



**Marco Forster
Middle School
AVID
2010-2013**

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AVID

Class of 2010-2013

Marissa Arreola
Cinthia Avila
Miguel Bravo
Darla Brito
Emma Bunim
Litzy Calzado
Margarita Carvajal
Jesus Cruz
Maria Cruz
Ilma Cruz
Yazmin Cuevas
Venecia Delgado
Leslie Dina
Ivana Donahoe
Diana Duran

Stephen Escamilla
Rafael Esquivel
Perla Fabian
Kelly Fabian
Luis Flores-Cervantes
Diego Fuentes Hernandez
Natalia Garcia
Gypsy Gonzalez
Elizabeth Herrera
Saray Jimenez
Alejandro Lugo
Keven Montes Barrios
Vanessa Moz
Claudia Orozco Pacheco
Sergio Perez

Yvone Ponce
Elizabeth Ponce
Mika Rajkumar
Gabriela Ramirez
Cristian Razavi
Fernando Rosales
Jennifer Sanchez
Alejandro Sanchez
Laura Silva
Julian Torres
Ariana Vargas
Roberto Vargas
Anthony Vazquez
Marisol Velasquez
Marilu Viveros





AVID Camp

August 23-26, 2010



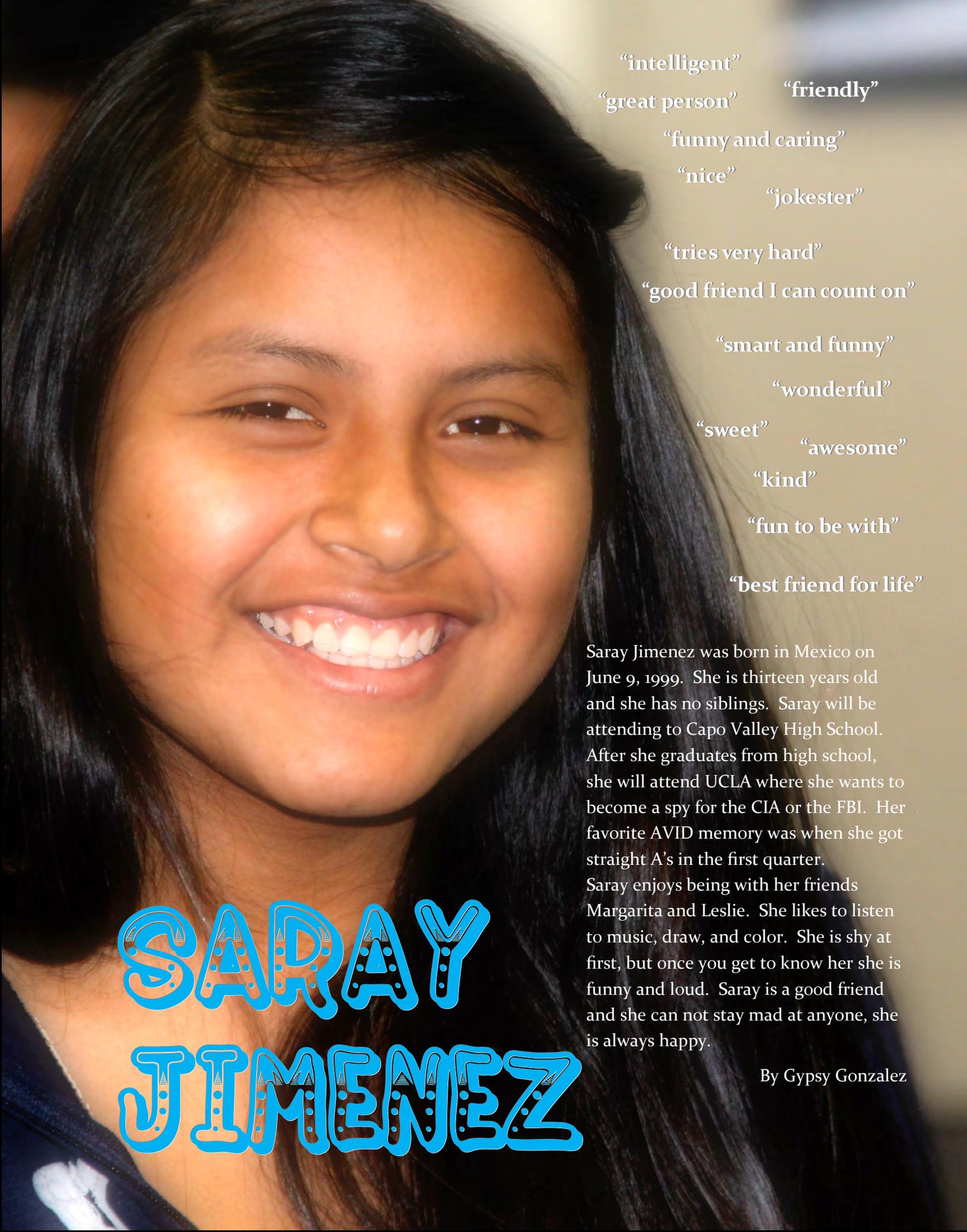




**CAL
STATE
LONG
BEACH**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2010





“intelligent”

“great person”

“friendly”

“funny and caring”

“nice”

“jokester”

“tries very hard”

“good friend I can count on”

“smart and funny”

“wonderful”

“sweet”

“awesome”

“kind”

“fun to be with”

“best friend for life”

Saray Jimenez was born in Mexico on June 9, 1999. She is thirteen years old and she has no siblings. Saray will be attending to Capo Valley High School. After she graduates from high school, she will attend UCLA where she wants to become a spy for the CIA or the FBI. Her favorite AVID memory was when she got straight A's in the first quarter.

Saray enjoys being with her friends Margarita and Leslie. She likes to listen to music, draw, and color. She is shy at first, but once you get to know her she is funny and loud. Saray is a good friend and she can not stay mad at anyone, she is always happy.

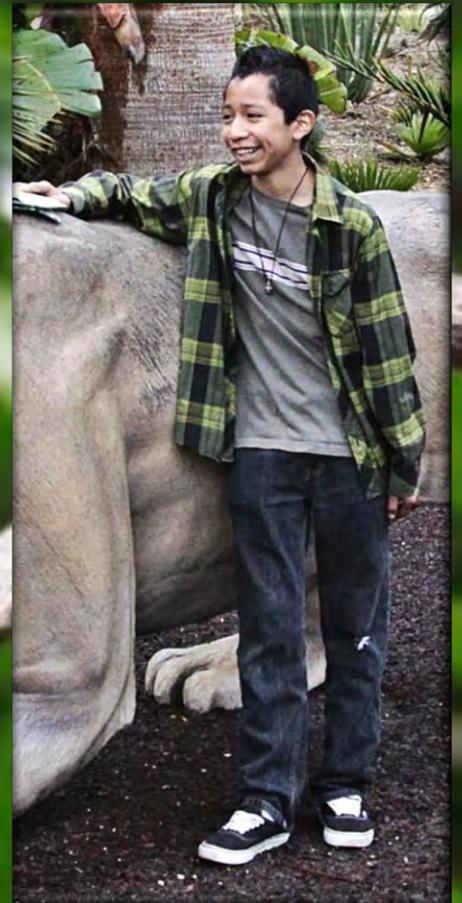
By Gypsy Gonzalez

**SARAY
JIMENEZ**

October 30, 2010

San Diego Zoo





Anthony Vazquez is a fun, sports-loving guy born on August 9, 2000. He is a fourteen-year-old whose best friends are Fernando, Diana, Keven, Anthony M. and Alex. He loves football, soccer and hanging out with friends. He describes himself as -a handsome young man. He has been in AVID for three years, and his favorite memory has been going on Big Foot Rapids at Knott's Berry Farm with his cousin, Alex, Fernando, and Keven. Anthony is planning on going to San Juan Hills High School, and then going to UCI to be a doctor. Anthony is a smart, kind, and great friend who hopes to have a great life.

By Gabriela Ramirez

“funny”

“kind”

“loving”

“a good friend”

“cool”

“sweet”

“nice”

“helpful”

“amazing friend”

“my buddy”

“cares for other people”

A close-up portrait of a young man with dark hair and a slight smile, wearing a black V-neck shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Anthony Vazquez





Roberto Vargas Vasquez, Jr. was born on April 19, 1999. He is thirteen years old. Roberto is a caring, athletic, cheerful, and helpful guy. He likes to make friends, and his best friends are Gypsy, Jesus, Miguel, Stephen, Litzzy, Laura, Julian, Marisol, and Eli H. Roberto really likes hanging out with his friends. He loves to run, and he is faster than Miguel Bravo. Also, Roberto loves cross country, so he is going to Capistrano Valley High School where he will try out for cross country. Roberto created two groups which are called Mexican Swag and SRLA Crew. The members of Mexican Swag are Litzzy and Stephen and the members of SRLA Crew. "AVID is helping me to be organized and it helped me to get thinking of a university." Roberto got only two B's in his middle school years, and he says, "All the hotties are after me and Stephen."

By Rafael Esquivel

- "chill"
- "funny"
- "intelligent"
- "dedicated"
- "fantastic person"
- "smart"
- "a great friend"
- "trustworthy"
- "hilarious"
- "loving"
- "cool"
- "best friend"
- "athletic"
- "creative"
- "sweet"
- "talented"
- "awesome"
- "amazing"
- "nice"
- "wonderful"
- "very charismatic"
- "everyone's friend"
- "great"
- "a really good person"
- "hard-working"
- "clever"
- "generous"
- "always happy"
- "kind"

Roberto Vargas

MARCO FORSTER

CHAMELEON
CHAMPION



12 Drinks • 7 1/2 Drinks
18 Pizzas • 1 Pizza Slice
12 Finger Foods • 1 Hot Dog
12 Beer, Saus & Fries

SEE FRONT DESK FOR DETAILS
SADLEBACK LANES



Saddleback Lanes
February 25, 2011

Saddleback Lanes



Fourteen years ago, in Laguna Beach, California, Diana Duran was born. She made this world a better place. She is smart, loud, and knows how to have fun. One of the many activities that she enjoys to do is playing soccer. Her favorite soccer player is Javier Hernandez (AKA Chicharito). The soccer teams that she favors are Mexico and Real Madrid. She loves to go to the movies a lot and goes almost every weekend! She likes dogs (especially pit bulls), but also loves her friends. Diana's friends include buddy Alex, buddy Tony, Darla (Dee), Yazmin, Mary, Laura, Jenny, and Ale. Diana, Alex, and Tony are also AVID buddies for life! They're class clowns too. Her plan for high school is to attend Dana Hills. She later wants to attend UCLA or UCI and become a pediatrician. Her favorite AVID memory is when she went to Santa Monica pier where she was with her crew chilling and doing their thing. They went on a ride over and over again. Her other favorite AVID memory is when she went to Knott's Berry Farm and herself and her crew went to Bigfoot Rapids and they got really wet. A guy also scared them on a ride. AVID helped her because she took the college path. Marissa Arreola was Diana's biggest distraction when she worked on her Marco Minute. Diana Duran is proud to be in AVID, and she is also a great AVID student. She knows how to have fun, and people love her.

By Ariana Vargas

Diana Duran

"kind"

"my best friend"

"blow my mind away"

"nice"

"outgoing"

"friendly"

"funny"

"not afraid to speak mind"

"great person"

"always happy"

"super funny"

"outgoing and stylish"

"fun to hang with"

"great friend"

"sweet and funny and such a big-hearted person"

"awesome friend"

"good person you can count on"

"loud"

"amazing friend"

"knows how to have fun"

“happy a lot”

“best friend in the world”

“most likely to go to college”

“smart, a good friend and very nice”

“smart”

“smart and fun”

“super creative”

“really nice”

“hard working”

“intelligent”

“tries hard to do her best”

“super-talented”

“supersmart”

“good teacher”

“dedicated”

“so smart and cool”

Emma Bunim

Emma Bunim was born on December 29, 1998. She is fourteen years old, Emma will attend Dana Hills High School. Straight A's Student, Emma, has a 4.0 GPA for the past couple of years. Smarty, Emma, loves to read. Her future career is an artist. Her favorite color is orange. Some of her best friends are Malia M, Elaina T, Ashley K, Venecia D, Vanessa M, Marilu V, Ivana D, Ely and Mika. Her favorite AVID memories were in seventh grade when Sarah was laughing on the floor, and Emma stood up with her legs crossed. Then she tried to walk with her back foot and twisted and fell on the floor. Then she and Sarah were laying on the floor laughing. Emma, very artistic person, likes to draw a lot. She is a lover when it comes to pets. Emma has four dogs and two cats. Emma likes to go be a gamer in her free time. Emma will have a very bright future.

By Litzzy Calzado



Cal Poly Pomona

April 28, 2011

What was the most fun field trip and the funniest field trip you have ever been to? My name is Anthony Vazquez and we went to Cal Poly Pomona University field trip on April 28, 2011.

When we got there, the first thing we did was split into groups. Then we took a tour. The first place we went to was into a TV studio. They showed us how they make the backgrounds, and also they showed us what they could do with other stuff with their cameras. Also, we went to an engineering place where they showed us their go-carts and that every year they have a race. Also, they showed us their old go-carts and their trophies. Then when we were walking, a professor showed us a machine. The machine showed us about liquefaction and what happens.

After that, Ivan, Eduardo, and I tried getting college girl's phone number, but we failed. Then when we were done with our lunch, we went around walking when some guys told us to shuffle; so we did, and then we had a contest with them. After a hard challenge, we beat them with our best guy Miguel. He beat them and made them look like posers. Then we had to say good bye to our new college friends.

When we left, we went to a big hill it was like the size of a skyscraper. Some kids hurt themselves with fence when they were rolling down the hill. Also there were some kids that were jumping over kids like Ivan and me. Some kids got really dizzy and were about to vomit. Then we left because so many kids were really dizzy.

Then we had to go back home. When we were driving home, everybody did not want to go back.



Gabriela Ramirez was born on January 22, 1999. She likes to read and draw. She likes to draw anime and draws many other wonderful things. She is also a big fan of Disney and DreamWorks. Her favorite movies are *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Rise of the Guardians*. Gabriela likes to write made up ideas. She has written many wonderful stories, but her favorite is about made up ideas. Gabriela likes to hang out with Arianna, Venecia, Marilu, Emma, Malia, and Alysa. She is going to San Juan Hills High School and wants to go to USC. Gabriela wants to be an architect. Her favorite AVID memory is going to Cal State Fullerton because they were running around the whole entire school. They ate a lot of treats and then they had a sugar rush. Gabriela is a strange, smart, and caring person. Gabriela is a very wonderful person that cares a lot for her friends and family. AVID helped Gabriela make new friends and helped a lot for her future.

By Anthony Vazquez

"one of the coolest and smartest people"

"very smart"

"sweet"

"always smiling"

"nice"

"creative"

"generous"

"funny"

"unique"

"nice and smart"

"loving"

"one-of-a-kind"

"phenomenal"

"kind"

GABRIELA

RAMIREZ

"nice to talk to"

"great friend"

"sharing"

On February 18, 1999 in Mission Viejo Hospital, baby Miguel Bravo brought smiles and joy to his family. He has been in AVID for three years. After attending San Juan Hills High School, Miguel wants to proudly attend Stanford University and become some type of engineer. In his free time, Miguel likes to play action and adventure games on his PS3, play soccer, and run. His favorite AVID memory is when he went to Knott's Berry Farm. Miguel is an intelligent and talented person. I am very lucky to have Miguel as my friend. He is a funny, outgoing, and nice person. In Miguel's future, he will have no difficulty getting to where he wants to go. Miguel is one bright star.

Yazmin Cuevas

"funny"

"cool"

"intelligent"

"you can count on him"

"the best ever"

"a really good friend"

"awesome and cool"

"sweetheart"

"like my brother"

"cool, awesome and awesome"

"chill"

"athletic"

"always cheering everyone up"

"trustworthy"

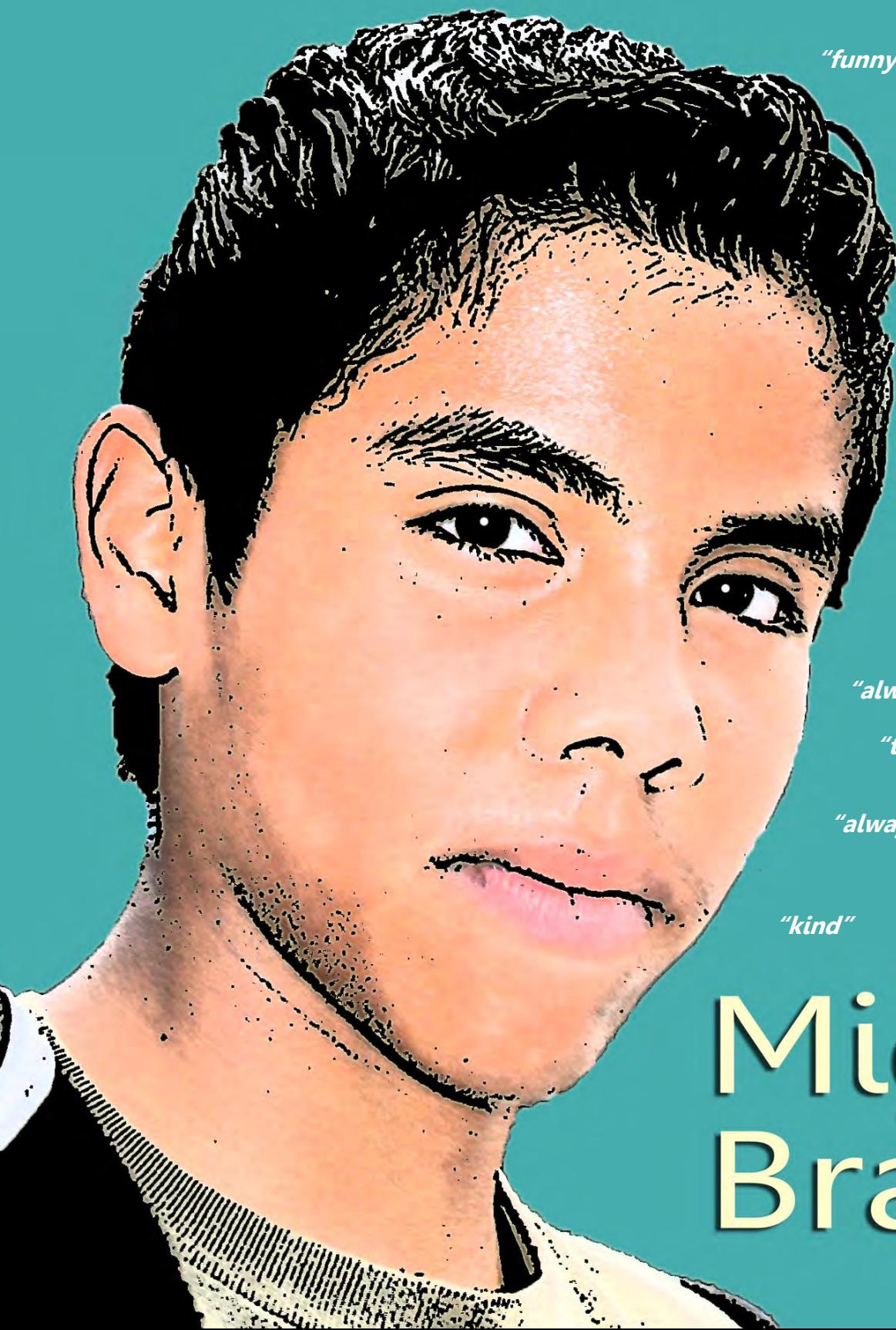
"always making people laugh"

"like a brother"

"kind"

"smart"

"nice"



Miguel Bravo

THE
NEW
WAVE





May 15, 1999 was the wonderful spring day that Laura Silva was brought into the world. Laura is a fun-loving girl who has a bubbly personality; she enjoys going on Facebook (a lot) and loves music. She also enjoys styling and dying her own hair. In her spare time, she goes to the mall and Kaleidoscope. Laura will be going to San Juan Hills High School, and after graduation she plans on going to UCLA; her career is undecided though. One of her favorite AVID memories was going to Knott's Berry Farm and spending a day with her friends, especially Marisol and Diana. Her best friends in AVID are Ellie Ponce, Ellie Herrera, Robert, Litzy, Diana, and Marisol, and she loves them all. Laura has been in AVID for three years. This class has helped her keep focused on school and has helped her get A's and B's, (and mostly A's). AVID has also helped her choose good friends and has kept her from getting zeroes. Being in AVID has opened many great doors for Laura.

By Marisol Velasquez

"loving and supportive"

"such a fun person"

"outgoing"

"amazingly smart"

"amazing"

"smart, nice, funny"

"really nice"

"trustworthy"

"good friend"

"positive attitude"

**"someone you
can trust"**

**"awesome
friend"**

"caring"



Laura Silva



Leslie Dina was born on May 10, 1999 at Mission Viejo Hospital. She is going to be attending Capo Valley High School. After Capo Valley, she does not know which college she will like to attend. On weekends, Leslie likes to go hang out with her cousins and watch movies. Her favorite AVID memory is when she went to Kott's Berry Farm because she got the chance to hang with her best friends and eat chicken tenders. Leslie loves to listen to music. She does not like sports and does not like to play tag at all. When Leslie grows up, she wants to be a doctor. Leslie is a fun and outgoing person.

By Perla Fabian

"kind and very sweet"

"supersweet"

"nice"

"kind"

"funny, smart, fun"

"my best friend"

"nice, kind, helpful"

"wonderful person"

"funny and smart"

"my sister"

"a great person"

Leslie
Dina



“kind, caring, big brother, Directioner, and fun person to be with”

“super energetic and not afraid to speak his mind”

“dramatic”

**“funny,
energetic,
awesome
friend”**

“loving”

Julian Torres

Julian Torres is a funny, sarcastic, easygoing guy. Julian was born in Mission Viejo, California on May 15, 1999. He will go to Dana Hills High School and plans to go to Julliard after high school. Julian dreams of becoming an actor when he grows up. Because Julian has been in AVID since sixth grade, he has a lot of memories. Avid Camp is one of his favorite memories because it was the first time he met his future teachers and friends. Cal Poly Pomona is also on his list of favorite memories because that is where everyone in Mr. Gerow's AVID class rolled down a hill. Yosemite is also a good memory because he had the opportunity to be with his friends for a whole week. Going to Knott's Berry Farm is another one of his favorite memories because he got on his very first rollercoaster ride. Participating in the Haunted Hall is another favorite memory of his because he was able to scare little kids. Santa Monica Pier is his last favorite memory because he and his friends had to hide in a tiny photo booth to escape their stalker, a girl with red pants, aka Code Raspberry. Everyone in AVID is his friend, but he has a special space in his heart for a few people. Marissa Arreola is important to him because he has a deep

friendly connection with her. Robert Vargas is important to him because they became best friends. Natalie Garcia is important to him because she is like an older sister to him, and she is his role model.

