

We're  
AVID  
Students  
NOT  
Average  
Students!

So high  
that we  
can touch the  
sky!

We keep  
rising up!



~~2000~~ ~~2002~~



Motivation

Hard Work

Projects

Fun

**AVID** is

Individual Determination

High Expectations

Challenging

SAT Strategies

Writing

Learning Logs

Collaboration

College Visitations

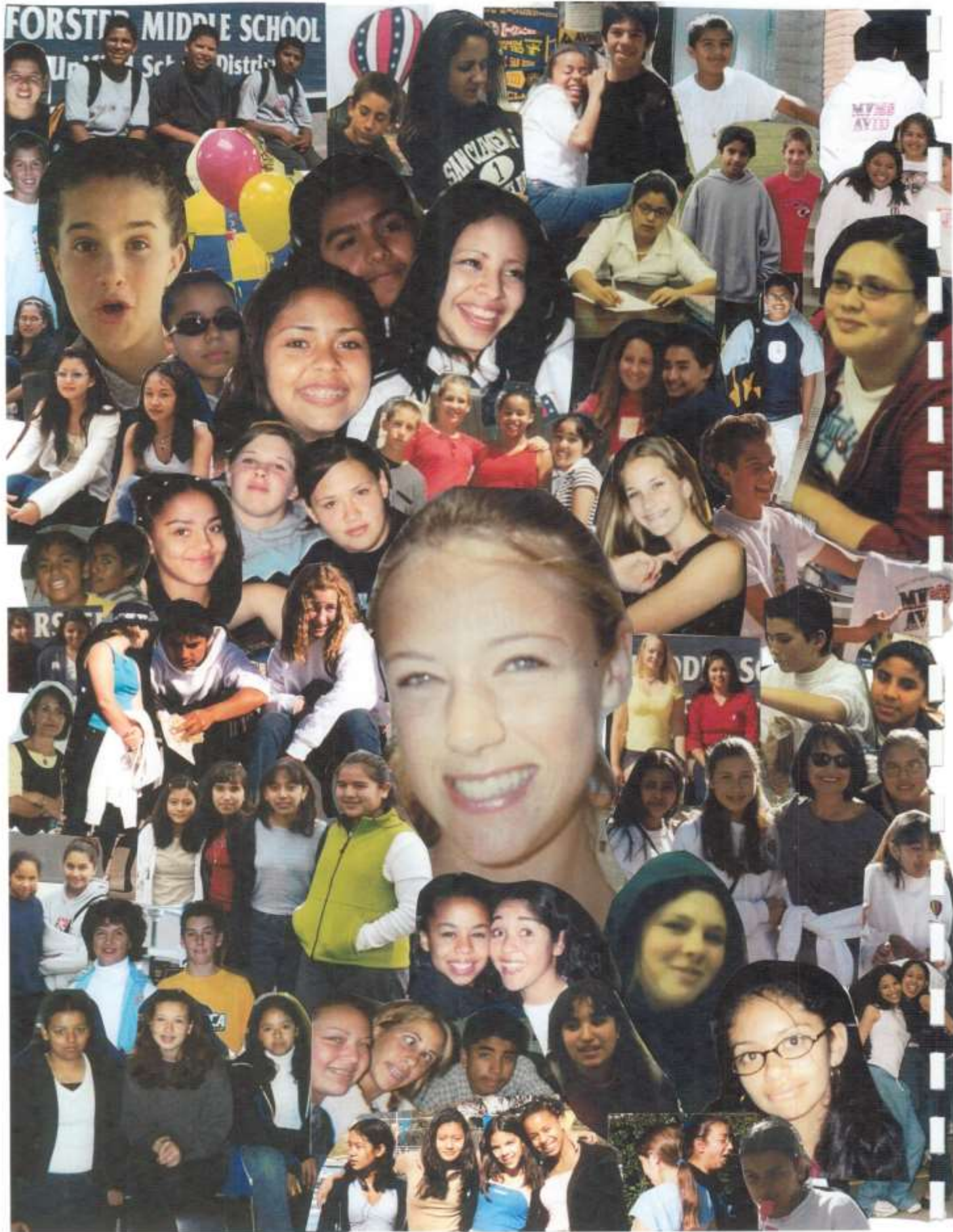
Field Trips

Team work

Celebrations

Goal setting

Tutorials



# **AVID**

**Always working hard  
Visualizing our futures  
Intentionally doing well  
Determined to succeed**

*Diana, Mariela, Raquel, Rocio, Iris*

**We're AVID students  
and we're here to say  
We're pursuing a college  
Education every day  
We are here to learn and not to play  
And that is what we're trying to say**

*Alma, Justin, Erick, Guillermo, Karina, Lily, Tiffany*

# AVID STUDENTS



**Mariela Anzures**

Mariela is a very bright young girl. She was born on September 19, 1988, in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. In her spare time she likes to listen to hip hop music. She enjoys spending lunch in the AVID room talking with her friends. Her wildest dream is to have a car and go places with her friends.

She is in AVID because she wants to get good grades and go to college. She also wants to be someone who travels and visits many different places.

-Erick Hernandez



**Diana Arce**

Diana Stephanie Arce was born at 1:02 a.m., on Friday, March 25, 1988. She has an older brother, Nelson, who is 18, an older sister, Cecilia who is 16, and a brother in the Navy who is 22. Diana's most memorable moment was seeing her older brother Carlos graduate from Boot Camp. Diana looks up to her dad for understanding her and being there for her.

Diana's hobbies are collecting angels, dolphins, stuffed animals, and dry roses. She also enjoys writing poetry, designing clothes, and being with her friends.

She chose AVID as her elective because she felt it was the class which would help her pursue her goals of graduating from high school and going on to college. As a career Diana would like to be an actress who sings and designs her own clothes.

-Jennifer Trujillo

One of my best memories of the year was the UCLA field trip because it was big and I enjoyed walking around and going to their stores to look at things. Another memory was at a school dance when AVID sold pizza. I liked selling pizza and seeing who was at the dance.

