

# The Buzz

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## Gaston & Provence Earn Silver Medals at the State Tennis Meet

Kade Gaston and Dagan Provence travelled to Austin to face once again the challenge of bringing home the gold medal in doubles' tennis. The duo easily defeated their opponents to make it to the final round against their regional rivals, Miami. Gaston and Provence started out strong winning the first set 6-1. However, they lost the second set. This forced a third set where the boys lost match against a tough team.

The duo received the silver medal for the second consecutive year which is an amazing feat. Congratulations to Kade and Dagan for an outstanding high school tennis career.

## The End Is Here!

*Class of 2005 Graduates*

Lauren Debnam, Valedictorian

Seth Sowder, Salutatorian

The Class of 2005 graduate tonight, May 27, in the high school auditorium. Thirty-five seniors will walk across the stage for the last time to receive their high school diplomas. A total of eight students will graduate with honors. Those students are: Lauren Debnam, Seth Sowder, Michael Warren, Kami Jones, Priscilla Limon, Kade Gaston, Kady Gaston, Osbaldo Jiminez, and Lauren Walser.

The valedictorian for the senior class is Lauren Debnam. Lauren had a GPA of 5.22. Lauren plans to attend Baylor University and major in forensic science. The salutatorian for the senior class is Seth Sowder. Seth had a GPA of 5.21. Seth plans to attend South Plains College and eventually transfer to Texas Tech University where he plans to major in agronomy. Congratulations, seniors! And good luck in the future!



Lauren  
Debnam  
Valedictorian

Seth  
Sowder  
Salutatorian



# Senior Spotlight

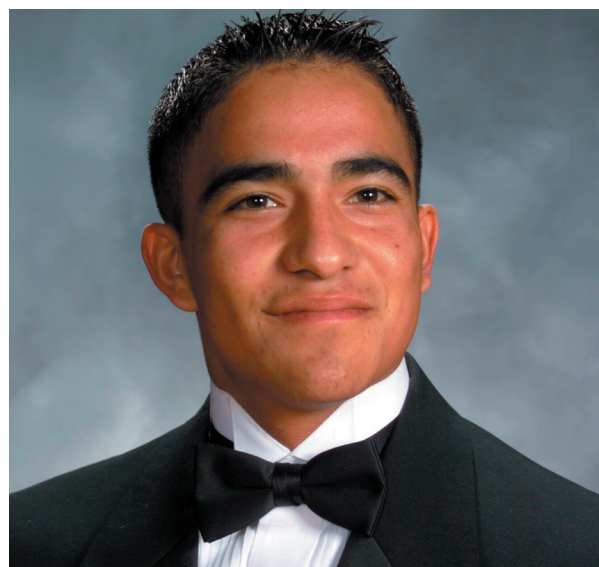


## Erika De La Rosa

Erika De La Rosa is the daughter of Deanna and Kelly Alexander. She has two brothers, Fernando and Noel De La Rosa. Erika has been involved in many activities in high school. She is a member of the Bold Gold Band. She is also a member of FCCLA and plays tennis. Erika plans to attend Odessa Junior College in the fall and major in psychology. Her favorite colors are black, baby blue, and white. She loves to eat out at McDonald's. She likes to watch the movie, "Love and Basketball". If Erika was put on an island, she would take with her her mom, a phone, and Greg.

## Sammy Montes

Sammy Montes is the son of Vince and Gloria Montes. Sammy has one sister, Gloria, and two brothers, Vince and Alex. He has been active in many extra-curricular activities while in high school. Sammy has been a member of several sports teams including football, power-lifting, and track. He has also been a member of TSA, VICA, FCCLA, and Student Council. Sammy's favorite color is green. He loves to eat pizza, his favorite food. Sammy has signed up to join the United States Marines after he graduates from high school. If Sammy was put on an island, he would like to take with him his girlfriend, something to drink, and a candle.



## Perla Perez

Perla Perez is the daughter of Julian and Martina Perez. She has two brothers, Esvan and Miguel. Perla plans to attend college at South Plains College in the fall. She has been active in school by participating in the Bold Gold Band and Spanish Club. She also takes many vocational classes plus AP Chemistry. She was a member of the UIL Science Team. Perla's favorite colors are pink and black. Her favorite food is Mexican food, and her favorite movie is "How To Lose A Guy in 10 Days". If Perla was placed on an island, she would like to bring an airplane, food, and her boyfriend.

# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FALL!

## Counselor's Corner

Students who receive financial aid award letters need to respond in a timely manner to accept or reject the offer presented. Schools that require a response may withdraw the offer if it is not accepted by the institution's due date. Some scholarships require student's acceptance. Please make sure that if the scholarships require such acceptance please respond in a timely manner, so the students will not lose the scholarship funds.