He and Natalie have an undying love for One Direction. Julian is the person everyone wants around.

By Venecia Delgado

“very rambunctious”

“funny”

“random”

“bestie”

“nice”

“awesome”

“cool”



September 28, 2011 **USC**



College field trips are usually fun and interesting, but some are really weird. Our trip to University of Southern California started off as a warm, sunny day, but soon got hot. By the time we got to eat lunch, I was starving, but the fates were cruel because all the lines were really long.

"Ahhh," I groaned, "this line is going to take forever!" Luckily, as time progressed, the line got shorter, and I finally got a slice of pepperoni pizza, but now I had to find a seat in the overcrowded food court. "Sigh." It took me a while to find a seat, but I found an empty seat at a table where Danny, Sergio and Osvaldo and were sitting. I asked them, "Can I sit here?"

They responded with a simple, "Sure."

I told them "Thanks," and sat down and ate my slice of pizza.

When I was done, Yazmin came up to me and asked if I wanted to interview a college student and told her sure. When we found some college students, we went up to them, introduced ourselves, told them what we were doing, and they let us interview them. While the person I interviewed was easy to talk to, it took Yazmin some time to write down what the guy told her.

After a good 20 minutes, we were done, and we both went our separate ways. I went to the bookstore and thought to myself as I saw the computers 'Cool'. After I saw the bookstore I decided to go look at the library, and I found the elevator was most popular.

"Let's go look around," Emma said as we walked down the stairs.

After we got down though, we decide to go up the elevator. It was crowded in the elevator, but this didn't make it any less fun. I was with a small group of people that consisted of Julian, Marisol, Emma, Vanessa and Maria that decided to go in the elevator at least ten times. Soon afterwards, I was in the elevator with Sergio, Maria, and Marisol when the weirdest thing happened.

"We're all going to die!" yelled Sergio while rolling around on the floor.

'What is wrong with him?' I thought while laughing and so were Marie and Marisol. I was soon laughing so hard I fell on the floor laughing. A while later, the elevator stopped, opened and Sergio was barely getting up, while I couldn't stop laughing. I went on the elevator a few more times with a few other people until I finally felt sick, and decided to go to the library. Finally, the trip was over, and I learned that day never ride in an elevator after eating lunch or with Sergio.

By Gabriela Ramirez



A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair, looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile. She is wearing a plaid shirt. The background is softly blurred.

Yvone Ponce was born January 22, 1999 in Mission Viejo. She has really long hair; she's nice, smart, and pretty. She loves her hot Cheetos. She is easy to be friends with. At first, she is shy and quiet, but once you get to know her, she is a really nice girl. She has two sisters. She has been in AVID for three years, and she has kind of enjoyed every moment of it. She will be attending Dana Hills High School. After she graduates, she does not know what university she wants to attend. Her future career is to be a doctor. Her favorite AVID memory is going to Knott's because she had fun going on Xcelerator with Elizabeth Ponce.

By Ashley Balderas

“funny”

“intelligent”

“awesome friend”

“sweet”

“a great friend”

“fun”

“nice and cool”

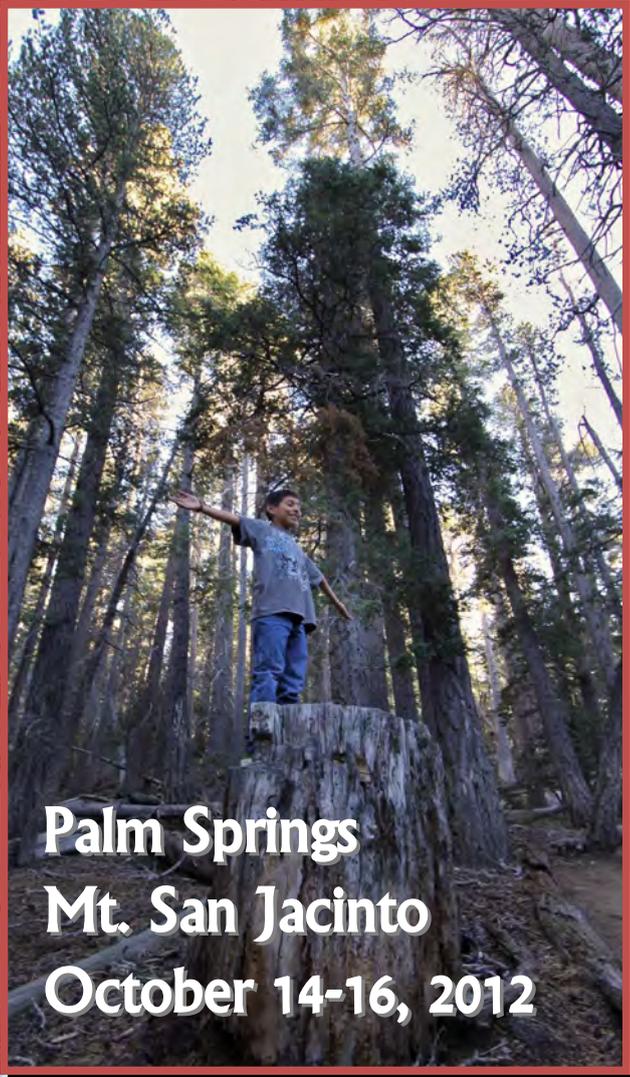
“caring”

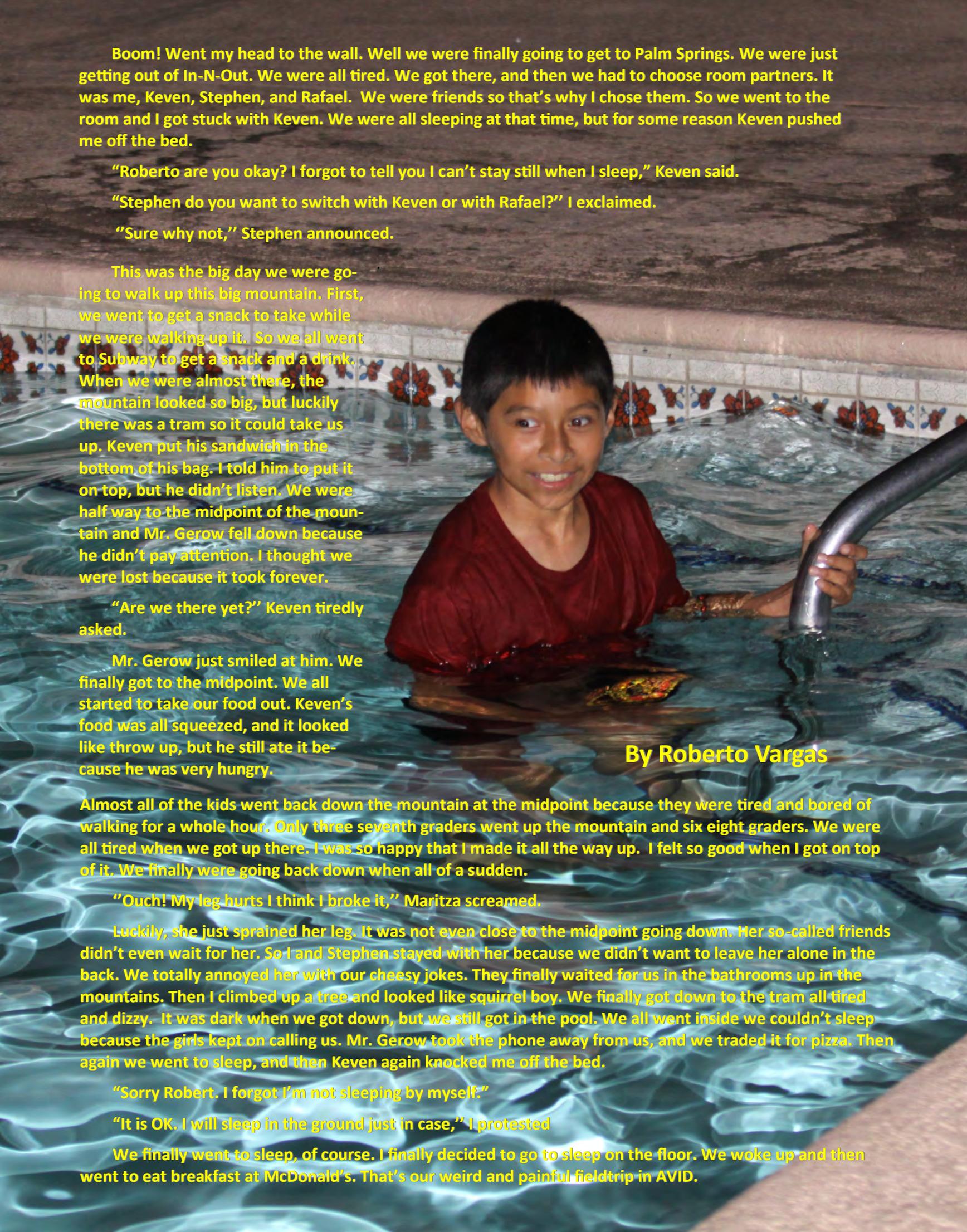
“outgoing and kind”

“nice”

“kind”

Yvone Ponce





Boom! Went my head to the wall. Well we were finally going to get to Palm Springs. We were just getting out of In-N-Out. We were all tired. We got there, and then we had to choose room partners. It was me, Keven, Stephen, and Rafael. We were friends so that's why I chose them. So we went to the room and I got stuck with Keven. We were all sleeping at that time, but for some reason Keven pushed me off the bed.

"Roberto are you okay? I forgot to tell you I can't stay still when I sleep," Keven said.

"Stephen do you want to switch with Keven or with Rafael?" I exclaimed.

"Sure why not," Stephen announced.

This was the big day we were going to walk up this big mountain. First, we went to get a snack to take while we were walking up it. So we all went to Subway to get a snack and a drink. When we were almost there, the mountain looked so big, but luckily there was a tram so it could take us up. Keven put his sandwich in the bottom of his bag. I told him to put it on top, but he didn't listen. We were half way to the midpoint of the mountain and Mr. Gerow fell down because he didn't pay attention. I thought we were lost because it took forever.

"Are we there yet?" Keven tiredly asked.

Mr. Gerow just smiled at him. We finally got to the midpoint. We all started to take our food out. Keven's food was all squeezed, and it looked like throw up, but he still ate it because he was very hungry.

By Roberto Vargas

Almost all of the kids went back down the mountain at the midpoint because they were tired and bored of walking for a whole hour. Only three seventh graders went up the mountain and six eighth graders. We were all tired when we got up there. I was so happy that I made it all the way up. I felt so good when I got on top of it. We finally were going back down when all of a sudden.

"Ouch! My leg hurts I think I broke it," Maritza screamed.

Luckily, she just sprained her leg. It was not even close to the midpoint going down. Her so-called friends didn't even wait for her. So I and Stephen stayed with her because we didn't want to leave her alone in the back. We totally annoyed her with our cheesy jokes. They finally waited for us in the bathrooms up in the mountains. Then I climbed up a tree and looked like squirrel boy. We finally got down to the tram all tired and dizzy. It was dark when we got down, but we still got in the pool. We all went inside we couldn't sleep because the girls kept on calling us. Mr. Gerow took the phone away from us, and we traded it for pizza. Then again we went to sleep, and then Keven again knocked me off the bed.

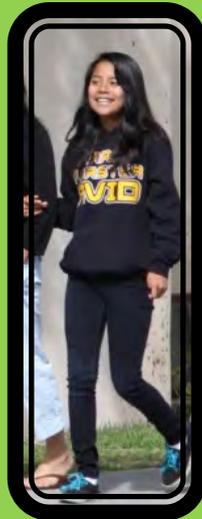
"Sorry Robert. I forgot I'm not sleeping by myself."

"It is OK. I will sleep in the ground just in case," I protested

We finally went to sleep, of course. I finally decided to go to sleep on the floor. We woke up and then went to eat breakfast at McDonald's. That's our weird and painful fieldtrip in AVID.

Swallow's Day Parade

March 25, 2011



Sweet, persuasive and caring are just three of the many words that can describe Elizabeth Herrera. Ellie was born on September 26, 1999 at Mission Viejo Hospital. After middle school Elizabeth is planning on moving on into Capo Valley High School. After high school she would like to go to UCLA and receive a master's degree as a pedestrian or a child physiologist. At the moment Elizabeth has one brother and one sister, and enjoys singing, dancing, playing soccer and doing gymnastics. Two of Elizabeth's hobbies include reading and shopping. Elizabeth has been in AVID for three years and has had great adventures. Her favorite AVID memory is when she got to go to the Yosemite and Knott's Berry Farm trips in seventh and eighth grade. AVID has helped Elizabeth keep track of her grades, and also meet new friends that will influence her positively than then the rest of the loser kids that roam around the school making bad choices.

By Natalia Garcia

Elizabeth Herrera

"tries"

*"Funny and always in a
good mood"*

*"always laughing and
smiling"*

"smart"

"cooperative"

"helpful and nice"

"nice"

*"a good
friend"*

"nice personality"

"wonderful"

"kind"

"best daughter a mother could ask for"

"so funny"

"outstanding"

"strong"

"funny"

"friendly"



Elizabeth Ponce was born in Anaheim on January 4, 1999. She is currently fourteen. Over the three years in middle school, her GPA is 3.98. Her favorite AVID memory is Yosemite because she got to spend time with her friends. She is going to Capistrano Valley High School; she hopes to go to USC and study something in the medical field earning a masters degree or PhD. Her best friends in AVID are Litzy, Laura, Marisol, Roberto, Elizabeth H., Julian, Stephen, and Miguel. AVID helped her with grades and organization. Elizabeth is smart, a good friend, and very funny. She enjoyed her three years in AVID very much, and it changed her, making her a better person.

By Diego Fuentes

"smart"

"nice"

"kind"

"sweet"

"funny"

"always smiling"

"intelligent"

*"someone you can
count on"*

*"big
heart"*

"fun person to hang out with"

"nice, funny and smart"

"amazing"

"trustworthy"

"wonderful"

"nice to talk to"

"helpful"

"Loyal"

*"amazing
and
smart
person"*

Elizabeth Ponce

*"love to
be
around
her"*



"Hey! Lets go! Lets go!" exclaimed Stephen as we were running towards the Bigfoot Rapids at Knott's Berry Farm. But a few hours before, Frank and I were riding on the school bus just behind Jesus and Stephen. Luis was with his dad at the front of the bus. When we arrived we waited in line to get in and once we got in, we all got into a big group of boys and walked to the Silver Bullet. Stephen started to play with a little remote control boat at the foot of the ride Silver Bullet. The group started to walk away while Stephen was still playing.

I exclaimed to the group "Wait up!"

But they didn't listen to us. So only Stephen, Jessica (Stephen's sister), Luis, Jesus and I were left.

"It doesn't matter; we can just go on our own," interjected Jesus.

We ran into Frank and his dad on the way to get a map of the park. We started walking towards the Bigfoot Rapids but on the way we passed the bumper carts.

"Hey, lets go on the bumper cars!" suggested Frank.

We all ran inside the ring and hopped into different cars. As expected, we were all going to be immature and ram each other excessively. We kept on ram each other so hard we even ran into the walls.

"Ouch!" shouted Luis.

"Move!" hollered Stephen.

Jesus and I were just ramming into each other over and over. When we got off we ran all the way to Bigfoot Rapids. It was very fun, but on our fifth out of eight time was very fun. As we were half way through the ride; the raft started going down steeper falls. One particular fall I will never forget. We were spinning uncontrollably and we went of a fall. A big splash came at Jesus and I. He ducked and I got soaked.

"Dude! What was that?" I asked surprisingly.

Everyone turned around and starting laughing.

"Point and laugh," said Stephen

Then out of nowhere we fall again and he gets drenched.

"But at you!" I cried out laughing.

"Suckers," pronounced Luis.

Then he too was overcome with water.

Jesus announced "I'm not going to say anything."

When we got off, we were all wet except for Jesus.

Ha-ha, good times!





KNOTT'S BERRY FARM
NOVEMBER 21, 2011



San Diego State University



November 30, 2011





Tony Gwynn
Hall of Fame
Baseball Player







On February 13, 1999, Jennifer Sanchez was born. She was born in Mission Viejo Hospital on a cold winter day. She plans on going to San Juan Hills High School next year where she will get amazing grades like always. After high school she wants to go to USC and become a pediatrician. Her favorite AVID memory is when she went to La Brea Tar Pits because there was a big giant hill where she rolled down, she got very dirty and ended up walking around like that all through Hollywood Blvd. During her free time she enjoys hanging out with her friends and do fun stuff with them like shop and skate. Jennifer has an amazing personality many people say she is friendly, funny, weird, caring, and outgoing. When she grows up she really wants to go to Brazil because she finds their culture very interesting. She says that her two years in AVID have really helped her learn about college. I know that if she keeps up with her grades and makes the right decisions she will get very far.

By Darla Brito

“really cares
“smart” about school”

“nice friend”

“hard worker”

“polite”

“hilarious”

“nice” “funny” “a nice
and good
friend”

“smart and stylish”

“such a sweet friend”

Jennifer Sanchez

Luis Flores-Cervantes was born on August 4, 1999 in San Clemente. He has two sisters, and he is the middle child. One of his hobbies is playing all sorts of sports like soccer, basketball, and many more. Another thing he likes to do in his spare time is playing video games. At school, Luis is helpful, funny, and outgoing. His favorite subjects are English and PE. He has been in AVID for three years and has made friends like Fernando, Keven, and Sergio. His favorite AVID memory was when he went to Knott's Berry Farm and went on the ride Xcelerator. After middle school, Luis is going to San Juan Hills High School. After high school, he wants to go to UCLA. He still has not decided to what his future career will be. I am sure that Luis will be successful in life.

By Cinthia Avila

Luis Flores

"chill" **"funny"**
"nice" **"cool"**
"fun to chill with"
"tries hard"
"a good friend"
"silly"
"a good person"





Huntington Library

January 14, 2012

"Raspberry"
By Emma Bunim

Raspberries have never tasted the same since that Santa Monica Pier trip. It started as we were trying to convince Yazmin to get on the Dragon-Boat ride.

"It looks scary; I don't want to go on *that!*" Yazmin protested.

"Please, come on," I pleaded.

"It's not even that scary." Marisol added.

Marisol, Julian and I tried to convince her for about ten minutes but she only accepted after the girls in line behind us agreed to go on with her. She had a paint-splattered t-shirt, clanky jewelry, blonde hair and jeans so bright they reminded me of a tomato.

"Fine," Yazmin sighed "but if I die, it's your fault."

"We'll wait here," Mary told us as she went to stand by Diana and Alejandrina by the exit.

As the ride started I saw Yazmin pressed tight against the wall eyes squeezed shut, the blonde girl huddled next to her and Marisol at the end. I laughed silently to myself as the boat swung back and forth.

After the ride ended we met up with our other friends.

"Where should we go now?" Mary wondered.

"The Ferris wheel?" Diana suggested. We all agreed and began walking. At the end of the group I was last, but I stopped as the girl started talking.

"Can I come with you guys?" She asked.

I hesitated not wanting to be rude, but not really wanting her to come with us either. Well she did not have any friends with her so I shrugged and replied, "Sure."

As I rejoined my friends, who were a considerable distance away by now, she followed me like a shadow.

Soon I would find out why she was alone.

Bored out of our minds my friends lazily leaned against the rails. Except the blonde girl who seemed to be talking at hyper speed.

"My name is Illiana and I'm visiting family, like my grandparents. I live with my mom in Florida. I'm home-schooled, but I still have a lot of friends and stuff. Actually Illiana isn't my real name, it's a nickname my friend gave me." My friends looked uncomfortable, and some of them had looks on their faces like, 'is this chick for real?'

"We're on a field trip," I muttered lamely. I had no idea why would she be telling me all this stuff. Marisol and I exchanged a glance about the time Alejandrina complained, "This line is too long, let's go somewhere else."

So we headed to this ride that spins people forcefully around until they felt sick. My faithful little shadow hovered right behind me. As she paused for breath between talking I abruptly announced, "I'm going with Marisol."

"Okay!" she said but she frowned.

"We need to get rid of her," I whispered to Marisol as we got on.

"I know but how?" Marisol retorted.

"Well..." and as we were spun around viciously fast we came up with an idea.

Leaving the ride I gave Julian a look and he said to Illiana, "Hey we have to go, you know check in with our teacher. Since, you know, we're on a field trip."

"Oh that's okay; I'll just come with you!" she beamed at us eyes crazily wide like a mad scientist.

Suddenly we dashed away. I do not know who ran first but in the next second we fled and I heard her feet clunking on the wooden boards after us as we zigzagged across the boardwalk. My heart pounded with adrenaline.

"Hey guys, where are you going?"

"Run, go faster!" Diana cried.

"In here!" Yazmin exclaimed pointing to a very small, cheap photo booth. Desperate the seven of us piled inside. Someone's hair was in my face, I had an elbow in my ribs, and at least three people were stepping on my feet. It was hot and stuffy like a tiny oven. Plus my neck was craned and knees were bent because the booth was not meant for standing.

"Hello? You guys? Helloooooo?" she called out. Painfully I was aware of the curtain came only to our knees, and seven pairs of neon sneakers were easily visible.

She stood right outside the booth not noticing us. I held my breath, paralyzed. She walked away as though dejected...

After she left we slipped back outside, no longer cramped like sardines in a camp.

"That was close," Alejandrina sighed.

We quietly agreed, still shaken.

"I want to go on the frog hopper thing," announced Yazmin suddenly as though nothing had happened. I agreed to go with her.

We reached the top and she pointed out the eerily familiar red jeans.

"Look, it's her!" She exclaimed, "We should think of a warning, like 'code' something.

"She wears bright red... what's red? How about fruits?" I replied.

The froghopper thing went *whoosh* as we went down.

"Strawberries?"

Whoosh.

"Cranberries?"

Whoosh.

"Raspberries? Yeah, I like that. *Code Raspberry.*" Yazmin declared, and I laughed.