*My three best memories were when I went to Hawaii for the first time, when my older brother Carlos came from the Navy to visit us, and the other was when I got the lead role in my first play*

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**Angie Bahena**

Angie was born on February 16, 1988. She enjoys playing basketball. When she is not playing basketball she is listening to hip hop music. On weekends she baby-sits her younger sibling. Angie loves the colors baby blue and baby pink and going out for Chinese food. She looks forward to going to Mexico during school breaks.

Her favorite subject in school is math. She wants to go to UCLA or Harvard to be either a doctor or a lawyer. She is in AVID because it helps her study habits and note taking skills.

-Justin Webber



**Guillermo Carteno**

Guillermo was born in Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico, on February 10, 1988. In his free time, he likes to play basketball and help his dad. Mrs. Sarigumba is his favorite eighth grade teacher.

He is in AVID because he wants to try new things. His goals for the future are to go to college and to have a wife and children. He would like to attend UCLA and become a software engineer.

-Karina Magana

My favorite memories are the field trip to UCLA and being with my friends Barinia Uribe, Evelyn Ruiz, and Teresa Segundo.

My best memories of this year were the AVID field trips. We had a very good time when we went to UCLA and on the whale watch.

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**Eric Garcia**

Erick was born on April 15, 1988, in San Clemente. He lives with his parents, two brothers, and a sister.

When Eric grows up, he would like to become a famous soccer player or study computer technology. Eric is a very smart young man who does well in school. His favorite color is blue and he loves to eat Mexican food.

Eric is a good person and always lends a helping hand when needed. He is concerned about everyone around him, not just about himself. If you ever need a shoulder to lean on, Eric will be there to listen and give advice.

-Tiffany Thompson



**Ashley Heinsbergen**

Ashley is fourteen years old and her favorite thing to do is go to the mall with friends. Like most typical teenage girls, she loves to spend money. In fact, if she had a million dollars, she would go on a shopping spree with a bunch of friends. She would also go to Cancun to sunbathe and guy watch.

Although Ashley knows how to have fun, that is not all she knows, she is also very intelligent and has a very promising future. Ashley wants to go to an out of state college and become a pilot for the army.

-Kirra Quam

I met a very special person this year who means a lot to me. She is Jennifer Trujillo and we are now going out.

My best memory of the year was when we went on the whale watching field trip and saw the dolphins.

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**Sergio Castro**

Sergio likes to go out with friends and talk all night. His favorite theme parks are Disneyland and Knotts. His favorite movie is Black Hawk Down. Mrs. Fields, his favorite teacher, was like a second mom to him. Sergio also looks up to his mom because she inspires him and helps him succeed.

His goals for the future are to go to college, have a successful life, and a family. He would like to become an engineer and have money to travel, especially to Hawaii. He is in AVID because he wants to get organized in school and also because of the field trips.

-Karina Magana

My favorite memories of this year were when I learned to skate well and when I fixed my computer after it was infected by a huge virus.



**Gerardo Florentino**

Gerardo was born at Mission Viejo Hospital on May 2, 1988. He is the third of nine brothers. He knows that he can count on his family and because of this he looks up to his parents.

Gerardo joined AVID because it sounded interesting to him. After a while AVID began helping him raise his grades. Now that he has realized that there is a lot of hard work to do, he has set up goals for himself. One of his major goals is to graduate from high school and college. He would like to attend UCI, but he still doesn't know what he wants to study. Gerardo has learned a lot this year, most importantly, that nothing is easy in life.

-Veronica Sanchez

I was very happy this year when I got my third pair of rollerblades. They are white and look good.



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**Erick Hernandez**

Erick was born on November 23, 1987, in Mexico City. His favorite thing to do is talk on the phone with one of his many friends. At school he likes to be with, talk to, and play around with his friends.

His favorite movie is American Pie. He enjoys listening to hip-hop and rap music. One of his favorite songs is "Welcome to Atlanta." On TV he likes to watch the program "Even Stevens."

Erick's favorite sport is soccer and he wants to become a pro-soccer player when he grows up. Another career he is interested in is a computer specialist. He is in AVID because he wants to go to college and get a good education.

-Mariela Anzures



**Karina Magana**

The reason Karina is in AVID is because she wants to do well in school and because she would like to go to college. She is close to and looks up to her mom because she is always there for her when she needs her.

Karina likes all music except country and rock. She enjoys going to all the California theme parks. She likes to play soccer but not tennis. In School she likes math but not social studies. Karina does not like reading because she starts a book but can not finish it.

-Sergio Castro

My best memories of this year were from third period, especially our celebrations. Everyone talked and had fun.

My best friend Veronica Sanchez had to move to Riverside because her dad's job offered him a better job there. Now that she isn't here there are many things I want to tell her.

# AVID STUDENTS



**Elizabeth Medina**

Elizabeth was born on November 1, 1987. She lives with her mom, dad, two sisters and a brother. She loves listening to music and being with her friends.

She is in AVID because she wants to get a good education and get into college. She wants to go to UCI and become a teacher.

-Karina Torres



**Iris Parra**

Iris was born in Acapulco, Mexico, on March 7, 1988. She now lives in San Juan Capistrano with her dad, stepmom, brother and sister.

Her favorite color is purple. She likes Chinese food and Twix candies. She loves to play basketball, but thinks the other sports are all right too. Her favorite subject in school is science.

The reason she is in AVID is because she wants to be successful in life. When she grows up she wants to become a pediatrician. She intends to make her dreams come true by attending either UCI or UCLA.

-Lily Urquiza

My best memory of this year was being in AVID because I got to meet new friends, experience new things, and go on field trips.

My best memory of the year has got to be that I met new people in my AVID class.

# AVID STUDENTS



**Kirra Quam**

Kirra is a good student and she wants to be a makeup artist when she grows up. She is an animal lover who has three cats, a dog, a turtle, and a bird. In her free time she likes to go surfing and to parties. Her favorite type of movies are comedies. This summer she is looking forward to going to the beach and eating watermelon.

