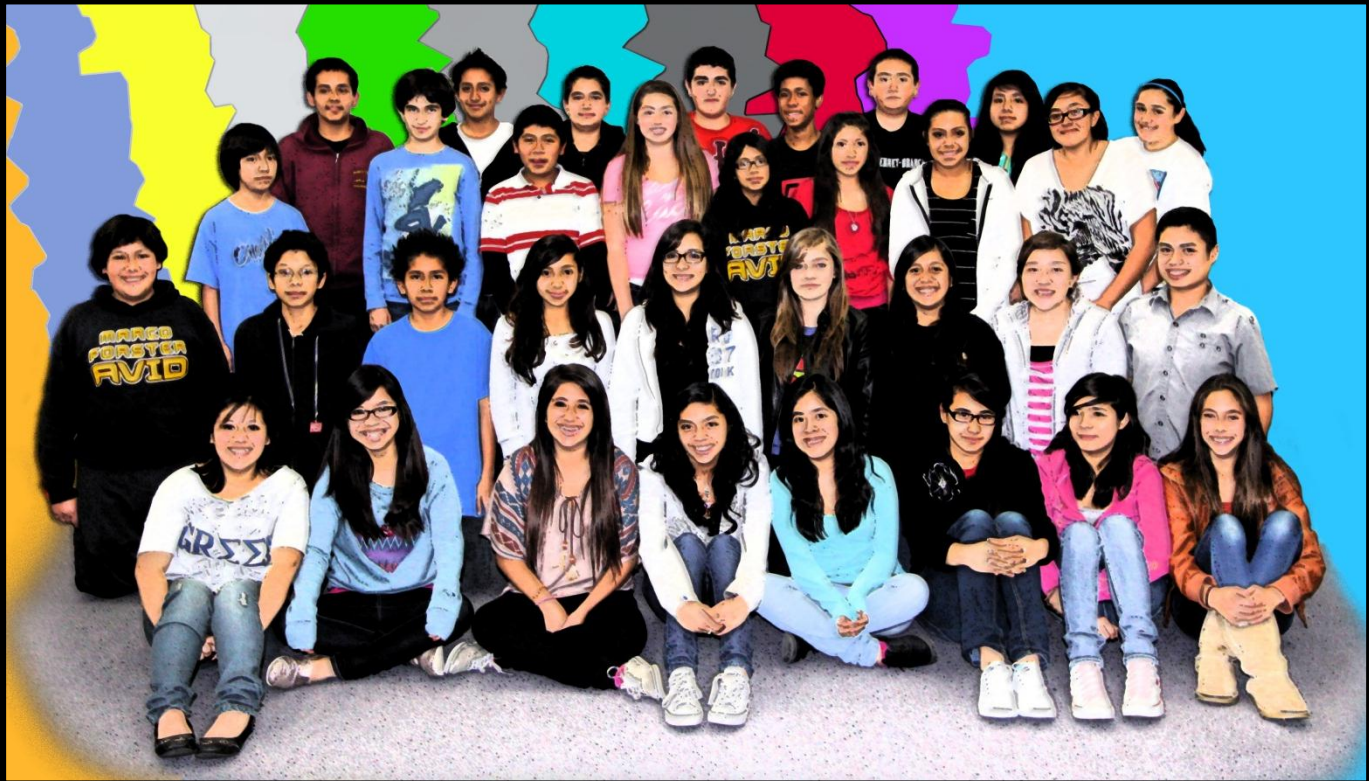




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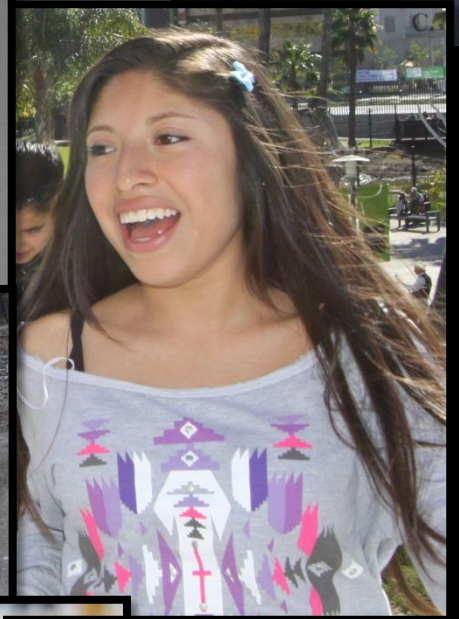
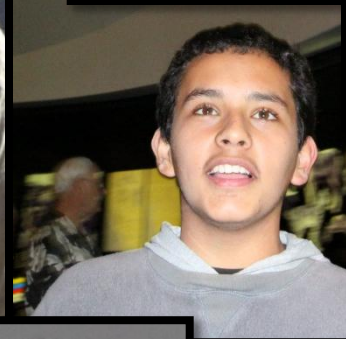
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**Marco Foster Middle School
AVID 2009-2012**



Rocio Alarcon
Luis Almanza
Jonathan Antonio
Virydiana Arcos
Sandy Avila
Eunice Cuevas Morelos
Nallely Fuentes
Maritza Garcia
Julian Hawkins
Priscilla Herrera
Francelia Lievanos
Adriana Lugo
Markie Maher
Cristian Marron
Jose Martinez
Marco Muñoz

Edrian Ochoa
Vanessa Olivares
Sarahi Peralta
Arline Perez
Karla Perez
Denise Rafaela-Cruz
Kiana Rajkumar
Adriana Ramos
Gianni Razavi
Vanessa Rodriguez
Lilia Sanchez
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Marco Forster's First 6th Grade AVID Class





AVID Camp

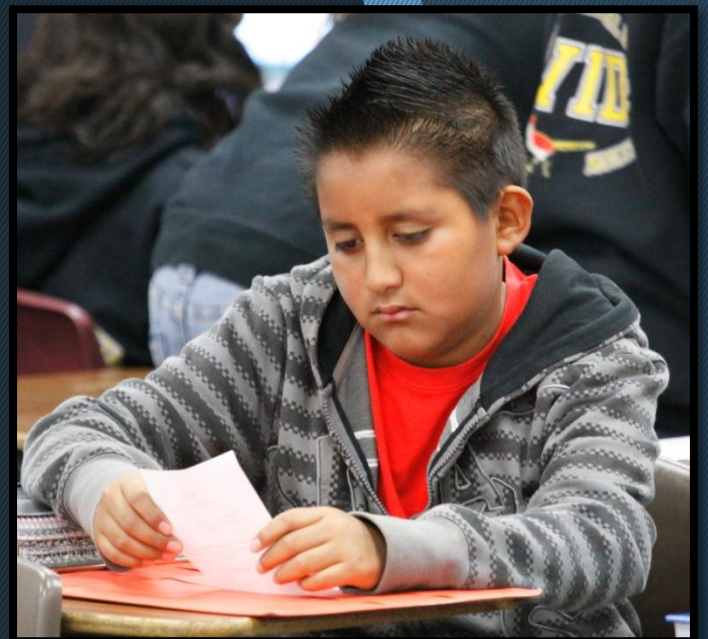
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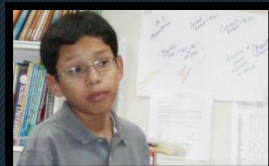
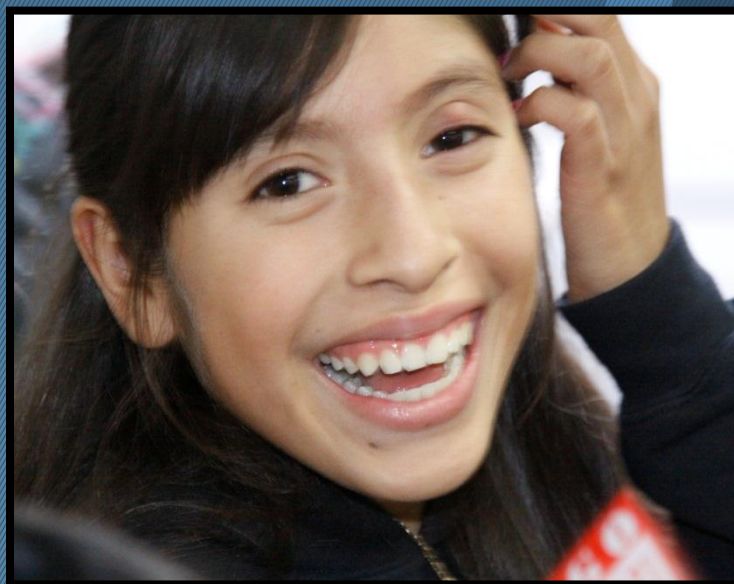
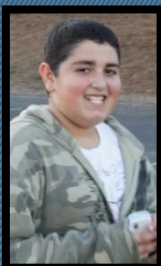


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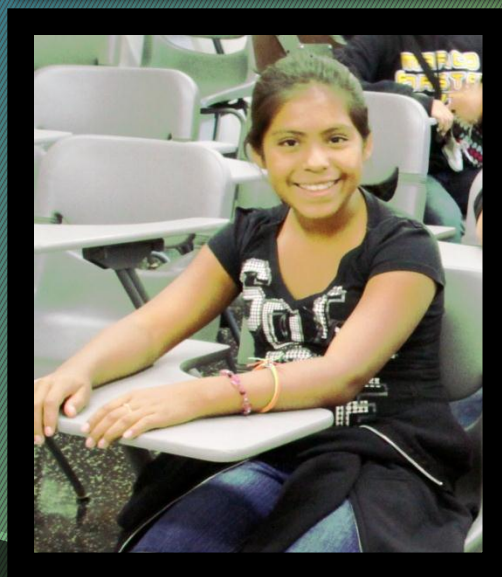
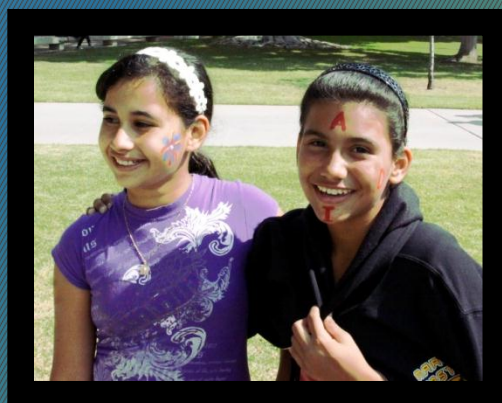
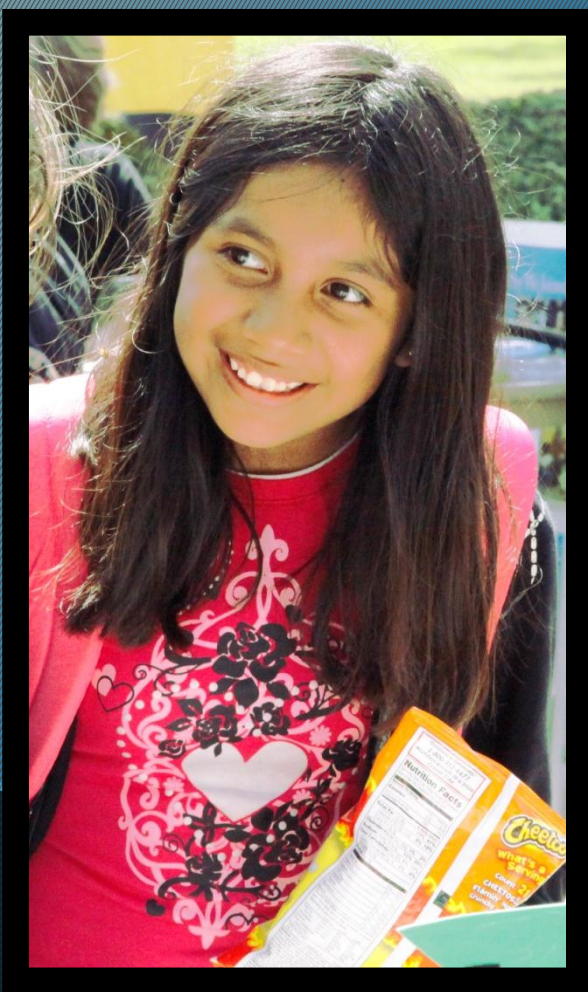
6th Grade



The First Field Trip

Cal State Long Beach

October 7, 2009





SARAHi PERALTA WAS BORN ON APRIL 16, 1998. SHE IS A NiCE GiRL AND A GREAT FRIEND TO EVERYONE. SARAHi HAS BEEN iN AVID FOR THREE YEARS AND HAS MADE MANY FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. DENiSE, FRANCELiA, ROCiO, LiLiA, VANESSA, ADRIANA, AND SANDY ARE SOME OF HER BEST FRIENDS WiTH WHOM SHE HAS MADE MANY MEMORiES iN AVID. ONE OF HER FAVORiTE MEMORiES iN AVID WAS WHEN SHE WENT TO PALM SPRINGS AND CLIMBED MT. SAN JACiNTO. SHE ALSO LiKED GOiNG TO PALM SPRINGS BECAUSE SHE GOT TO HANG OUT WiTH HER FRIENDS iN THE POOL. HANGiNG OUT WiTH HER FRIENDS iS ONE OF SARAHi'S FAVORiTE HOBBiES. ANOTHER OF HER AVID FAVORiTE MEMORiES WAS WHEN SHE WENT TO BOOMERS AND WENT ON THE BUMPER BOATS WiTH WATER GUNS. WHEN SARAHi GRADUATES FROM HiGH SCHOOL, SHE WANTS TO GO TO COLLEGE AT UCLA. AFTER SHE EARNS HER DEGREE AND iS FiNiSHED WiTH COLLEGE, SHE WOULD LiKE TO BECOME A PEDIATRICiAN. SARAHi HAS LOVED HER YEARS iN AVID AND WiLL REMEMBER THEM FOR THE REST OF HER LiFE.

BY MARKiE MAHER

"OUTSTANDING FRIEND"

"ENTHUSIASTIC"

"FUNNY" "SMART"

"THE BEST"

"INTELLIGENT"

"SWEET"

"AWESOME"

"NiCE"

"KiND"

"GREAT STUDENT"

"WONDERFUL"

"TOO COOL"

**Sarahi
Peralta**





Francelia Lievanos is a very nice and smart person. She was born on November 5, 1998, in Cuautla, Morelos, Mexico. Francelia likes to play soccer, and she loves glitter. She also likes to get A's. Francelia likes to sing, dance, and listen to music. She enjoys community service and loves to eat chow mien. Her best friends are Rocio, Vanessa O., Kiana, Nalleli, Adriana L., Vanessa R., Denise, and Sandy. Last but not least, she likes doing community service. Francelia's favorite AVID memory was when she went to Lilia's recognition ceremony. She was very hyper at that time when she grabbed Rocio and Roberto, then she tripped and dragged Roberto down; then she fell. In Francelia's future, she wants to go to UCLA and major in liberal arts. In the future, she wants to become a superintendant of the Capistrano Unified School District.

By Kiana Rajkumar

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| "amazing and extraordinary" | F | L |
| "an intelligent girl" | R | I |
| "an awesome friend" | A | E |
| "sweet" | N | V |
| "determined" | C | A |
| "always nice" | E | N |
| "laughable" | L | O |
| "boy-crazy" | I | S |
| "successful" | A | |
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| "intelligent" | | |
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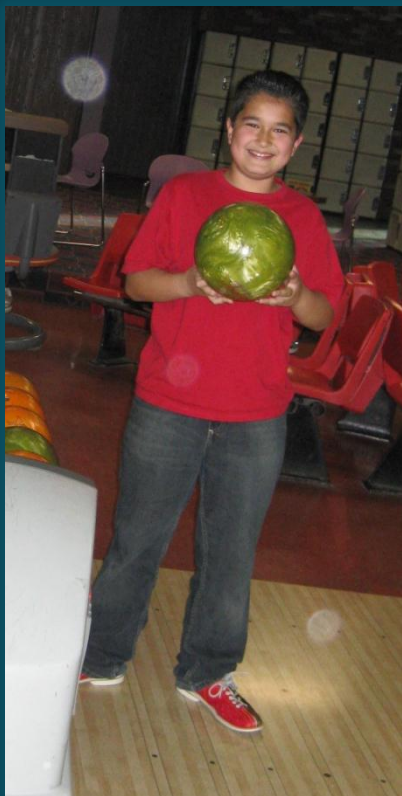
San Diego Zoo

October 24, 2009





AVID Bowling Night



Forest Lanes

February 19, 2010



VANESSA

"wonderful"

"enthusiastic"

"mature"

"wild"

"nice"

RODRIGUEZ

"a gift"

"superb"

"caring"

"always happy"

"my sister"

Vanessa Rodriguez is a thirteen-year-old girl, who was born in May 30, 1998. Vanessa is nice, crazy and has funny characteristics. She likes to dance, sing and enjoys watching 'The Big Bang Theory' on TBS. She loves to eat carrots, be in pictures, and write music. She has been in AVID for three years. Her favorite AVID memory is when she went to Santa Monica Pier, looking at the ocean with her friend, Cristian Marron, as well as going on the rides with her fellow AVID members and spending time with all of her great friends. Vanessa's future is to go to North Eastern University in Boston, Massachusetts and study political science and history. Then she wants to go to law school and become a lawyer.

By Jose Martinez

"intelligent"

"hyper"

"an awesome person"

"amazing"

"energetic"

"supportive"

"always in a good mood"

"BFF"

"sweet"

"funny"

"outgoing"

"smart"



Julian Hawkins is a smart, funny, amazing person. He was born on May 28, 1998. He loves music, football, and running. He also has a cat named Steve. One of his favorite AVID trips was going to Yosemite. His favorite memory from the trip was when he walked across a freezing cold river. Turns out there was a bridge a few feet away. Julian has been in AVID for the past three years. He was one of the many in SRLA to complete the LA Marathon. He will go to San Juan Hills High School. Julian plans to become an engineer at a USC. Julian considers himself--and I quote--"a sexy beast." Again, his words not mine.