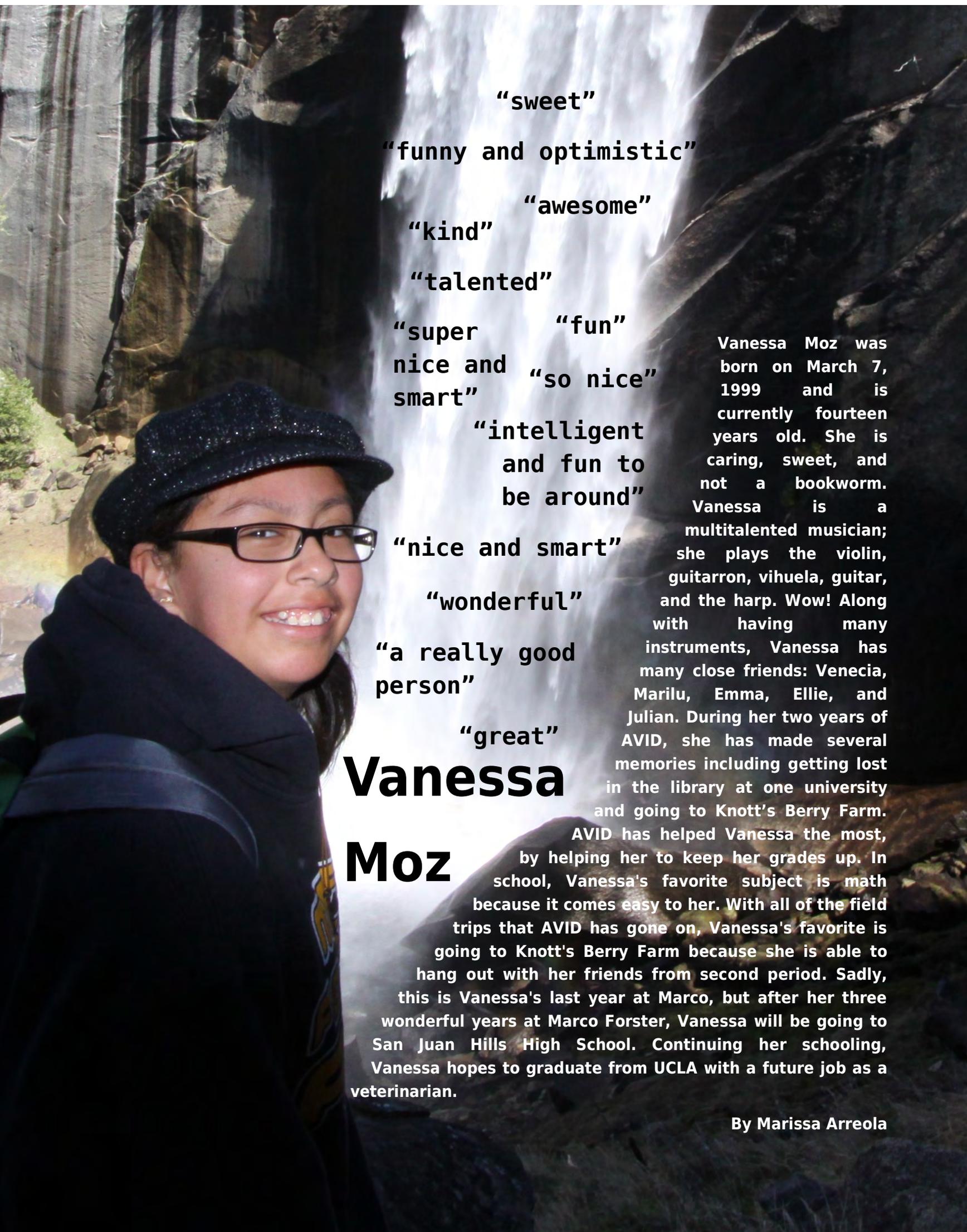
In the end I learned not talk to strangers, especially if they dress like popular fruits.





Santa Monica Pier
January 14, 2012





“sweet”

“funny and optimistic”

“awesome”

“kind”

“talented”

“super fun”

“nice and smart”

“so nice”

“intelligent
and fun to
be around”

“nice and smart”

“wonderful”

“a really good
person”

“great”

Vanessa

Moz

Vanessa Moz was born on March 7, 1999 and is currently fourteen years old. She is caring, sweet, and not a bookworm. Vanessa is a multit talented musician; she plays the violin, guitarron, vihuela, guitar, and the harp. Wow! Along with having many instruments, Vanessa has many close friends: Venecia, Marilu, Emma, Ellie, and Julian. During her two years of AVID, she has made several memories including getting lost in the library at one university and going to Knott’s Berry Farm.

AVID has helped Vanessa the most, by helping her to keep her grades up. In school, Vanessa's favorite subject is math because it comes easy to her. With all of the field trips that AVID has gone on, Vanessa's favorite is going to Knott's Berry Farm because she is able to hang out with her friends from second period. Sadly, this is Vanessa's last year at Marco, but after her three wonderful years at Marco Forster, Vanessa will be going to San Juan Hills High School. Continuing her schooling, Vanessa hopes to graduate from UCLA with a future job as a veterinarian.

By Marissa Arreola



"Oh whoa, Oh whoa, Oh woah L.A!" This all happen when mostly all the students in AVID went to La Brea Tarpits. Yazmin's sister was tacking us to the trip while her boyfriend came along. We were just hearing music and laughing on the way. When we were already in L.A, we saw people dressed with suits and caps on their heads. Mikey her boyfriend started to scream "Nazis," Nazis." We got there and saw this guy with a banjo and he said he would teach us a dance so, my partner was Yazmin, Margarita, Erika, Litzy, and Cinthia all came along. It was a pretty weird dance, but enjoyable. Then we went in the museum, but not to judge it, it was boring.

After that we went outside and we all saw this mountain hill so I decided for fun to roll down on it so I tried and when I was half way I fell on my head so I tried it again but the same thing happen again so after that I had this pretty bad headache and I was a mess because of the dirt.

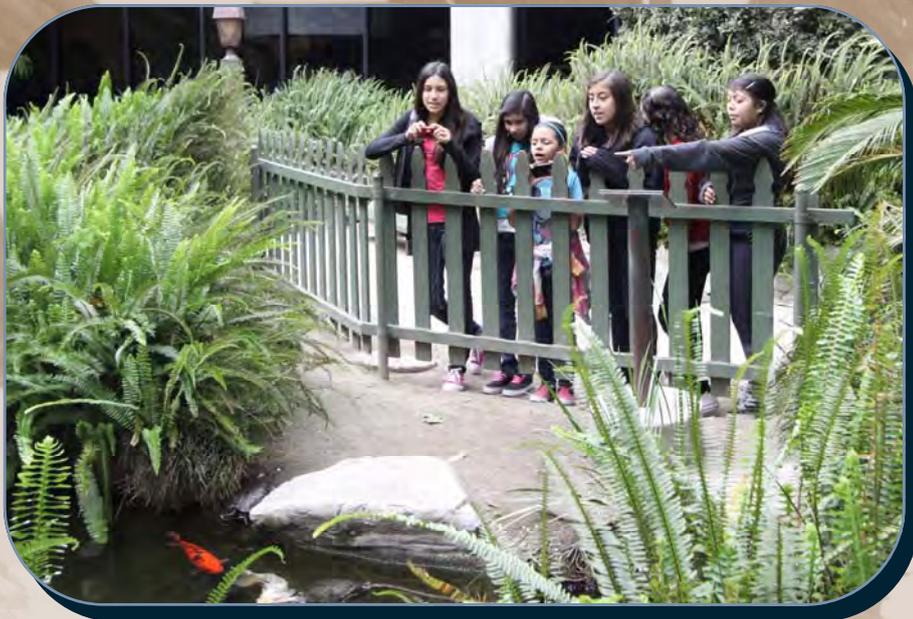
Right after that we were going to eat, we went to eat Pinky's and there was a pretty big line and I do not like big lines but like I was hungry I had to keep my anger inside and just wait. It was boring, but then it was are turn to pick are food and I ordered a cheeseburger and some fries. I went to go sit with my friends and we were all full and just wanted to leave so then we left and were going to Hollywood its like finally.

We were in are way and I just felt like singing so we were in the parking garages and I was singing Baby by Justin Bieber I got to admit I was a bit crazy. We got out the car and just started to walk out the parking garages out to the boardwalk when we got there, there was different kind of people dressed like movie characters and we wanted to take pictures, but Mr. Gerow said that we had to gave them tips so we were just like passing through and some were fricking me out. We just kept walking and passing through stores and I really wanted to go to a store, but they did not let me so we left, but we still stop to a store, but not the one I wanted to. We kept on walking and while we were walking there was actors, singers names on the floor. After that we just kept walking, and when we were going back we saw some people doing tricks and getting money from people, but the tricks were pretty cool. Mr. Gerow said we had to go so we left and we were going back and I kept on singing songs with my choir in the back it was just fun, and we just kept on asking questions to Mr. Gerow.

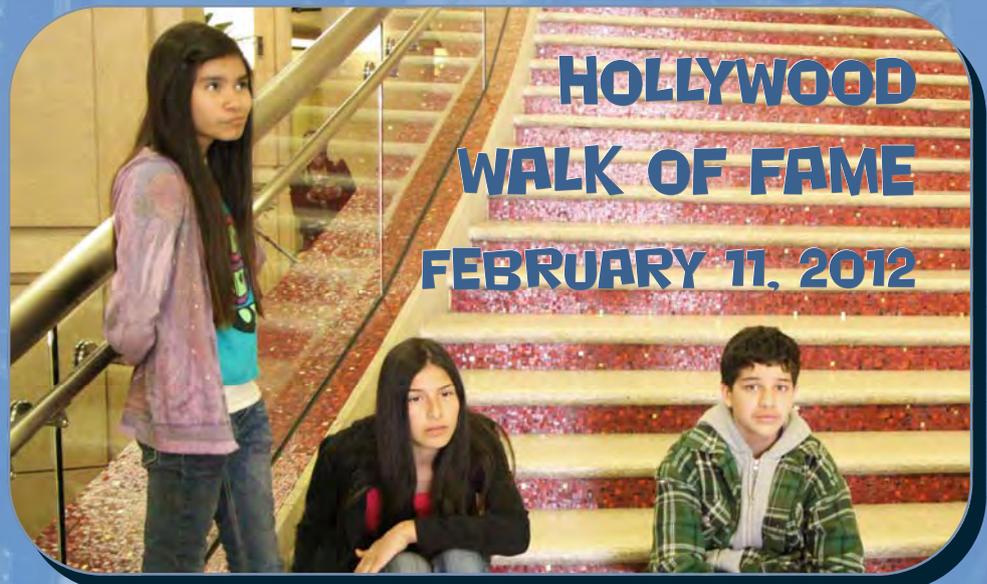
Finally we got to the school, and I was just tired, dirty, and just wanted to go home because some people just reminded me of my fall and were just laughing, and at that time I learned that falling down that hill was a bad idea because probably in L.A people could of

thought that I came out from a dumpster finally my uncle came to go home, and I was going home exhausted from the whole trip.

By Jennifer Sanchez







Darla Brito was born on October 22, 1999 in Santa Ana. Darla is planning to attend San Juan Hills High School, and after high school she plans to go to the Northern California. Darla has been in AVID for two years already and says it has been two amazing years learning about college. Darla is a weird, outgoing funny, and intelligent person she is also a unique person. In her free time, she likes to watch cop movies and eat ice cream her favorite. She is a person you want to hang out with because she can be herself. Darla's favorite AVID memory is when we went to Knott's Berry Farm and got soaking wet with Diana.

By Jennifer Sanchez

“funny” “amazingly intelligent”

“sweet”

“funny and random”

“loving”

“my best buddy”

“loud”

“nicest person ever”

“kind”

“great singer”

“outgoing”

“intelligent”

“so funny & makes my day everyday”

“great sense of humor”

“fun”

“amazing”

DARLA BRITO



Omg, Litzy.

Where do I start? Well, you have been a good friend. You are always there for me when I need you. You can always make me laugh. We have a lot of fun memories like when we went to Knott's Berry Farm and we went on jaguar ten times . I also remember when we took our first picture when we went bowling . I also remember when we went to Boomers, and we got wet, and it was cold. We also had fun playing laser tag. We always help each other like when I helped you get your No Speed Limit shirt. You were so happy. Well, I hope you do good next year in high school. We are going to different high schools, but we have to move on . I have to admit I am going to miss you but we can visit each other.

Well, goodbye Litzy.

Love,

Gypsy Gonzalez

Dear Gypsy,

Well, Gypsy you are so slow. We had good memories last year in P.E. We are really good friends and ya. You are short though. Remember when you were taller than me, but I grew. Well, you are going to a different high school. I am going to miss you. I hope you can hang out in the summer with Roberto, Stephen, and me.

Goodbye.

Sincerely,

Litzy

San Diego Safari Park

March 9, 2012



Sergio Perez was born on July 7, 1999. He has been in AVID for two years. Sergio is going to go to Dana Hills High School. He would like to go to Stanford University and become an industrial engineer. Sergio's favorite AVID memory is when he went to Yosemite in 7th grade. He had a lot fun, and he enjoyed falling down. He also enjoyed running around playing football with Gianni, Stephen, and Litz. Sergio likes to play sports like soccer, football and basketball. He likes to listen to dubstep and rap. Sergio is a nice and smart person. He is very cooperative. With his great qualities, he will have a successful life. He would like to give shout outs to his good looking friends: Marisol, Jesus, Stephen, Miguel, Roberto, Fernando, Luis, Christian, Jaime, Alejandro, Litz, Elizabeth Ponce, Elizabeth Herrera, and Darla.

By Margarita Carvajal

"a great friend who is fun to be with and makes everyone laugh"

"cool"

"chill"

"smart"

"creative"

"nice"

"fun and cool"

"funny and a good"

"really, really smart"

"helpful"

"sweet"

"awesome"

Sergio Perez



Ode to AVID

Going to my fourth period class
Smelling the fresh air inside
Everyone having a smile on their face

Eager to start on my Marco Minutes
Ready to shoot my hand up to answer
Checking my calendar
Seeing what are we going to do

I may be quiet
But deep inside, I am having such a good time
AVID is my favorite class out of six
When the bell rings, it is time to say goodbye

Waiting for the day to end
Wanting to go to fourth period already

AVID is like my family
And sooner or later the family will come to an end
So enjoying this celebration as soon as possible

By Rafael

Oh, AVID
I will miss you
I will miss my friends too

I don't want to
Leave middle school
For fear I'll forget you

Oh, AVID
You've helped me
So much

The field trips
That I've gone to
Were very fun

Especially the one
Where Ariana got a sugar
rush!

Oh, AVID
You are irreplaceable
You're the only source
That gets me no progress
reports

Oh, AVID
You have made
This school year
The best!!!!!!

By Marilu

AVID Sonnet

*With smells of clean paper and new textbooks
Our final year of AVID has begun
With field trips, assignments, reading books
But soon our middle school career is done*

*Sixth we were shy, afraid of each other
As seventh graders we all had a blast
We bonded, the years passing in a blur
But, if only our eighth grade year could last*

*Through these three years we have become wise
Separation now seems horribly cruel
Sighing with all of our tearful goodbyes
We march onward to different high schools*

*We had a wonderful time together
AVID memories cherished forever*

By Emma

AVID

*A class that helps you
Where memories are made
Students meeting new people
Getting all the help that they can*

*Mr. Gerow teaching his class
While Mrs. Penner grades
Kids shooting for their goal
Of being accepted to a university*

*In tutorial
Scholars finishing all their work
But sometimes fooling around
But somehow we finish our work on time*

*Field trips are the reward
For being on top of your game
Getting the necessary grades
So you can have fun for doing your best*

*The best part of AVID
Spending time with the people you love
Having fun and getting the grades
But all those memories are going to be left behind*

AVID It's a club It's a lifestyle It's a way of life

By Vanessa



SADDLEBACK LANES

FEBRUARY 24, 2012





Swallow's Day Parade
March 24, 2012



“cool”

“smart”

“kind”

“responsible”

“nice”

“funny”

“extremely sweet”

“super-nice to everyone”

“helpful”

“creative”

“athletic”

“positive attitude”

“energetic”

“excited about everything”

“a really good friend”

“nice”

“wonderful”

“intelligent”

“fantastic person”

Mika Rajkumar

Mika Rajkumar was born on June 4, 1999 in Hoag Hospital. She is going to Dana Hills High School and would like to attend UCLA. Mika would like to travel to India and many other countries. If she were a millionaire, Mika would like to buy four mansions, one in Germany, one in Africa, one in California and one in Italy. She would also buy a private jet and with the rest of her money being donated to orphans in Africa so they could have a better education and life. Her favorite actor is Will Farrell because he is very hilarious and makes her laugh until her stomach hurts. Out of all the years she has been in AVID, Mika’s favorite memory was when we went to Cal State Fullerton because of all the beautiful tall buildings. Mika overall is smart, caring, and a helpful friend, I believe that she will be successful in life if she works hard enough to achieve all of her goals.

By Maria Cruz

Yazmin Cuevas was born on July 20, 1999 in Mission Viejo Hospital. She is thirteen years old, and she has been in AVID for two years. Her favorite AVID memory was when she went to Knott's Berry Farm. She likes to eat sushi, and she likes to play soccer on her free time. Yazmin also likes to go shopping and loves to go to Disneyland. She has Mickey fever. She is also going to San Juan Hills High School, and she then wants to go to UC Davis or any college that accepts her so that she can be a veterinarian. Yazmin is a very nice and caring friend, and I am glad that she is my friend, and I hope to see her as a veterinarian so that she could be my pets' doctor. Yazmin also likes to play Tap Out Simpsons when she is saving unicorns from evil wizards.

By Miguel Bravo

“nice”

“sweet”

“positive”

“funny”

“my friend”

“kind”

“always in a good mood”

“gnarly”

“athletic”

“cutie pie”

“my best friend”

“fantastic”

“funny and lovable”

“someone that everyone loves”

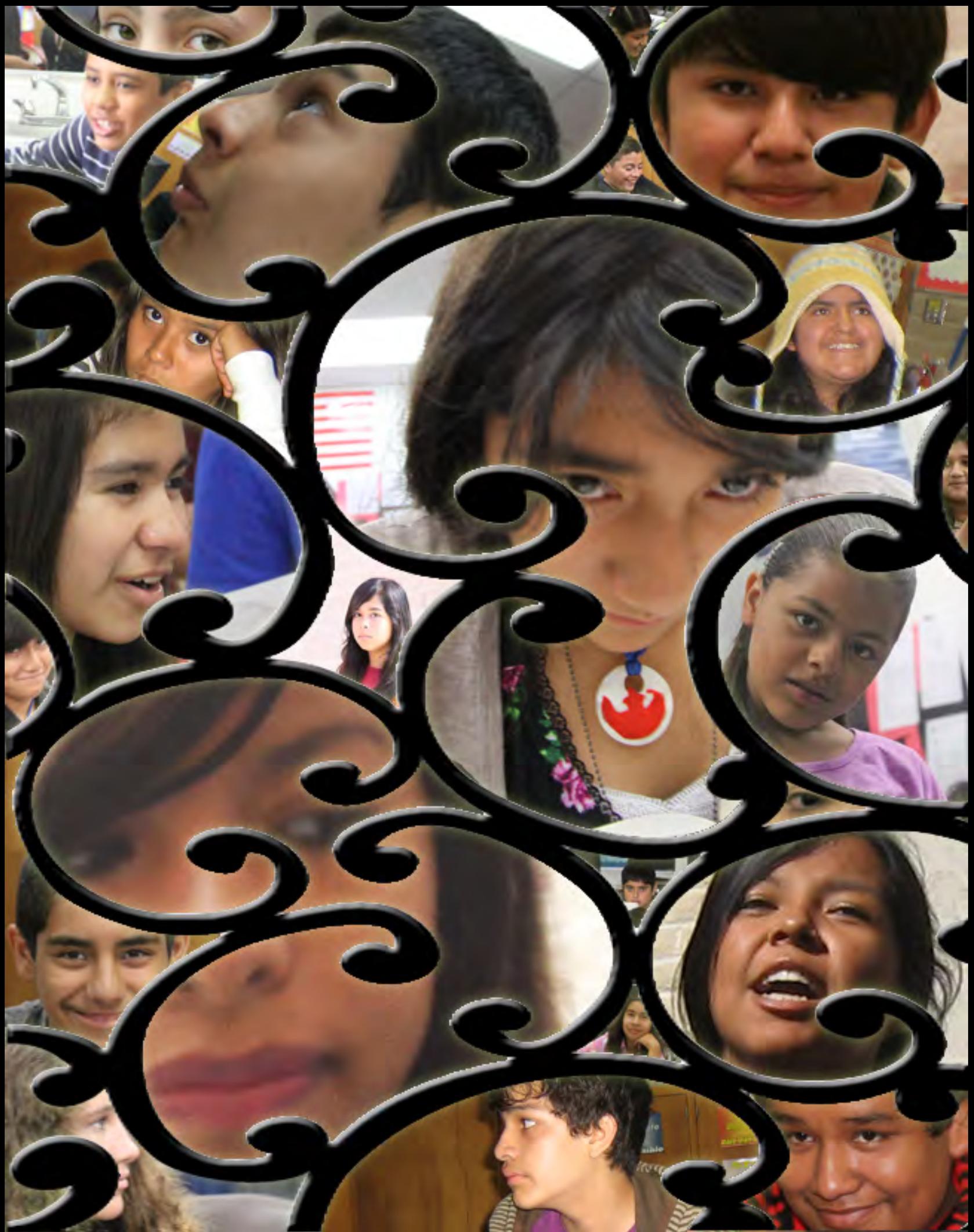
“friendly and awesome person”

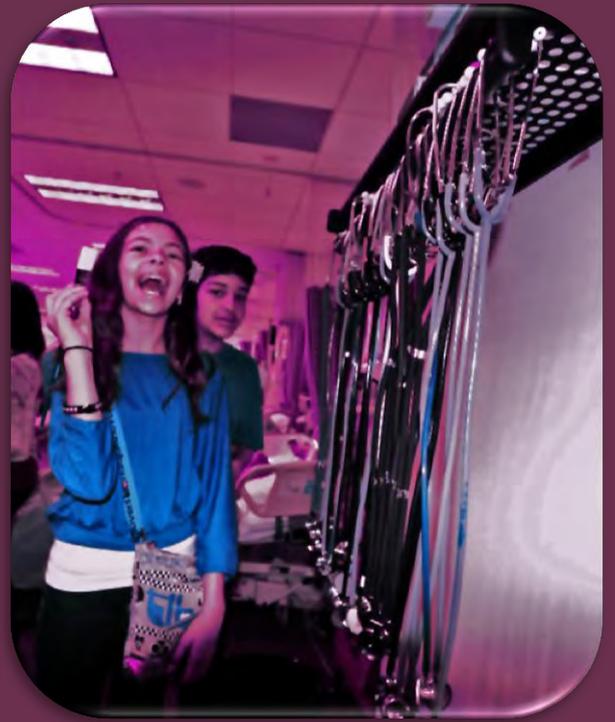
“wonderful”

“a happy girl”



Yazmin
Cuevas





Saddleback Community College
March 27, 2012



Venecia Delgado is an athletic, intelligent girl who was born on January 25, 1999 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. She is currently fourteen. Next year, she is going to attend San Juan Hills High School. After high school, Venecia is hoping to go to Yale University in Connecticut where she will be studying to be a writer. Her favorite AVID memory was the first time the soon-to-be AVID sixth graders got together for one week as a whole group at AVID Camp. Now that everyone has bonded together because it is more like a family than a class. Venecia's coach came up with her nickname which is "Nessie." Some of Venecia's friends are Vanessa Moz, Marilu Viverlos, and Emma Bunim. The three years in AVID have helped her stay on the right track to be successful. Venecia's all time favorite memory in middle school was being a member of Marco AVID.