If she had a million dollars, she would buy a rock pool, a VW bug, and a house. She would also go on a shopping spree and to Hawaii.

-Ashley Heinsbergen



**Raquel Romero**

Raquel was born in Santa Ana, on March 16, 1988. Raquel is the third of four children. She enjoys eating Mexican food, playing soccer, and drinking Sprite. Raquel's favorite movie is Save the Last Dance. Her favorite color is blue and hip hop and pop are her favorite types of music. Raquel describes herself as kind and friendly.

She is in AVID because she want to prepare for college. Raquel want to attend UCI. Her dream is to be successful in life and to accomplish all of her dreams. One dream would be to travel all around the world and see all the different cultures.

-Rocio Torres

My most memorable moment this year was when I got a good score on the CORE test. I was really nervous and I tried hard. I'm glad I won't have to take the Reading Strategies class.

My best memory is meeting new people, making new friends, and getting to know more about them.

# AVID STUDENTS



**Veronica Sanchez**

The reason Veronica chose to be in AVID is because she was interested in it and knew it would help her with her grades. Her goals are to graduate from high school and go to college. Her favorite subject in school is math and she struggles in science. She would like to attend the university in Morelia, Mexico.

Veronica's favorite field trip was when we went whale watching. She would love to travel to Mexico because she thinks it is beautiful.

-Gerardo Florentino



**Tiffany Thompson**

Tiffany is a very friendly person. She makes friends easily because she is interested in other people's ideas. She's very popular with our school's principals because she is very nice to them.

Her favorite color is lavender and she likes being photographed in that color. Her favorite things to do are sing, dance, play basketball, and be with her friends. Tiffany is a very talented person.

She wants to attend university and become a lawyer. She has not decided which university to attend, but is interested in three different ones. They are UCLA, Harvard, and UCSD.

-Eric Garcia

My most memorable moment was when we went on the whale watching field trip.

My best memory this year was when I visited my favorite teacher's grave. It was beautiful. It had a lovely saying on it and what stood out the most was a picture of her looking as beautiful as heaven. She passed on, but will never be forgotten. I love her very much and know that she is now an angel watching over us.

In Loving Memory of Liza Fields

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**Karina Torres**

Karina was born in San Clemente, on August 18, 1988. She has a sister named Jessie and a brother named Adrian.

Her favorite movie is Baby Boy. She loves to talk on the phone and being with her friends. Her favorite colors are blue and red and the song "Bad Intentions" by Dr. Dre is her favorite.

When she grows up she would like to become a mechanic. She is also interested in attending UCI.

-Elizabeth Medina



**Rocio Torres**

Rocio is a nice, friendly person who has many friends. She lives with her parents, two sisters, and two brothers. Her favorites are the color blue, Chinese food, lemonade, and soccer. Her favorite movies are Big Momma's House and Scary Movie.

Rocio is in AVID because she wants to learn and prepare herself for college and accomplish all of her dreams. She feels that AVID will help her go to college. She would like to attend either UCLA or UCI and then travel all over the world to explore new places.

-Raquel Romero

My best memory of this year would be when my mom had my little brother Adrian. I was very happy when she had him. He was born two days after my birthday and I love him so much.

My best memory was meeting new people, going on all the field trips, and sharing good times with them.

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**Jennifer Trujillo**

Jennifer was born April 26, 1988. She has an older brother, Mike, a younger sister, Alicia, and recently divorced parents. Her favorite colors are light blue and yellow and her favorite flower is a dark red or white rose. Her favorite movie is Selena and the song "Two Many" is her favorite. In school she likes English class because it is easy.

Jennifer is a sweet and innocent person. Her goals for the future are to be smart and get a good job. When she grows up she would like to be a singer, an interior designer, or a housewife with a rich husband.

She is in AVID so she can achieve the high standards she has for herself. With AVID she expects to do big things in life and in her academic career. She would like to attend the University of Texas or UCLA.

-Diana Arce



**Lily Urquiza**

Lily was born in San Clemente. Her favorite food is Chinese, her favorite sport is swimming, and her favorite color is sky blue. When she was little she liked to watch The Little Mermaid, but now, as a teen, she prefers The Fast and the Furious.

Lily has many dreams and she is in AVID because she wants to succeed. She wants to experience new things and that is why she wants to go to a university far away from home.

-Iris Parra

I have many happy memories, most of them are about people having faith in me and encouraging me to do well in school. I've struggled some this year because of projects and tests, but when teachers and parents have faith in you and help you, it makes everyday a memorable moment.

My best memory of the year is meeting a special friend who made a difference in my life. With this friend I discovered a part of me that I never knew I had.

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**Alma Velazquez**

Alma was born February 2, 1988, in San Clemente. Her favorite sports are soccer and basketball. Her favorite book is A Walk to Remember. She likes chocolate chip ice cream and Twizzlers candy. She listens to R&B music and likes going to her friends' houses, the movies, or being outside around her neighborhood.

Alma chose AVID to help her get above average grades so she can go to a university. She would like to go to UCLA after high school. She wants to be an author or a teacher when she graduates from college.

-Patrick Webb



**Patrick Webb**

Patrick was born on February 17, 1988. The reason he joined AVID is that he wants to go to college and succeed in life. His favorite subjects are math and social studies. He plans to attend either UCLA or UCI, but isn't sure what he wants to be.

Patrick's favorite sports are hockey, basketball, and skateboarding. His favorite movies are American Pie II and Scary Movie II. On TV, he enjoys watching "South Park." He also enjoys going to the pool, being with his friends, and eating pizza.

-Alma Velazquez

My best moment this year was when I went to UCLA with AVID. Before going there, I wasn't sure what university I wanted to go to, but now I am sure I really want to go to UCLA. It is a wonderful, beautiful school. I realize it's not going to be easy to get it, but I am going to try my hardest so that someday I can go there.