By Laura Tellez

"out of his seat"

"a good friend"

"friendly"

"kool kat"

"kool kid"

"intelligent"

"nice"

"amazing kid"

"weird"

"awesome"

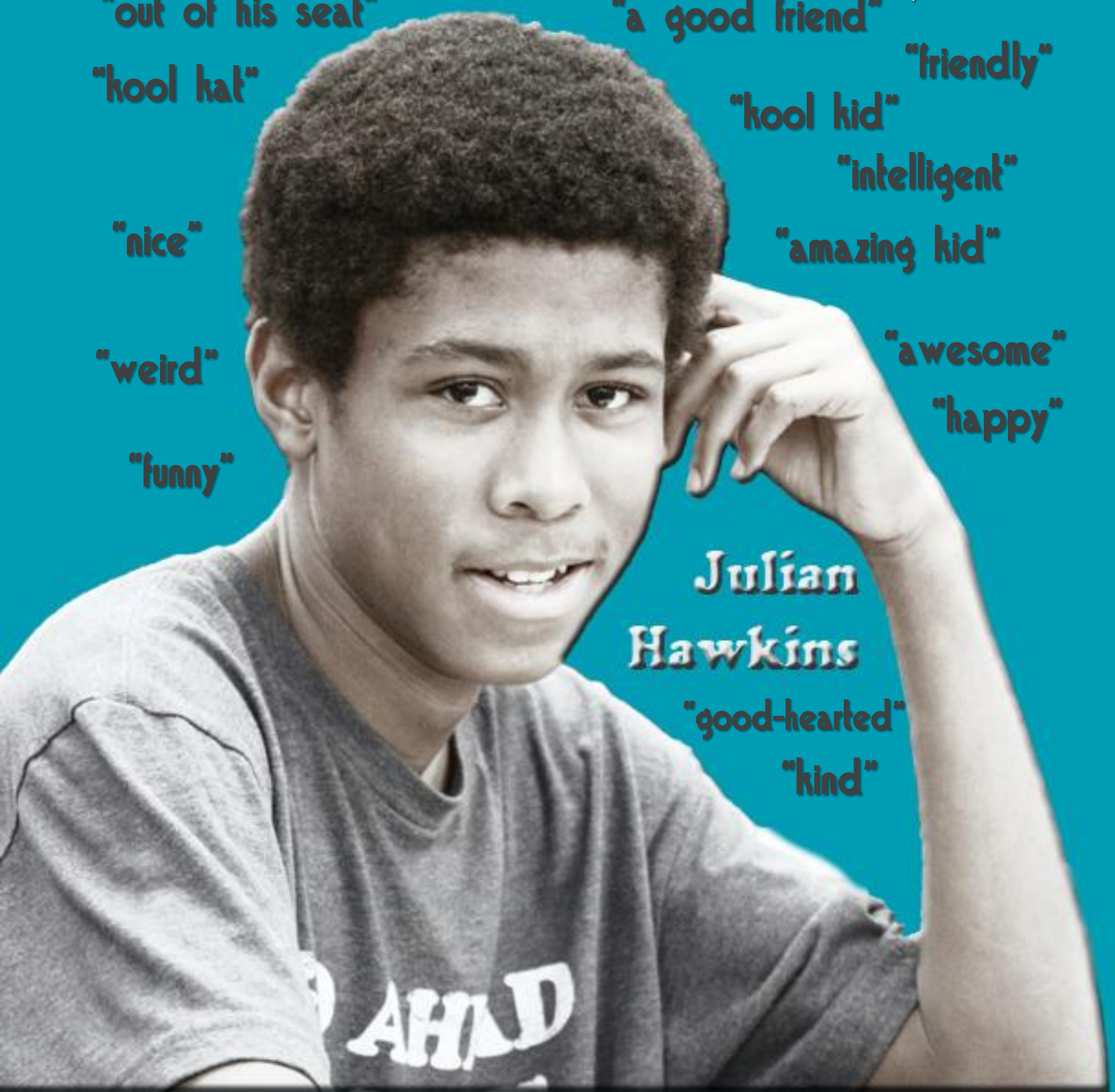
"happy"

"funny"

Julian
Hawkins

"good-hearted"

"kind"





Cal Poly Pomona



January 22, 2010





Swallows Day Parade



March 20, 2010



Boomers

June 18, 2010



Roberto Santana, a very quiet guy, has been in AVID for a year. He was born on October 23, 1998. He is going to Dana Hills High School and plans to go to college. He does not know what college he wants to go to but has plans to live in a house on top of a hill. He likes to watch TV, sleep, eat, and ride his skateboard. His favorite AVID memory was when we went to Knott's Berry Farm. One of his favorite rides was Silver Bullet. He does not know who his best friend is yet, but he has a lot of friends.

By Virydiana Arcos

“great person”

“nice”

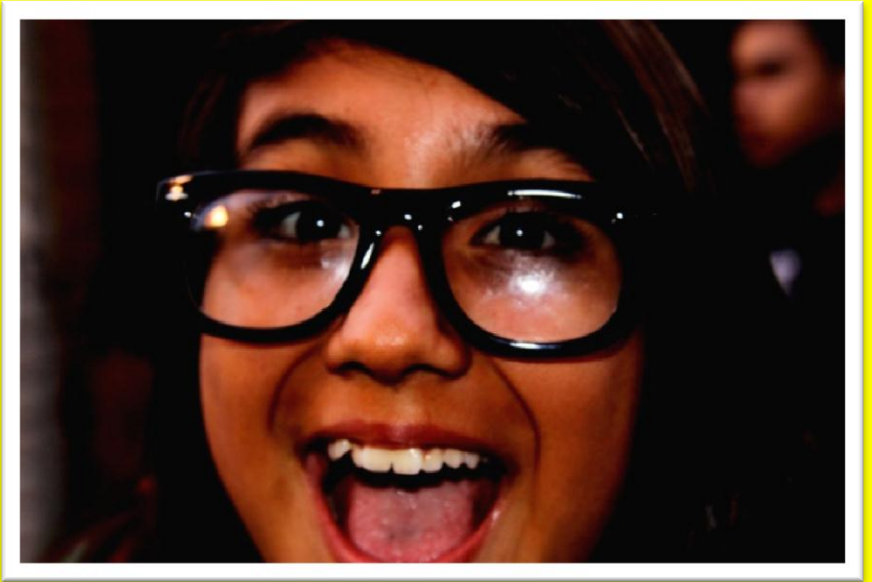
“funny”

Roberto
Santana

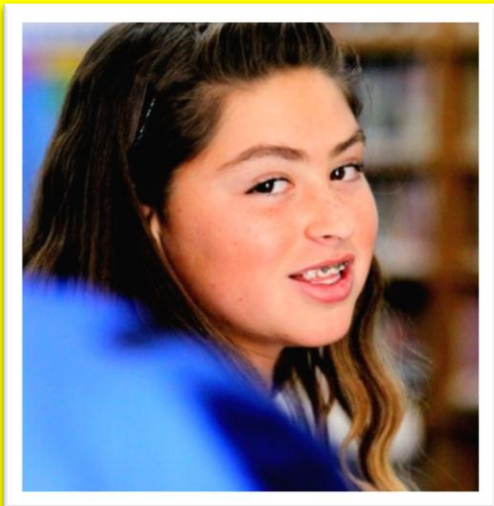
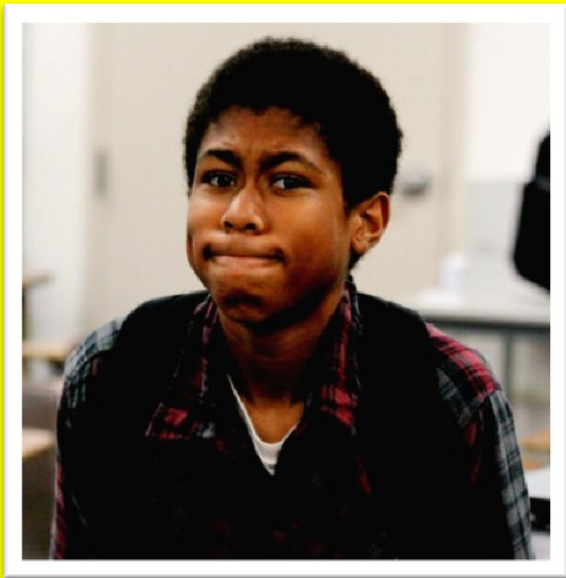
“smart”

“unique”





7th Grade



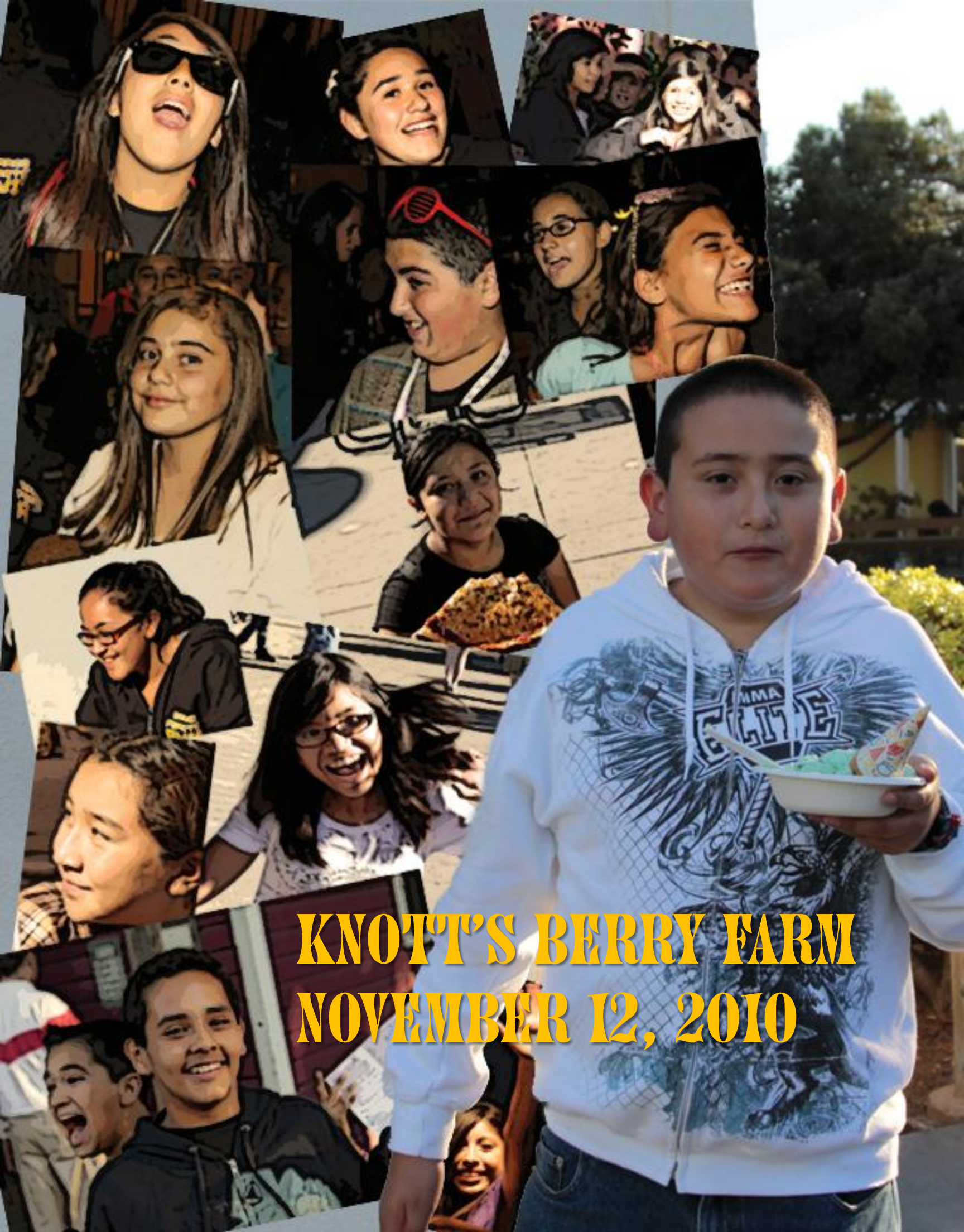




University of San Diego

September 24, 2010





KNOTT'S BERRY FARM
NOVEMBER 12, 2010

“cool”

KARLA PEREZ

“nice”

“sweet”

“quiet”

“funny”

“outstanding”

“friendly”

“wonderful”

“amazing”

“intelligent”

“a hard worker”

“a nice and cool friend”


“fantastic”

“someone everyone loves”

Karla Perez has been in AVID for the three years. She is a very hardworking girl. Some activities she does often are play soccer, run with SRLA, and listen to music. She is a very social person with at least five million friends. Karla loves to laugh and easily gets embarrassed. A person can talk to her without any difficulties. She is a very good person who aims high in life. She also has a great GPA and plans to keep it that way. She plans to become a pediatrician. Some goals she has in life are to help people, become a better person, and love everyone she knows. She is the sister of one brother that drives her insane and has two loving parents. Karla enjoys many types of music except country and rock. The dream college that Karla aims for is UCI. Her favorite memory in AVID was when she went to the AVID classroom while at lunch and made a pyramid with other students. The high school she is going to attend is Dana Hills High School. She is a great person that loves her family and friends.

By Gianni Razavi



A close-up portrait of Rocío Alarcon, a young woman with long, dark, wavy hair, looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile. She is wearing a light-colored jacket with a white fur-lined hood.

Rocío Alarcon was born on September 28, 1998 in Anaheim, and she is thirteen years old. She enjoys listening to music, singing, and reading. She has been in AVID for two years. Her favorite kind of food is Chinese food, and she has two brothers and one sister. She has a pet unicorn named Sparkles. Rocío will be attending St. Margaret's High School next year. After high school, she wants to graduate from the university of Columbia and be a pediatrician. Her favorite AVID memory was when she went to LA Walk of Fame, because the Michael Jackson impersonator was staring at her and Francelia. Rocío is funny, weird, and imaginative, she is a great friend, and she will be very successful in the future.

By Vanessa Olivares

"funny"

"a great friend"

"the most amazing
BFF in the world"

"smart, intelligent, hard worker"

"strong"

"cool"

"will be what
she wants to
be in life"

Rocío

"phenomenal"

Alarcon

"kind"

"sweet"



DECEMBER 8, 2011
CAL STATE FULLERTON



One cold February 6th morning in 1998, Mr. Jose “Pepe” Martinez was brought into this world. Fourteen-year-old Jose, AVID member for three years, likes to play soccer all day everyday. Pepe enjoys playing a lot of video games like Call of Duty and FIFA. Jose loves to hang-out with his friends Alex and Tony but also adores sleeping in most of the day! Pepe’s favorite AVID memory took place at Knott’s Berry Farm, where he rode the crazy taco cups with sombreros over and over again because he never got tired of them! Jose will be attending San Juan Hills High School for the next four years, and he will hopefully earn a 3.0 GPA. After high school, just like his older brother, he wishes to attend Cal State Fullerton. There, he will study criminal justice and soon enough become a crime scene investigator. Jose might be a quiet student in the classroom, but outside, he has a very explosive and humorous personality.

By Vanessa Rodriguez

“like a big brother”

“funny”

“extraordinary”

“gamer”

“cool”

“soccer lover”

“spikey-haired”

“amazing”

Jose Martinez



Huntington Library
January 22, 2011





Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier
January 22, 2011





**“friendly” “supportive”
“awesome and great friend”
“artistic” “good heart”
“nice girl” “witty”
“kind” “wonderful”
“sweet” “my best friend”
“imaginative”
“talented” “pleasant”**

Laura Tellez was born on December 29,1998 in Mission Viejo. Laura has been in AVID for all three years, and is an amazing student. She has gotten outstanding grades in all three years of middle school. Although she is quiet, she has many friends, hobbies, and activities to do outside of school. Laura enjoys drawing, painting, listening to music, and laughing at people. Another hobby she has is playing softball; she loves to play softball. Some of her favorite AVID memories are when she almost fell down a hill at Yosemite, and when the baby spit on Jonathon at Safari Park. Laura plans to go to San Juan Hills High School, then go to Penn State University for forensics or for film/book criticism.

By Julian Hawkins

LAURA

TELLEZ

“Maritza’s BFFAFAE”



Saddleback College

March 25, 2011



Yosemite 2011 was a year to remember. From snow ball fights, to climbing steep trails, to being attacked by a bear, Yosemite was an exhilarating experience. All these exciting events made Yosemite memorable, but the night hike on April 6, 2011 stood out to me the most. Most people go to Yosemite to experience its shiny days, its fresh air, and its beautiful scenes, but on this particular night we had other things in mind.

The air was fresh and moist as we all gathered around in front of our cabin at about eight-thirty in the night. We all had thick layers of clothing on: from two pairs of socks, to two jackets, to gloves and wool hats. We left on our journey, as we were leaving we crushed the white snow with our feet as we found the pavement of the road. The walk was not far to get to the forest, it was about ten minutes. My stomach was filling with excitement and fear at the time.

I thought to myself, "What if I see a bear? What if I get separated? What if I get lost and they can't find me, and then what will I do?" All these thoughts filled my head as we head for our journey.

Once we got to the bridge I was scared. I wanted to back out but something in the back of my mind told me to keep going, it would be worth it. As we stepped on the bridge I was a little scared. I was holding on to Markie Maher and I could feel myself and Markie shaking. The bridge not very long, it was about 30 feet. As we crossed bridge we heard many frogs, they each had their own rhythmic patter. As we stepped off the bridge a chill and rush went up my spine. I was excited.

We started on our adventure. We heard many things and creatures in the night. We were deep in the forest; everything was silent, almost too silent.

All of a sudden we heard, "Rawwwrrr!"

Me and Markie hold on to each other tighter. We do not want to keep going but there is no turning back now. We heard shaking, rumbling, and distance foot prints in the night. We were all shocked in fear. I felt like someone was staring at me, then out of the corner of my eye I see eyes staring at us. They looked green from a distance. I screamed and told everyone. We all started to panic. There was fear in our eyes as we started walking back. We saw objects getting closer. Then the object jumped out, almost as if it were to attack us. To our surprise, we saw that they were people, a group of about seven men and woman, also on a nighttime adventure. We felt calm and decided to walk back. Again we crossed the river hearing frogs sing us a goodbye song.

As we stepped onto the road all of us breathed a sigh of relief. We all talked about our expressions, thoughts, and reactions. We got to our cabins. Our cabin greeted us with a warm delight and our blankets called to us. They were warm, and friendly, even though the night had brought us chills and fright. The Yosemite night hike was a time to remember.

By Francelia Lievanos



On June 17, 2011, my class was getting ready to leave Marco Forster to Boomers. I went in the bus with my friends and heard the bus getting ready to leave, "vroom."

When we got to Boomers, I got down from the bus and waited for Mr. Gerow to give us a card so we could get on rides. I asked my friends Vanessa, Denise, Lilia, and Sarahi, "What rides do you guys want to get on first?"

They said, "We want to get on the Blaster Boat."

We went to the line and waited. When it was our time, we got on our boat and started shooting water. I saw my friends planning something, and I knew they were going to do something to me. It was that time when they all started shooting me water. I did not get mad, but started shooting them water too.

After we got off the ride, we went to eat some food. Denise said, "Yummy it's delicious."


I ate until I got full. After that, we went to play Laser Tag. The line was also long, but we still waited. Vanessa O. asked, "When is this line going to move faster!?"

I told her, "Calm yourself down." She then calmed herself down.

In that game my head started to hurt. I didn't go on more games, but just waited for Mr. Gerow to tell us we were leaving. When the fun was over, he told us to get ready to leave. We went outside and went on the bus. Mr. Gerow counted us so he could know everybody was there. We then left to school and that was the best memory I had in seventh grade.

By Adriana Lugo





It was 9:00 AM when we all met up at Marco Forster to get ready to go to Yosemite National Park. We would be staying there for four days April 4 through April 7, and it would be seventh graders and eighth graders that would be going. We had to put all of our supplies and luggage inside of the cars and once done we drove off to our destination. The drive to get there was a lot longer than I had expected; it took ten hours to get there so of course we stopped at a lot of places. We stopped at a mall to eat, at a Raisin Box Store, a pizza restaurant, a gasoline station, and for fun stopped to play around in snow as we got closer to our destination. By the time we got to our camp site it was dark so we unpacked quickly and later we slept to get ready for tomorrow. We would be doing a lot of activities tomorrow to further discover the history and beauty of Yosemite.

The next day we first ate our breakfast which was a buffet. After everyone was done eating, we went on our first hike to Mirror Lake. As we were going to the lake, there was a large thundering noise and Gianni, Edrian, and I looked around to find the source of this sound and found that there was an avalanche occurring on the side of the cliff far away it was scary but beautiful at the same time. We finally arrived at the lake and found that the lake was so calm and reflected the image of the mountain as if it were a mirror. Later, we returned to our cabins and had free time and the day went by. Later that day, the entire group went to this trail and it passed by a double water fall, a skinny one that then leads to another one, and it was amazing to watch a creation this wonderful made naturally.

