans to double major in English and Political Science to pursue a career in law or academia as a professor.



**Jaycee Carol Bordelon** is a senior graduating third in her class while earning her associate degree. She values faith, perseverance, and leadership, and has excelled academically and in service. Jaycee is a National Honor Society member, Regional Qualifier in UIL Feature Writing and Ready Writing, advanced to Regionals in UIL One Act Play, and is a winner for the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour. As Head Editor of her yearbook, she leads production to capture her campus spirit. She has served as a class officer, assists with school technology, and volunteers at a local daycare. In her free time, she enjoys piano, painting, writing, art, nature, video games, music, and church activities. Jaycee plans to attend Midwestern State University to pursue a BBA in business administration IT management, aiming to build a career that

combines technology, leadership, and service.



**Mallorie Cannon** is the daughter of John and Cheryl Cannon. Mallorie is a senior at Union Grove High School where she participates on the varsity volleyball team, varsity basketball team, and varsity track team. Besides sports, Mallorie is part of the FFA Milk Quality Team, agriculture Advocacy Team, and Food Science Team, where all teams have advanced to the state level. She's also a part of the NHS. She has held many leadership positions such as secretary of her class, Union Grove FFA chapter sentinel, the NHS secretary, and captain of the volleyball and basketball teams. After graduation, she plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler in the fall of 2026. Mallorie loves to serve in her community including helping with elementary school activities, special needs

activities, helping in churches and even visiting Belize with mission work.



**Riddhi Desai** is the daughter of Sanjay and Rekha Desai. She is a senior at Greenville High School and is on track to graduate in the top 10 of her class. Riddhi is also part of the Early College High School program and will earn her associate degree in Allied Health this spring. She serves as Major of the Flaming Flashes drill team, senior Senior Class Representative for Student Council, and is an active member of the National Honor Society. Riddhi has been recognized as a Superintendent Scholar all four years and earned Honorable Mention and Kick Company during ADTS (American Dance/Drill Team) line camp. Outside of her school and extracurricular commitments, she enjoys creative design projects, baking, and photography. This fall, she will attend Texas A&M University, where

she plans to major in Child Development and Family Sciences.



**Joseph Fry** is a senior at Greenville High School and an Early College student in the Applied Health program, on track to earn his Associate's Degree. He serves as captain of the varsity tennis team and is actively involved in theater as the vice-president, where he earned a UIL Best Actor award. Joseph is deeply involved in his church community, which plays a central role in his life and values. This summer, he will begin nursing school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he plans to pursue a career centered on compassionate care and meaningful service to others.



**Kyson Herriage** is a senior at Sulphur Springs High School. Following graduation, he plans to further his education at Texas A&M University, where he intends to major in Chemical Engineering and serve as a leader in the Corps of Cadets. During high school, Kyson participated in various organizations, including the Sulphur Springs High School Marching Band, which placed in the top five at the State UIL Marching Competition for the past four years. He is also a member of the VEX Robotics team that won 1st Place at the UIL State Robotics Championship in 2026. Kyson is further involved with Hopkins County Leadership, the National Honor Society, Key Club, and FCCLA. He is a leader in his church's youth group and has enjoyed serving his community at Dutch Bros Coffee since 2023. Kyson plans to continue working hard and leading others toward a brighter future.



**Preston Nottingham** is a senior at Sulphur Springs High School. Preston Nottingham is a senior at Sulphur Springs High School who plans to attend a United States Service Academy following graduation. Throughout high school, he has challenged himself academically by enrolling exclusively in honors, Advanced Placement, and dual credit courses. He is involved in football and track, as well as several leadership and academic organizations including Student Government, Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society. In 2025, he attended Texas Boys State, where he was elected to serve on the Color Guard and the Campaign Committee. He has been recognized for his achievements in athletics as an Academic All-State Honorable Mention and All-District Honorable Mention in football. Outside the classroom, he dedicates many hours to volunteer service and works on his family's farm, Nottingham Ranch. He is currently working toward earning his private pilot's license. He is also a member of the Society of the Cincinnati Fourteen and the Sons of the American Revolution.



**Mary O'Neal** is a senior at Jim Bowie High school in Simms, TX. Mary Grace O'Neal is the daughter of Gregory and Dana O'Neal. She has over 40 dual credit hours with Texarkana College, and attends culinary arts classes with them as well. She went to state with both her visual art drawing and vocal solo at the First Assemblies of God Fine Arts Festival. After she graduates, she plans to finish her culinary degree.



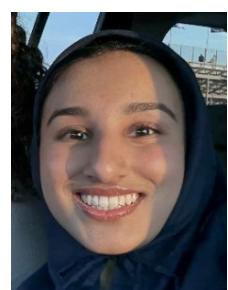
**Lucy Ransom** is the oldest daughter of Travis and Emily Ransom. She attends Atlanta High School and is involved in band as the drum major, DECA - serving as chapter president, varsity cross country, varsity track, golf, National Honors Society, and dance. Some major accomplishments include completing two half marathons, racing at cross country state for four years, receiving two medals for band at state, and finishing 2nd in her class. Lucy will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall, majoring in communication sciences and disorders to pursue a career in Speech Pathology.



**Julia Garcia-Ricker** is the daughter of Jane Ricker and Francisco Garcia. She is a senior at Sulphur Springs High School where she is a member of both Science and Social Studies UIL. She is also a member of Keyclub, HOSA, and National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the College Board Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award. Julia plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas in the fall to pursue a degree in biology, in hopes of becoming an Obstetrician.



**Stori Shropshire** is a senior at Sulphur Springs High School where she is active in academics, sports, and HOSA. She played on the varsity tennis team for the last four years and last year was a state qualifier in girls doubles. After graduation, she plans to study English at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. In her free time she enjoys spending time with friends and family.



**Zahra Tapia** is the daughter of Ashfaq and Alefia Tapia. Zahra attends Paris High School and is involved in Varsity Swim, Future Problem Solving, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Yearbook and Lady in Waiting of the Althea Garden Club. A few major accomplishments have been competing at the FPS international conference; 2nd place in FPS Scenario writing and competing at the 4A State championship for swim. Zahra will be studying biology this fall, in hopes of becoming a doctor.



**Abbey Williams** is a Texas high school senior who is passionate about academics, athletics, leadership, and serving her community. She participates in varsity cross country and track, which has strengthened her discipline, perseverance, and time management skills. Abbey is also involved in marching band, where she has learned the value of teamwork, preparation, and consistency. She volunteers through Key Club and National Honor Society, where she serves as Secretary, and has also supported community events such as the Handicapable Rodeo, Night to Shine, the Sulphur Springs Work Camp, the Carter Blood Drive, and Dinner Bell. As she prepares for college, Abbey hopes to pursue a career that allows her to work with people, solve real-world problems, and make a positive impact through service and leadership.