My best memory of the year was when I got 9:50 in cross-country.

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**Justin Webber**

Justin Raymond was born on July 30, 1988, in Pasadena, California. He lives with his family in Dana Point. Justin is the oldest son, and he has two brothers and a sister.

Justin's favorite food is Mexican, his favorite color is blue, his favorite type of music is punk, and his favorite thing to do is dirt bike.

AVID is his favorite subject and he is in it because he wants to succeed in life. He would like to attend UCLA after high school. He is interested in becoming a firefighter when he grows up. His craziest dream would be to become a professional free style dirt biker. He would like to travel to the Jamaican Islands because he has heard they are very pretty.

-Angie Bahena

My best memory of the year was when we went whale watching and many students got sick.



## Class Favorites-3rd Period

Songs: "Foolish" by Ashanti and "Hey Love" by Mobb Deep & 112

Movie: A Walk to Remember



Actor: Denzel Washington



TV Show: B.E.T.

TV Stars: AJ and Free



Trendiest Fashion: Baggy pants



Amusement Park: Knott's Berry Park



Expression: Wazz Crakin'



Food: Mexican



# YOU'RE THE BEST

Most Athletic



Eric

Karina

Best Attitude



Lily

Eric

Alma

Most Courteous



Patrick

Jennifer

Ashley



Eric

Best Hairdo



Lily

Eric

Best Personality



Jennifer

Eric

Class Clowns



Tiffany Gerardo

Best Dressed



Diana

Gerardo

Biggest Flirts



Erick

Karina

Quietest



Guillermo

Best Smile



Iris

Erick

Best Eyes



Justin

Kirra

Best Hair



Rocio

Gerardo

# **AVID**

**Hopes, wishes, and dreams come true  
AVID will find the best path for you  
Learning new things every day  
Not letting things get in your way  
Strive for the best, be determined and reach high  
Up in that hot air balloon, floating through the sky  
Never give up, for that's what AVID's about  
Fulfilling you dreams, without a doubt**

*Arezu, Verna, Teo, David*

**AVID is for future success  
With individual determination  
Hard work and motivation  
We'll achieve our desired profession  
So take your notes, get good grades, and  
In life you'll have it made and be well paid**

*Teresa*

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**Verna Abante**

Verna Abante is adventurous and likes many different things, foods, and colors. She likes going to the movies, especially to watch something with her favorite actor Vin Diesel. Other movies she loved were Next Friday and Don't Say a Word. At home she watches her favorite soap opera "Amigas y Rivaldes." She likes listening to the songs "Luv" or "Foolish" by Ashanti.

Verna has many friends and a lot of them are also in AVID. In the future Verna plans to go to the University of California at San Diego and study in the field of medicine.  
-Annie Scocimara

The 2001-2002 school year has been full of surprises and expectatons for me. I think my best memory is actually experiencing all the different stuations during my 8th grade year. A lot of my teachers and friends have encouraged me to strive and achieve my goals. I'd have to say meeting new people, whether they became my friends or rivals, is a great memory. Having 6th period AVID is the most fun I've ever had in school. Not only did I make new friends, but I had a great motivator, Mrs. Dillehunt. It's not about the memories or times, in my opinion, it's about who I spent and experienced it with. To all my teachers and friends at Marco Forster Middle School, I give my thanks for such a great year and making it my best memory.



**Tamara Bustamante**

Tamara Lynn was born on October 1, 1988, in San Clemente. She lives with her mom, dad, brother, and sister in San Juan Capistrano.

Tamara loves animals. Her favorite animals are horses and although she doesn't own one, she does have two dogs, three cats, two rabbits, a turtle, a fish, and a hamster. She also collects Precious Moments and Beanie Babies. In her spare time, she likes to draw or sew. Tamara visited her grandma in New York in 1998 and 2000. She would like to visit Paris, Hawaii, and Mexico.

In school, her favorite subject is physical education. Her plans are to get good grades and after high school graduation to attend UCLA. She wants to be an animal trainer at Sea World.

-Edith Florentino

My best memory of the year is when my grandma came to visit and we went to Palace Park on Mother's Day. My brother Carlos, his girlfriend Monica, my little sister Angie and I went on the race cars. Afterward we played miniature golf. It was my sister's first time and she beat us all. We had a great time!

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**David Bustos**

David is thirteen years old and was born in Mission Viejo. He lives in San Juan Capistrano. David has brown hair and although his eyes are brown, he would like them to be blue. He loves watching TV, especially "That 70's Show." His favorite movie is The Fast and the Furious. His favorite singer is Nelly and he likes hip hop music.

David is in AVID because it helps him in his classes. In the future he wants to be a computer engineer.

-Arezu Fathi

My best moment this year was when I found out I was Student of the Month in Mr. Gerow's social studies class. It was my first Student of the Month award in two years.



**Beatriz Castillo**

Beatriz was born in San Clemente, on April 24, 1988. She lived in San Francisco for two years and the rest of her life she has lived here in San Juan Capistrano.

Her favorite color is lavender. She likes to go to In-N-Out and Carl's Jr., but she loves Mexican food best. Whenever "Everyone Loves Raymond" is on, she'll be watching it. Her favorite types of music are R&B and Mexican music. She likes listening to her favorite singer Luppillo Rivera.

In the future, Beatriz would like to attend UCLA and become an F.B.I. agent.

-Teresa Segundo

My best memory of the year was when we went to UCLA. I have been wanting to go to UCLA since I was in 5th grade. Someday I will be a student at UCLA and play on their basketball team.

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**Stephanie Dixon**

Stephanie was born in Lompoc, California, thirteen years ago. She will turn fourteen on June 8th. Stephanie lived with her grandmother when she was younger, but moved back with her mom when she was eight. They now live on Cordova Street in Dana Point.

Stephanie's favorite things to do are spending time with her friends and listening to Rap, R & B, Old School, and House music. Her favorite colors are all types of blues, reds, oranges, yellows and purples.