The next day was the last full day we would be in Yosemite because the next day we would all leave in the morning. We still had one more hike, and it would be the most amazing hike. The trail led straight to this massive waterfall; it was so awesome because I have never seen a waterfall like it. Though, it was spectacular, the trail was really dangerous because it was very thin and if you fell you would end up in the fast moving rapids that is fed by the waterfall. Also, it may contain rock in it or it may be shallow. We were trying to get to the top of the waterfall, but for some reason it was closed, so we could not go to the top. It disappointed us that we could not go so we made our way back down the trail to our cabins.

This was the last hike we would be going on in Yosemite, the last time to actually admire the beauty and amazing wonders of the forest. Later, we went on a night hike and went to an abandoned stage. Some of the kids started acting on it playing around. That may have been one of the best times spent at Yosemite; we enjoyed the moment so much. I was sad to leave from that place; it was so fun, but it was really dark and it would be a lot harder to get back to camp. When we arrived at our cabins, we spent most of the time just talking about how we spent the night. It would forever be in our memories as being one of the best and most fun parts of Yosemite.

As we got up, it started to snow--the first time ever I have seen snow falling, and the sight was spectacular; it surprised me so much. I wished I could have stayed more to watch more of the snow falling, but we had to or it might get more difficult to drive if we waited any longer. We packed everything into our cars and drove off back to home. This time, the drive was not as long, so we got home faster, and once we had arrived our moods were both happy and sad. Happy because we were back home but sad that we left Yosemite because we had left a very beautiful place behind us. I learned a lot on this trip. One was to enjoy the beauty that this planet gives to us and to always cherish it in our hearts. Another was I bonded a lot more with my friends and even made new friends and these are two things I will never forget about Yosemite National Park.

By Lius Almanza



Yosemite 2011

It was 9:00 AM. The sun was barely coming up and the day was the start of a good week. I was to leave on a AVID field trip to Yosemite. When I arrived I was really excited and could tell that all my friends that went were too. Luis, Edrian, and Julian went on the trip as well. As soon as everyone arrived, we all settled into a vehicle and left to Yosemite. I went with Mrs. Southhall and a couple of other students. The drive was long and felt like it was forever. Our first stop was at the Bakersfield mall and something very interesting happened there. When we went to go eat at Panda Express, I ordered chow mien and in the chow mien was a giant piece of lettuce which seemed like it was implying something about my dietary habits making everyone laugh. After having a nice laugh about the event, we soon drove to a raisin factory with the world's biggest raisin box. The sight of the box was amazing, and after taking a couple pictures, we entered the building and observed it. Edrian, Luis, and I were thirsty so we decided to go get a sip at the drinking fountain, but soon found out that the water wasn't clear and looked very disgusting, but Edrian and me didn't mind it and drank away. Luis was very picky and decided that he was too good for the water. After examining the dirty water, we went into the gift store which was full of raisin-related things. We just looked around and found nothing really interesting except for some samples which we took advantage of. Soon after, we left to Yosemite, but on the way we stopped for pizza, which was delicious. Before we got to Yosemite, we stopped and had a snow ball fight which was crazy, but in the process of the fight some of the cars got hit and my phone got scratches on it. The snowball fight lasted at least ten minutes, and soon after we started to drive again.

After about thirty minutes we went through a tunnel which lead to Yosemite Valley, and it seemed like an abyss due to how dark it was. After going in and out of the tunnel, we noticed a great view of Yosemite! So the teachers decided to pull over and take pictures of the wonderful view. The teachers got every student in a group and took pictures of them too. After admiring and taking pictures of the view, we took off again, and while driving, I fell asleep waking up in the camp we were going to stay at. Everyone unpacked their belongings after Mr. Gerow told us what cabins we had and who we were sharing them with. I stayed in a cabin with Edrian and an eighth grader named Julio who was a pretty cool guy. Julian and Luis had to share a cabin with just the two of them. It was very dark out, and after unpacking, we just stayed in the cabin and talked. I learned a lot about Julio, and he told me a lot about the other eighth graders who were all girls except him. I was awake texting one of my friends that night after talking. I think I fell asleep around eleven o' clock that night.

The next day we woke up around seven o' clock, even though we couldn't sleep at all due to it being so cold the night before. As soon as I awoke, I went and took a shower. After the shower, we had some breakfast, and while eating Mr. Gerow announced that we were going on our first hike to Mirror Lake. After eating, we left on our hike, and when we arrived to the entrance of the trail, I grouped up with Edrian and them. The first thing I noticed while walking the trail was a river going down, and it looked very nice. After walking for a while, we encountered Mirror Lake which was breathtaking because it had the reflection of everything, and it looked like another world within it. We stayed at Mirror Lake for a while, and after acknowledging it, we continued on the trail to a field which was covered in snow, and while at the field, an avalanche happened, but it was far away, so it couldn't harm any of us. We left the hiking area and returned to the bus to go eat.

The bus dropped us off at a food area next to a souvenir store, and I got to purchase something from the store. After eating, we walked to an Indian museum. Next to the museum was a cemetery that we got to go look at. The museum and cemetery were very fascinating. We walked from the museum to Yosemite Falls which was tiring. The waterfall was connected to another waterfall, and when we got near the waterfall, the water splashed off making it feel like it was raining. Mr. Gerow organized two groups to take pictures by grade. While we were walking back from the waterfall, we noticed some caves that we decided to explore. Most students were worrying about a bear inside the cave, but obviously there weren't any bears. After the caves, we left to our cabins. When we arrived at the cabins, we just rested until the night hike.

When we left for the night hike, the first thing we crossed was a bridge, and to the right of the bridge we heard a frog croaking. After crossing the bridge, we were in the forest area, and all the girls were scared of wild animals attacking, so they all clung to the guys for protection. The ground was either grassy or covered in snow making it hard to walk in. Mr. Gerow scared everyone by making it seem like there were animals around. We walked far out into the forest area until we stopped at a little river. We turned back and headed to our cabins. As soon as we got our cabins, I went to the showers and then directly to bed, which was difficult to sleep in since it was freezing. That night, a bear attack happened near the girls cabin because they forgot to lock their bear cabins and some food was left out. The rangers came and dealt with the situation like pros, but the girls were traumatized by the attack.

The next morning, I awoke around six and took a shower. After the shower, I went with Edrian and Julio to go get breakfast which was delicious. Some other students joined us while we ate, and then right after eating we left to our cabins. Mr. Gerow was near the cabins, and when we saw him he told us that we were going on the hike to Vernal Falls. When we arrived, Mr. Gerow told us to have water with us because the hike is very tiring. I walked the hike with Betsy, an eighth grade girl, and Julio. For most of the hike, I was on the phone taking pictures and talking to a friend. The trail was very wet, so we worried about slipping off the trail. There was a lot of snow on the trail so some of the kids took advantage and started throwing snowballs. There were many puddles of water on the trail up so many people, mostly girls, were trying to find ways to not step in them such as trying to get piggy back rides. When we got to the highest point, Mr. Gerow told us that we couldn't go any higher because snow was blocking most of the trail up. When we started going back, I went by myself and was in very front while everyone was way back using a rope to help them all get back down. When I got to the very bottom, I was waiting for everyone just to scare them but no one got scared when I popped out.

After the hike, we went to go eat lunch, and the day continued with us watching a movie called the *Spirit of Yosemite*. The movie was very informational but overall was very boring. We left back to our cabins after and rested for a bit. That night we went on a night hike that was pretty cool. We walked over out into the woods and in the woods there was a stage with a bunch of seats. Students would go on the stage and would either answer questions that Mr. Gerow had for them or would be scared by Julian and me. After the questioning and scares, Julian was dared by all the girls to show his six pack, which was awkward for all the guys, but Julian did it any ways. We all took pictures on the stage before leaving the area. We left to the camp sight and still had some time to spare, so we went to another cabin where everyone socialized. We went to our cabins after the time was nine o' clock, and that night sleeping wasn't that bad. The next day, we went to the school where everyone said goodbye, and then all went to their homes.

Nallely Fuentes is a unique person. One thing she likes to do is to play soccer after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Another thing she is interested in is playing with her friends. She also likes to take care of her two sisters and other cousins whom she loves. An activity she is interested in is swimming in the pool on a hot summer day. One of Nallely's favorite AVID memories was she went to Knott's Berry Farm because all of her friends were there, and there were a lot of thrilling rides to go on. In the future, she hopes to be an obstetrician and gynecologist. Another thing she wants in her future is to live a happy life and live in a house on top of the hill.

By Shayan Sheikholeslami

"makes everyone around her happy"

"awesome"

"kind"

"fashionably sweet"

"amazing"

"a nice friend"

"a good friend"

"incredible"

"wonderful"

"fantastically nice"

"a funny friend"

"silly"

"a sweetheart"



Nallely Fuentes

On the third day of the Yosemite trip, we had just left a restaurant when Mr. Gerow announced, "You guys have the option to ride the shuttle bus back to the cabins or walk there with me."



I needed the exercise, so I went with Mr. Gerow. On the way, we had snowball fights and played in the snow. After that, we continued walking. While we were walking, we came across a river. The river was way too big to jump, and there was no other way to cross it. I suggested, "Let's cross it." Edrian agreed with me, and we decided to cross the river. We stepped into the freezing cold water, and crossed.

When we were about halfway across, Mr. Gerow pointed and declared to everyone, "Hey, let's go across that bridge over there."

Edrian and I stared angrily at Mr. Gerow, and finished crossing the river. The rest of the walk was long and cold for Edrian and me. The moral of this story is "Always look for a bridge before you decide to cross a river."

By Julian Hawkins



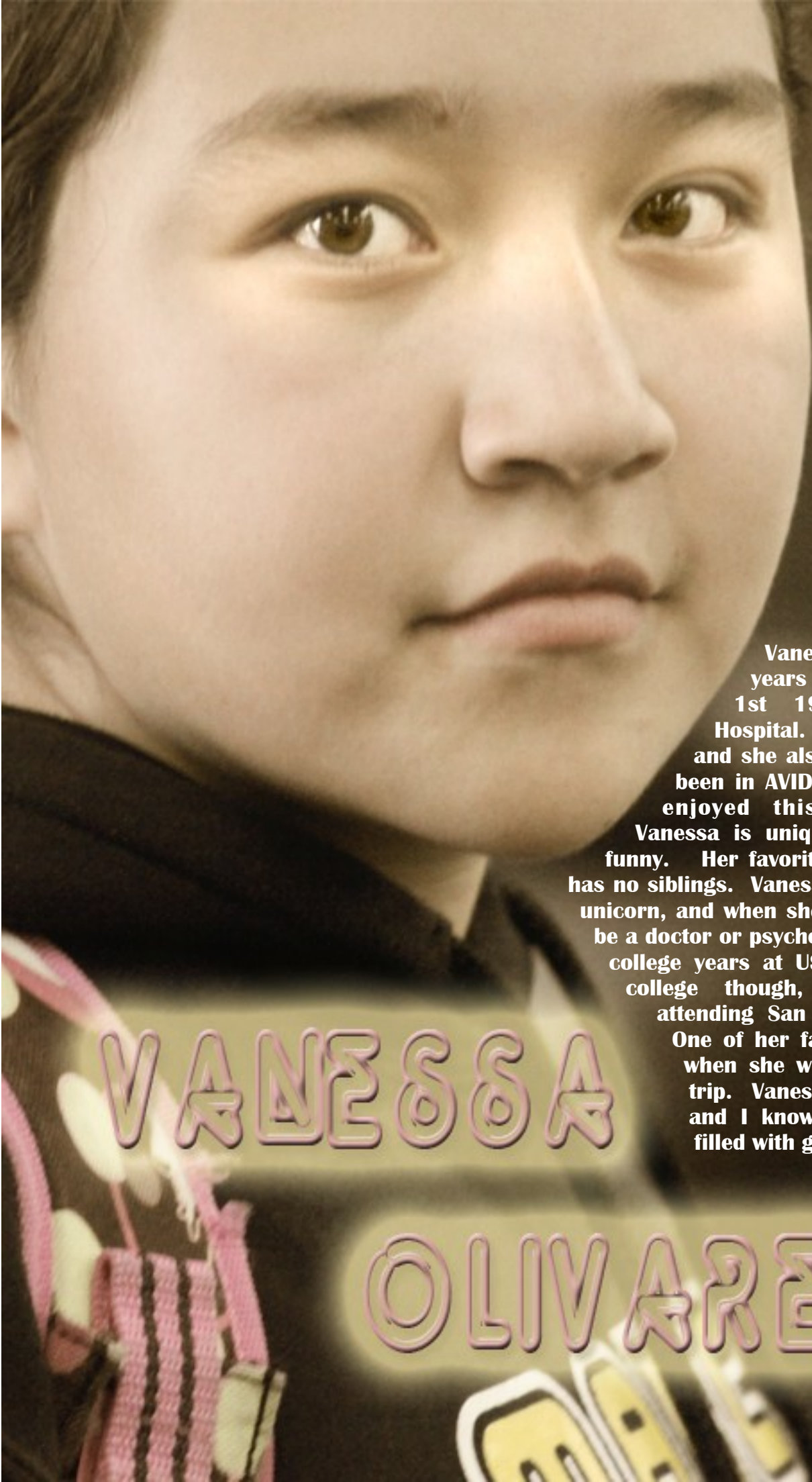
A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair, looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

Denise Rafaela-Cruz

Denise Rafaela-Cruz was brought into the world on September 11, 1998. She is a nice, smart girl and friend to everyone. She enjoys listening to music, eating shrimp, and playing with her bunnies. Throughout her years of AVID, she has created so many memorable moments. One moment that she looks back to today is when she went to Boomers. She had so much fun on the bumper boats and had a fun time with her friends. She also remembers going to Palm Springs and climbing Mt. San Jacinto, and kicking it at the hotel pool. Denise wants to attend UCLA when she is older. She also wants to go to medical school and become a family physician. Denise has loved being in AVID and will always remember her years here.

By Maritza Garcia

“hard worker” “amazing” “funny” “humorous” “a wonderful person”
“sweet” “great” “a good, honest friend” “nice” “fantastic” “awesome”
“outstanding” “super” “too cool” “kind” “the best”
“good” “a nice friend” “wonderful” “a treasure”
“nicest, kindest, most trustworthy friend”



“extraordinary”

“good-hearted”

“awesome friend”

“hilarious”

“funny”

“nice” “really clever”

“too cool”

“amazing”

“super funny friend”

“smart”

“silly”

“neat” “laughable”

Vanessa Olivares is fourteen years old and was born on April 1st 1998 in Mission Viejo Hospital. She enjoys watching TV, and she also likes to read. She has been in AVID for three years and has enjoyed this memory-filled time. Vanessa is unique, quiet, shy, and very funny. Her favorite food is pasta, and she has no siblings. Vanessa has a bunny and a pet unicorn, and when she grows up, she wants to be a doctor or psychologist, after finishing her college years at USC. Before she goes to college though, she is planning on attending San Juan Hills High School. One of her favorite AVID memories is when she went on the Palm Springs trip. Vanessa is an awesome friend, and I know that her future will be filled with great things.

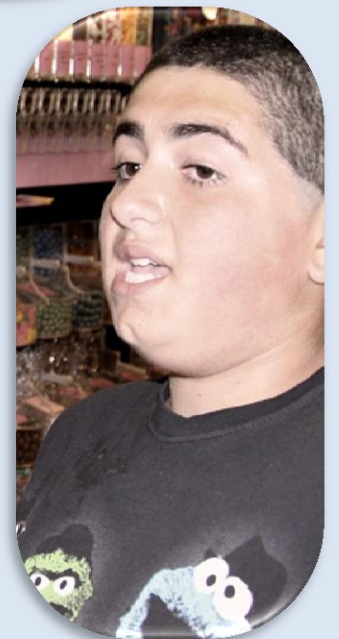
By Rocio Alarcon

VANESSA

OLIVARES



UCLA
May 25, 2011





Free
Hugs

Arline Perez has the best sense of humor in the whole world. She will laugh about almost anything you make a joke of. She loves laughing all the time. Also, she loves making people laugh, to join her in her never ending hysterical laugh. There is never a day when she is not loud, crazy, and weird. It is who she is; she can never stop. She has no best friend because everyone is her friend. She loves everyone equally, and everyone knows that. Also, she is a very nice person and is kind to everyone no matter who they maybe. When she is not busy, she listens to music.

She was born on November 12, 1998. When she grows up, she wants to be in the Marines or Air Force. After Marco Forster Middle School, Arline will be attending Capo Valley High School. Then she plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona, a college that she has visited and loved. Her favorite memory in AVID is when she went to Yosemite National Park in eighth grade because one day she went to Gianni's cabin and started knocking at the door, and he was not responding.

So she looked through the window, and when she did, she thought she heard Gianni fart. She started laughing; that is why this is her favorite and grossest memory ever in AVID. You can see what kind of a person she is, a one of a kind person, and there will never be another person like Arline because she cannot be replaced by anyone. So, whenever you need a laugh you can always count on Arline Perez.

By Luis Almanza



ARLINE Perez

"trustworthy"

"always laughing"

"incredible"

"full of joy"

"friendly"

"hysterical"

"nice"

"contagious laugh"

"funny"

"hilarious"

"smart"

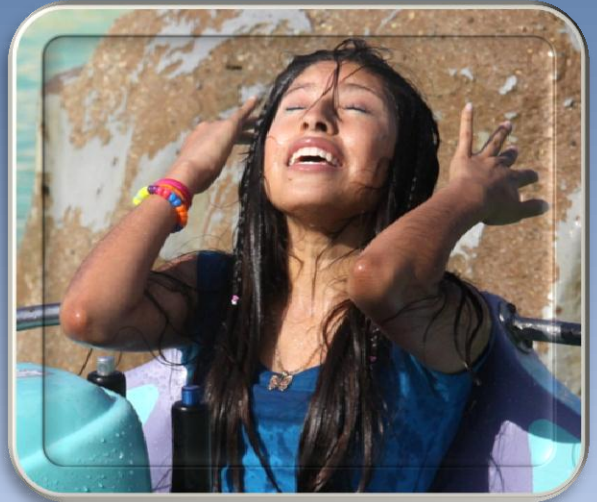
"the best!"

"amazing!"