By Julian Torres

"smart"

"funny"

"nice and smart"

"intelligent"

"helpful and caring friend"

"creative and
amazing artist"

"kind"

"so
sweet"

"smart and helpful"

"wonderful person"

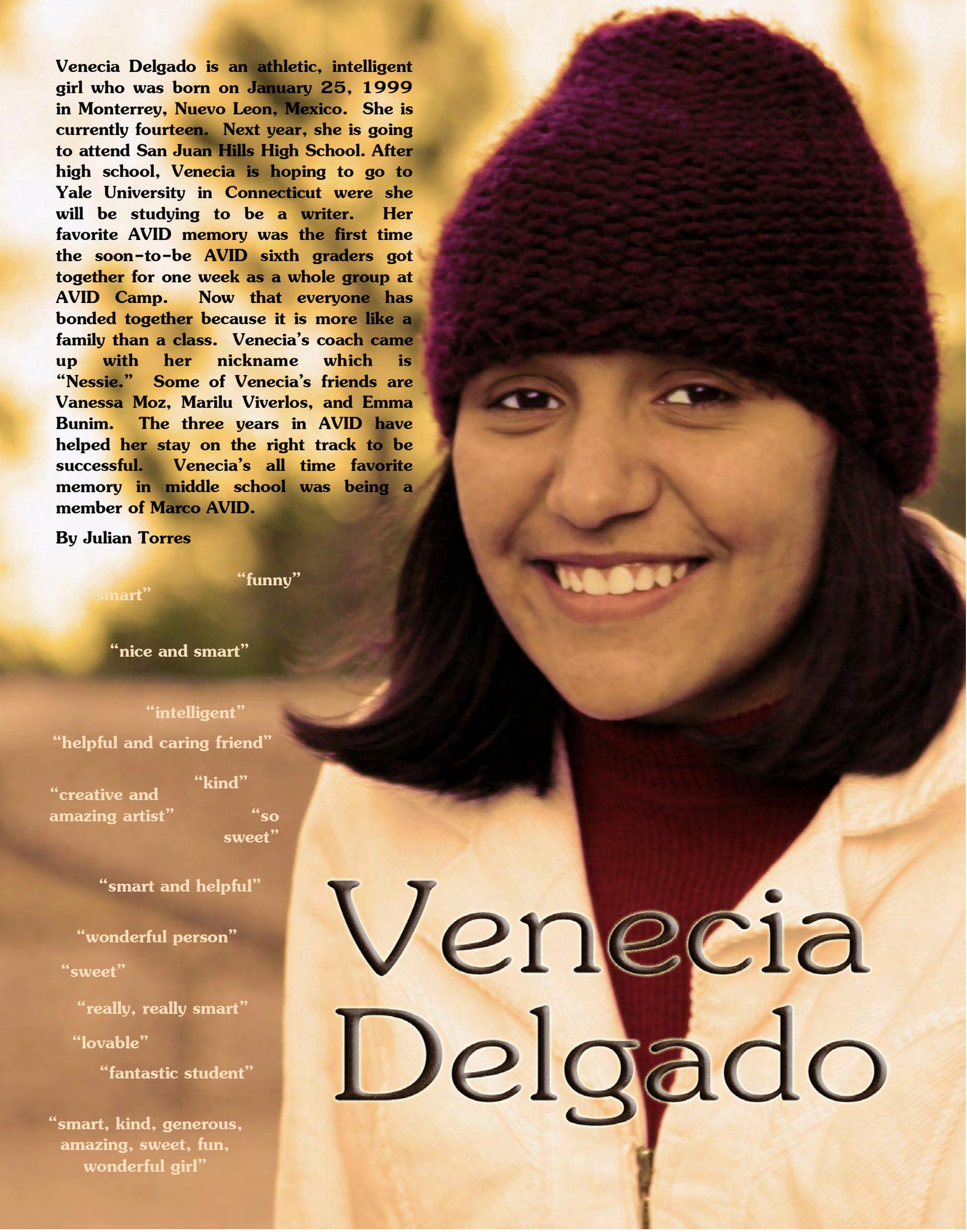
"sweet"

"really, really smart"

"lovable"

"fantastic student"

"smart, kind, generous,
amazing, sweet, fun,
wonderful girl"



Venecia Delgado

Natalia Garcia is fourteen years old and was born on December 24, 1998 in Mexico. She is often called "Natalie" by her friends but is called "Natgar" by Mr. Gerow. She is a funny, smart, sweet, supportive, bossy, and caring person. Natalie has one brother and one sister, and she enjoys reading, shopping, and doing Tae Kwon Do. Natalie is the kind of person that is shy at first, but after someone gets to know her, she is awesomely crazy and very sarcastic. Natalie is planning on attending Capo Valley High School and hopes to get accepted into Penn State University. She is undecided on becoming either a lawyer or doctor. She wants to receive her master's degree or PHD in the career she chooses. Natalie has been in AVID for three years and is also a Roadrunner Ambassador. Natalie has many favorite AVID memories, but her favorites are the days she met Julian, Marissa, Cinthia, and Litzzy: four of her closest friends. Another favorite memory is when she and her friends went to the AVID fieldtrip to Knott's Berry Farm. AVID has helped Natalie become a more organized student, and it also helped her keep track of her grades to maintain them as high as possible. You would be lucky to have her as a friend.

By Elizabeth Herrera

"great sense of
humor"

"mature"

"wonderful"

"cool"

"helpful"

"great"

"a great friend"

"motherly"

"super nice"

"kind"

"intelligent"

"amazing"

"funny"

"like a sister"

"a leader"

"smart and helpful
and caring for other
people"

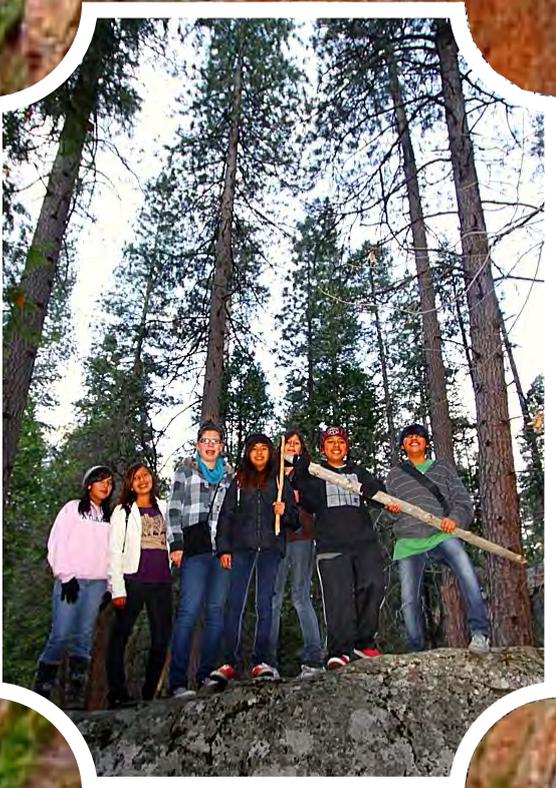
**Natalia
Garcia**





Yosemite National Park

April 9-12, 2012



“Mr.Gerow, *vamonos!*” yelled Natalie to the teacher while they were all putting their luggage in the car. Mr.Gerow had chosen 16 students to go on this amazing trip for spring break to Yosemite. On the way there it was very fun for the five friends, Litzy, Julian, Elizabeth, Eli, and Natalie.

“I’m so excited to play in the snow!” exclaimed Julian.

“I know me too.” said Natalie.

It was a going to be a ten-hour car ride from Marco Forster Middle School all the way up to Yosemite.

“Ok, go potty if you have to go, NOW!” yelled Mr.Gerow.

“Why?” questioned Natalie

“Because we are not stopping until lunch time, which is four hours from now. So go potty.” responded Mr.Gerow.

“Ok. Fine.” replied Natalie

On the way to lunch, which was in Bakersfield, they were singing to the radio and talking about how excited they were to go to Yosemite. When they finally got Bakersfield they stopped at a malls food court to eat.

“Mr. Gerow where are we going next?” asked Julian.

“We are going to the raisin factory to take a picture to the largest raisin box. Then we are going to drive to dinner.” explained Mr.Gerow.

“How many more hours until we get to Yosemite?” asked Natalie.

“Around six more hours.” replied Mr.Gerow.

At the raisin factory the kids took pictures then went off to dinner and then lastly were on their way to Yosemite Park but first the class stopped to see the Sequoia trees. There was a small area full of snow there so the kids stayed there and played for a while. After leaving the sequoias, they drove for about an hour and half when they finally reached the cabins. That night everyone was assigned their cabins and group. The rest of the week the kids spent it hiking and enjoying it. That was a car ride and a week that no one can forget.

By Natalie Garcia







"I am so excited to see the snow," commented Litzy on our way to Yosemite. It was Elizabeth P.'s, Natalie's, Elizabeth H.'s and Litzy's first trip to Yosemite. They stayed there for four days.

"It's really cold," complained Natalie on the third day they were at Yosemite. First on that day, they went to go eat breakfast. After they ate breakfast, they went to hike up to the top of Vernal Falls, one of the biggest falls in Yosemite. While they were hiking up to the top of Vernal Falls, it was snowing and the snow was hitting their face, which did not feel good.

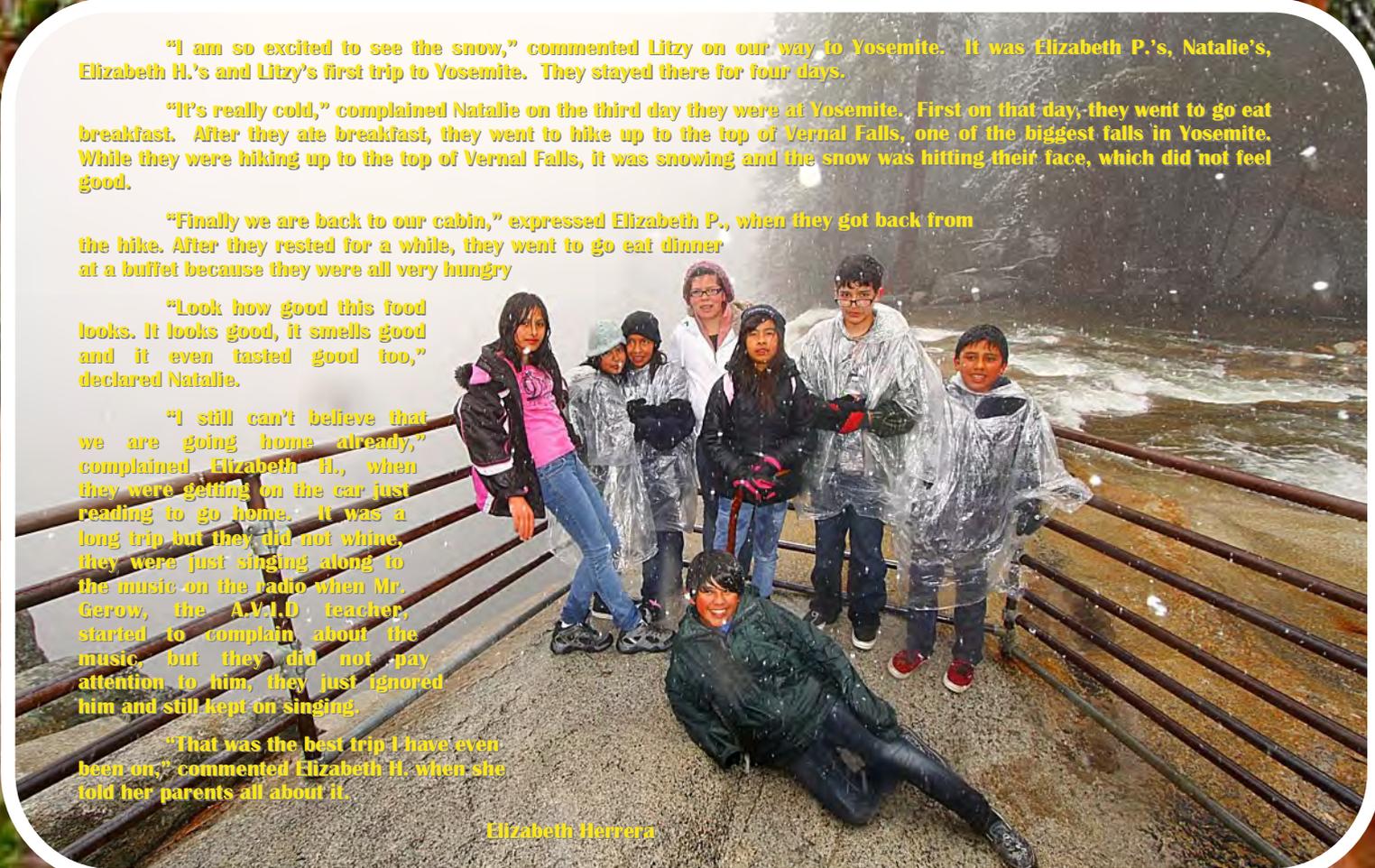
"Finally we are back to our cabin," expressed Elizabeth P., when they got back from the hike. After they rested for a while, they went to go eat dinner at a buffet because they were all very hungry

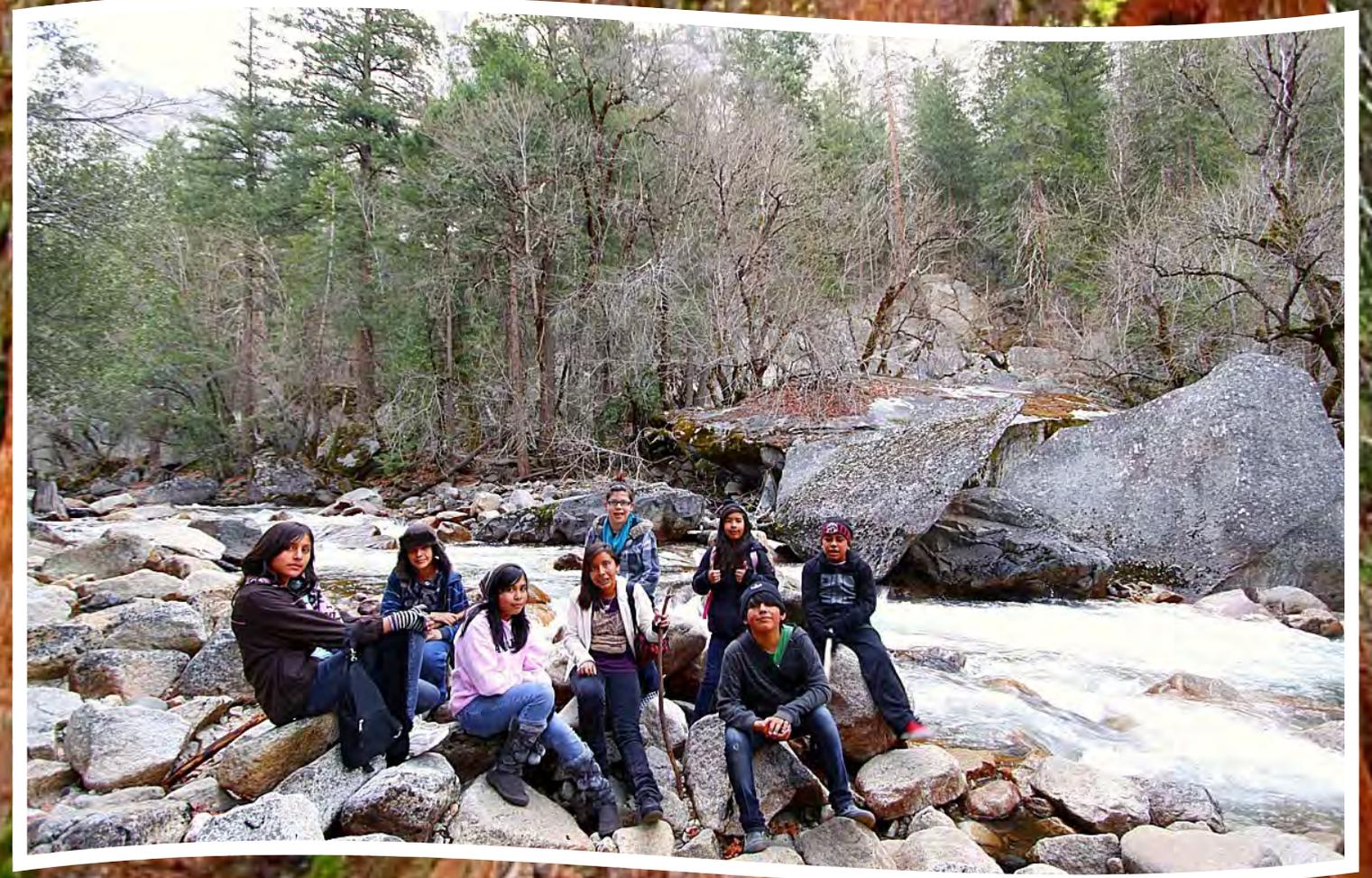
"Look how good this food looks. It looks good, it smells good and it even tasted good too," declared Natalie.

"I still can't believe that we are going home already," complained Elizabeth H., when they were getting on the car just reading to go home. It was a long trip but they did not whine, they were just singing along to the music on the radio when Mr. Gerow, the A.V.I.O teacher, started to complain about the music, but they did not pay attention to him, they just ignored him and still kept on singing.

"That was the best trip I have ever been on," commented Elizabeth H. when she told her parents all about it.

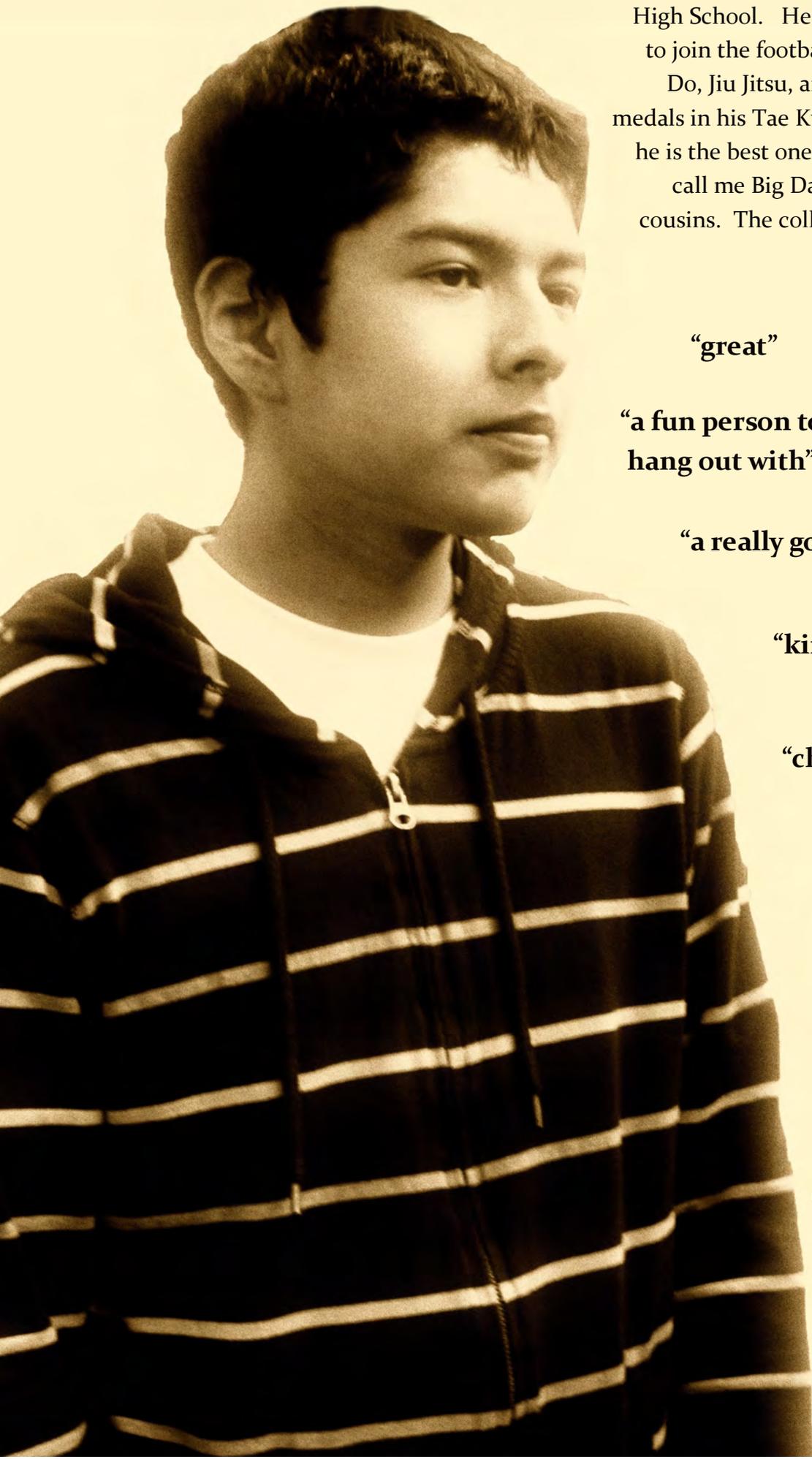
Elizabeth Herrera











Rafael Esquivel was born on July 14, 1998. He is fourteen years old. He will be attending San Juan Hills High School. He likes to play football, and he hopes to join the football team. His hobbies are Tae Kwon Do, Jiu Jitsu, and hardcore. He has won four gold medals in his Tae Kwon Do tournaments. He says that he is the best one at his Tae Kwon Do place so “They call me Big Daddy.” He likes to hangout with his cousins. The college he would like to attend is USC. He would like to become a lawyer.