Stephanie has many plans for her interesting life. She wants to go to college and become a doctor.

--Jonny Portillo

My most memorable time this year was when I went to Kirby's party. My friend Nico was the DJ and he played some pretty "cool" music. Everyone was dancing and having fun. I danced so much that my legs were so tired, but it was fun.



**Arezu Fathi**

Arezu is thirteen years old. She likes chocolate, the colors red and black, MTV, Wild Rivers, the actresses J.L.O and Julie Stiles, and the movie The Fast and the Furious. She also likes wearing Styles 4 Less and Lugz shoes.

Her hobby is talking on the phone with friends. In school her favorite subject is P.E.

--David Bustos

My best memory was at our Christmas celebration in AVID. We were sitting with a lot of friends and Jonny put an M & M in Verna's drink and it changed color. Verna didn't notice and drank it. We were all laughing so hard and she started laughing too, but she spit out Chinese food. We laughed so hard that we cried!

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**Teo Fernandez**

Teo's full name is Teodoro, but he prefers to go by Teo, a nickname given to him by his parents. Teo was born on November 9, 1988, in Guanajuato, Mexico. At the age of six, he moved with his family to San Juan Capistrano and entered second grade at San Juan Elementary.

His favorites include the colors red and blue, Mexican food, and any music except Rap. Teo's greatest wish would be to have a big mansion. He would also like to travel to Chicago, Hawaii, and France. Given the opportunity, he would learn Japanese and Chinese. In his spare time he likes to play soccer or read.

In the future Teo hopes to attend a good university and graduate with a degree in computers.

Mrs. Fields was a person Teo admired very much. She is the reason he wanted to be in AVID.

One of the most memorable moments of this school year was going whale watching. Another was the time Verna drank some water that had M & M and she didn't notice it.



**Edith Florentino**

Edith was born at 10:30 a.m. on July 25, 1988, in Long Beach. Her family moved three times before moving to and staying in San Juan Capistrano. Edith went to pre-school at Head Start, then San Juan Elementary, and now Marco Forster.

Edith would like to go to London, Tokyo, Hawaii, Paris, Greece, and Spain. She likes to play basketball and Twister. Her favorite color is blue. She likes to watch "The Simpsons" on TV and her favorite movie is Big Daddy. Her favorite animals are dolphins, pandas, and koalas, but she is afraid of tarantulas.

Her favorite subject in school is science and her goal is to get good grades. She wants to go to UCLA and become a doctor.

-Tamara Bustamante

My best memory of the year is when we went whale watching. It was the first time I saw dolphins in their natural habitat. I also had fun on the boat and afterward when we went to the beach.

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**Alyssa Fuchser**

Alyssa is thirteen years old. She likes to spend time with her friends and family. She likes Mexican food and along with her friends loves the movie star Josh Hartnett. Both of her best friends, Shana and Tiana, are in AVID with her.

Physical education is her favorite class because it is active and she loves to play basketball.

In the future, Alyssa would like to go to Stanford University and be a chiropractor.

-Troy Sweeney



**Liz Galvez**

Liz was born on July 7, 1988, in Mission Viejo. Her favorite color is red, her favorite food is Chinese, and she enjoys eating chocolate and strawberry ice cream. Her favorite music video is "Foolish." Ashanti is her favorite music artist and her favorite actors are Freddy Prinz Jr. and Tara Reid. On MTV her favorite show is "Dismissed." The Fast and the Furious was one of her favorite movies. She enjoyed reading A Child Called It. One of her hobbies is collecting Tigger items.

Liz is in AVID because she knows that it will help her succeed and reach her goal of attending her dream college, UCSD. She wants to become an accountant. She hopes to follow her dreams and achieve them in the future.

-Barinia Uribe

My most memorable moment this year was the first day of school, walking into every classroom and meeting my 8th grade teachers, the last group of teachers I'll have before high school. I'll miss these teachers and I'll remember them forever.

My most memorable moment this year was when I went to a Lil'Rob, Mr. Capone-E, Lil' Blacky, Wicked Minds, Monteloco, Triple C, and Akwid Concert. It was an exciting experience because we were very close to the stage and almost got to shake Mr. Capone -E and Lil' Rob's hand. The best part was when Lil' Rob came on stage.



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**Tiana Ichikawa**

Tiana was born April 30, 1988, in Whittier, California. She has three brothers, a dog, a rabbit, a fish, and a snake. Her favorite color is purple, diving is her favorite sport, and social studies is her favorite subject. On TV she likes "The Simpsons." Her favorite actors are Jim Carey and Drew Barrymore. Whale's Song is her favorite book.

Tiana wanted to be in AVID because it will help her go to the university. She would like to attend either BYU or the University of Hawaii. She wants to become a marine biologist.

-Barinia Uribe

One of my best memories of this year was performing in the 8th grade play, "Meet the Creeps." I liked this because I enjoyed being there and performing for an audience.



**Shana Kotsiris**

Shana is thirteen years old. She was born August 7, 1988. She has a sister named Lana and a brother named Ari. She likes Chinese food, Twix candy, and giraffes. Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory is her favorite movie, "Back Up That Thing" her favorite song, and A Child Called It her favorite book. Brittany Spears is her favorite singer. She would like to visit Jamaica, but live in Hawaii.

Her most embarrassing moment was when she was walking as nice as possible in front of this boy and suddenly tripped right in front of him.

Her favorite subject in school is social studies. After high school she hopes to attend the University of California at San Diego. She wants to go to UCSD because it is a party school.

-Evelyn Ruiz

This year my most memorable moment was when I was in the play called "Meet the Creeps." I love performing and I helped with everyone's makeup.

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**Yecenia Lagunas**

Yecenia was born on January 15, 1988, in Laguna Beach. She is fourteen years old. She likes the color baby blue, Chinese food, the group BZK, R&B and Rap music, and the TV show "Bet Top 10."