"loud"

"laughs a lot"

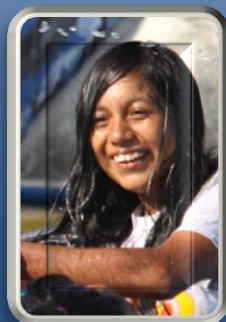
"joyful all the time"





On June 17, 2011, we went on an AVID trip to Boomers. When we got there, it was early in the afternoon. I was so excited to go on the rides with my friends. The first ride I went on was the water boats. I went on the ride with Sarahi, Lilia, Vanessa, and some other friends. While waiting in line to play laser tag, Vanessa and I realize that our white clothes were glowing. After laser tag, Maritza and I went to go eat lunch. There was a really cool fountain drink server. It was touch screen, and it had so many different sodas. When you touched on one soda it had so many different flavors of that kind. When Maritza and I were done eating lunch, we waited in line for the rock climbing wall. There were three different levels of rock climbing. Maritza went on the easiest level while I went on the medium level. We wanted to go again when we were done. We got back in line and did not have to wait for long. After we climbed the wall again, there was no line, so we kept climbing it over and over again. We tried to get to the top of the hardest level, but we could not make it all the way up to touch the button. We wanted to go see if there was still a long line for the go-carts and there was, so we went on a different ride. We went back to the bumper cars, there was still a long ride, but we decided to wait in line. The line was taking so long, and it was almost time to go. There was only fifteen minutes left until we had to be back at the front of Boomers to leave. Maritza and I continued to stay in line and wait. Finally, we got on and we had a lot of fun, but we were concerned that we were going to get into a lot of trouble by Mr. Gerow. When we got off, we sprinted to the front of Boomers. When we got there, we realized we were already late. To this day, Mr. Gerow still talks about how we used our last three minutes on the go-carts.

By Markie Maher





Swallows Day Parade
March 20, 2010



Yosemite
April 5, 2011



December 17, 2009



AVID Party
November 20, 2009



Boomers
June 18, 2010



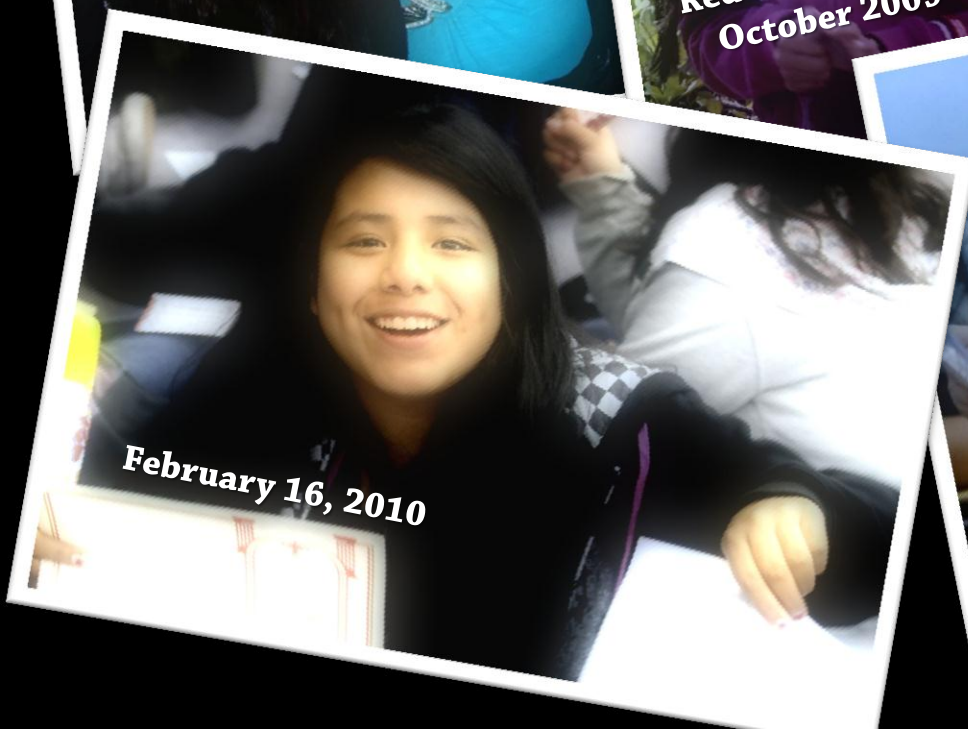
Family Night
October 21, 2010



Red Ribbon Week
October 2009



Knott's Berry Farm
November 2011



February 16, 2010



September 15, 2009

Intelligent, nice, and one of a kind, Luis Almanza has been achieving many things throughout his life. Luis always works to do his best in school and never gives up. Luis is a one of kind student because he loves to read in his free time and loves to joke around with other student. Luis has a 4.0 GPA for two years and has three years of perfect attendance. Luis was one of the few students who got a full scholarship for St. Margaret's School where he will be attending high school next year. Like other students Luis's major goal is to attend UCLA and graduate with a PHD. Throughout his three years in AVID, Luis' favorite memory was Yosemite because he had a great time meeting new friends and staying away from home. Like other students, Luis will be off to high school and will go to college, but at the end, Luis will never forget his three wonderful years as part of the AVID class of 2012.

By Arline Perez

“really smart”

“a close friend”

“super smart”

“super intelligent”

“creative”

“a great student”

“neat”

“too cool”

“intelligent”

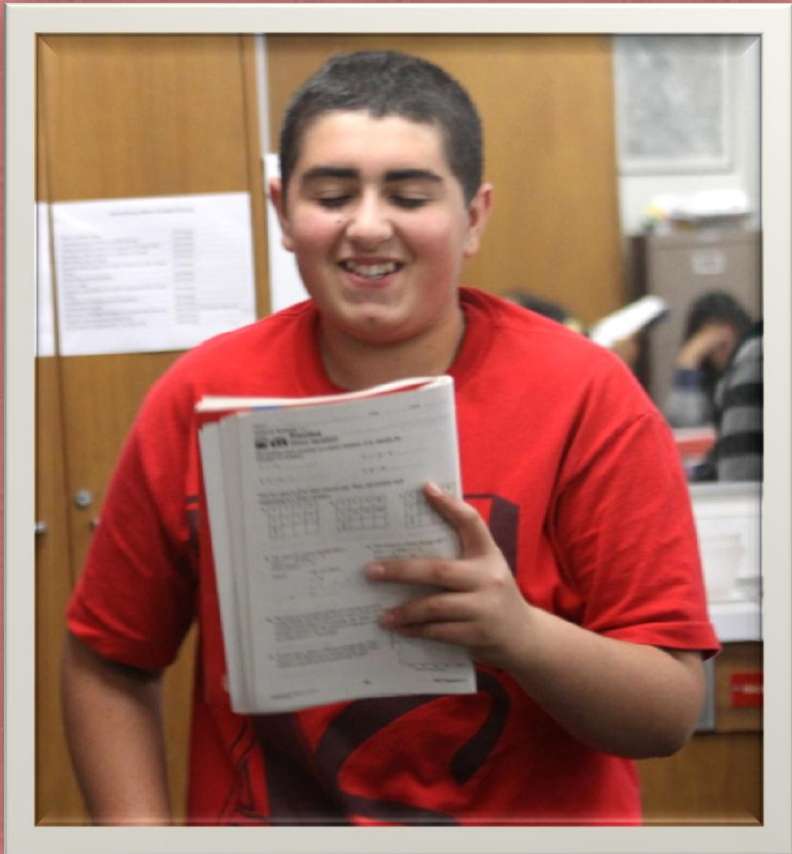
“awesome”

“a genius”

“super”

**Luis
Almanza**

8th Grade





Javier Villegas is a smart person. He likes to read, listen to music, and to play soccer. The college he wants to go to is UCLA. Javier still doesn't know what he wants to be when he grows up. This is Javier's second year in AVID. His favorite AVID memory is when he went to Knott's Berry Farm.

“intelligent”

“awesome”

“smart” “a good reader”

“genius”

“generous”

“great” “clever”

“nice”

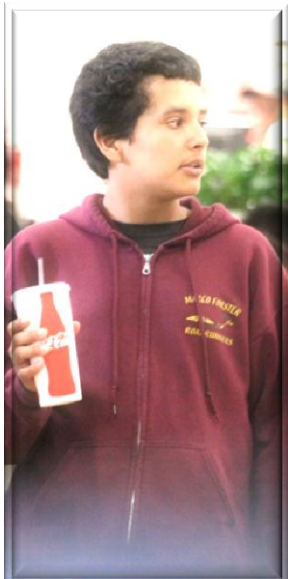
“smart guy who loves to read”

“funny”

Javier

Villegas







It was a cloudy September morning the day AVID took a trip to USC. I think I was the most excited to attend this school only because this is my dream university I want to go to in the future. Anytime I think of the acronym 'USC', I just jump in joy and hope that one day I will get the opportunity to go there. The night before the trip, I even made a shirt exuding with USC spirit, which I wore the next day. Once we arrived at the university, we quickly hopped off the school bus and took a picture in front of a small building. Filled with excitement, I quickly requested we check out some classrooms or the libraries because I just wanted to learn more about the campus. Together with both Mr. Gerow and Ms. Penner, we looked at many classrooms, libraries, athletic departments, and beautiful gardens. Soon enough, the time came to eat lunch at the commons area of the university.

During this whole field trip, I was spending my time with long-time friend, Eunice Cuevas. All of the AVID students ran to either the Carl's Jr. line for a burger, or Panda Express line for some orange chicken. Eunice and I headed for the Carl's Jr. line because we were both craving those soft and salty little fries. After we collected our food, we went back outside to sit down on some large steps right outside where all of the food is sold. Once Eunice got into the fast food line, she started complaining that her stomach was hurting, but we thought it just had to do with being hungry. Once we sat down and ate a little, the surprising thing was that she still was not feeling well.

Since she was still not feeling well after eating, I decided to do something about it. I quickly asked, "Eunice, do you want me to go get you something to make you feel better?"

"No, it's okay. Maybe if I just eat and drink some water I will feel better."

"Are you sure? I can run over to the pharmacy and get something for you, or we can go find a bathroom so you can go if you feel like throwing up."

"Okay. Let's go to the bathroom first then."

"Okay. Let's go then."

We left our belongings with some other students and went to the restroom to see if Eunice would feel better if she would throw up.

Once we got to the fourth floor of the building where the only nearest restroom was located, nothing really changed. I asked, "You feel any better?"

"No. It hurts so badly. I don't know what to do, Vanessa. Please help me!"

"Okay, okay. I'm going to call Arline to go and get you something to get you to throw up because that is going to be only way to make you feel better okay?"

"Okay"

By that time, Eunice was on the floor. Not being able to do anything to make her pain go away, I called Arline's cell phone. She answered and agreed to bring Eunice some pills to make her pain go away for sure. Arline told Ms. Penner what was wrong with Eunice, and she came up to the restroom where I was sitting down with Eunice trying my best to make her feel better. In just a quick minute, Arline got to the restroom where Eunice and I were sitting on the cold restroom floor. She took the two pills, and we decided to go outside so she could get some fresh air. Arline went back with the other AVID students on the rest of the tour, while Ms. Penner, Eunice, and I walked to some benches next to some large tree area so she could relax a little bit.

Exactly five minutes after we had laid down to get fresh air, Eunice sat up and said, "Guys, I think I feel better. I don't feel like I did before. I feel better. Can we go to the bookstore now, Ms. Penn?"

Ms. Penner immediately reacted and asked, "Are you serious? Okay."

The three of us then went to the bookstore for a while before we walked across the street to where the rest of the AVID students were.

At the end of all this, I learned two things: friends stick with friends in the worst of times even if it means giving up touring their dream school, and restroom floors are extremely cold.

By Vanessa Rodriguez

It was the day that Pedro, Jose, Javier, Brian, and I went to USC. We had just finished eating lunch when we had to go to the restroom. We went inside this huge building that had a bunch of science posters in it. We went looking for the restrooms for two minutes because we didn't feel like asking anybody. But then finally we went inside the elevator and found the restroom.

But by the time that I had gotten out, they all had left except for Pedro. When we started to walk, we couldn't find the elevator. But when we did find it, we both saw Markie and Maritza hitting each other with flowers that they got from the trash can. Then while we were waiting for the elevator, they started to hit us with the flowers. When they were done, they had made a huge mess. When the elevator finally came up and we got in it, we saw a nurse screaming at us to come and pick it up. We then pushed the button to go to the first floor and never saw her again.

Later when we saw Markie and Maritza, we asked them why they hit us with the flowers and what the nurse told them. They then told us that they blamed us for the mess and that they had to pick it up. The good thing was that they had to clean it up. The moral of the story is to never leave Maritza and Markie by themselves with a trash can.

By Marco Muñoz





September 26, 2011
**California
Science
Center**



positive
smart

nice
funny

intelligent

gamer

a good guy

kind

awesome, cool kid
loving

phenomenal

hilarious

awesome like a possum

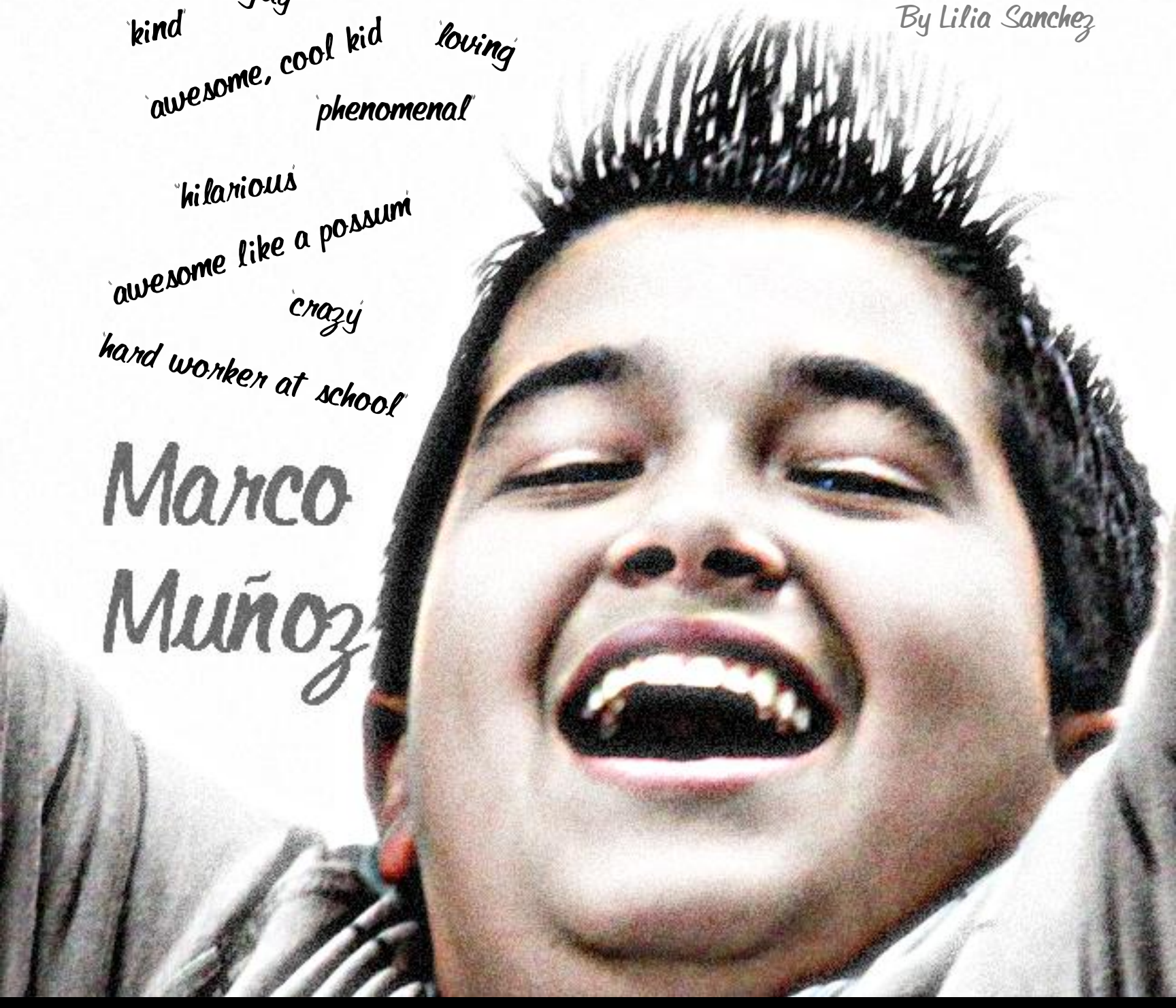
crazy

hard worker at school

Marco Muñoz

Marco Muñoz was born on October 9, 1998 at Mission Viejo Hospital. He has two sisters and one brother. During his free time, Marco likes to play soccer, watch TV, and game it with his neighbor, Carlos. He also likes to hang out with his friends and go to the Boys and Girls Club. He has been in AVID for three years. His favorite memory was at UCI, where his friends and he were pushing each other into the walls (Ms Penner was angry!). In the future, he wants to graduate high school with a 3.80 GPA. He also wants to graduate from UCI and become a doctor or an air pilot. For Marco, these three years have been the best.

By Lilia Sanchez



Palm Springs Mt. San Jacinto



“Wake up,” roared Mrs. Penner from the door, “You have twenty minutes to get ready and go down stairs!” It was 6 AM on a delightful day. We got down stairs, and Mr. Gerow was waiting for us. We piled in to the cars and drove off to eat breakfast. After stopping at Subway, we headed for the great San Jacinto Mountains.

We began by taking the tram up 2,643 feet. We reached the mountain station and stared at our towering journey. The trail was composed of dirt, rock and twigs. The trees were ranging in sizes. Many people take this trail wishing to reach to the top. This was not an easy task, walking seven miles, over 10,000 feet high.

We all started off as one big group, but eventually we separated. Sarahi, Francelia, Maritza, Viry, and I were in first group, with Mr. Gerow. After hours and hours of walking, we made it half-way. We stopped to eat lunch, and I gobbled up my food in less than five minutes. We were about 8,000 feet in the air, and the view was flabbergasting. About half an hour later, the other groups arrived. We decided who was going to go back and who was going to make it to the finish. Only eight out of twenty one, decided to finish. It was another two hours to the top. It was a foot-throbbing, back-breaking job to take the five-mile hike. We started getting closer and closer, with every step we took. We saw the end peaking out behind some rocks. Our throbbing feet were yelling at us to stop, we kept pushing ourselves until we made it. Our last challenge was over; we made it to the peak! Everyone was excited and happy.

The walk back seemed to take forever. Maritza twisted her ankle, and we had to walk back slowly. We got back to the hotel and ended the day with a big SPLASH!

By Lilia Sanchez





October 14-16, 2011

During our “vacation” in Palm Springs, everyone who went had a lot of fun. In the morning, we had to wake up at 6 am to get ready to leave. But first, we went to McDonald’s to eat breakfast because the food in the hotel was not good. After that, we went to Subway to get lunch for the long hike. We climbed Mount San Jacinto on October 15, 2011. It was cold and hard to breathe when we got on the mountain.

We first went up a tram before we got to the mountain, the tram was kind of scary but the view was beautiful. After we hiked for a while, we got tired. Mr. Gerow was all the way in the front, Rob and Mr. Gottank were in the back and most of us were in the middle by ourselves. When Lilia and I stopped to rest, we saw Jonathan and Priscilla eating their lunch before it was time to eat. Then Lilia and I left them and caught up with Mr. Gerow. After we finally caught up with Mr. Gerow, we had to stop because I could not walk anymore and there was a guy behind me. Mr. Gerow thought he might rob me. I was just super tired, so I wasn’t even thinking of what was going on. Then we finally stopped to eat, we were barely half way up the mountain and half of us could not walk anymore. It took us about three hours to get half way to the mountain. Rob and Mr. Gottank went back to the hotel with more than half the kids.

Only three seventh graders and five eighth graders (Francelia, Viry, Maritza, Lilia, and Sarahi) stayed with Mr. Gerow to climb up to the top of the San Jacinto. When we finally got to the top of the mountain everyone was all tired and sore.