By Roberto Vargas

“great”

“nice and fun to talk to”

“a fun person to
hang out with”

“wonderful”

“caring”

“a really good person”

“funny”

“kind”

“hard working”

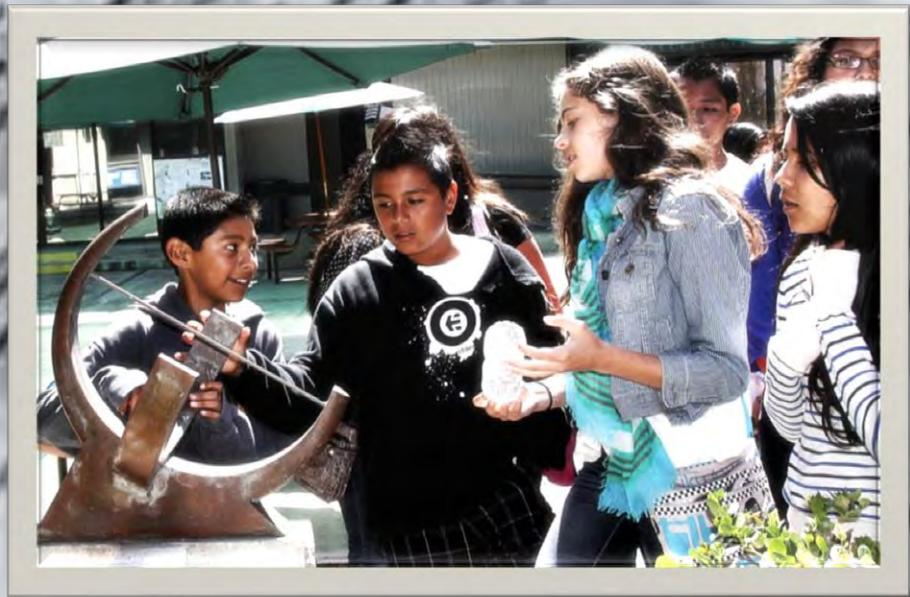
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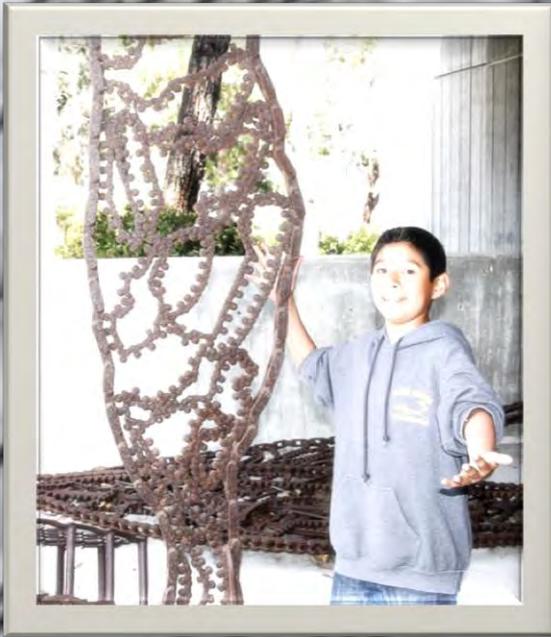
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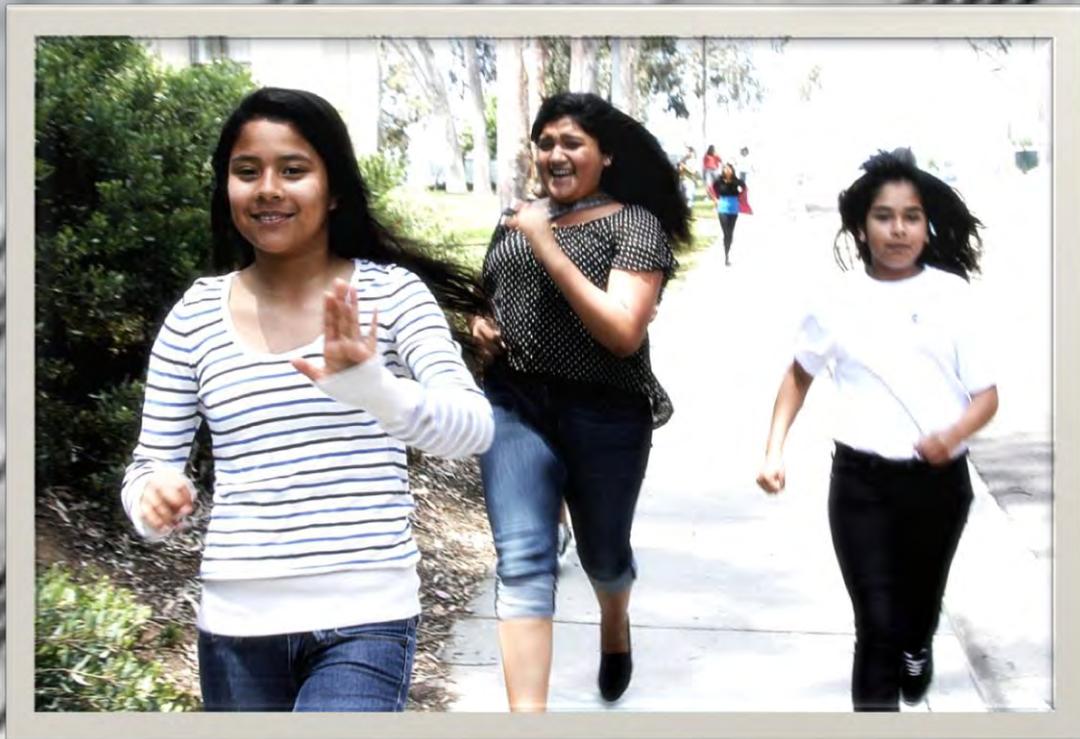
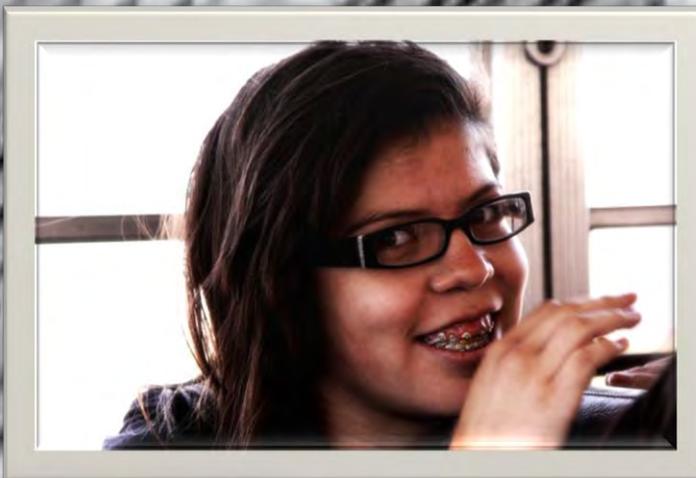
“sweet”

“trustworthy”

*Rafael
Esquivel*







Alejandro Sanchez was born on October 29, 1998 and is fourteen years old. His closest AVID friends are Diana and Anthony. He is very smart and funny. Alejandro will go to San Juan High School and would like to attend to San Diego State University. His dream is to become a drummer. His favorite series is *Percy Jackson and The Olympians*, and his favorite subject is math because it is very easy for him. His favorite AVID memory was the hunted hallway. He enjoyed scaring people with Anthony and Ferny but would make them laugh instead. AVID has helped him choose what classes to take in high school to be college prep.

By Ilma Cruz

“always in a good mood”

“sweet heart”

“best drummer ever”

“chill”

“funny”

“nice and really fun to be around”

“makes people laugh”

“a kind heart”

“good friend”

“a nice friend you can always count on”

“kind”

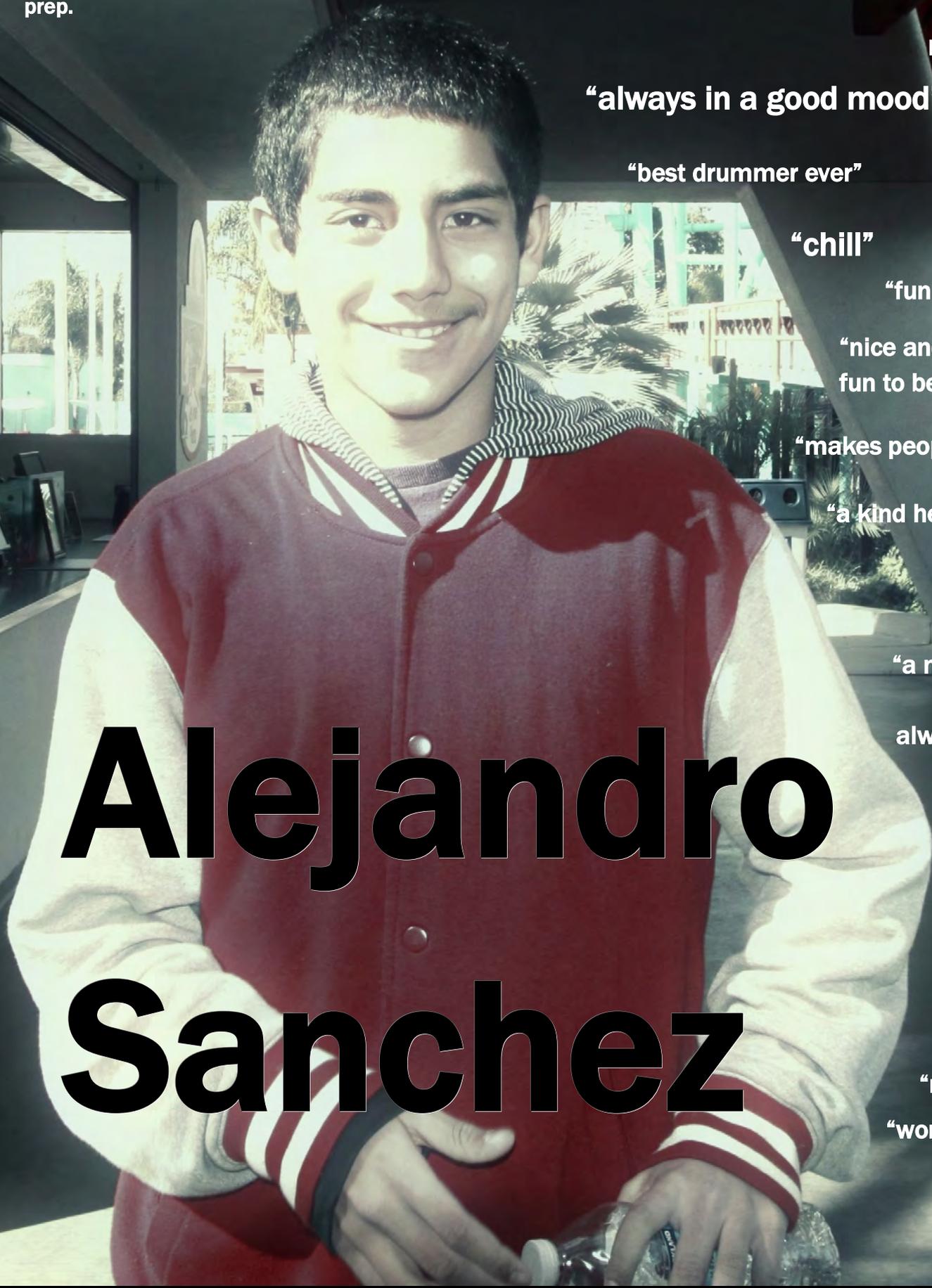
“nice”

“my buddy”

“wonderful”

Alejandro

Sanchez



TOP AVID FIELD TRIPS

1. YOSEMITE
2. KNOTT'S BERRY FARM
3. SANTA MONICA PIER
4. SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
5. ALL OF THE FIELD TRIPS

FAVORITE YEAR

1. 8TH GRADE
2. 6TH GRADE
3. 7TH GRADE

FAVORITE SHOE BRAND:

VANS

FAVORITE SUBJECT:

PE

FAVORITE ROLE MODEL:

MOM

FAVORITE SPORT:

SOCCER

FAVORITE SEASON:

SUMMER

FAVORITE EYE COLOR:

HAZEL

TOP TEN RESTAURANTS

1. IN-N-OUT
2. MCDONALD'S
3. SIZZLER
4. CARL'S JR.
5. PEDRO'S TACOS
6. AGUSTINE'S
7. CHICK-FIL-A
8. FARRELL'S
9. SUSHI
10. SUNDRIED TOMATO

TOP FAVORITE SONGS

1. THE WAY – ARIANA GRANDE
2. JUST GIVE ME A REASON – PINK FT. FUN
3. COME AND GET IT – SELENA GOMEZ
4. STAY – MILEY CYRUS
5. STAY – RIHANA
6. TAKE YOU – JUSTIN BIEBER
7. A TEAM – ED SHEERAN

TOP 10 TV SHOWS

1. THE WALKING DEAD
2. PRETTY LITTLE LIARS
3. SPONGEBOB
4. AWKWARD
5. FULL HOUSE
6. WWE
7. THE VINNIE SHOW
8. GHOST HUNTERS
9. MODERN FAMILY
10. THE SIMPSONS

FAVORITE SOCCER TEAMS

1. FC BARCELONA
2. CHIVAS
3. AMERICA
4. BORUTUSSIA DORTMUND
5. GHANA

TOP TEN VIDEOGAMES

1. CALL OF DUTY
2. GRAND THEFT AUTO
3. HALO
4. ASSASSIN'S CREED
5. MINECRAFT
6. FIFA
7. GEARS OF WAR
8. MORTAL KOMBAT
9. MARIO BROS.
10. FORZA

FAVORITE SOCCER PLAYER

1. DAVID BECKHAM
2. CHUCHO BENITEZ
3. LIONEL MESSI
4. MARCO REUS
5. PETER CROUCH

FAVORITE MOVIES

1. TITANIC
2. SCARY MOVIE 5
3. TRANSFORMERS
4. JACK AND JILL
5. WORLD OF THE WARS
6. INSIDIOUS
7. TWILIGHT
8. STAR WARS
9. SPIRIT
10. KORN

FAVORITE ANIMAL

1. DOG
2. PENGUIN
3. PANDA
4. MONKEY
5. HORSE
6. JAGUAR
7. FLAMINGO
8. GIRAFFE
9. CHINCHILLA
10. CHEWBACCA

TOP 5 TYPE OF DANCE

1. CUMBIAS
2. CABALLO DORADO
3. HARLEM SHAKE
4. SHUFFLING
5. JERKING

FAVORITE CANDY

1. JOLLY RANCHER
2. CRUNCH
3. KIT KAT
4. SKITTLES
5. SNICKERS
6. TWIX
7. M&M
8. LOLLIPOP
9. BUTTERFINGER





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Mrs. VARGAS



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Stevie



NatGAR



MOZER



Marisolio

Smiley

BOOMERS

JUNE 15, 2012





Stephen Escamilla is an intelligent AVIØ student. He enjoys playing soccer with the "club atlas" and the "Barcelona." He also enjoys discovering new things, and he likes to go to the movies. His birthday is June 15, 1999. He has been in AVIØ for two years because he was inspired by his sisters. His favorite subject in school is math, but he despises English. His best friends are Litzzy, Robert, Jesus, Miguel, and both Elizabeth's. After middle school, he will go to Capo Valley. Then he will go to UC Irvine to become a doctor. His favorite AVIØ memory is going to Yosemite.

By Kelly Fabian

"super nice, a smart head, and talented"

"creative"

"smart"

"cool"

"smart and

"smart and sweet"

"always laughing"

"nice"

"nice friend"

"a good friend"

"funny"

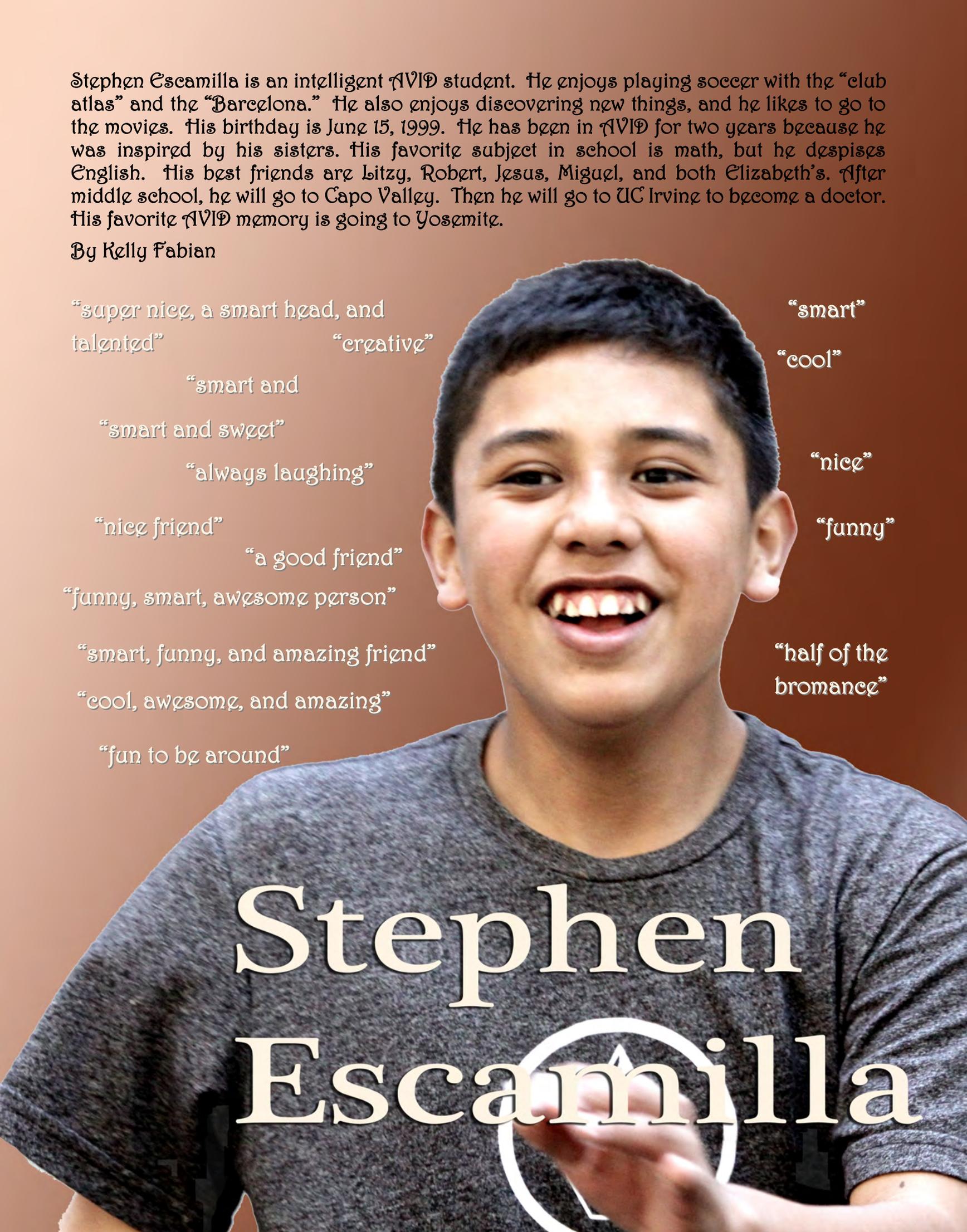
"funny, smart, awesome person"

"smart, funny, and amazing friend"

"half of the bromance"

"cool, awesome, and amazing"

"fun to be around"



Stephen Escamilla



"nice and kind"

"always happy"

"tries hard"

"outgoing"

"best bud"

"creative"

**"great
friend"**

"funny"

"crazy"

"kind"

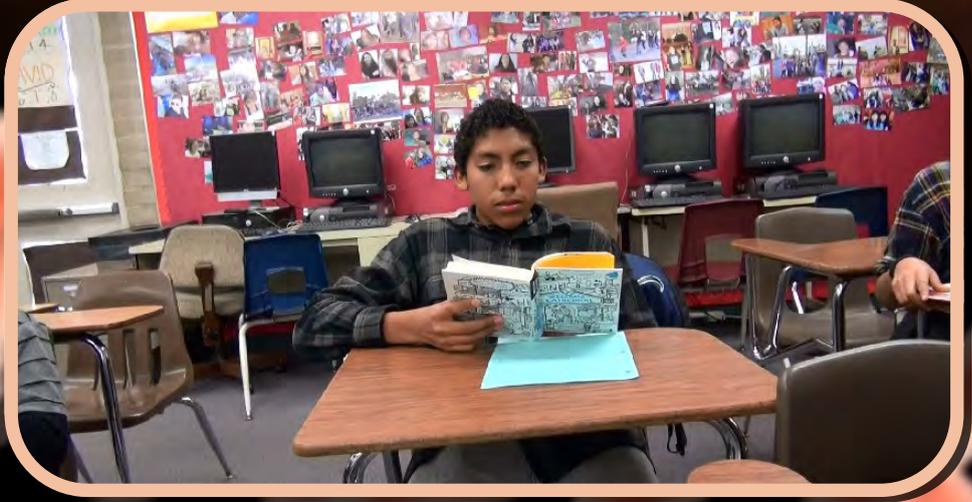
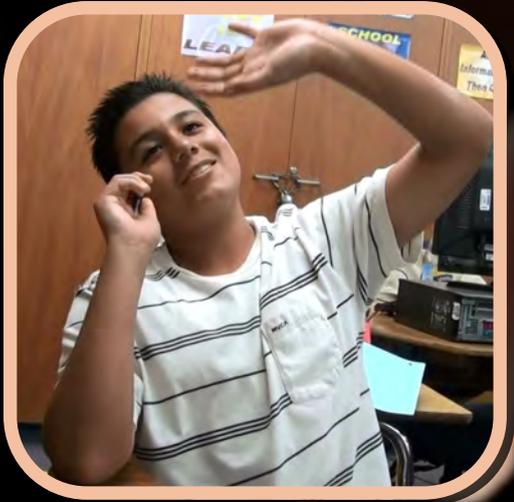
"nice"

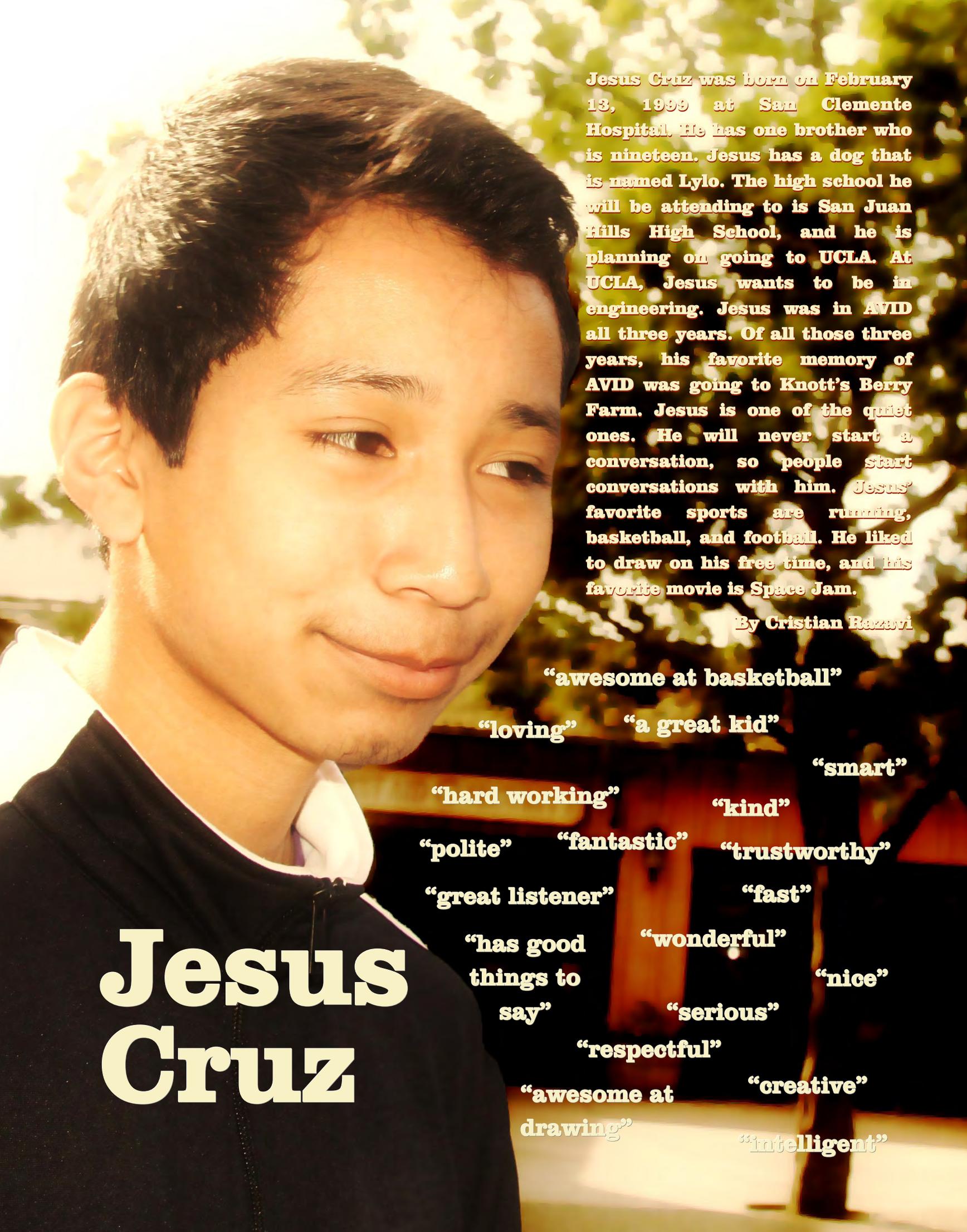
**"my
BF"**

Kelly Fabian

Kelly Pulido Fabian is a smart, nice, and funny AVID student. She works really hard to have good friends. She was born in March 4, 1999. She likes to play soccer with her team "Las Chivas" and she enjoys it more than anything. Kelly's favorite subject is Math and the subjects she hates the most are English and science. She is going to San Juan Hills High School, but she still does not have a college in mind yet. Kelly wants to be a FBI profiler. Kelly has been in AVID for two years now, and her best friends are Ilma, Ariana, Gabriela, Claudia, Vanessa, and Venecia. Kelly's favorite memories in AVID are going on fieldtrips and enjoying the bus rides with her friends. Kelly is a very active and energetic person and she is a good friend.