In her spare time she likes to go to the movies or be with her friends. Her wildest dream is to go sky diving.

Her favorite subject in school is science. After high school she wants to go to the University of California at Irvine and become a teacher.

-Maria Pardo



**Maria Pardo**

Maria was born on January 29, 1988. In her spare time she likes to go to the mall with her friends or listen to R & B or Rap music. Her favorite things include the color blue, Chinese food, the book Go Ask Alice, and "BET" and "Park Top 10" TV shows.

She likes being in AVID because her friends are in it and because it helps her keep her grades up. She would like to attend UCI after high school.

-Yecenia Lagunas

My most memorable moment was when we went on the whale watching field trip because all my friends went. We had fun having water fights at the beach.

My best memory this year was when my cousins and I were at my sister's house. We had a little party and it was a lot of fun.

# AVID STUDENTS



**Jonny Portillo**

Jonny was born on February 18, 1988, in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He moved to California with his mom when he was eleven months old. They now live in San Juan Capistrano.

Jonny's favorite sport is soccer, his favorite color is baby blue, and his favorite food is Chinese. He likes to listen to Rap and R & B music.

He joined AVID because he needed help in his classes. Jonny is of course planning to go to college. He wants to go to a university in New York. He wants to be a lawyer or a doctor. He plans to work hard, be wealthy, live in a big house, and maybe get married at the age of 22.

-Stephanie Dixon



**Evelyn Ruiz**

Evelyn was born on January 17, 1988. She has two brothers, David and Edgar. She loves Chinese food, Starburst candies, and shopping at Robinson's May. Her favorite movie was Outbreak. A Child Called It was her favorite book, and she likes listening to the song "A Total Eclipse of the Heart." In her free time she collects porcelain dolls and likes to relax at the mall. If she could live somewhere else, she would live in Hawaii.

Evelyn loved going on the field trip to Knots Berry Park last year. She also recalls that her most embarrassing moment was when her cousin tripped her in front of everyone.

After graduating from high school, Evelyn would like to attend UCSD. She also wants to visit Paris.

-Shana Kotsiris

The most memorable thing about this year was the field trip to UCLA. I was really looking forward to going there. UCLA is a great school. It was very big and had the best arcade and food court. The Chinese food was great!

I have lots of memories this year. For our Christmas party we had an exchange and we ate Chinese food. Barinia bit her tongue and spit everything out. Everyone thought she was vomiting and then suddenly Verna burped. Another memory was the whale watching field trip. Some people got seasick. When we got to the beach we got wet and played tag. I also remember when I got accepted to the Laureate Program. When we finished the program, I got a gold medal and a certificate with high honors in art. This certificate meant a lot to me.

# AVID STUDENTS



**Annie Scocimara**

Annie likes being in AVID because a lot of her friends are in it and they help her with problems dealing with education. When she's not playing basketball or at La Zanja with her friends, she is at home listening to Rap, Old School, or her absolute favorite, Mexican music. She loves watching Omar Gooding and Jennifer Lopez in movies. Friday and Next Friday are movies she never gets tired of watching. Her favorite colors are blue, gray, and red. She likes every kind of food and her dream vacation spots would be either Mexico or Las Vegas.

She is undecided about what college she wants to attend, but that doesn't stop her from having other goals for the future, such as finishing school and getting a good job. Her dream would be to become a disc jockey. Annie has confidence in herself, and with that, as well as determination and strength, all her goals in life are sure to come true.

-Verna Abante

I went to a Lil' Rob concert with Liz. Mr. Capone-e, Monte-Locho, Wicked Minds, Triple-C, Lil' Blackie and some other good rappers were there. I caught one of the T-shirts Monte-Locho threw into the audience. The best were Mr. Capone-e and Lil' Rob. It was a lot of fun.



**Teresa Segundo**

Teresa was born on May 9, 1988. She has lived in San Juan Capistrano all of her life. She likes the color green, Mexican food, Converse shoes, and eating at Carl's Jr. Josie and the Pussycats is her favorite movie. Her favorite TV show is "Bernie Mac." Her favorite singing groups are No Doubt and Creed and "With Arms Wide Open" is her favorite song. Teresa likes dogs and that is why her favorite book is Where the Red Fern Grows.

Teresa's favorite subject is AVID because everyone loves AVID. She wants to finish high school and go to a university. She is interested in U.C. San Diego and would like to be a lawyer or a vet. Someday she would like to travel to China.

-Beatriz Castillo

My best memory of the year was when I went to an Angel's baseball game. We had a good time and almost caught a fly ball.

# AVID STUDENTS



**Troy Sweeney**

Troy Robert Sweeney was born on June 11, 1988. His favorites are the color green, Chinese food, "Friends" on TV, and the movie The Fast and the Furious. His hobbies are basketball and baseball.

If he could travel anywhere in the world, it would be to Hawaii. If he could do anything during the day, besides go to school, he would go snowboarding. His biggest pet-peeve is stuttering.

Troy's favorite subject in school is P.E. When he grows up, he wants to be a pro-basketball player. He wants to go to UCLA and plans on paying for college with a basketball scholarship.

-Alyssa Fuchser

My most memorable moment of the year was when I ran the L.A. Marathon on March 3rd. By the time the Marathon came, I was sick of running because of all the training I did before that.



**Barinia Uribe**

Barinia was born on February 21, 1988, at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo. She likes to read and go out with her friends. She likes the color blue, pizza, and Pop music by O-Town, N'Sync, and Michelle Branch. Her favorite actors are Josh Hartnett and Katie Holmes. Her favorite book is A Walk to Remember. When she is old enough to work, she would like to work at the mall.

Barinia wanted to be in AVID because she wants to succeed and have the opportunity of going to college. She would like to attend the University of Southern California.

-Liz Galvez

The best memory of this year was when I went to Costa Mesa and received the 8th grade outstanding award. I thought it was the best because I saw how many seniors were graduating and receiving scholarships. The best part was when a senior gave a speech and it really made me think. In four years I also want to graduate and go to the university of my choice. That night I saw that anything in this world is possible if you try hard. If you really hope to achieve something, it will come true!