The worst part was when we were coming back, because Maritza twisted her ankle and we could not walk fast. Francelia, Viry, Lilia, and I needed to go to the bathroom really badly, so we went ahead by ourselves. Mr. Gerow, Maritza and the three seventh graders had to walk slowly because of Maritza’s ankle. We kept walking for an hour trying to find the bathroom. One of us could not hold it any longer, so she went behind a log. Then we kept on walking because Viry, Francelia, and I still needed to go to the bathroom, but we did not want to go behind the log.

After fifteen minutes of walking, we found the bathrooms but they were nasty. Then we sat on a log and waited for Mr. Gerow to find us. It was dark and we still did not see Mr. Gerow, so we started to yell his name until he replied back. It was around eight when we returned back to the hotel, everyone else that did not go all the way to the top of the mountain was in the pool, we changed and joined them in. We all had a super good time in Palm Springs.

By Sarahi Peralta



HAUNTED HALL

October 20, 2011







On November 11, 2011, we went to Knott's for an AVID field trip. The first ride we went on was Bigfoot Rapids. It was Brian, Jose, Marco, Edrian and me. Brian, Jose, and Edrian went first because Marco was sick and could not get wet. So I stayed with him since we could not leave anyone alone. We waited for about fifteen minutes when they finally came back. They told us that you do not get wet on the ride at all, and that we should go on the ride as well. When Marco finally agreed, we went on, all five of us, and went down the rapids at a quick pace. We were all dry until we got splashed on by a huge wave of water and were soaked clean. Wave after wave hit us, and Marco was complaining non-stop the whole time. After it was over, we were soaked and Marco was complaining about his asthma. We did not get dry until an hour later, when it was starting to get warm at Knott's. The moral of this story is to not go on to a water ride with Marco, especially if he is sick.

By Javier Villegas



Knott's Berry Farm
November 21, 2011



November twenty first, two thousand eleven: the day I realized not all rollercoasters can kill you It was right before lunch, when my older brother, Jorge, Francelia and I thought we should go on a last rollercoaster before we went to eat lunch. We were walking right past Supreme Scream and saw that the line was fairly short, so we decided we should go on that ride. While we were in line waiting, the group In front of us went, and as we watched them, we felt prepared for whatever was coming.

We waited impatiently for them to finish their ride, and before we knew it, we were boarding the ride. Once we got on, Francelia said, "I'm not so sure about going on this ride anymore."

"We have to go, we are already on," I said.

We buckled our seatbelts and the ride started going up. It felt like we were 3000 feet in the air. We were finally all the way up, when the ride suddenly stopped. Francelia screamed for about ten seconds.

"You better start praying," said Jorge.

I had a sudden burst of laughter when I saw that Francelia was actually praying. Suddenly...BOOM! The ride fell about half way down and all anyone could hear was Francelia and I screaming. Then it stopped and repeated for about two minutes.

That's when Francelia said "Is this what dying feels like?" a

And all I could say to her was "Sure, whatever you say."

Once the ride was over, we were all laughing so hard and could barely breathe. This was a very memorable even,t and whenever I remember, all I can do is laugh because it was a very hilarious moment.

By Rocio Alarcon

Eunice Cuevas is a very nice, funny, enthusiastic, and caring girl. She was born on January 10, 1998, and she loves reading, laughing, yelling, and playing with her little sister. She also enjoys making fun of Pricilla's cheeks, dancing, junk food, string cheese, and the saying "got to keep it original." Eunice's favorite AVID memory was when she hid Mr. Gerow's water bottle, clipboard and bouncy ball. She laughed when Mr. Gerow tried to find his things. Eunice has a great future planned for her. After graduating high school, she plans on attending Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts, and she wants to attend medical school and major in biology. She plans on being a pediatrician for premature babies. Eunice is a very caring, joyful, and energetic person.

By Adriana Ramos

"a person I would like to be
friends with again"

"an amazing person"

"nice" "my friend"

"smart and intelligent"

"hilarious"

"too wild"

"determined"

"smart"

"super"

"unique"

**EUNICE
CUEVAS-
MORELOS**

Kiana Rajkumar, a sweet, nice AVID student, was born on November 1, 1997 in Newport Beach, California. She likes to eat pizza, and she writes enormously. She loves to go to the beach and play volleyball. She also enjoys hanging out with friends and going to the pool. Her close friends in AVID are Adriana Lugo, Adriana Ramos, Cristian Marron, Markie Maher, Francelia Lievanos and Nalleli Fuentes. She has had many fun memories in AVID, but her favorite memory was when we were making a new AVID video and everything was pin-drop quiet. As we were about to finish, Lilia Sanchez broke the silence by falling over a box of crayons and markers. Everyone started laughing. For Kiana, it was a day to remember. When she grows up, Kiana wants to go to college and become a dentist. She wants to have the ability to give her friends and family a 50% discount. Even though this was Kiana's first and final year in AVID, she enjoyed every bit of it and had an amazing experience.

By Francelia Lievanos

"a person with a caring heart"

"silly" "awesome"

"amazing" "smart"

"caring" "nice" "friendly"

"sweet" "a nice friend that
waits for me in
the morning"

"cool" "incredible"

"a friend to everyone"

"outgoing"

"loving"



Kiana
Rajkumar



A-U-nee-Say



Archy



Vanessa O



Gianni Razavi



Lugo



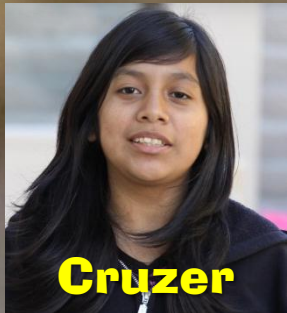
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Maa-Ritza



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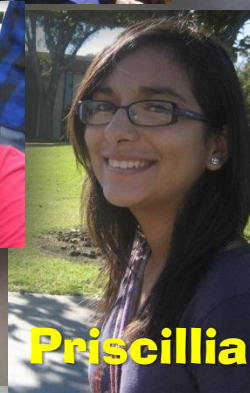
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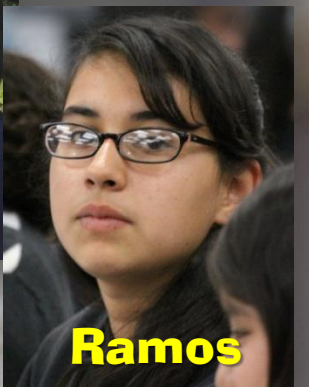
Shayani



Tony



Priscillia



Ramos



Markie Mar



Tell-Ez



Fuenti



**Francielia
Francesca**

Gianni's Most Embarrassing Moments

- Feeling gassy while sleeping at Yosemite National Park
- Bouncing around unconsciously on the bus coming home from UCSD
- Getting caught wearing earphones at Knott's Berry Farm
- Being called "Gianna" by Ms. Barker
- Making Edith angry by hitting her with snowballs
- Being stalked by a girl at Boomers whom he did not know
- When two people thought he was wearing fake eyelashes, but they were real

Future Careers

- Maritza: Broadway Dancer
- Vanessa: Singer
- Markie: Fashionista
- Laura: Artist
- Cristian: Comedian
- Roberto: Mime
- Viry: Hairdresser
- Pedro: Duck Farmer
- Gianni: Community Snack Seller / Counselor
- Julian: Aimless Wanderer

Youngest AVID Students

- Jonathan-11/16/98
- Markie-11/16/98
- Arline-11/12/98
- Francelia-11/5/98
- Sandy-11/1/98
- Nallely-10/30/98
- Roberto-10/23/98
- Viry-10/23/98
- Lilia-10/12/98
- Marco-10/9/98
- Rocio-9/28/98
- Denise-9/11/98

Oldest AVID Students

- Kiana-11/01/97
- Shayan-12/8/97
- Gianni-12/22/97
- Laura-12/25/97
- Eunice-01/10/98
- Adriana Lugo-01/19/98
- Jose-02/06/98
- Pircilla-03/18/98
- Vanessa O.-04/01/98
- Luis-05/15/98

Top 5 AVID Goals

1. Go to high school, and learn.
2. Graduate high school.
3. Go to college, and learn.
4. Graduate college
5. Get a successful job and a house on a hill.

Dear Class of 2012,

I am going to miss you all because I have shared many good times with you all, and I have made very good friends with you guys. I wish I could take you all to where I am going. You are all good students, and do not give up on your learning because it can get you to so many places. Mr. Gerow has been a good AVID teacher because he has taught us many things about high school and college. We have visited many universities, and we now have an idea of how it is going to be like when we graduate high school. Have a great summer. I will miss you all and have fun.



San Diego State University December 7, 2011





It was a hot day on December 7, 2011 when we went to SDSU. After Brian, Pedro, Shayan and I finished our student interviews, we went on our scavenger hunt. Pedro took the pictures of the locations we needed to go to. On our way to the KPBS TV station, we met Marco, Javier, Pepe, and Julian. Together, we took the pictures we until we reached Viejas Arena. Marco, Pepe, Julian, and Javier were lagging, so me, Brian, Pedro, and Shayan took the picture and ditched them. We ran to Tony Gwynn Stadium and hoped we lost Marco, Pepe, Javier, and Julian. When we saw them in the distance, Pedro took the picture, and we ran towards a parking lot.

"Dude, hahaha. I think we're lost in the parking lot," Pedro said.

"You don't say?" Brian said. "It's all Roberto's fault!"

"Me?! What did I do? You were the one who said to ditch them," I replied.

"No that was Pedro!" said Brian.

"Dude it wasn't me, it was Roberto," said Pedro.

"Oh yeah huh. I remember now," I said.

Then, Pedro looked at the map to figure out where we were. Once he found out where we were, we headed towards our last location. Pedro was telling everyone to go faster because we were lagging it. Brian seemed to be tired and slowed down a bit more. When we were getting closer to the bridge that leads to the last location to take a picture, Pedro noticed something.

"Hey guys, I think I see them!" exclaimed Pedro.

Everybody turned around and saw Julian, Javier, Pepe, and Marco advancing toward us. As soon as we saw them, we sprinted to the bridge, except Brian who was jogging, and we started slowing down when we reached the midpoint of the bridge. Then, somehow I tripped over something, and I fell face first. Pedro and Brian were laughing a lot. I eventually got up and started sprinting again.

"I think they're going to catch up to us dude," Brian said.

"Yeah we need to run faster," said Shayan.

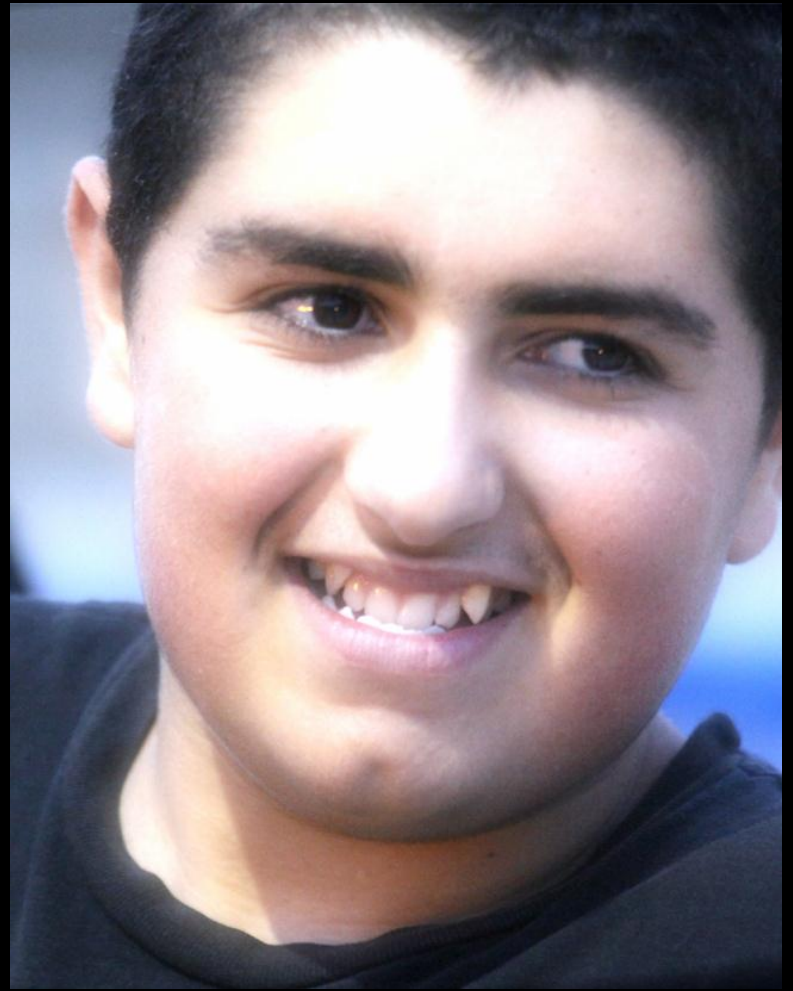
We finally reached the end of the bridge. When I looked behind us, they were probably close to the middle of the bridge. I wasn't sure because I only looked back for two seconds. We saw Edrian and Luis, so we asked them where our last location was. When they told us where it was, we ran to there. After Pedro took the picture, we headed toward the bridge. Marco, Pepe, Javier, and Julian caught up to us and told us that when we ditched them, a man in a golf cart helped them get to their locations. Pedro got frustrated and regretted ditching them.

By Roberto Santana



"mini Dr. Phil"
"generous" "a great friend"
"unique amazing friend" "kind"
"friendly to everyone" "creative"
"a great person"
"my friend" "awesome"
"camp counselor" "one of the best people"
"snack seller"
"a friend to everyone" "kind-hearted"
"talkative" "sensitive to others"
"loving" "everyone's friend"
"a very friendly person" "cool"
"friendly" "a very nice person"
"supportive" "funny" "hard worker"

Gianni



Razavi



Gianni Razavi is a kind, trustworthy friend who likes to play football and walk dogs in his free time. In class, he never stops talking and always has something in his mind. He always treats people with kindness and respect. He could never be serious and could never stay mad at you, for whatever reason it might be. In the future, he will attend San Juan Hills High School. He would like to achieve his goal of going to college. He would like to attend and graduate from USC as a psychiatrist. His motto is to always be kind to others. He quotes, "Live life everyday as if it were your last." His favorite memory was when AVID went to Knott's Berry Farm, and he went on Silver Bullet with some of his AVID friends and persuading Shayan to go on Silver Bullet. He always "volunteers" to sell after school. He is also a great friend to hang around with and works hard to succeed in life.

By Karla Perez

La Brea Tar Pits

February 4, 2012



One sunny day, we met at school to go to the La Brea Tar Pits and Hollywood. Adriana, Laura, Cinthia, and I all decided to go in Mrs. Penner's van because Rob and Jodi's car was full. We were kind of bummed, but it was fine after our journey. We started off awkwardly staring at each other, and when Mr. Gerow's car and Jodi's car would pass, we would act like we were having fun.

We were having the time of our life after we started making inside jokes, and Mrs. Penner didn't get them. While Cinthia was sitting in the front, she decided to put the radio on, and she changed it to KIIS FM. We were singing and annoying Mrs. Penner, and she was enjoying all of it. Until we heard on the radio, "We give a shout to Samantha Cruz from her best friend Laura Martinez." We all thought, "Let's all call; let's all call!" So I took out my phone and called KIIS FM, and it went over seven minutes without being answered.

Then suddenly, "Hello, yes this is KIIS FM. How can I help you?" And that's when our lives changed forever!

I was speechless until Adriana hit me in the shoulder, and I looked at my phone and said, "Yes, hello. Can I give a shout out to Mrs. Penner?"

"Yes, to Mrs. Penner, right?" said KIIS FM.

"Yes, please" I exclaimed.

And they said, "It will be on soon. Thanks bye."

After my phone call, we turned up KIIS FM. We called Adriana, and Cynthia called the other AVID students that went to the field trip and told them to turn on KIIS FM. We were so excited to hear Mrs. Penner's name on the radio! We waited song after song, tune after tune, commercial after commercial, and we would just say "It's after its one! It's after this one!"

But after waiting a long 30 minutes, we heard no shout out and everyone thought we were kidding, but we weren't. Lesson learned: never call the radio when you know you hate waiting.

By Cristian Marron



One sunny Saturday, we took a long drive from Marco Forster to Lea Brea Tar Pits. I hopped in Mr. Gerow's car with Adriana L. Sarahi P. Lilia S. Francelia L. Rocio A. and Vanessa R. When we arrived, we saw many interesting fossils like mammoths and other animals. After that, we went into the gift shop and saw some cool toys. Rocio bought some gummy worms and shared with everyone.

After we finished seeing all the sights we went to go eat at Pink's Hot Dogs. The line was really long, so everyone was complaining. Although the line was long, it moved really fast. I then found out that the place was a historical landmark. When we finally got into the line me, Adriana, Lilia, and Sarahi all got the same thing to eat. Inside we sat down and ate our food. We looked around the place and there were a lot of pictures of famous people that have visited here before. I thought it was pretty cool.

Then Francelia yelled out "Look its Dr. Phil!"

I thought it was pretty funny. After we were all finished eating we then went back to the car. We then listened to music on the radio. Vanessa R. then was singing along to the radio and we were just staring and laughing at her. We

eventually got to Hollywood. We went to go walk at the Chinese Theater. We saw a lot of people taking pictures.

We then saw the footprints and a hand mark of famous people and it was cool. Rocio then freaked out because she saw a guy dressed like Michael Jackson that didn't move. It was pretty scary. She just stared at it and wondered why it didn't move. We then walked through the Hollywood Walk of Fame and saw many stars of famous people. There were also many different stores. We walked in and saw cool things like souvenirs, fake IDs, and cut outs of celebrities. Vanessa then wanted a cut out of Justin Bieber, and she was going crazy for it. We walked all around the Hollywood of Fame and saw many cool sightings. When it was getting late, we all went back to the car and got ready to go home. We were all in Mr. Gerow's car, so we stopped by this Mexican restaurant and ate. When we got there, we ordered food. The waitress brought us drinks and some appetizers, which were chips and salsa. We were all eating chips then all of a sudden Lilia was eating a chip and choked on one. We all panicked but we laughed at the same time. Francelia, Rocio, Adriana and Vanessa got a big quesadilla. Sarahi, Lilia, and I got a pork tamales. We all finished our food except Francelia, Rocio and Adriana. They all complained because they didn't finish eating it, and they wanted us to help them finish it. At last, we all finished eating and went back to the car. We got back home pretty late. This was a very memorable and fun fieldtrip.

By Denise Rafaela-Cruz





Priscilla Herrera

Priscilla Herrera likes to listen to music because it entertains her. Priscilla also likes to play with her phone. Her best AVID memory is when she when hiked up Vernal Falls at Yosemite National Park. This was her favorite memory because it was snowing and her hair was soaking wet. The Safari Park trip was also a favorite memory for Priscilla. This is a good memory to her because Pedro kicked a duck, a baby spit in Jonathan's face, and Arline was laughing so hard it made her laugh too. In Priscilla's future, she will graduate from high school, go to college and become a pediatrician. Because of AVID, Priscilla now knows how to get to college.