By Stephen Escamilla





Jesus Cruz was born on February 13, 1999 at San Clemente Hospital. He has one brother who is nineteen. Jesus has a dog that is named Lylo. The high school he will be attending to is San Juan Hills High School, and he is planning on going to UCLA. At UCLA, Jesus wants to be in engineering. Jesus was in AVID all three years. Of all those three years, his favorite memory of AVID was going to Knott's Berry Farm. Jesus is one of the quiet ones. He will never start a conversation, so people start conversations with him. Jesus' favorite sports are running, basketball, and football. He liked to draw on his free time, and his favorite movie is Space Jam.

By Cristian Razawi

"awesome at basketball"

"loving" "a great kid"

"smart"

"hard working"

"kind"

"polite"

"fantastic"

"trustworthy"

"great listener"

"fast"

"has good things to say"

"wonderful"

"nice"

"serious"

"respectful"

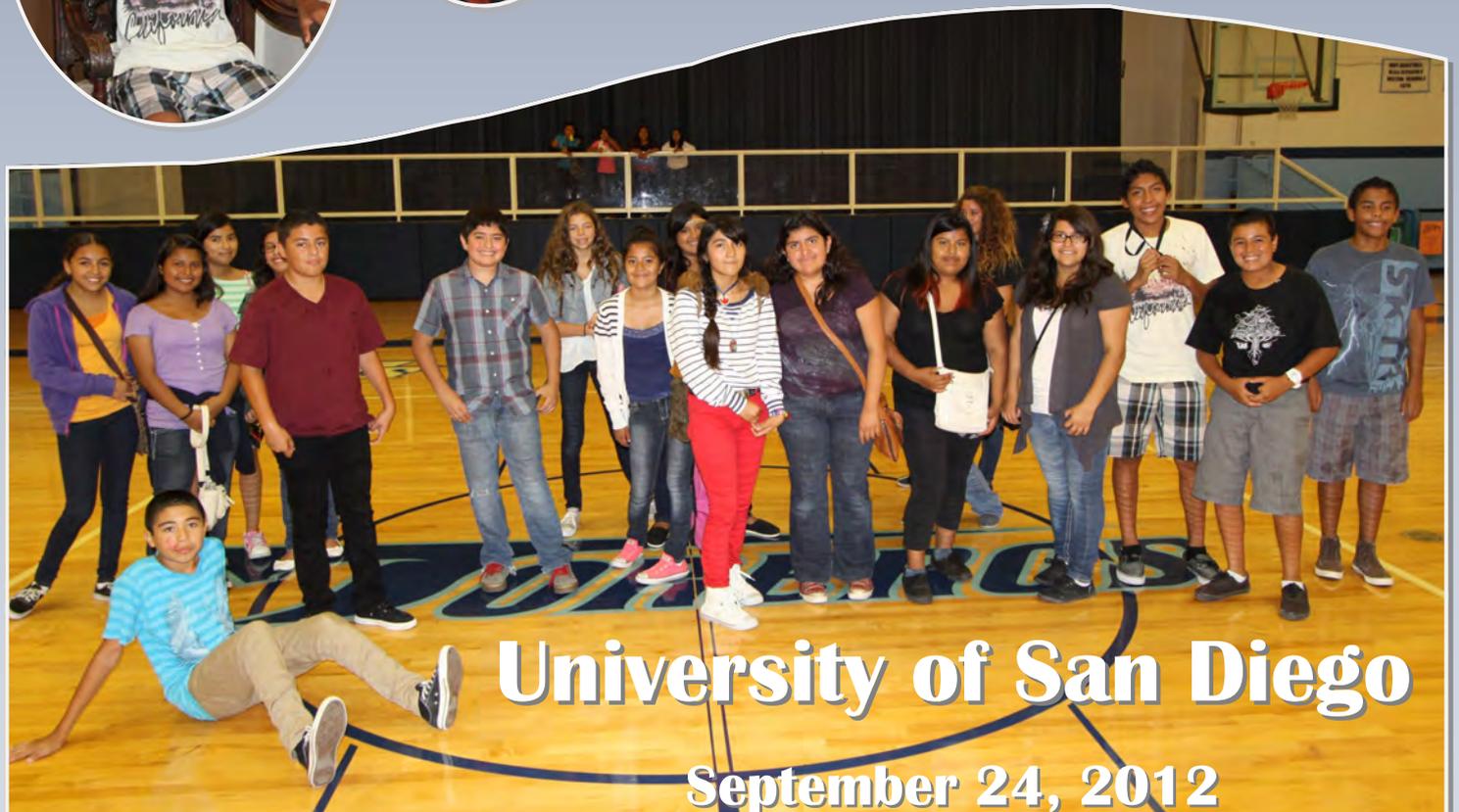
"awesome at drawing"

"creative"

"intelligent"

Jesus Cruz





University of San Diego

September 24, 2012



HAUNTED HALL



October 18, 2012



It was October 18, 2013, and we were preparing for the haunted hall. I was helping people put on their costumes, make-up and the wigs if they had any. After everyone I was helping was done, I started to help the other people that were setting up the hallway. Once everything was done, Ashley, Gypsy. And I tried it out. When we entered, it was pretty scary but not that scary. After we passed the turn at the corner, that's when we really got scared and started to run to the exit, but while we were running, we got pushed and scratched, after it was all over, we started to let other people go in. Gypsy and I were the ones to open the door for the people that were going in and checking to see if the people in costumes were ready. Once you would enter, you would see a clown standing there, staring at you, that's what most people got scared, and some were too scared that once they saw the clown, they wouldn't even go in. After time passed by, more and more people kept on coming, and then a group of girls came in; they were so scared that they used self-defense, and poor Roberto got hit where no guy wants to be hit, and other got pushed, scratched, and hit. But besides of that, we had a great time scaring people and making them scream.

By Eli Herrera



My experience in the haunted hallway was exciting. Many people were dressed up with scary costumes and their faces painted. They were many kids and parents coming in the hallway screaming as we scared them out. I was one bloody doctor, while the rest were clowns or werewolves. One memorable part of it was when Robert got hit by one of the kids that were walking in the hallway. The experience in scaring kids was amazing, but at the same time not because we could not scare little kids so bad like others. Making kids get scared was really fun, but there were a couple of rude kids. In this haunted hallway, it was exhausting because it was hot, but the good thing was that we could take breaks. I took a couple because I felt like I was not that scary enough, but I tried though. This is my experience in the haunted hallway.

By Jennifer Sanchez

“kind and lots of fun”

“a good friend”

“sweet”

“nice”

“a good person”

“nice and kind”

“funny”

“a good guy”

“really nice”

“chill”

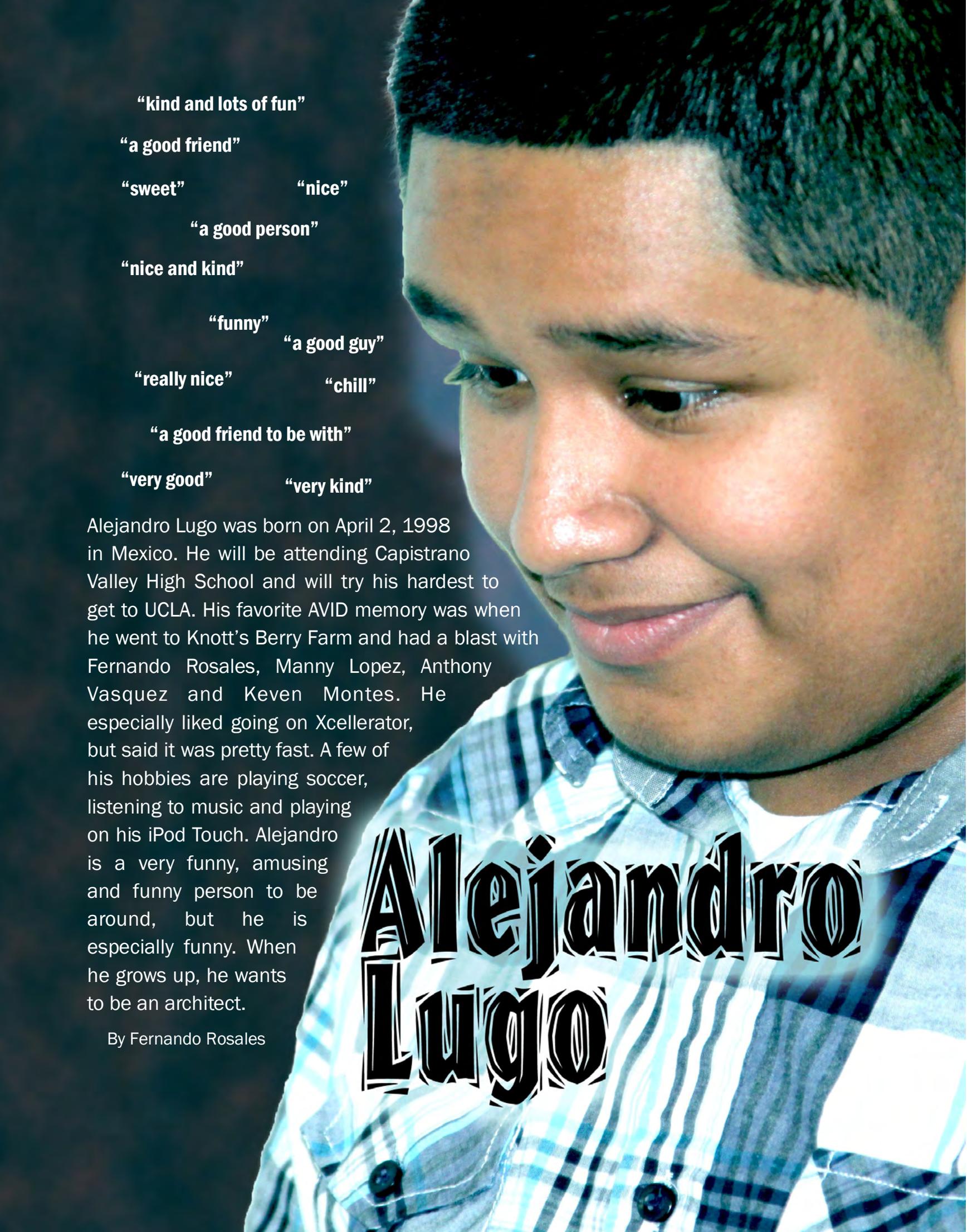
“a good friend to be with”

“very good”

“very kind”

Alejandro Lugo was born on April 2, 1998 in Mexico. He will be attending Capistrano Valley High School and will try his hardest to get to UCLA. His favorite AVID memory was when he went to Knott’s Berry Farm and had a blast with Fernando Rosales, Manny Lopez, Anthony Vasquez and Keven Montes. He especially liked going on Xcellerator, but said it was pretty fast. A few of his hobbies are playing soccer, listening to music and playing on his iPod Touch. Alejandro is a very funny, amusing and funny person to be around, but he is especially funny. When he grows up, he wants to be an architect.

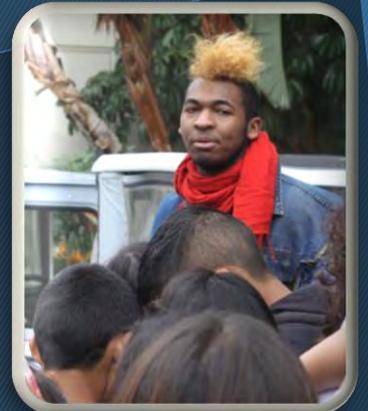
By Fernando Rosales

A close-up portrait of a young man with short dark hair, looking slightly down and to the left with a gentle smile. He is wearing a light blue and white striped button-down shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

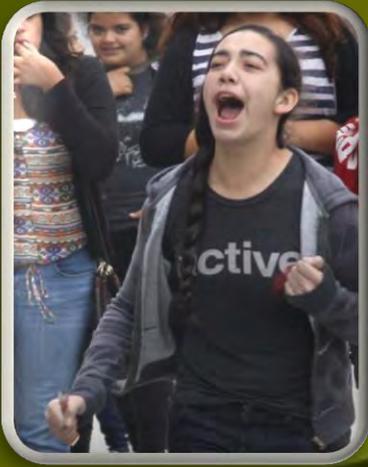
Alejandro Lugo



November 16, 2012



December 5, 2012



"nice"

"sensitive"

"nicest person I know"

"never see her with a frown"

"joyful"

"outgoing"

"always positive"

"smart"

"funny"

"caring"

"always happy"

"kind"

"cheerful"

"sweet and wild"

"nice and very funny"

"thoughtful"

"super sweet"

"interesting"

"lovable"

"full of love

"extremely energetic"

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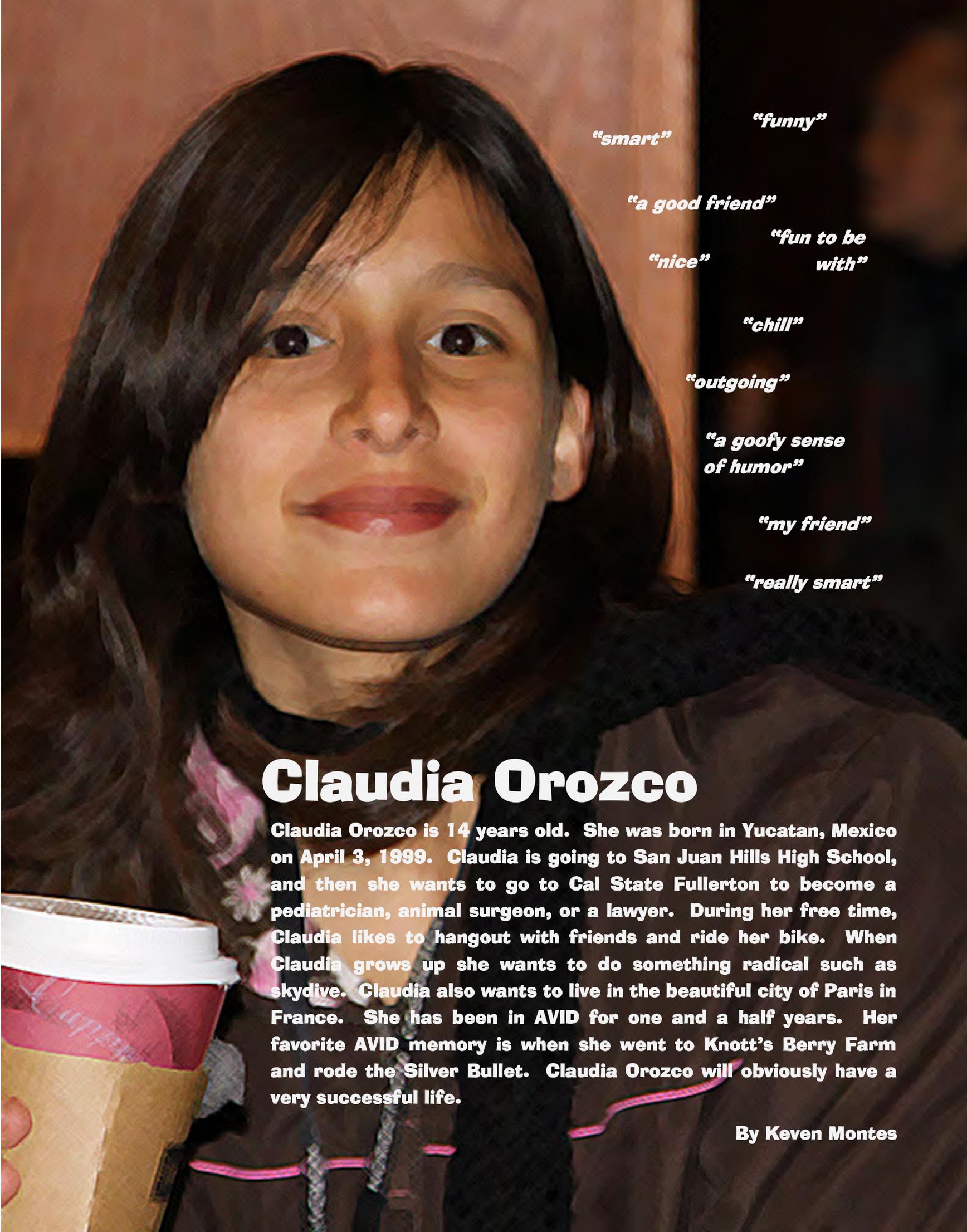
for everyone"

"crazy and fun"

Marisol Velasquez

Marisol Velasquez is a very enthusiastic girl. She loves to make people laugh and is always happy. She also likes to have fun and can be extremely random at times, but she is really fun to be with. Her dance moves are amazing; they will blow your mind. Marisol will be attending San Juan Hills on her way to UCLA. Her career is undecided. Her favorite AVID memory is going to Santa Monica Pier in seventh grade because this girl with red hair coded "Raspberry" was stalking her group. AVID has helped her in many ways, but the main ways are that it keeps her on the college path and helps her maintain her straight A's record.

By Laura Silva



“smart”

“funny”

“a good friend”

“nice”

*“fun to be
with”*

“chill”

“outgoing”

*“a goofy sense
of humor”*

“my friend”

“really smart”

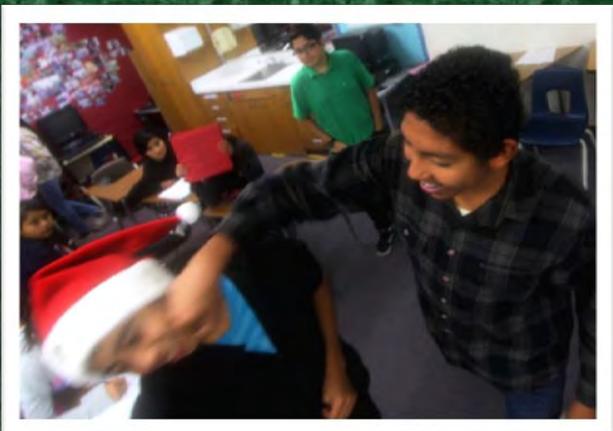
Claudia Orozco

Claudia Orozco is 14 years old. She was born in Yucatan, Mexico on April 3, 1999. Claudia is going to San Juan Hills High School, and then she wants to go to Cal State Fullerton to become a pediatrician, animal surgeon, or a lawyer. During her free time, Claudia likes to hangout with friends and ride her bike. When Claudia grows up she wants to do something radical such as skydive. Claudia also wants to live in the beautiful city of Paris in France. She has been in AVID for one and a half years. Her favorite AVID memory is when she went to Knott’s Berry Farm and rode the Silver Bullet. Claudia Orozco will obviously have a very successful life.

By Keven Montes



DECEMBER 21, 2012









Marilu Viveros was born on October 30, 1999. She has three siblings, one dog, and one goldfish. Her favorite TV show is El Chaug Loch, and her favorite place to go is Universal Studios. Marilu is going to San Juan Hills School and plans to go to UC Davis to become a horse veterinarian. She has many talents like playing violin in Mariachi, grooming dogs, and drawing. In Marilu's free time, she enjoys reading and writing. Her best friends in AVID are Claudia Orozco and Vanessa Moz. Marilu's favorite AVID memory is when she went to Knott's Berry Farm and Claudia started screaming before the ride even started.

By Ivana Danahoe

"funny"

"nice"

*"very nice
and a really
good friend"*

"nice and sweet girl"

"fun to be around"

"a great friend"

"nice and super sweet"

"my BFF"

"respectful"

"funny and always fun to hang out with"

"makes people laugh"

MARILU VIVEROS



Getty Center Museum

January 19, 2013



Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier
January 19, 2013





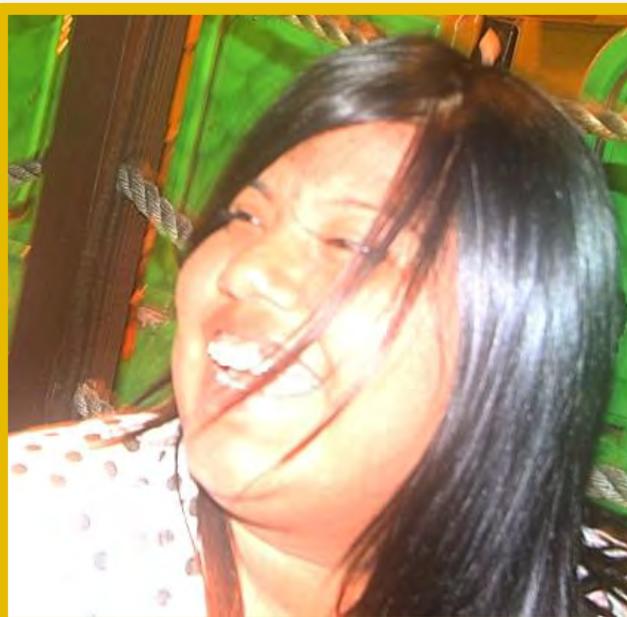
This year was the best AVID year for me, especially the day we went to the Santa Monica Pier. Roberto and I were in the back of Ms. Penner's car, annoying her like always. We saw a girl in a car behind us, and we decided to put our number on a paper and show it to her. But by the time we had the paper ready, we were too late. So we came up with an idea; we would write our numbers on a piece of paper and give them out. Mrs. Penner said it was a bad idea, but it was not a bad idea. It was a perfect way to get numbers from girls. We got out of the car and started to practice with the girls in the car, and we did pretty well.