# Class Favorites-6th Period

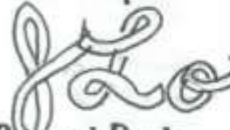
Song: "Foolish" by Ashanti



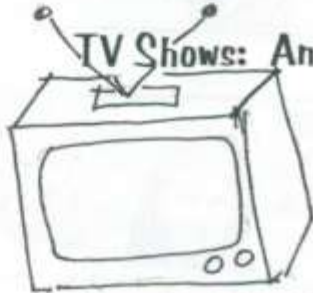
Movies: The Fast and the Furious and Friday



Actor: Jennifer Lopez



TV Shows: Andy Dick, 106 and Park



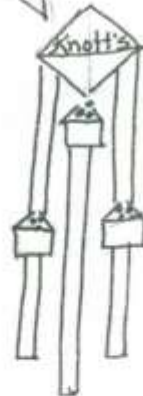
TV Star: Andy Dick



Trendiest Fashion: Tank Tops



Amusement Park: Knott's Berry Park



Expression: Wutz Up?



Food: Chinese and Pizza



# YOU'RE THE BEST

Best Notetakers

Teo



Most Likely to Succeed

Barinia

Most Courteous

Mrs.  
Dillehunt



Teo

Biggest Flirts

Arezu



David

Best Smile



Verna

Troy

Shana

Best Eyes



Troy

Alyssa

Tamara

Best Hairdo



Shana

Teo

Best Dressed



Jonny

Verna

Best Hair



Jonny

Stephanie

Quietest



Teo

Evelyn

Loudest



Shana

David

## AVID TEACHERS ARE THE BEST



**James Bruce Hollis**

**Birthplace:** Escondido, California  
**Universities:** Univ of Ca at Davis  
 Cal State Long Beach  
 University of Redlands

**Major:** History **Minor:** Psychology, P.E.

**Family:** Wife-Barbara, Son-Jay

Daughter-Laure

Granddaughters-Isabel, Virginia

**Advise:** Life is too short not to smile--Live everyday to its fullest.



**Danny Patrick Werner**

**Birthplace:** Laguna Beach, California  
**Universities:** Chico State University  
 National University

**Major:** History **Minor:** P.E.

**Family:** Single

**Advise:** Life is like a wave. Ride it as long as you can because when it's over so is life, so make the right moves and choices.



**Andrea Walker**

**Birthplace:** Long Beach, California  
**Universities:** Univ of Cal Riverside (BA)  
 Cal State Fullerton (MA)

**Major:** Biology **Minor:** Chemistry

**Family:** Married, 2 children, 2 grandchildren

**Advise:** Be all that you can be, the limits of what you can do are only set by what you think you can't do. You never know what you can do, unless you try.



**Alicia Faith Meyer**

**Birthplace:** Long Beach, California  
**Universities:** Westmont College  
 Concordia University

**Major:** B.A. in English, M.A. in Teaching

**Family:** Husband-Jason and

Baby girl due June 16th

**Advise:** The more school you complete, the more the world opens up to you because you are more knowledgeable and people treat you with respect.



**Shannan Soto**

**Birthplace:** Ventura, California  
**Universities:** Cal State Long Beach  
 Cal State Fullerton

**Major:** Accountancy **Minor:** Economics

**Family:** Son-Steven (10), Daughter-Brooke (8)

**Advise:** Believe in yourself, listen to your heart, pursue your dreams, strive to be the best.

Good luck in high school!



**Caroline Ann Mendonca**

**Birthplace:** Weymouth, Ma.

**Universities:** Colorado State University  
 UCI

**Majors:** Anthropology; Biological Sciences, Education

**Family:** Husband-Chris, Sister-Eileen, Brothers-Rob and Brian



**Lynn DeLange**

**Birthplace:** Santa Monica, California

**Universities:** Cal State Long Beach

**Major:** Physical Education **Minor:** English

**Family:** Husband-Warren, Son-Chris

Daughter-Nikki

Shady, Rex, Archie (dogs)

**Advise:** Read, Read, and Read some more



# AVID TEACHERS ARE THE BEST

A teacher teaches with love

A love for our future

A love for every child

-Ann Lignell Sues

## Julie Ann Delcamp

Birthplace: Sacramento, California  
University: San Diego State University  
Major: English, with an emphasis in  
expository writing  
Family: Husband-Jim  
Parents-Bill and Angela Elliot  
Brothers-Kevin and David Elliot  
Advice: Work hard - you can do it!



## Bernadette Sarigumba

Birthplace: Manila, Philippines  
University: UCI  
Majors: Biology and Public Health  
Family: Husband-Robert  
Expecting baby #1  
Advice: Always set high goals for  
yourself and overcome any  
challenges to meet them!



## Kevin Gerow

Birthplace: Vista, California  
University: San Diego State University  
Major: History



## Richard C. Maynard

Birthplace: Los Angeles, Ca.  
Universities: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
Cal State Hayward  
Cal State Fullerton  
Major: Social Science  
Family: Wife - Linda, Daughter - Allison  
Advice: "A mind stretched to a new idea,  
never goes back to its original dimension"  
-O. W. Holmes

## Annalee Cappello

Birthplace: Los Angeles, California  
Universities: SDSU (3 semesters)  
UCI graduate  
Major: English (naturally)  
Family: Fiance-Jeff  
Daughter-Toni (9 years old)  
Pet-Spice the Chihuahua  
Advice: I have learned that in order to live what I consider  
a "good" life, you need two things: focus and balance. Once  
a person decides what s/he wants in life, s/he must remain  
focused on that goal. But at the same time, balance is  
necessary to maintain sanity.