By Sandy Avila

“intelligent”

“weird”

“amazing”

“sweet”

“nice”

“cool”

“loving”

“smart”

“caring”

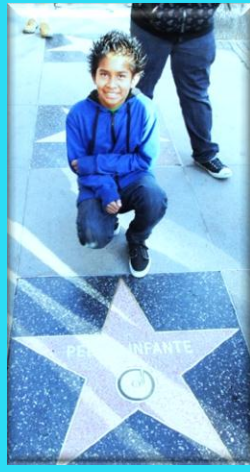
“friendly” “funny”

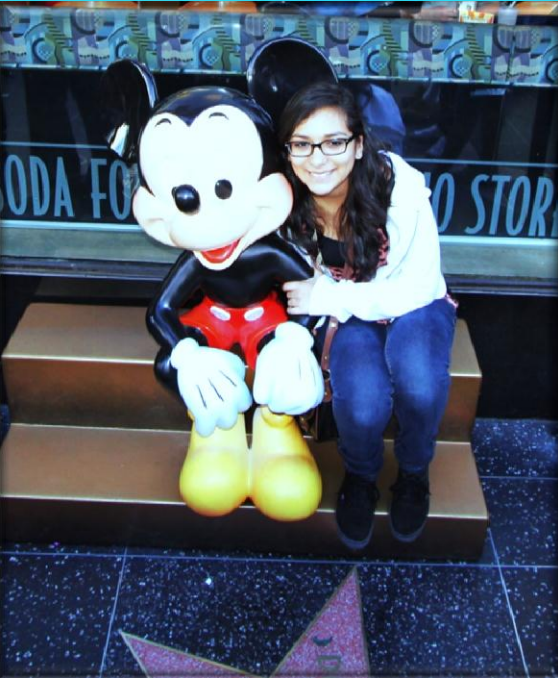
“kind” “nice”

“supportive”

“great person who
everyone loves”

“really good friend”





One day when the weather was perfect, Mr. Gerow decided to take a bunch of stinking eighth graders to the Hollywood Walk of Fame. We met at the Chinese Theatre and were going to go on our way to see Kat Von D at Sephora makeup store but someone said they wanted to see the Shakira Star, so we walked on. Halfway to the star, Mr. Gerow said we could stop and look inside a gift shop. Francelia wanted to buy a gift for a friend but was debating on getting a poster instead. I went to help her pick a poster. She decided it would be better to save her money for something else. We turned around and walked back to where we last saw everyone. I guess we took a long time because when we got there everyone was gone. Francelia and I both took out our phones frantically calling our friends, but no one answered. A worker saw us and read the expression on our faces and said they went straight down the road. We thanked him and walked in the direction he led us to, when we saw Mr. Gerow's hat sticking out of the crowd. We ran to where them and asked why they left us there, but they said they didn't notice we were missing. I learned to always have the group in your eyesight or else you'll get left behind and get lost.

By Priscilla Herrera

MARITZA GARCIA WAS BORN ON AUGUST 21, 1998. SHE HAS BEEN IN AVJAD FOR THREE YEARS. SHE IS LOUD, OUTGOING AND ATHLETIC. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE LIKES TO WATER-SKI, SCRAPBOOK, AND PLAY SOFTBALL.

MARITZA HAS MANY MEMORIES IN AVJAD. ONE OF HER FAVORITE MEMORIES IS WHEN SHE WENT TO UCI AND TOOK PICTURES ON THE IPAD AND LATER GOT IN TROUBLE. SHE ENJOYED GOING TO YOSEMITE BECAUSE SHE HAD FUN PLAYING IN SNOW, AND BEING AWAY FROM FAMILY. SHE ALSO REMEMBERED WAKING UP AT 3 AM TO GO GET WI-FI AT THE LODGE. SHE ALSO ENJOYED GOING TO PALM SPRINGS; EVEN THOUGH SHE TWISTED HER ANKLE. IN THE FUTURE, MARITZA PLANS ON ATTENDING USC TO STUDY JOURNALISM. SHE WANTS TO MAJOR IN THEATRE AND ONE DAY BECOME AN ACTRESS.

By DENISE RAFAELA-CRUZ

"WONDERFUL PERSON" "PROUD"
"VERY SPECIAL PERSON"
"KIND" "ACTRESS"
"TALENTED" "GREAT PERSON"
"EXPERIENCES BLONDE MOMENTS"
"KIND" "FUNNY PERSON"
"SMART, WEIRD, AND A GREAT FRIEND"
"INTELLIGENT" "HILARIOUS"
"GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR"
"INTERESTING . . . VERY INTERESTING"

MARITZA

"LOVES TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH THEIR
BODY OFF"

GARCIA

"MOST AMAZING BFF EVER!"

"KIND-HEARTED" "CRAZY"
"GREAT FRIEND TO EVERYONE"





**BOWLING
NIGHT
FEBRUARY 24, 2012**

"super extra funny"

"too cool"

"awesome"

"good at math"

"nice girl"

"lovable"

"enthusiastic"

"hilarious"

"amazing"

"loving"

"smart"

"sweet"

"loud"

"silly"

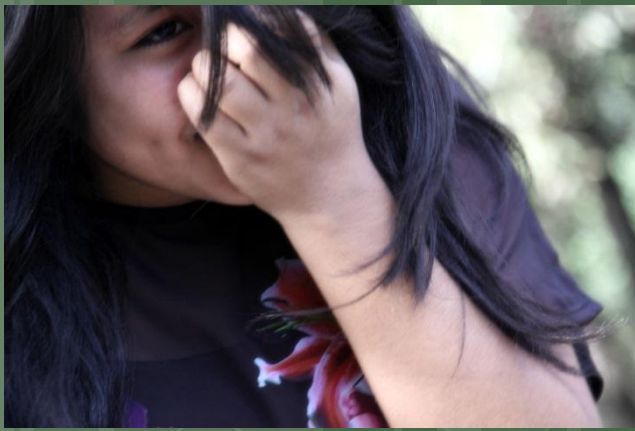
"nice"

"BFL"

Markie Maher was born November 16,

1998. In her spare time, Markie likes to play softball, swim and hang out with her family. When she grows up, Markie wants to become a marine biologist. She wants to go to USC after she graduates from high school. Markie has been in AVID for two years. Markie's favorite memory in AVID was going to Boomers because Maritza and her went on the go-carts and climbed the rock wall. She also liked it when she went to the Santa Monica Pier because she, Cristian, Arline, and Vanessa went on the rides together. These past two years were some of Markie's best years of her school life.

By Sarahi Peralta



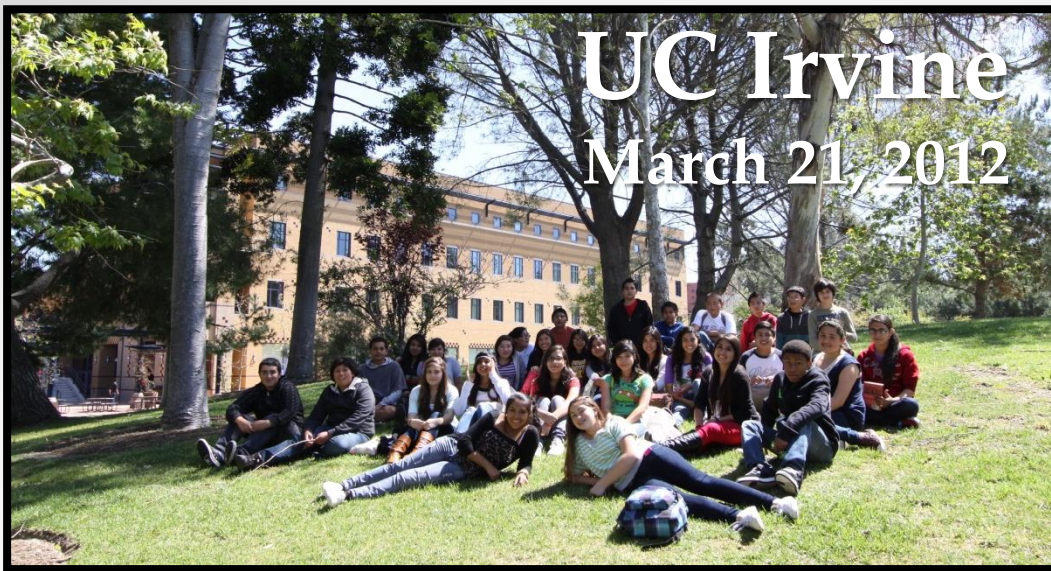
On March 10, 2012, we were so excited to go to the Wild Animal Park. When we got there, we started looking at the animals, and Mr. Gerow told us to be careful because the animals can go wild. We were having so much fun because Arline was making us laugh. We got on the tram, and there was a little baby in front of us. I tried to talk to the little baby because he was really excited, and I think he was sick because when I talked to him, he sneezed on my face. Everyone that was in the tram with me began to laugh. We ate lunch, and we were talking about the baby. It was time for us to go home, and so we did. When we got home, I told my mom that the baby spit on my face, and she also started to laugh. The day after we got home, I was sick, and it was because of the baby. Again, I started to laugh.

By Jonathan Antonio



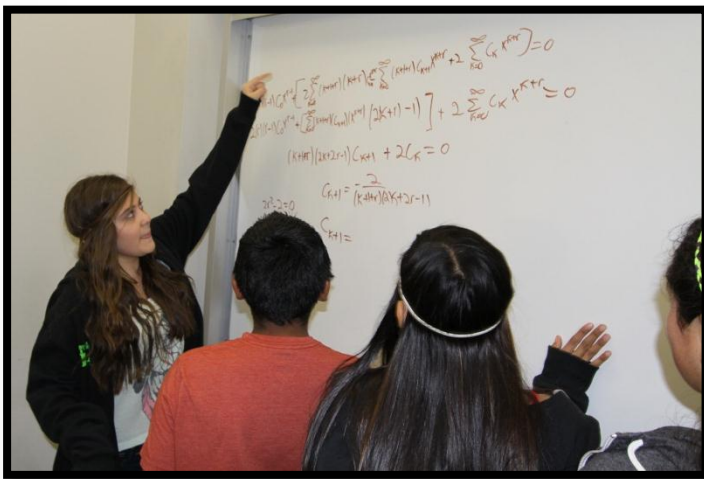
San Diego Safari Park March 9, 2012





On a beautiful sunny morning, we took a trip to UC Irvine with Markie, Cristian, Karla and Adriana Ramos. When we got there, we took a picture on top of the mascot. After we finished, we toured the university, and we looked at the classrooms. The classrooms for me were very big because of the many tables there. When we finished touring, we went to the food court and ate. Once we finished eating, we did a student interview. When we finished the student interview, we went to the book store. Some kids were taking pictures on the iPad at the book store. Apparently they weren't smart enough to erase the pictures, so Mr. Gerow caught them. He checked who it was, and there was a handful of people who took pictures. When we came back, Mr. Gerow announced they weren't going to the next fieldtrip. So on the trip to UC Irvine, we learned not to take pictures on the iPad, without erasing them.

By Nallely Fuentes





On a sunny afternoon, like any other normal day, around lunch time, I went on a field trip along with AVID to the University of Southern California Irvine, to tour the campus like all the other field trips we have been to these past three years. I only brought ten dollars to spend that day; it was meant for lunch. I ate lunch with Adriana Ramos, Cristian Marron, and Vanessa Rodriguez; we all ate at Wendys, even though it was not that good. We all ate, talked, and laughed. Since we had extra time to wander around, Cristian and I started wandering off around the bookstore. We were looking at all pens, we saw some really nice pens; they looked like the ones from the olden days that were made out of feathers, and they changed a little. Instead of feathers they are made of metal like a regular pen. It was a really nice pen, and Cristian decided to get it, but sadly he did not have any money left, so he thought that if he asked everyone for any lose change then he would get enough money to buy the pen. So he went on and walked all around the bookstore to ask everyone that we knew if they had any money that he could have. After a while we got a little more than enough money to get the pen. After he bought the pen, I wanted one too, so he helped me get one too. We kept asking everyone in AVID if they had any lose change so I could get the pen, but they did not have much since Cristian had asked before me. Finally after about thirty minutes, I had exactly enough money to get the open that cost about four dollars and seventy-five cents. When we gave the money to the cashier, he started to laugh and Cristian and I could not stop laughing either. By the time we got to the bus we started to draw with the pesn and could not wait to use them. After about a month from that day, we each had lost our pens.

By Karla Perez



Virydiana Arcos likes to bother Ms. Penner and Mr. Gerow. This is her second year in AVID. She likes to hang out with her friends and eat candy. Sometimes she is random and asks random questions. When she is bored in class, she likes to do her hair. Her best friend is Maritza Garcia. Her favorite AVID memory is when she went to Yosemite. One of her future plans is to go to Fullerton. She is going to San Juan High School. She likes to bother and make fun of people, be herself, and play soccer.

by Roberto Santana

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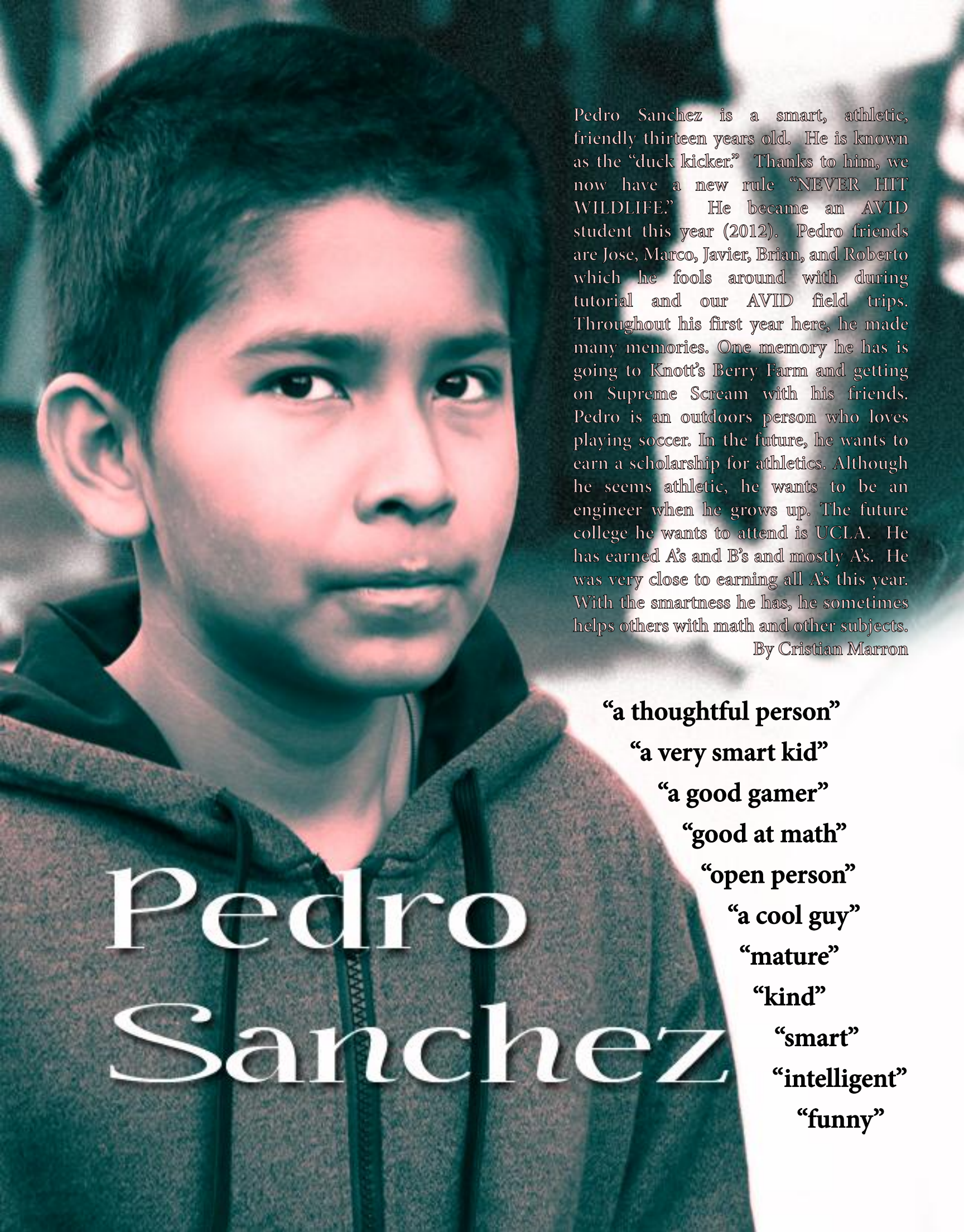
*"Maritza's
BFFAEAAE"*

"very awesome"

"sweet"

*"most amazing
best friend"*

VIRYDIANA ARCOS



Pedro Sanchez is a smart, athletic, friendly thirteen years old. He is known as the “duck kicker.” Thanks to him, we now have a new rule “NEVER HIT WILDLIFE.” He became an AVID student this year (2012). Pedro friends are Jose, Marco, Javier, Brian, and Roberto which he fools around with during tutorial and our AVID field trips. Throughout his first year here, he made many memories. One memory he has is going to Knott’s Berry Farm and getting on Supreme Scream with his friends. Pedro is an outdoors person who loves playing soccer. In the future, he wants to earn a scholarship for athletics. Although he seems athletic, he wants to be an engineer when he grows up. The future college he wants to attend is UCLA. He has earned A’s and B’s and mostly A’s. He was very close to earning all A’s this year. With the smartness he has, he sometimes helps others with math and other subjects.

By Cristian Marron

Pedro Sanchez

“a thoughtful person”

“a very smart kid”

“a good gamer”

“good at math”

“open person”

“a cool guy”

“mature”

“kind”

“smart”

“intelligent”

“funny”



Marco Forster
Roadrun
Make
Fulfill
Make
Show

Swallows Day Parade
March 24, 2012



Jonathan Antonio

“random”

“awesome”

“helpful person”

“great person”

“Intelligent” “good at math”

“good at writing”

“unique” “my best friend”


“funny”

“good-hearted”

“intellectual”

“nice”

“smart”



On November 16, 1998, a miracle of unimaginably epic proportions arrived in this wonderful, but corrupt, world having only innocent and naive thoughts. He had no wrongs, and only worried about simple things pertaining to biological needs, consuming only what was necessary and sleeping the day away. From then forth he was referred to as “Jonathan Antonio” and was then part of the delightfully inquisitive family of three, eventually totaling five, once his two, very interesting, brothers became part of this ever-expanding universe. They would call him by the comforting and responsibility-filled term “big brother.” He now has a total of seven domesticated pets belonging to the reptilian, aquatic, and avian animal families, and more specifically classified as turtles, fishes, and a bird of which he shares a loving and caring relationship. He greatly enjoys spending uncountable hours looking after his two siblings in order to keep them safe and out of harm’s way; another form of entertainment, which requires the use of electronics, is listening to his favorite forms of music and watching his television set. At the current moment, Jonathan’s favorite subject in school is social science, due to its simplicity and its diversity of subjects in which he receives basic knowledge of inventions, wars, human ingenuity, and the evolution of human thought. AVID has bestowed upon him not only good and crucial knowledge that will ensure a good future, but also extraordinary experiences that will forever imbed into his mind great memories full of joy and happiness, and of these memories, his favorites include the time he and his fellow students went to the Safari Park, which he explored the habitats of many animals, and also got spit on by a human baby. As time progresses and the future comes ever closer, he has begun thinking about the next chapter in his long life, and he has currently concluded that he will do everything possible to attend USC where he will receive a college education of at least four years and pursue an occupation. Engineering is the career option seemingly most desired by Jonathan at this time, and he looks forward to his blossoming intellect and the wonderful future awaiting him. Jonathan has experienced a lot of amazing things and will continue to experience things as his life progresses, but he will forever be affected by AVID and the requirements it has set upon him.