When we got to the pier, we were too shy to actually give the numbers out to girls. We threw away the papers and started to have fun. Then we started doing the "call me" sign to girls, but they never noticed us. After many attempts to get numbers, we gave up and forgot about the whole idea.

We were walking around the pier and we saw a group of girls on a ride. We were in the line for the Ferris wheel, so they could not see us. We did not give up, and we saw them again at the Pacific Plunge, and we used teamwork to get their attention. I would get the girls attention, and Roberto would try the "call me" sign on them. When I screamed, the girls turned around and Roberto did the "call me" sign to them, and the girls looked but then looked away and one of the girls screamed at us, "She is not going to call you."

So after that, Roberto and I stopped trying but made people believe we did. Mr. Gerow believed us, but we left the pier empty-handed.

By Stephen Escamilla





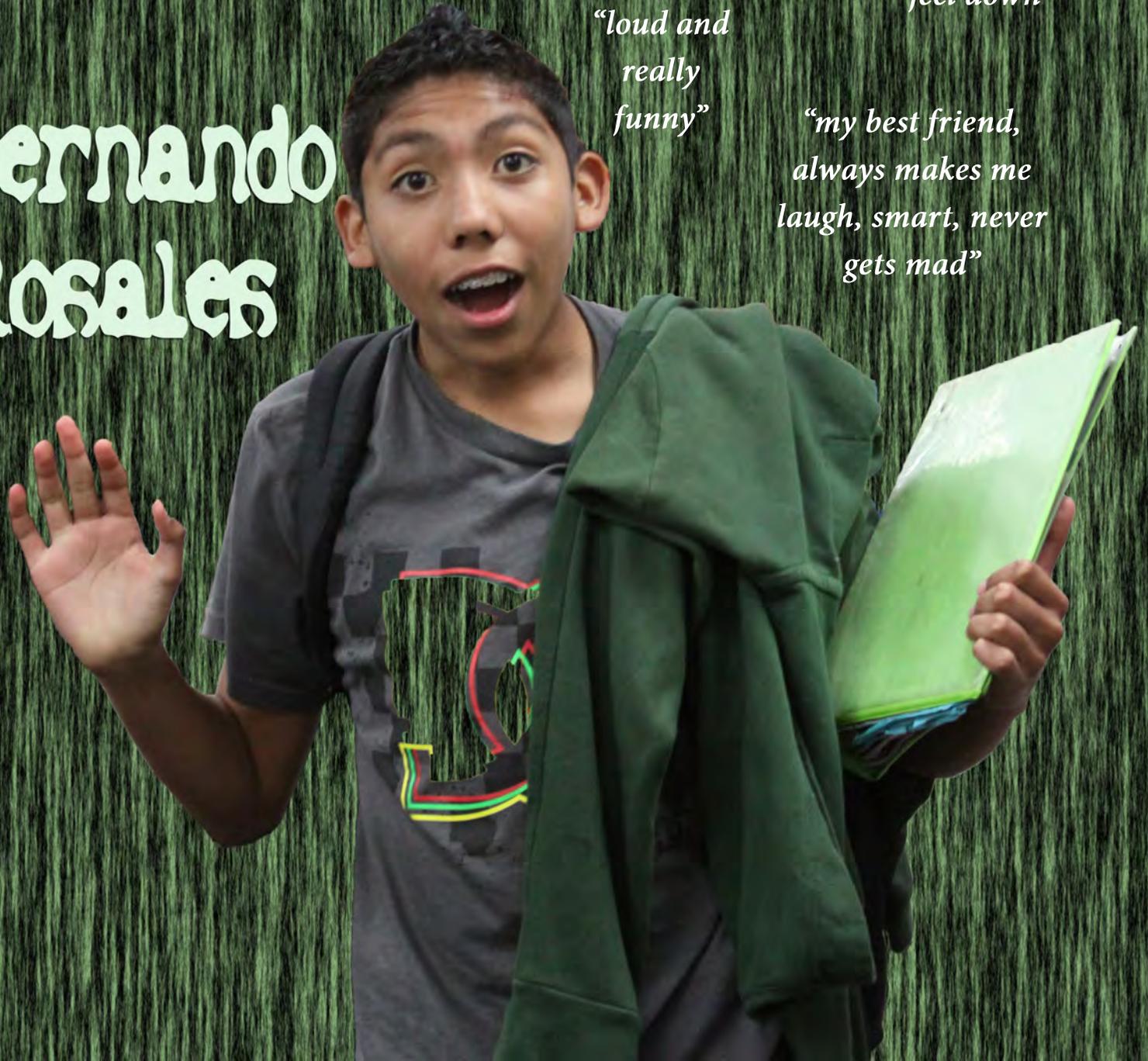
Fernando Rosales was born on February 3, 1999 in Mission Viejo. He likes to play soccer with his friends. He listens to rap when he is bored. He plays FiFa 2013 on his PS3. He beats his friends even though he is not good at it. He goes on his Facebook and looks at his newsfeed. His favorite AVID memory was Knott's Kerry Farm. He had an awesome time with Keven, Manny, Alejandro and Anthony. He is going to San Juan Hills High School next year. After high school, he wants to attend UCI. Fernando is a smart, funny and a nice friend too.

"funny" *"nice"* *"an amazing cousin"* By Alejandro Lugo

"a good friend" *"random"* *"makes me laugh when I feel down"*
"kind" *"cool to talk to"* *"smart"*
"like a brother" *"hilarious"* *"loud and really funny"*

"my best friend, always makes me laugh, smart, never gets mad"

Fernando Rosales



Keven Montes Barrios

"funny"

"dedicated"

"been there for me since second grade"

"chill"

"kind"

"nice and funny"

"athletic"

"cool"

"nice"

"smart"

"awesome"

"a good friend you can count on"

"good"

"reliable"

"interested in learning"

"trustworthy"

Keven Montes is an outgoing and unique person. He always makes people laugh. He was born on August 25, 1999 in Mission Viejo Hospital. Keven has two brothers and one sister. He will go to Capo Valley High School. After high school, he wants to go to UC San Diego. His anticipated career is a high-ranking law enforcement officer. He has been in AVID for three years. His favorite AVID memory is when he went to Knott's Berry Farm and rode the Xcelerator. His favorite quote is "Haters want to be me, but the only problem is they can't even see me." During his free time, he likes to play games such as Fifa 13 on his PS3. He also likes to play soccer outside. I can see a bright and happy future for Keven.

By Claudia Orozco



"smart"

"funny and chill"

"a lot of style"

"nice"

"funny"

"amazing"

"stylish"

"sweet"

"friendly"

"can really go cray-cray"

"amazing athlete"

"fun to hang out with"

"outgoing"

"kind"

"a great friend"

Cinthia Avila was born on January 24, 1999 in Mexico. Cinthia is a smart and nice girl. she is also shy around people she does not know. She has been in AVID for the past three years. She has a brother and a sister and she is the youngest out of all of them. Some things she likes to do are play soccer and hang out with her friends. After middle school, she is going to go to Capistrano Valley High School. After high school, she hopes to attend and graduate from Stanford, and after college she hopes to become a pediatrician. One of her favorite AVID memories was when she went to Palm Springs because she had a lot of fun there. Cinthia is a smart and nice student and I know she is going to do great in the future.

By Luis Flores

Cinthia Avila

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

FEBRUARY 15, 2013



When AVID went to Knott's Berry Farm, everyone separated into groups. I was with Vanessa, Marge, Saray, and Leslie. We were having lots of fun at the game booth. We spent most of the day there trying to win a stuffed lemur.

After a while, I noticed that most of my money was gone and decided to go ride on some rides. It did not take us long to head back to the booth. When we were at the booth, Mr. Corbin, Mr. Gerow and Ms. Penner passed by. We asked them to play with us, and Mr. Corbin was the only one that decided to play. I won the game, and Mr. Corbin got mad. He told me to never go to Los Vegas.

When we were heading back to the bus, Julian asked me if he could keep my lemur, and I said no. Everyone liked my lemur and tried to take it away.

Clearly this was one of the best field trips.

By Ima Cruz





My favorite field trip of the year was Knott's Berry Farm. This is because it was a chance to hang out with AVID members! During the bus ride to the park, Margarita, Saray, Ilma, Vanessa, and I were thrilled. The minute we got off the bus, we ran to find our favorite ride, The Dragon Swing, needing our adrenalin fix. The momentum of the swing swinging up and down made me feel like all of my insides were going to fall out. After that ride, we entered Big Foot Rapids, where it literally soaked us to the bone; we were so pumped that we did not go on it once but five times! We worked up an appetite, and with the aroma of delicious chicken tenders in the air, we quickly aided our hunger with them. Through the whole experience, we could not help but laugh at our silly enthusiasm and grin all the time. We finally went to the arcade and had a blast! I saw a huge pink raccoon stuffed animal as a prize at The Clown Watergun Race, where you race against your friends to fill the balloon with water and whoever pops the balloon first wins the prize. But in order to win the big prize, you must win three times in a row! Trust me it took me a while before I could claim that prize, but it was worth it! My friends and I had the time of our life that night, and it will forever be in our memories.

By Leslie Dina





On the day of Knott's, I woke up excited. I packed up. I grabbed sunscreen, money, and slippers (for the bus, so I could relax). Right when I got to the school, I saw my friends. We got on the bus, and I showed my friends my awesome slippers. They said that I was weird, but I did not care because I like to be called weird. (Don't ask why.) So I put those puppies on; I was comfortable for the whole ride. When we got to Knott's Berry Farm, I was so happy, and I had one objective: go on Xcelerator.

When I got in, I was amazed. I've been there many times but not with my friends, so I had to make this trip worth it. And the first ride my friends went on was Xcelerator. I was right at the front of the line, but the ride was so big, I did not know what to do. And fear took over, and I could not go on. Same with Kevin; he could not do it either. So we just watched. I was mad at myself. I had the chance, but I denied it, and the worst part was that my friends went on it again!

We started to get hungry and went to eat at Panda Express. (The worst idea.) We got in and ate our food. The next thing I knew, my stomach was hurting like crazy. I did not know what to do. I did not need to go to the bathroom; I did not need to throw up. It just hurt! So I was in the most awesome place, with my friends, and there were rides, but my stomach hurt! So I said, "Whatever. Fight the pain."

I went on a rollercoaster, got on it. Rode on it, and this was really weird. My stomach stopped hurting. Usually rollercoasters make you throw up, but this time I beat the system, and my stomach stopped hurting.

After that ride, we went to Ghost Rider—scary. We went on it. Rode it, and it was fun, and the best part was there was no line! So we went on it again, and again, and again. (To get to the point, we went to it about five times, which was awesome. I think I should have got an achievement award, or a trophy.)

After that, Anthony and I bought a picture of him and me on the ride, and it was funny. Since Fernando and Anthony's cousin was sitting behind us, they were in the picture too!

After the ride, I felt good. But then something happened. It hurt, and I was getting weak because my stomach started hurting again! I was mad. I had to sit down and rest.

We had to leave in twenty minutes, and I told Anthony, "Let's go on the Xcelerator." And Anthony said "Yes!" We sprinted to the rollercoaster. And I got on with Anthony. I was so scared. It is hard to explain, and next thing I knew, I could not breathe. It was too fast, and then we went straight down and boom! The ride was over.

That night, I fell asleep thinking "I went on Xcelerator with Anthony: check. Went with my friends: check. But Panda Express was not in the plan."

Time well spent.

By Alejandro Sanchez





MARCH 15, 2013



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"everyone's friend"

"always interesting"

"knows how to cheer people up"

"always makes us smile"

"hilarious"

"the sister I wish I had"

"chill"

"kind, caring, and funny"

Litzy
Calzado

Litzy Calzado, a sweet and energetic AVID student, was born on August 27, 1999. The enthusiastic thirteen-year-old will continue on to Dana Hills High School, followed by a career in architecture. Extremely funny and dependable, Litzy is everyone's best friend. Her closest friends include Roberto Vargas, Marissa Arreola, Stephen Escamilla, Gypsy Gonzales, Elizabeth Ponce, Natalie Garcia, Julian Torres, and Kennedy Garman. Litzy is very athletic and enjoys running and playing soccer. Her favorite memory from AVID is Yosemite in seventh grade when she, Stephen, Sergio, and Gianni were all playing football. Litzy had just made a touchdown when they all tripped and dog-piled on her. Another favorite memory from Yosemite is when she comically almost fell as she crossed the river. AVID has helped her keep good grades throughout middle school, as well as an organized binder. She is glad she made so many great AVID friends over the years. Overall Litzy is a great person to have around.

"the coolest kid in AVID"

By Emma Bunim

"friendly"

"athletic"

"kind"

"a good friend you can count on"

"smart"

"she will make you laugh"

"loves taking pictures"

"awesome"

"bestie"

"funny and lovable"

"charismatic"

"tries to hurt people, but can't"

"strong and kind"

"really nice"

"a great and supportive friend"

"amazing friend"

"always nice to people"

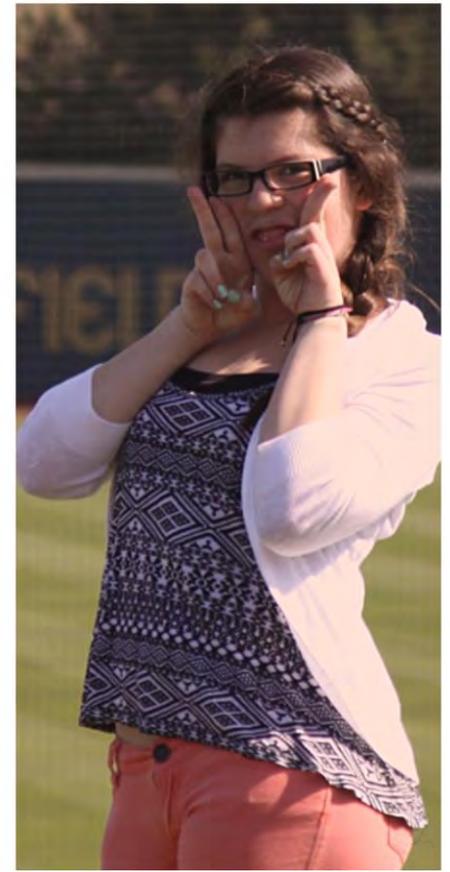


My experience at UCI was amazing. We got to see a mouse's brain through a microscope. We also got to meet two former AVID students, and they gave us a tour. It was really funny when Anthony, Keven and I tried to catch a duck, but the duck was too fast for us. When we went out to the soccer fields I had remembered that I had already played at UCI with my former soccer team. Also, my cousin goes to that college, and I hoped to see her, but I did not. When we went to the bookstore, I bought an overpriced Domo figure that glowed in the dark for ten dollars, but it was worth it, and I still have it to this day.

By Fernando Rosales

UC Irvine

March 12, 2013



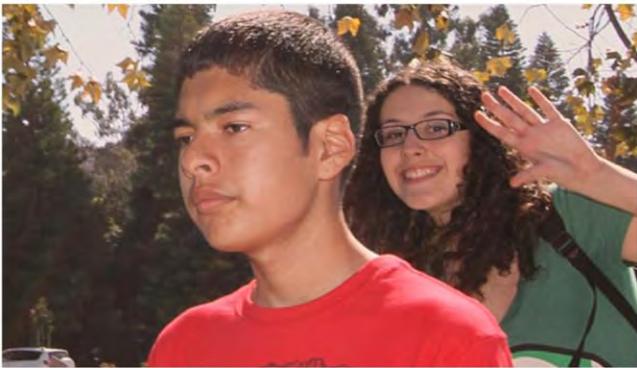
UCI was really fun university, and a great way to meet college girls, and learn about the university. I hope to attend that university in the near future.

After the first few pictures, we split up in to two groups. I was with Mr. Gerow. My group that I was in was with all of my closest friends : Fernando, Keven, and Alex. We had a blast meeting girls and learning about the campus. Also, we learned and saw new things. We went to the sports fields and saw many things. For example, we went in the tennis courts soccer fields. The soccer fields were really big. We spun in the fields ran and played tag.

The food there was really amazing. For my dessert, I got a Jamba Juice. Then after that, we went back to the bus to go back to school after a very hot day.

By Anthony Vazquez





Maria Cruz was born on November 13, 1999 in Mission Viejo Hospital. She is going to St. Margaret's High School and would like to attend Brown University or NYU because she has heard that they are good colleges. Her anticipated career is a sociologist or a psychologist. Maria would like to travel to South Africa, most of Europe, Australia, Russia, Fiji, Brazil, and many other countries if she ever gets a chance. If she ever became a millionaire, she would buy a cozy house near the beach and donate the rest of her money to breast cancer, the American Red Cross, UNICEF, and several other organizations. Maria's favorite book is *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, and once she heard that they were making it a movie, she thought they would not make it as good as the book, but Logan Lerman proved her wrong, and so he is her favorite actor now. Maria has been in AVID for two years. Her most cherished AVID memory is the Santa Monica Pier because she had a great time hanging out with her friends. AVID has helped her throughout middle school by keeping her motivated to keep her grades up. Maria is a smart, caring, funny, and generous. She will have a bright future as long as she keeps making the right decisions.

By Mika Rajkumar

"smart and sweet"

"great person"

"caring"

"kind"

"nicest person I've ever met"

"awesome"

"smart"

"very kind hearted"

"intelligent"

"someone everyone loves"

"kind and always in a great mood"

"friendly"

"trustworthy"

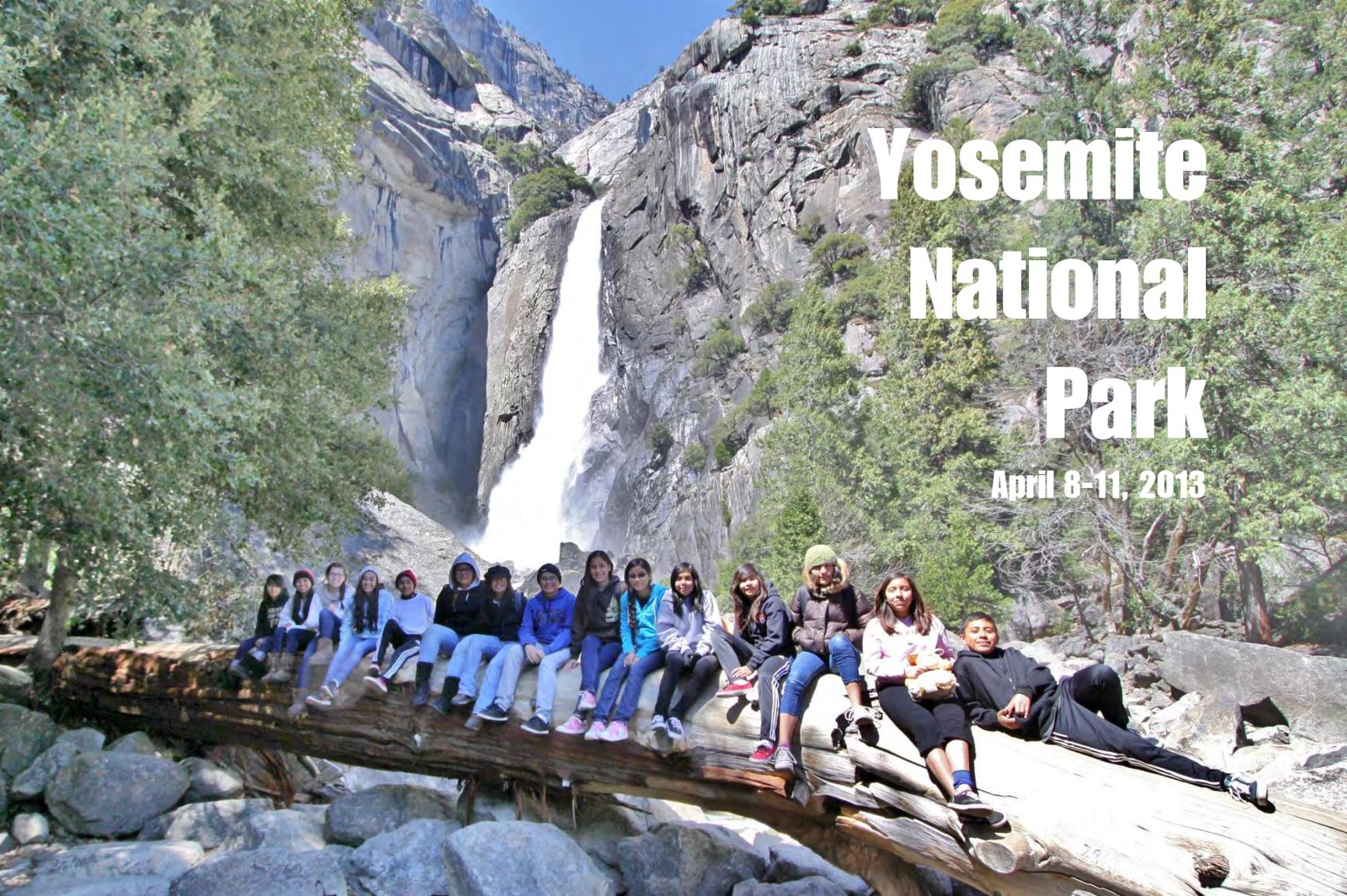
"wonderful girl"

"charismatic"

A portrait of Maria Cruz, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and looking slightly to the right. She is wearing a dark top. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with a blue sky and some architectural elements.

Maria
Cruz





Yosemite National Park

April 8-11, 2013







Yosemite was a really fun way to spend my spring break. Many memories were made during this fun trip, memories I will never forget. Being with my close friends was amazing, and getting closer to them was even better. Each day required walking, tiring, but totally worth it. One hike that was the most memorable was the epic hike to Vernal Falls.

At first the hike sounded kind of scary, but then starting it, it didn't seem all that bad, until I got to the slippery steps part of it. That was where I practically started panicking, and looking down did not help at all, but man I could not help it. Being with the Ellies did not help much either; they were pretty anxious just like I was. My knees were shaking, and my asthma was somewhat kicking in, but then came along a superman. Cristian Razavi came to my rescue, as well as Ellie Ponce's, and man did he help us so much. With his steady grip, and great balance, Ellie and I knew we would successfully get to the top. He was extremely patient with us, instead of getting irritated at the fact that we were scared, he calmly helped us each individual step at a time. Although I probably killed his poor hand holding it so tight, and shrieking into his ear, I got to the top. I had almost slipped a couple of times, and hyperventilated almost constantly, but I knew that with Cristian there, I was not going to die.