## Wendy Deshea Savignol

Birthplace: Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Universities: Louisiana State University  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
Majors: Marketing, Elementary Ed. Credential  
Minor: Merchandising  
Family: Mom, Dad, Sister, 2 Brothers  
Pet: dog  
Advice: Never be discouraged. You can  
accomplish anything you set your mind to.



**Thomas James Hogan**

Birthplace: Newport Beach, California  
Universities: University of Southern Cal  
National University

Majors: Corporate Finance, Education

Minor: Economics

Family: Wife-Teresa

Sons-Ryan (6) Christian (6)

Advice: Anything is possible with dedication and hard work.



**Beatriz Somoza Dillehunt**

Birthplace: Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico

Universities: Arizona State Univ  
UCI

Majors: Spanish, Education

Minors: social studies,

English Language Development

Family: Husband-Dan

Son-Tony

First of all, let me wish you all the best in the future. I hope you make the right choices and achieve all your dreams. Remember that in this age of communication, one of the top job requirements is communication skills. With good reading and writing skills you will be able to get ahead and not just get by. No, of course, it's not always easy, but if you refuse to fail, you will succeed. The following are some motivational quotes that have meant something to me, so I'm passing them on to you.

"What is right is not always popular,  
what is popular is not always right."

"It is a funny thing about life; if you  
refuse to accept anything but the best,  
you often get it."

-Somerset Maugham

"Act as though it were impossible to fail."

"People can alter their lives  
by altering their attitudes."

-William James

"The golden opportunity you are  
seeking is in yourself. It is not in  
your environment; it is not in luck or  
chance, or the help of others; it is  
in yourself alone."

-Orson Swett Marden

"People with goals succeed because  
they know where they're going."

-Earl Nightingale



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orgave others willingly

I

ntelligent in every way

E

xcellent teacher and  
motivator

L

oving mother, friend, and  
wife

D

etermined to brighten  
everyday

S

trongly engraved in our  
hearts



# Field Trips

U.C.I.



On the bus



At the pool



Christmas Carolers



All Aboard



Where are the whales?



Lunch in the galley

Whale Watch



Just resting???



Fun at the beach

UC Riverside  
"Don't you just love the rain?"



U.C.L.A.



With the UCLA Bruin



The Statue Garden

"Iron Horse"



"Freshman  
15"



KNOTTS BERRY PARK



Back To School



# Super Star STUDENT AWARDS



Orange County 8th Grade Standout  
Barinia Uribe



Marco Forster AVID Student of the Year  
Barinia Uribe and Teo Fernandez



## Salute to Excellence Awards

Eric Garcia  
Kira Quam  
Lily Urquiza  
Barinia Uribe



## Academic Achievement Awards

Barinia Uribe  
Lily Urquiza  
Rocio Torres  
Elizabeth Medina  
Raquel Romero  
Teo Fernandez



## Perfect Attendance

Shana Kotsiris  
Evelyn Ruiz  
Troy Sweeney  
Raquel Romero



## Presidential Physical Fitness Award

Jonny Portillo



## Athlete of the Year

Eric Garcia

## Bridges Award

Liz Galvez  
David Bustos



## AVID Write-OFF

Diana Arce  
Alma Velazquez  
Barinia Uribe

## Noble Laureate

Sergio Castro  
Angie Bahena  
Ashley Heinsbergen  
Evelyn Ruiz  
Teresa Segundo



## Honor Roll

Elizabeth Medina Tiffany Thompson Barinia Uribe  
Veronica Sanchez Mariela Anzures  
Raquel Romero Rocio Torres  
Diana Arce Lily Urquiza



## Student of the Month

Alma Velazquez Karina Magana Iris Parra  
Elizabeth Medina Guillermo Carteno Kira Quam  
Eric Garcia Angie Bahena Raquel Romero  
Rocio Torres Diana Arce Edith Florentino  
Barinia Uribe Tiffany Thompson Teo Fernandez

# MARCO FORSTER AVID CLASS OF 2000-2002

## " FUTURE LEADERS OF AMERICA "

### Students' Future Careers

Medicine (doctor, nurse, pediatrician, chiropractor, psychiatrist,  
veterinarian)

Angie Bahena	Iris Parra	Yecenia Lagunas
Karina Torres	Mariela Anzures	Alyssa Fuchser
Raquel Romero	Rocio Torres	Evelyn Ruiz
Verna Abante	Edith Florentino	Shana Kotsiris
Arezu Fathi		

### Law

Erick Hernandez	Lily Urquiza	Jonny Portillo
Evelyn Ruiz	Barinia Uribe	David Bustos
Beatriz Castillo (FBI)		

### Engineering

Guillermo Carteno  
Sergio Castro

### Teaching

Elizabeth Medina

### Business

Teresa Segundo

### Design (fashion, interior)

Annie Scocimara	Kirra Quam
Jennifer Trujillo	Liz Galvez

### Marine Biology

Tiana Ichikawa  
Tamara Bustamante

### Computers

Eric Garcia  
Teo Fernandez

### Pilot/AirForce

Patrick Web  
Ashley Heinsbergen

### Singing

Tiffany Thompson

### Sports

Troy Sweeney

### Auto Mechanic

Gerardo Florentino



Jennie Jane Abante

Evelyn Ang

Arreaga  
Fathi

Jonny Batillo

Heresa Segundo  
Barbara Unbe

Lina  
Lachana

Edith ~~Alarcon~~

Janice  
Duran



Maria Bester

Shirley  
Lachana

Yvonne  
Pardo

Leonor Lagunas

Stephanie Dixon

Beatriz Castillo

Ludovic  
Fernandez

Annie Scimara

Alfonso  
Alfonso  
Alfonso

Alfonso

Wanda

Luis Pava

Rafael Lopez

Lily Urquiza

Janet Pava

John Wilk

Guillermo Cardenas

Rocio Torres

Erick Hernandez



John Velazquez

Alina Lopez

Isabella Medina

Anthony Thompson

Sergio Castro

Krista Quam

Jennifer Trujillo

Ange Bahena

Eric Garcia

Richard Thompson