By Edrian Ochoa



Edrian Ochoa

talkative

Kind

athletic

Amazing!!!

funny

intelligent

smart

Clever

creative

cool

energetic

Friendly

weird

Hilarious

nice

a great runner

Edrian Ochoa is funny, nice, smart, and a really good friend to be around. He is 13 years old, and he was born in August 29, 1998. He likes to run, watch television, and use the computer. His favorite subject is math because it is simple and he understands the lessons really well. Edrian even ran the L.A marathon; his time was four hours and thirty minutes. He has a family of five. He has two sisters, and he is the only male in the family other than his dad. His favorite memory was when he went to AVID camp because it was fun and random and he really enjoyed it. After he graduates from high school, he wants to go to UCSD. When he grows up, he is planning to be an astronomer or a neurologist. He also enjoys making fun of Adriana Ramos and Virydia Arcos.

By Jonathan Antonio

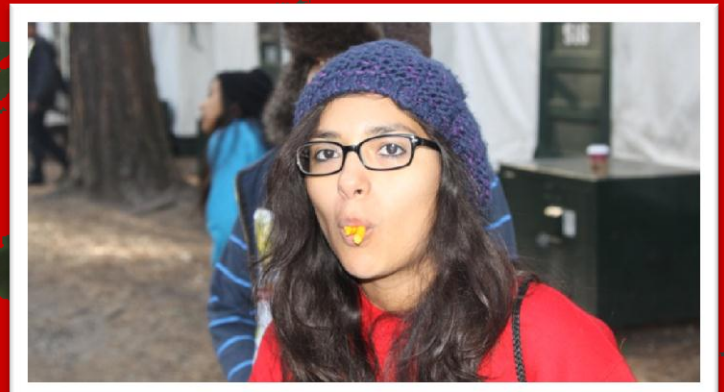
Yosemite National Park

April 9-12, 2012



Getting to Yosemite took hours. I got to go in the car with Priscilla, Maritza, Viry, Cristian, and Julian Torres. We got to the camp around 9 pm. The tents were really small and cold at night especially because Priscilla hogged the blankets. On the second day we started going on hikes. On the hikes we would always have a snow ball fights. On one of the hikes, it started to snow. Going up the mountain was hard; there were many hills. Going through the path you could see the water fall that we would soon climb. The trail had many steps going up, and it was very slippery too. I wanted to stop many times, but Julian made me keep going. Going down I almost slipped and fell; good thing Julian caught me before I did. The moral of the story is always go on hikes up waterfalls with a partner or suffer falling to your death or a scratched knee.

By Laura Tellez





On April 9, 2012 we attended a field trip to Yosemite. Not every person went, but some eighth graders and seventh graders attended. After long hours of waiting to get to Yosemite, we finally reached our destination. We all arrived to the Yosemite camp ground. Mr. Gerow decided to show us around the cafeteria and the Lodge. Mr. Gerow had mentioned there being wi-fi at the lodge. As smart as we eighth graders tend to be, we all planned to meet there, only the eighth graders, at two in the morning. The plan had to spread and be ready to put into place. The sun began to fall, as night came. The little seventh graders began to fall asleep. In our tent there, was Viry, Laura, Priscilla, Arline, and I, we tried our very best to stay up. Laura and Priscilla were sharing a bed. Soon Laura started falling asleep, and then Priscilla did too. Viry, Arline, and I stayed up until one in the morning. Viry then fell asleep, and I could not sleep because of the cold weather. Then Cristian texted me asking if we were still all going. Minutes later, there was a knock on our door. It was Cristian and Jonathon. I called Arline to see if we were still going, but she was scared of getting into trouble. Cristian, Jonathon and I decided to just go alone. We walked over to the lodge and noticed nobody was inside, nor were the lights turned on. Then did we notice it was closed. We tried to get wi-fi from outside but didn't get anything. Upset and cold, we walked back to our tents. Our meeting ended up being a failure, but that night we learned a lesson: Never try to have a gathering at a time later than one in the morning.

By Maritza Garcia





Cristian Marron

“great friend to everyone!”

“silly”

“extraordinary”

“swagful”

“amazing”

“intellectual”

“funny”

“weirdly cool”

“superb”

“smart”

“intelligent”

“Informative”

“cool”

“awesome”

“a nice guy”

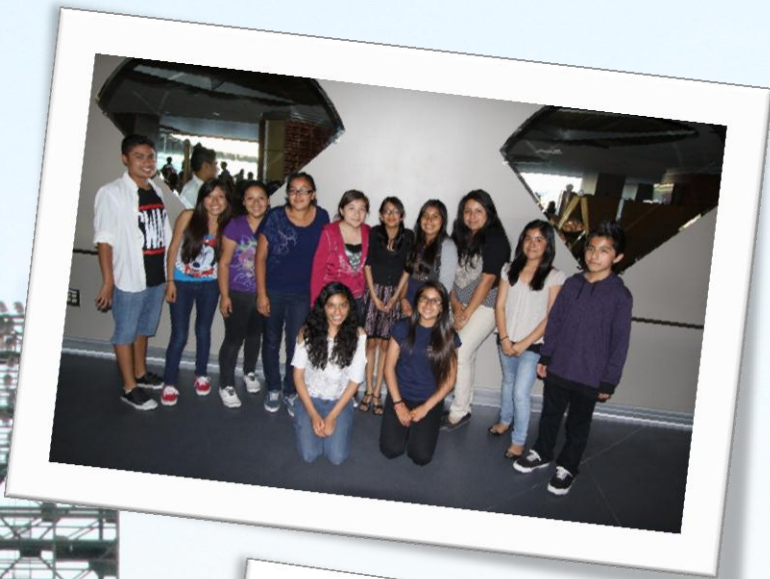
“hilarious”

Cristian Marron's favorite activities are bugging Maritza, and being athletic. His favorite AVID memory is going to La Brea Tar pits and calling KIIS FM to give a shout-out to Mrs. Penner. When he goes to college, he wants to become an English teacher for sixth grade. To go to college, he wants to get a scholarship for academics. The college he wants to go to is UCSD. One of Cristian's favorite memories is waking up at 3:00 AM at Yosemite to get Wi-Fi at the lodge. Sadly, it was closed.

By Pedro Sanchez

“a swag
guy!”

“outstanding
worker”



Lilia Sanchez
Marco Forster Middle School
Capistrano Unified School District



May 9, 2012

Lilia Sanchez

2012 8th Grade AVID Standout Student



Lilia Sanchez was born on October 12, 1998 at Mission Viejo Hospital. Her favorite activities are watching TV, playing with her nephew Jaiden, reading, and listening to music. She has been in AVID for three years. Her favorite AVID memories were her eighth grade AVID Standout Student ceremony at Angels Stadium, and going to Knott's Berry Farm where she got on Bigfoot Rapids. In the future, Lily hopes to graduate from high school with a GPA of 4.00 or higher, attend Stanford University and become a doctor.

By Marco Munoz

"smarter than smart"

"very outstanding"

"super smart"

"a kind person"

"great BFF" "smart"

"an awesome friend"

"loving" "awesome,

smart,

"nice amazing,

"humble" loving,

"intelligent" straight A

student"

"so intelligent

that I am

jealous"

"the best"

"good-hearted"

"outstanding"

"caring"

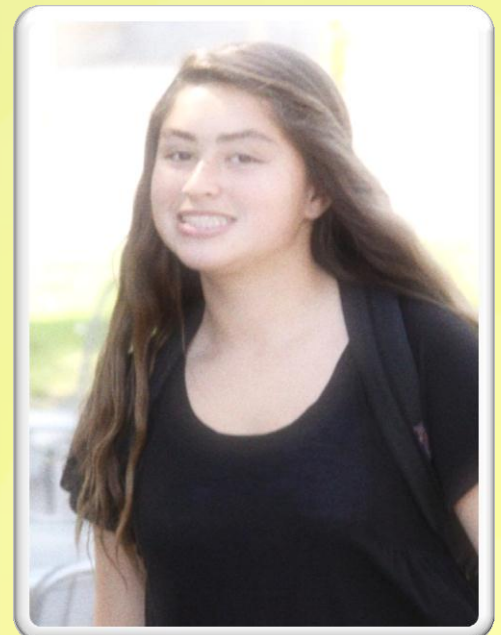
"sweet"

LILIA
SANCHEZ
MAFEO



The trip to UCSD was fun! It started on a Thursday morning. I was walking into the front of the school, and I began to panic because I forgot my permission slip and I could not stay in school because I left my binder with all my school stuff at home. I rushed to the office, and called my mom to bring my permission slip. I was really relieved when my mom came to give me my permission slip. The ride to the college was really, really long and boring, and I got very car sick. When we got there, we saw a lot of stuff. I really liked the garden house thingy that was on top of the building. Something I did not like was when Kiana, Markie, and I found the "talking trees" because they did not talk, and that was really disappointing. After we finished the interview and the scavenger hunt, we bought ice cream! And it was yummy. Then we got on the bus, and on the ride back we went through the check point, I saw three guys getting arrested, but other than that, the ride back was also very long and boring. But, other than that, the field trip was really fun and I will never forget it because it was our very last AVID college field trip ever. The moral to my story is that talking trees will not always talk to you.

By Adriana Ramos



On June first, we went to UCSD. While riding on the bus, everyone on the bus was playing telephone and everything that was started with was different at the end. After riding in the school bus for at least an hour, we arrived to UCSD. After getting off the bus, we did not get into groups, we all went together as one big group. Then we started walking around. We went to the top of a building to see a small blue house at the top. After we got down from the building, it was not lunch time yet, so we were still walking. When we were walking, we stopped, and we noticed that we went around the whole campus because Vanessa R. wanted to look for the theater, but it was closed. Then, we went walking back to go eat. Denise and I ate at Rubio's; Francelia, Sarahi, Lilia, and Rocio ate at Panda Express. After we finished, we had to interview people, and Rocio and I got rejected at least six times by people. They would always say, "I'm busy".

Finally, we found two people sitting together to interview, so we could get started on doing the scavenger hunt next. When we started the scavenger hunt, we ran a lot to find the places and take pictures. One of the things we had to find was a professor. We walked the entire campus, and we could not find one until, we were on the second floor of a building and we saw a guy that looked like a professor. When we saw him, Sarahi and Francelia yelled, "A professor!!!"

After they yelled, we ran down the stairs of the building and across the campus to catch up to him. When we caught up to him, Francelia asked him, "Excuse me are you a professor?"

Sadly, he was not a professor, and we had run a lot just to find a guy that was not a professor, but it was very funny. Being very tired, we decided to look for the talking trees instead. When we found the talking trees, they did not talk at all; they were only made of metal. Across the forest where we found the talking trees, there were science labs where we finally found a professor to take a picture with.

Finally, we were finished with everything, and we could go to the bookstore. We finished shopping, and it was time to go home.

By Vanessa Olivares

AVID has helped me a lot through these past three years. For example, it has made me more organized. Every day I carry one organized binder to all my classes. This makes it easier. Also, I have increased my vocabulary. By studying and reviewing new vocabulary words, I can now say more words. Now, I know more words that I did not know before. Another way that AVID has helped me is with the A-L requirements. This helped me by showing me what I have to do in high school to get to college. This makes me understand more about how hard high school is going to be. Throughout my years AVID has helped me a lot, and I am thankful for that.

By Denise Rafaela-Cruz

AVID has helped me through these three years in middle school. One thing it has helped me with is vocabulary and spelling. It is helpful because I can spell difficult words that I could not before that other students cannot. It also helps me because I know more words and their meanings. Another important thing I have learned from AVID was to have an organized binder, so I will not lose my papers, and I will not have multiple binders for every subject. Another thing I learned in AVID was the A-L requirements for high school. Those are important because I need to know what classes I need to take in order to get to college. Another important thing I have learned in AVID is to have integrity because you will not be trusted if you are not honest. Those are some things AVID has taught me.

By Vanessa Olivares



Sandy Avila has been in AVID for two years. She likes doing many things. One thing she likes to do is playing volleyball because it is a fun game for her. Another thing she likes to do is playing Angry Birds on her I-Pod. Her best AVID memory is when she was at UC Irvine and went to the radio station. Sandy's future is to graduate from high school and college. Her dream college is USC. When she grows up, she wants to be a doctor. Because of AVID, Sandy now knows how to be organized.

By: Adriana Lugo

"a sweet girl"

"silly"

"my friend"

"awesome"

"nice"

"amazing"

"a wonderful student"

"kind"

"a wonderful friend"

"a nice friend"

"cool"

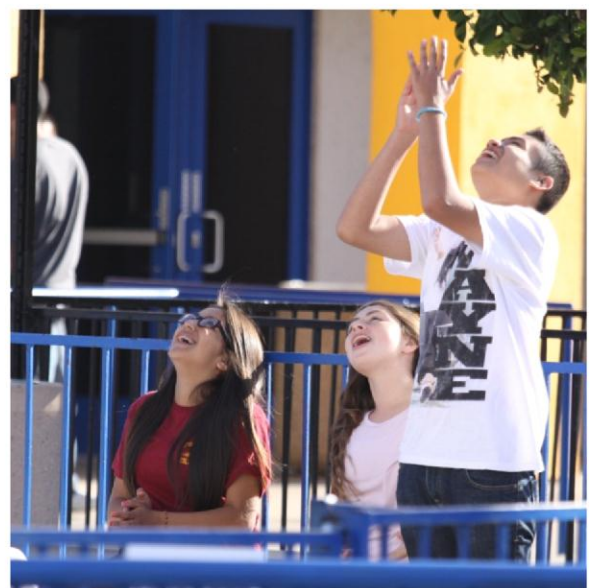
"a funny outgoing friend"

"an amazing friend"

"a great cousin"

Sandy
Avila

Boomer's June 8, 2012





Brian Urrutia is a smart guy who likes to play soccer, listen to music, and hang out with friends. In his free time, Brian likes to play soccer with the rest of his team and be with his friends. This is Brian's third year in AVID before he graduates from middle school. Brian is going to San Juan Hills High School after Marco Forster. He plans to go to UCLA after he graduates from high school and does not know yet what career he will want in the future. Brian's favorite field trip for AVID was Knott's Berry Farm this year. He liked going to Knott's because of all the rides and because of his friends who went there with him. Overall, Brian is an interesting person and is a good friend as well.

By Javier Villegas

“extraordinary”

“diligent”

“intelligent”

“generous”

“athletic” “smart”

“a good friend”

“active”

“funny”

“too good at soccer!”

“straight-A dude!”

**BRIAN
URRUTIA**



Adriana Lugo is a shy girl who likes to play soccer with her friends in her free time. She also likes to go on Facebook to talk to her friends when they are not together. One of her favorite AVID memories is going to Hollywood to see the Walk of Fame. She also liked going to Angel's Stadium where she saw her long lost "twin." In her future, she sees herself graduating from high school and going to Cal State Fullerton. She also sees herself being a pediatrician and making a lot of money to support her family. Thanks to AVID, she now knows how to organize her binder. Adriana has been in AVID for two enjoyable years.

By Priscilla Herrera

"caring"

"funny"

"kind"

"wonderful"

"smart"

"amazing"

"peculiar"

"nice"

"friendly"

"a very awesome and
loving friend"

"friend"

"superb"

"sweet"

"a great neighbor"

Adriana Lugo

AVID has changed my life through these two years because it helped me be organized in school. It also made me ready for high school and college. Another way it changed my life was forcing me to have one binder for all my classes. It helped me because I turned all my homework on time. It also made me be nice to others and have integrity. AVID has made me improve on spelling and vocabulary words. The last thing that changed my life was helping me with the A-L Requirements. AVID has changed my whole life.

By Adriana Lugo

Adriana Ramos has an abstract personality. She is the person who loves to annoy Mr. Gerow and is not embarrassed to tell everyone that she likes to sing in the shower. She likes to have fun and talk with her friends even over the most random topics. Adriana likes orange Skittles but completely hates purple Skittles; if someone accidentally gives her one, she would yell, "Do you not know I hate purple Skittles? What am I? A grape that eats purple stuff?!?" Adriana is in love with One Direction, which explains her passion for music. Her favorite AVID memory was when she went to Hollywood. There, she called KIIS FM and gave a shout out to Mrs. Penner. While Mrs. Penner was having a conversation on the phone near Adriana, she thought that Mrs. Penner was talking to her and started to have an engaging conversation along. The next thing she knew Mrs. Penner was paying more attention to a building than her. In Hollywood, she saw a man dressed as SpongeBob Squarepants with a squeaky voice. A normal person would laugh and point, but instead Adriana decided to run away. This shows that Adriana is not an average teen. After she had this terrifying encounter with a sponge from under the sea, they went to get IN-N-OUT and ate some delicious greasy fries. In the future she is not sure what college she wants to attend, but she is sure that she wants to be a labor/delivery baby care nurse. Three words that would describe Adriana would be weird, nice, and very talkative. Adriana is a great friend with a good sense of humor and has goals set for herself and will do anything to achieve them, which makes Adriana Ramos an excellent AVID student.