Texas TSI Initiative requires all students to meet minimum qualifications for college admission. Students need to check their scores on the THEA, TAKS, ACT or SAT to see if they meet the qualifications for college admission. Students not meeting admission qualifications must take the THEA or Accuplacer this summer. South Plains College testing website has the summer dates for the Accuplacer. Students need to make arrangements to take the test as soon as possible.

Housing for post-secondary education may require a separate application and deposit. Check with the school housing authority for more information to make sure that housing is available for the fall semester.

Students taking dual-credit courses next fall need to fill in the appropriate paper work through South Plains College. Please inform the high school office when paper work is submitted for acceptance into the dual-credit program. Registration for the three dual-credit courses is online through SPC.

## Principal's Corner

The school year is over and overall we have had a really great year. Our students have accomplished really great things academically and in extra-curricular activities. You as parents and your children are to be commended for this.

I do have some concerns that will be addressed starting with the first day of school next fall. These concerns include dress codes, attendance, and failure rates. The staff and I have come up with some new ideas to address these concerns and new procedures will be implemented next year to help our students improve in these areas. We hope to have extended time for tutorials, TAKS prep, and UIL academic practice two days a week next school year by altering our bell schedule slightly. If a student comes to school next year and his/her attire does not meet the dress code, they will be assigned a detention and have to wear a school uniform for that day. After three detentions per six weeks period or five detentions per semester, the student will be assigned to ISS. After five assignments to ISS, the principal has the option of sending the student to an off-campus discipline alternative education placement (DAEP).

As parents, please help us address these issues by making sure that your child comes to school dressed and groomed properly, does their homework and turns in their assignments, and attends school regularly. Have a good summer and enjoy the BUZZ!

## Yearbooks for Sale

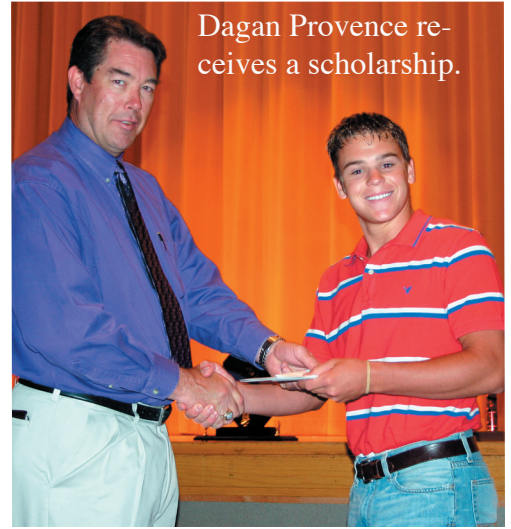
The Yearbook Staff is taking orders for the 2004-05 yearbooks. The cost is \$20. If you are a senior, you can purchase your yearbook with a gold name plate for a total cost of \$25. Mrs. Sain and Mrs. Furgeson will be at the school the week after school is completed. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, call 227-2431 ext. 132 or ask for Mrs. Sain or Mrs. Furgeson to reserve your copy.

# Awards Assembly

The Senior Class of 2005 moves to the stage and sings the school song to end the awards assembly.



Dagan Provence receives a scholarship.



Preston Kleman receives his national art award.



Michael Warren receives the NHS Scholarship.



Lauren Debnam received several awards.



## Departmental Award Winners



# Athletic Banquet



The Golden Hornet Award Recipients are the Olin Nix family and Barbara and Ralph May.



Hustlin' Hornet Awards went to Kade Gaston and Dagan Provence. The Hustlin' Hornette Award was earned by Sarah Furgerson. The Hustlin' Hornette JV Award went to Montana Steinbock. Dagan Provence and Kady Gaston received the FM Smith Award for their dedication and sportsmanship in athletics.



# *Organizations' News and Events*

## **Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America**



Family & Consumer Science  
Award Winner, Quinci Ham



Outstanding Members, 2005:  
Tiffany King & Devorah King



Beau and Sweetheart: Marcos Lopez,  
Jessica Conley, & Priscilla LImon



## **NHS Inducts New Members**

The Sudan Chapter of the National Honor Society held the initiation ceremony for the new inductees on May 20. The new inductees are Karla Alcares, William Perez, Amber Synatschk, Montana Steinbock, and MaryAnn Yannis. After the initiation ceremony, the members had a hamburger cookout and played volleyball at Freddy and Pam Maxwell's house. The chapter would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell for their hospitality, the use of their backyard, and Freddy's hamburgers.



## ***TSA Wins Top Award at State***