By Eunice Cuevas-Morelos

"class clown"

"amazing"

"wonderful"

"hilarious"

"kind"

"special"

"humorous"

"energetic"

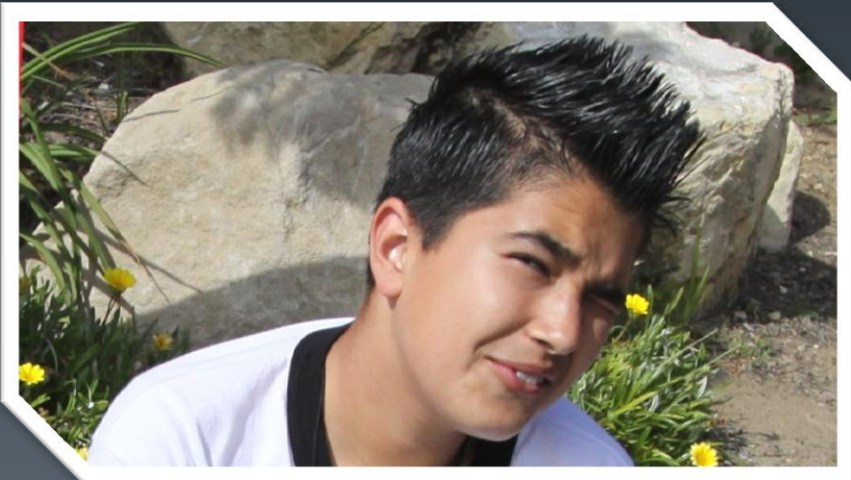
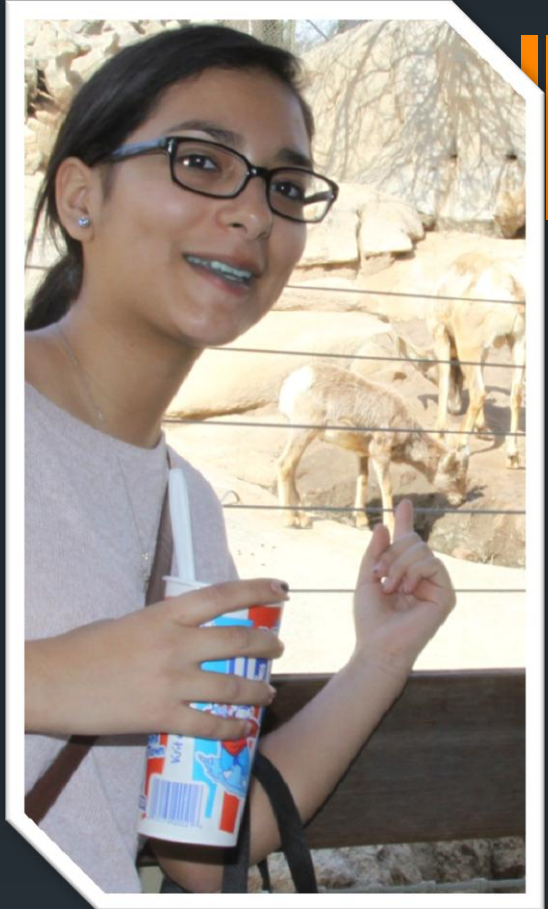
"extreme"

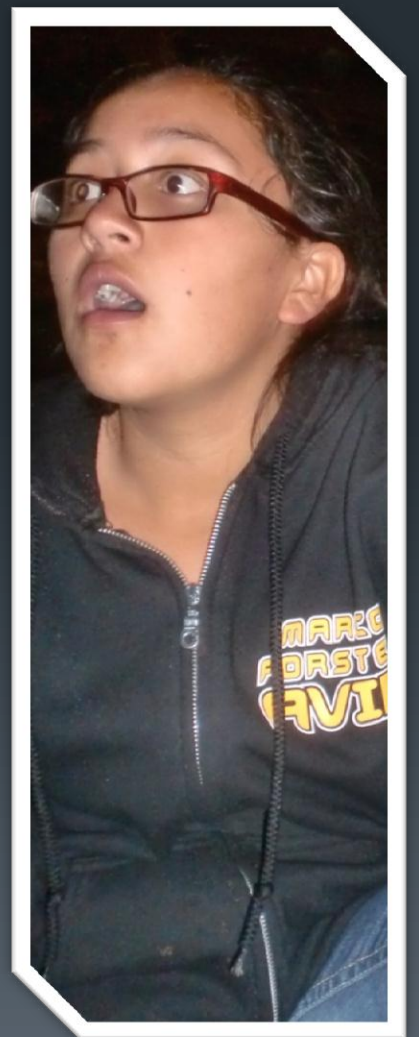
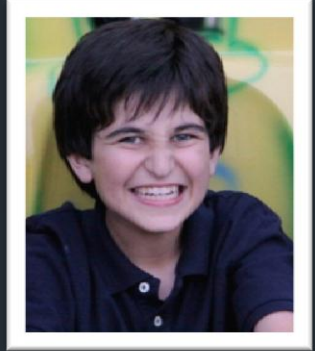
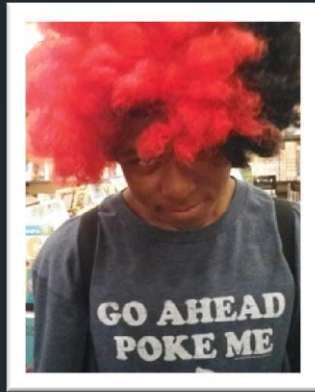
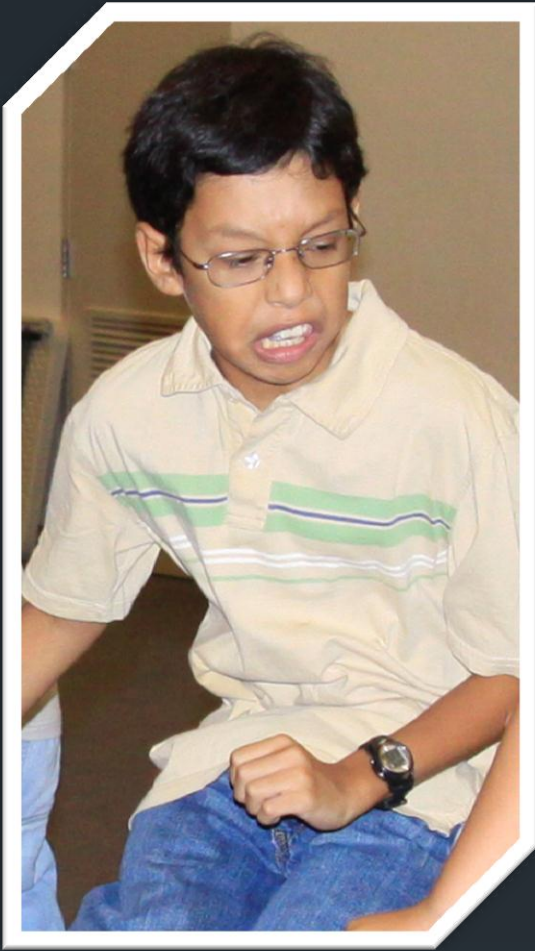
"smart"

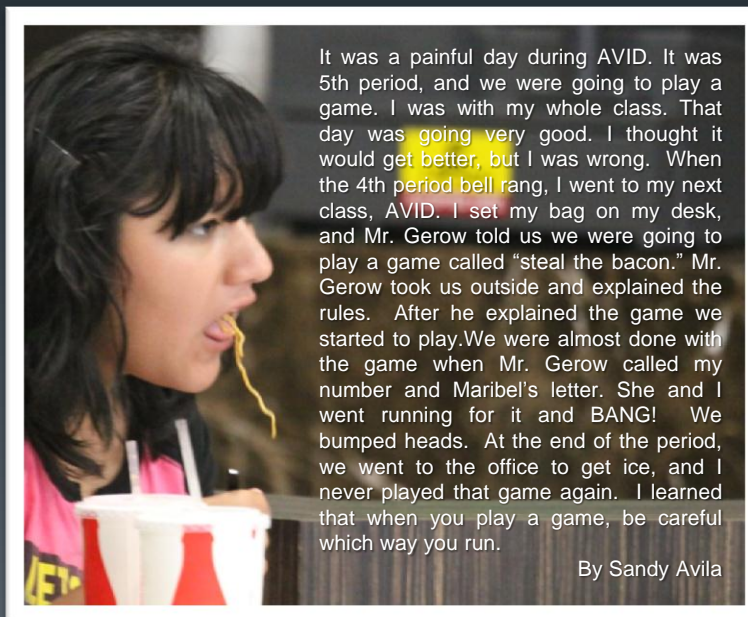
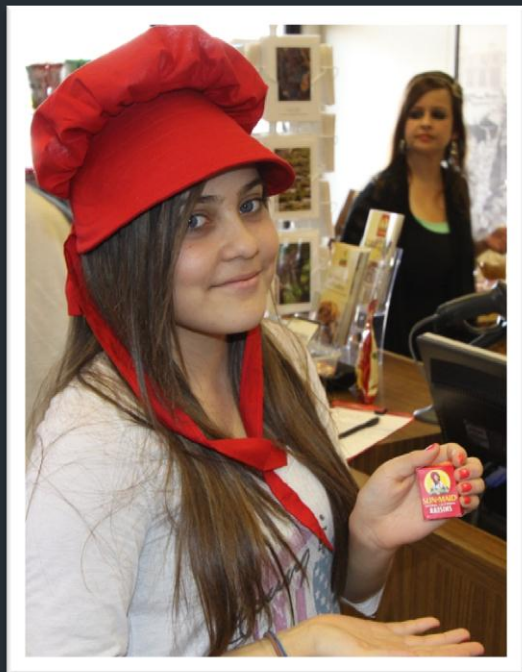
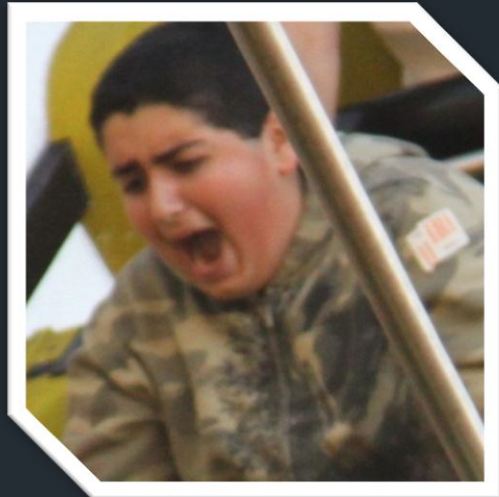
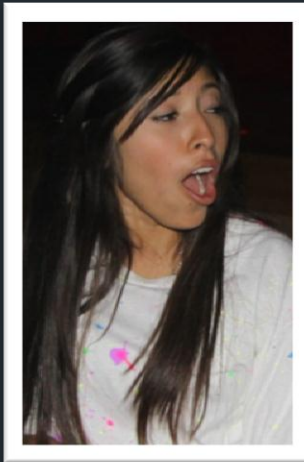
"nice and awesome"

Adriana Ramos









It was a painful day during AVID. It was 5th period, and we were going to play a game. I was with my whole class. That day was going very good. I thought it would get better, but I was wrong. When the 4th period bell rang, I went to my next class, AVID. I set my bag on my desk, and Mr. Gerow told us we were going to play a game called "steal the bacon." Mr. Gerow took us outside and explained the rules. After he explained the game we started to play. We were almost done with the game when Mr. Gerow called my number and Maribel's letter. She and I went running for it and BANG! We bumped heads. At the end of the period, we went to the office to get ice, and I never played that game again. I learned that when you play a game, be careful which way you run.

By Sandy Avila



Shayan Sheikholeslami

Shayan Sheikholeslami is a very intelligent student. He likes to read books and play with his brother. He also enjoys playing basketball and soccer. He does his very best to get straight A+'s. His favorite AVID memory is when Mr. Gerow said he had straight A+'s in front of the whole class because it boosted his self-esteem and gave him the confidence for what he will accomplish in the future. In the future, he wants to be a doctor that cures cancer and all other diseases that cannot be cured easily. He also hopes to get into Harvard with a full scholarship. These are Shayan's hopes for the future.

By Nalleli Fuentes

"intelligent"

"incredible student"

"polite"

"super smart"

"kind"

"amazing"

"hard worker"

"handsome, shy, and energetic"

"very focused"

"will succeed in life"

"a math genius"

"smart" "intellectual"

"really smart"

"a future Harvard graduate!!"

Before middle school, I was clueless about what college really was. Then when I joined AVID, I began to understand more about college. There were many field trips I went on and also many fun activities I went to in AVID. AVID has taught me how grades are very important in order to succeed in life. I also learned how to get good grades and many other things I must do in order to attend a private university like Harvard. AVID has taught me many things that are very helpful for the time I go to high school to the time I get a job in the future.

By Shayan Sheikholeslami

Favorite Movies

1. *Titanic*
2. *The Avengers*
3. *Jack and Jill*
4. *The Notebook*
5. *Insidious*

Favorite Candy

1. Mexican Candy
2. Snickers
3. Kit-Kat
4. Milky Way
5. Gummy Worms
6. Sour Patch Kids
7. M&M's
8. Reese's
9. Cake
10. Skittles

Favorite Field Trips

1. Knott's Berry Farm
2. Yosemite
3. UCSD
4. Boomers
5. Palm Springs

Best of the Best

Best Hair: Julian, Vanessa R.
Best Eyes: Shayan, Kiana
Best Smile: Julian, Markie
Best Personality: Cristian
Best Dressed: Marco, Eunice
Class Clown: Cristian
Loudest: Gianni, Ramos
Quietest: Roberto, Laura
Most Likely To Succeed: Shayan, Lilly, Luis
Most likely to go to College: Everyone
Most Contagious Laugh: Arline
Tallest: Gianni, Arline
Shortest: Roberto, Lilly
Best Writing: Jonathan, Laura
Cheerleader/Most AVID Spirit: Vanessa R.
Best Nickname: Karla "Darla" Perez
Most Athletic: Edrian, Viry
Best Shoes: Brian, Nalleli
Best Snack Seller: Gianni
Most Artistic: Laura, Maritza
Craziest Hair: Jose, Javier
Biggest Flirt: Viry
Secret Identity: Priscilla
Best Posse: Sandy, Lugo, Vanessa O.,
Cruzer, Francelia, Sarahi, and Lilia *they are
always together*

AVID Lists & Favorites

AVID Stats

Average Height: 5ft. 3in.
Shortest: 4ft. 10in.- Lilia Sanchez
Tallest: 5ft. 8in.- Gianni Razavi

10 Things You Always See in AVID

1. Mr. Gerow wearing a tie
2. Homework on the board
3. Mr. Gerow packing the snacks to sell
4. Ms. Penner texting
5. Mr. Gerow's sparkling water
6. Jessica, the office aid
7. Mr. Gerow taking pictures
8. Arline laughing
9. Viry and Edrian talking
10. Gianni's name on the board to sell snacks after school (even when he is absent)

Swag list

- Cristian Marron
- Maritza Garcia
- Viry Arcos
- Priscilla Herrera
- Nalleli Fuentes
- Jose Martinez
- Pedro Sanchez
- Markie Maher
- Laura Tellez
- Karla Perez

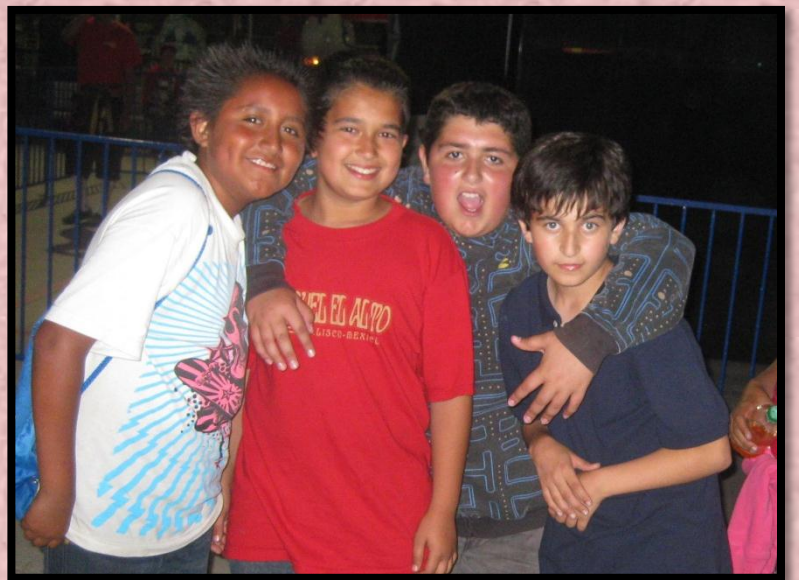
Best Top 5 Stores for AVID Girls

1. Wet Seal
2. Forever 21
3. H&M
4. Charlotte Russ
5. Ross

Best Top 5 Stores for AVID Boys

1. Tilly's
2. Pac Sun
3. Vans Store
4. H&M
5. Obey Store

Friends
BFF's
And Besties





OMG! Rocio where can I start? You are an amazing best friend. You have been there through thick and thin. We just met each other over the summer, but have become really close friends. From going on death killing roll coasters to calling people at five in the morning to running around asking people if they are professors, we stick through everything together. You are like my twin, but smaller version. You understand me like no one else does. We are inseparable. We are in everything together, from Roadrunner Ambassadors to AVID to attending St. Margaret's next year. I have a feeling we are going to freak everyone out with our weirdness. You mean a lot to me. We are: sisters, twins, partners in crime, St. Mangret's buddies, partners, but most importantly we are best friends.

Francelia Leivanos



Best Friends

Lilia & Sarahi

Laura & Priscilla

Maritza & Viry

Brian & Roberto

Pedro & Marco

Cristian & Adriana

Luis & Edrian

Francelia & Rocio

Kiana & Nallely

Vanessa O. & Denise

Sandy & Lugo

Julian & Gianni





Goodbye Lilia, Sarahi, Denise, Vanessa O, Lugo (Adriana) & Sandy. You guys are amazing friends. We have been together through a lot. From getting candy from Mr. Grassman to going to Knott's to asking people if they were professors just because they had gray hair, we have been through good and bad times. All our time together has been amazing, I know I am not going to lose touch with you guys because we are really close and we are going to hang out. I hope you guys have an amazing time in San Juan without me, and I also hope you guys do not forget me. I love all of you guys.

Francelia Lievanos

8th Grade Award Winners

Orange County AVID 8th Grade Standout

Lilia Sanchez

Academic Distinction (4.0 GPA)

Lilia Sanchez (3 Years)
Shayan Sheikholeslami (2 Years)
Luis Almanza (2 Years)
Sarahi Peralta (1 Year)
Francelia Lievanos (1 Year)

Superintendent's Honor Roll (3.83 GPA)

Priscilla Herrera (3 Years)
Markie Maher (2 Years)
Gianni Razavi (1 Year)
Pedro Sanchez (1 Year)
Edrian Ochoa (1 Year)

President's Award (3.5 GPA)

Denise Rafaela-Cruz (3 Years)
Karla Perez (3 Years)
Arline Perez (3 Years)
Adriana Ramos (3 Years)
Brian Urrutia (3 Years)
Laura Tellez (3 Years)
Cristian Marron (3 Years)
Julian Hawkins (3 Years)
Maritza Garcia (3 Years)
Eunice Cuevas-Morelos (3 Years)
Virydiana Arcos (3 Years)
Rocio Alarcon (3 Years)
Javier Villegas (2 Years)
Adriana Lugo (2 Years)

Students Run LA (SRLA)

Edrian Ochoa
Julian Hawkins
Karla Perez

Elizabeth Baron-Fields

Memorial Scholarship

Lilia Sanchez

MFMS AVID Students of the Year

Lilia Sanchez
Shayan Sheikholeslami
Francelia Lievanos
Gianni Razavi

MFMS History Student of the Year

Gianni Razavi

MFMS English Student of the Year

Maritza Garcia

MFMS Math Student of the Year

Jonathan Antonio

Salute to Excellence

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Luis Almanza | Jonathan Antonio |
| Julian Hawkins | Adriana Lugo |
| Priscilla Herrera | Markie Maher |
| Edrian Ochoa | Sarahi Peralta |
| Arline Perez | Lilia Sanchez |
| Shayan Sheikholeslami | Gianni Razavi |
| Brian Urrutia | |

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Arline Perez
Lilia Sanchez
Sarahi Peralta
Sandy Avila

Roadrunner Ambassador Service

Francelia Lievanos
Julian Hawkins
Vanessa Rodriguez
Rocio Alarcon

Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL)

Francelia Lievanos

Perfect Attendance

Brian Urrutia (3 Years)
Sandy Avila (3 Years)
Pedro Sanchez (2 Years)
Vanessa Rodriguez (2 Years)
Adriana Ramos (2 Years)
Arline Perez (2 Years)
Sarahi Peralta (2 Years)
Luis Almanza (2 Years)
Javier Villegas (1 Year)
Laura Tellez (1 Year)
Roberto Santana (1 Year)
Lilia Sanchez (1 Year)
Denise Rafaela-Cruz (1 Year)
Vanessa Olivares (1 Year)
Jose Martinez (1 Year)
Adriana Lugo (1 Year)
Francelia Lievanos (1 Year)
Virydiana Arcos (1 Year)

Science Olympiad

Francelia Lievanos
Vanessa Rodriguez

Roadrunner Pride Award

Vanessa Rodriguez

Roadrunner Reading Buddies

Arline Perez
Adriana Lugo
Sandy Avila
Francelia Lievanos
Cristian Marron

EL Redesignation Award

Pedro Sanchez