So we made it to the top, safe and nothing broken. Ha, thank the Lord. We rested for awhile, and then sadly had to climb down the horrid stairs. It was scary going up, but the thought of going down terrified me greatly. With the steps slippery, no railing, and the super steep ledge right next to me, I wanted to stay up at the top forever. The scary reality was I had to get down, one way or another, and that is what I did, once again with the help of Cristian. Once again, he helped Ellie and I down, his patience with me was pretty impressive. He helped us the same way he had helped us get to the top, but this time my legs were so stiff and shaky, I did not want to take another single step. Miraculously, Cristian calmed me down, and I got to the bottom. Without him, I would not have been able to get to the top, nor to the bottom. The hike though in general, was an absolute amazing experience.

By Marisol Velasquez







Yosemite. It's freezing. Yeah it didn't snow, but it was cooooooold. Well, the drive was fun. It was funny, but they tried to draw a mustache on me. I woke up and started saying "OMG! I hate you, I hate you, I hate you," while waving my hands. When we arrived at our site and got in our cabin, Perla decided to jump on everybody; we all fell on the bed laughing.

My favorite hike was the hike to the gigantic waterfall, Vernal Falls. It was hard in some spots because it was wet and slippery. But it was cool because it was when I met Roger and Rolanda (they are married squirrels, that nearly killed me). But it was fun on the way up and back down because I got to laugh with Natalie, Litzy, Diana, and Jaime.

Natalie and I went into total stalker mode and found out Ms.Mejia and Mrs.Romero's cabin number and looked for it. Well, we found it, and it looked really scary.

Later that night after the snowball fight, Natalie and I decided to take a bench and bring it to our cabin. It was a good idea at first but then it was heavy so it wasn't that good of an idea for those ten minutes of holding, pulling and dragging it. We finally reached our cabin 534, from the 700's where we got the bench, and then happiness was on fire and exploded everywhere, like glitter from a canon.

By Marissa Arreola

Perla H Fabian was born on November 22, 1999 in Santa Ana. She is thirteen years old, and has one brother and one sister. Perla will be attending to San Juan Hills High School. Her biggest dream is to graduate from Cal State Fullerton. Perla has been in AVID for one and a half years. Her favorite AVID memory is when she participated in the haunted house. She loves playing basketball, listening to music, and being on her I pad. On the weekends, she enjoys watching movies and eating popcorn. Perla is a funny and loving person.

By Leslie Dina

“funny” *“always smiling”*

“outgoing” *“hilarious”*

*“nice, helpful, funny,
hilarious, caring, kind,
friendly, and generous”*

“always happy” *“best
cousin
ever”*

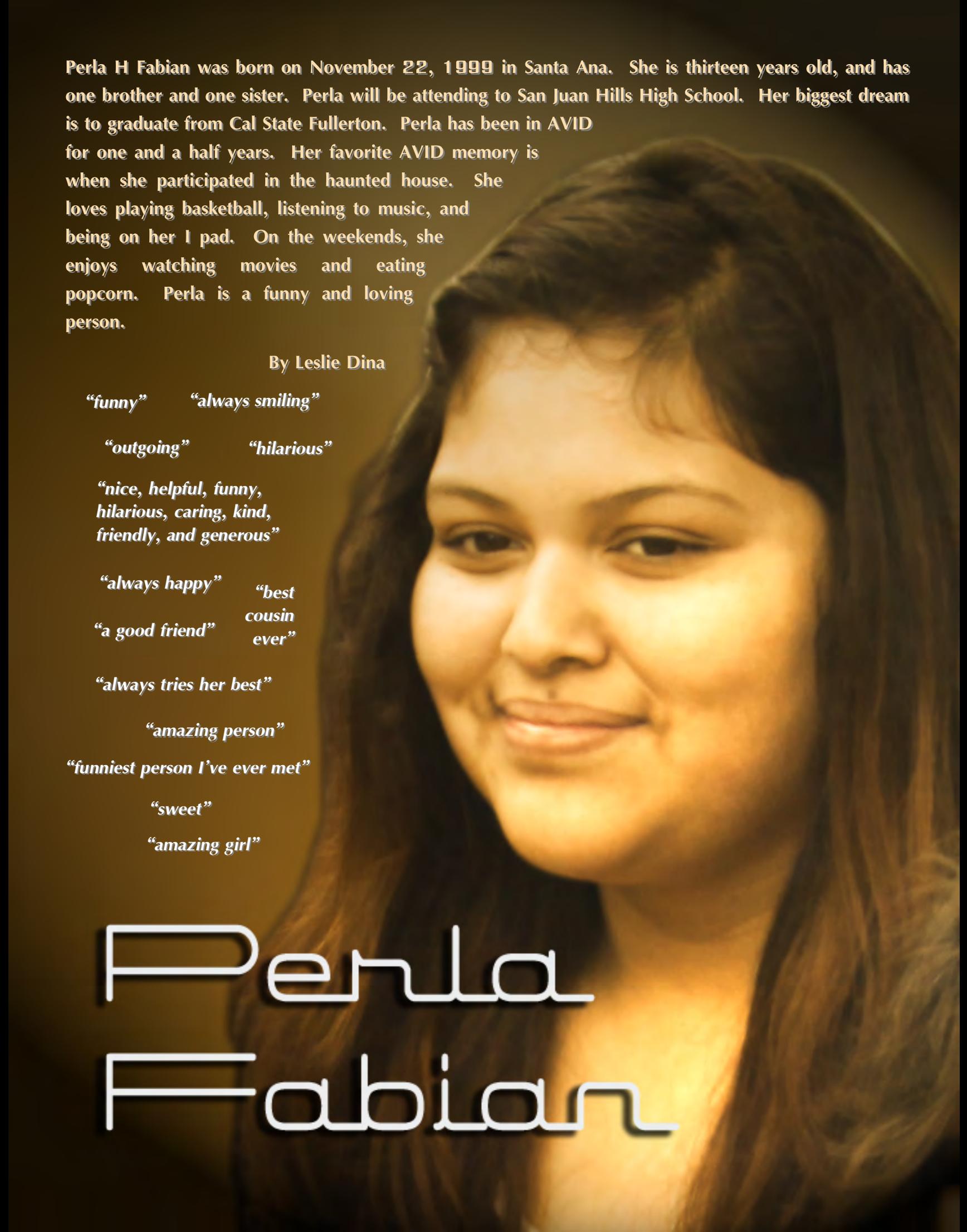
“always tries her best”

“amazing person”

“funniest person I’ve ever met”

“sweet”

“amazing girl”



Perla
Fabian

Cristian Razavi is a thirteen-year-old boy who was born on June 30, 1999. After graduating from middle school, he will either attend Dana Hills High School or Burbank High. Once he has completed high school, he will go to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo or UC Irvine. His future career goal

is to become an engineer or heart surgeon. Cristian has been in AVID for a year. Overall, he loved his experience. Although he is not a fan of cats, Cristian has two cats. He also has two siblings. His favorite movie is "This is 40". Cristian likes to go to wrestling practice, and he enjoys drawing. Many people know Cristian as a great friend and the type of person everyone wants to be with.

By Jesus Cruz



"artistic"

"smart"

"I love his drawings"

"fun person to hang out with"

"loud & amazing"

"just like his brother"

"outgoing" "helpful"

"makes me smile"

"great buddie"

"funny"

"nice"

"so sweet"

"cool"

"tries very hard"

"fun to argue with"

"nice, good friend"

"generous"

Cristian Razavi

"a really good guy"

"intelligent"

"smart" "nice and
good friend"

"great student"

"very hard worker"

"chill" "dedicated"

"always there
to help"

"kind"

"successful"

"cool"

Diego Fuentes

Diego Fuentes was born on May 14, 1999 in Santa Ana. He is really smart, and he has a 3.98 GPA for his overall grade for the three years he was in middle school. When Diego grows up he wants to become an accountant and will get his masters or Ph. D. Some of his best friends are Robert, Stephen, Luis, Christian, Rafael, Miguel, and Marisol. Diego will go to San Juan High School and then UCLA. His best memory in AVID was when Natalie got gum stuck in her hair twice because it was funny and it happened two times. If he can have any animal in the world it would be a giraffe, and his favorite color is blue. AVID helped Diego get organized, helped him with his grades, and helped him figure out how to get to college. Diego is a sweet smart, funny guy and had fun in AVID throughout the time he has been here.

By Elizabeth Ponce

Ilma Cruz was born on June 7, 1999, and she is thirteen years old. The college Ilma wants to attend to is UCLA. After she finishes UCLA, she wants to be a pediatrician or a veterinarian. In her free time, Ilma likes to listen to music and play with her dog. Her favorite series is Vampire Academy, and her favorite subject is math because it is easy to understand. Ilma's favorite AVID memory is going to Knotts Berry Farm because she liked it, and she spent about 40 dollars trying to win a stuffed animal, and in the end, she won the stuffed animal. And lastly, AVID helped Ilma by helping her be organized and helped her know the keys to college.

By Alex Sanchez

“fun to be around”

“sweet”

“funny”

“fun to talk to”

“caring and kind”

“really nice”

“sweet and kind”

“kind and smart”

“fun and caring person”

“nice”

“I’m never bored when I’m around her”

MARCO FORSTER
AVID

ILMA CRUZ





I had a wonderful experience at my AVID standout ceremony. I had my family and friends there. I received my medallion and my award. My friends made me feel proud of myself. My parents were also very proud of me. My friends cheered really loud for me and made me feel special. Being the AVID standout student is an amazing feeling.



Gypsy Gonzalez was born on February 16, 1999 in Santa Ana. She is fourteen years old and has one brother. Gypsy will be attending Capo Valley High School. Her dream college is UCLA where she will become a doctor or a police officer. Gypsy's favorite AVID memory is when she went to Knott's Berry Farm with Litzy, Laura, Robert, and Stephen because they had a good time going on the ride Jaguar and they were taking photos. Gypsy enjoys listening to music, signing, dancing, and playing soccer. She likes to play and walk her dog, Droopy. Gypsy loves to run, and she is a fast runner. Her best cross-country time is 8:50. Gypsy is a good friend and fun to hang out with. She will be there for you when you need her.

By Saray Jimenez

"great person"

"my friend"

"smart"

"outgoing"

"friendly"

"stylish"

"loves to play soccer"

"loves hot Cheetos"

"sweet,
wonderful, caring
person"

"generous"

"sweet"

"fast"

"cool"

"athletic"

"hard
worker"

"nice"

**gypsy
gonzalez**

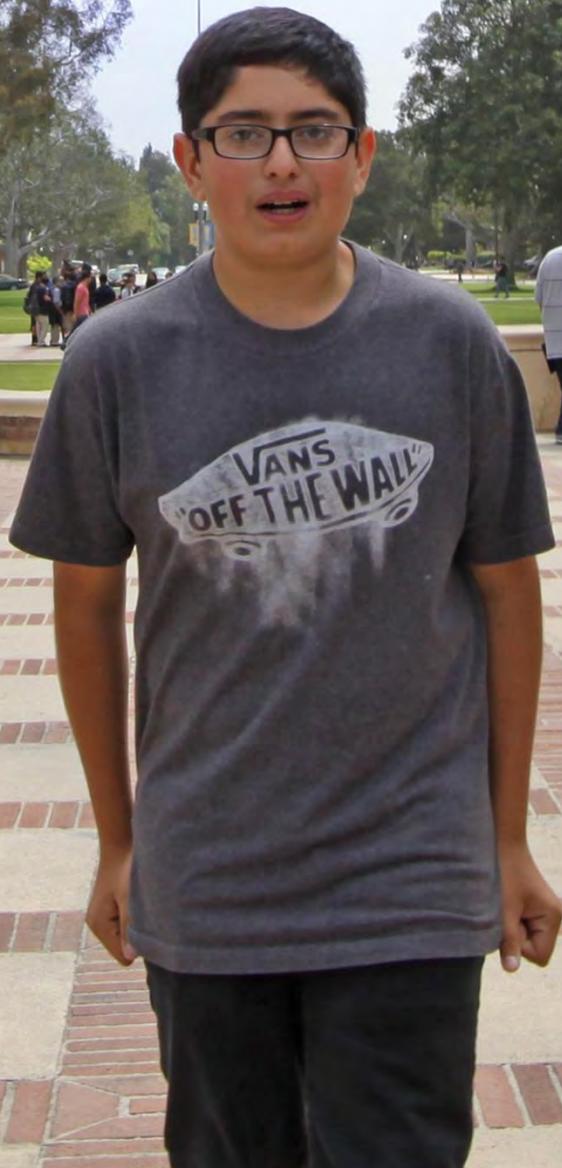
**From the bottom of my heart
This class is the one for me
But sadly I have to part
From what I've come to be**

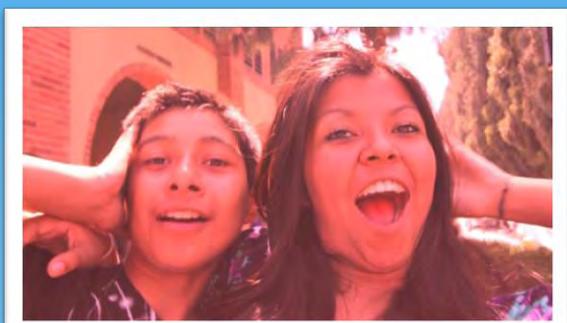
**Although I haven't been here
long
I feel like it's been forever
So then I write this song
Because I will forget you never**

**AVID taught all I know
Now people see my confidence
College bound, I'll always show
Since I've realized my
intelligence**

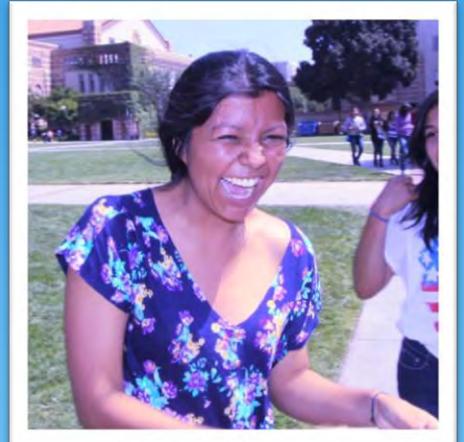
**From being as low as the ground
To being college bound**

Cristain Razavi



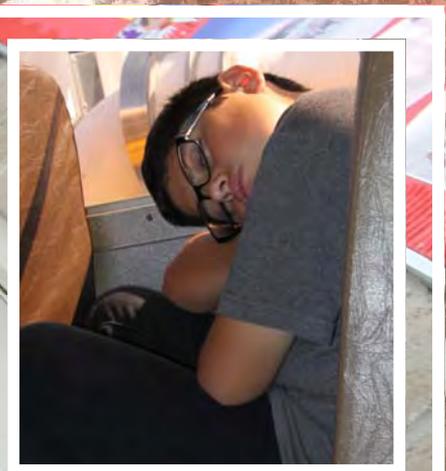
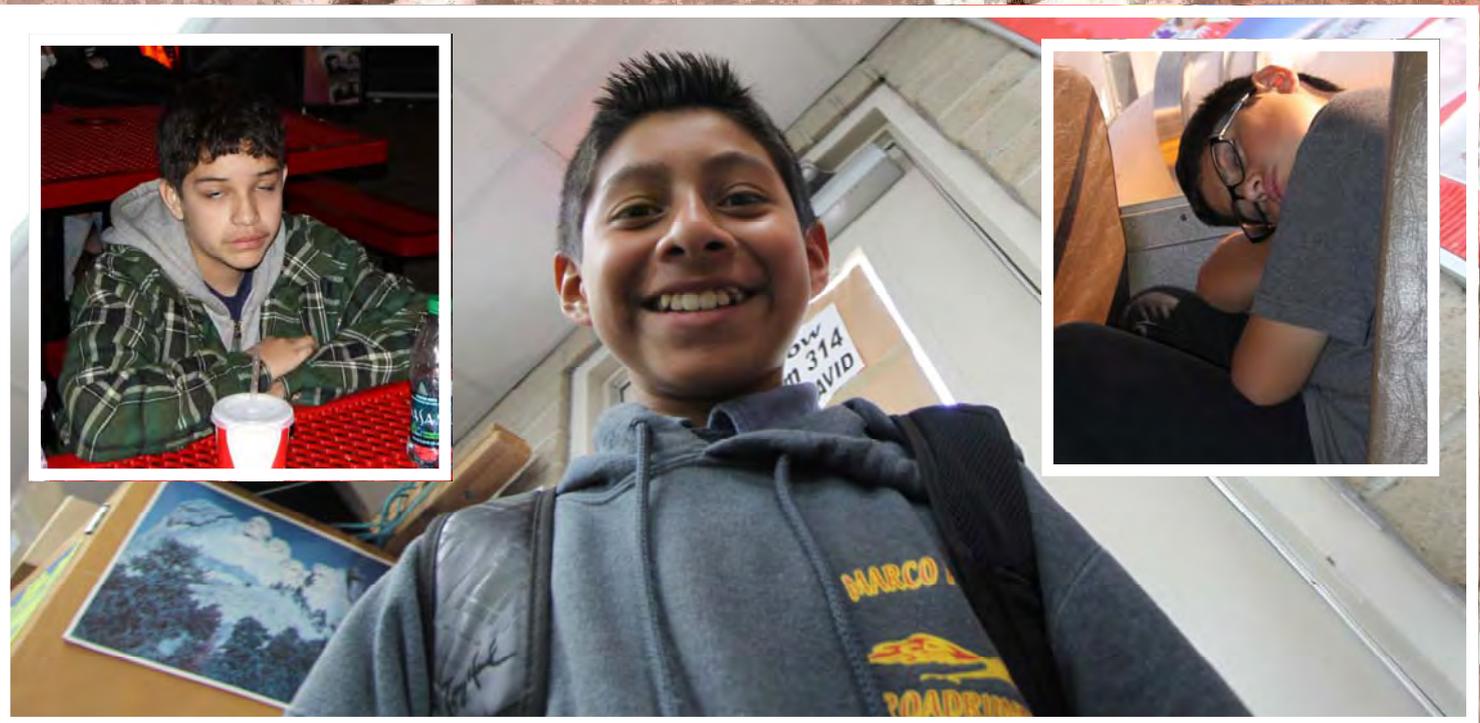
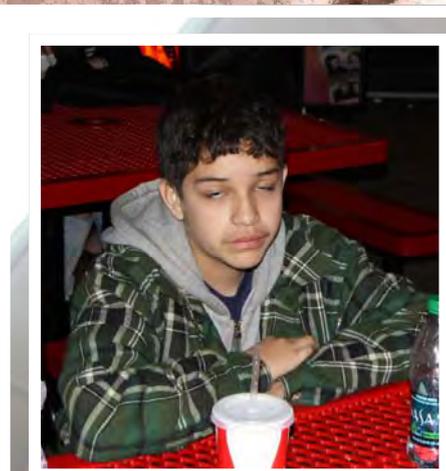
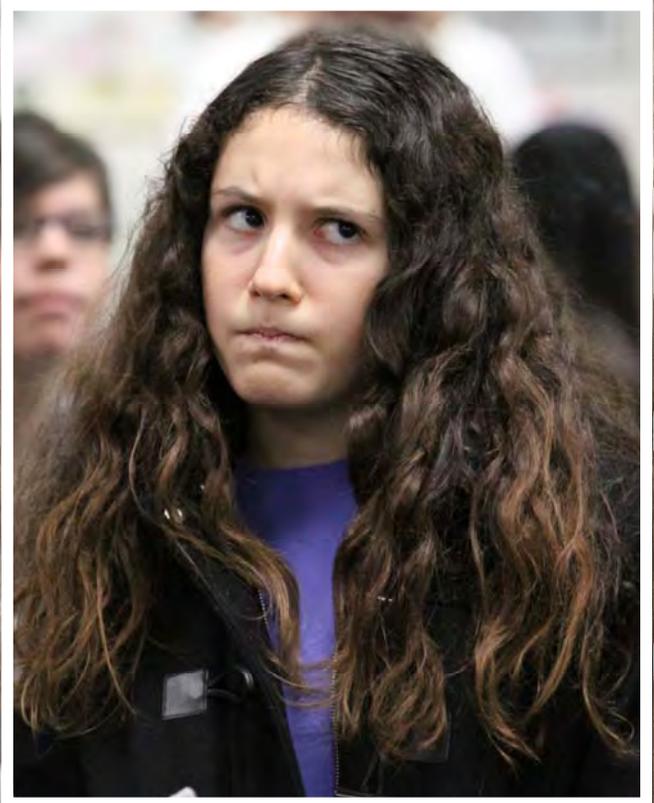


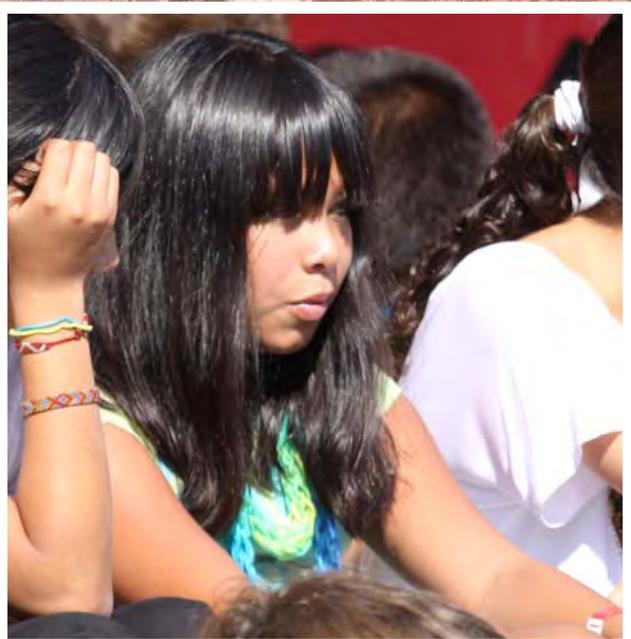
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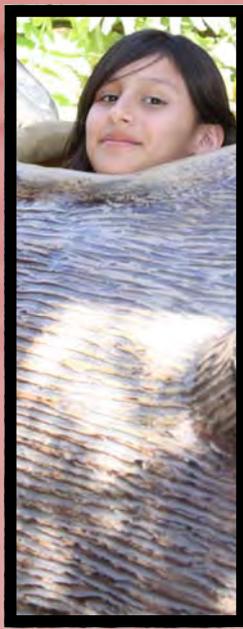
UCLA











Marissa Arreola, a wonderful energetic friend, was born on November 17, 1999. She has had so many memories in her first and last year of AVID. One memory was when she got to know Natalie, Julian, Cinthia, Litzy, and Diana. Another memorable memory was when Natalie and Julian told her about her amazing picture on the AVID website. She is a One Direction fan and her One Direction buddies are Julian, Natalie and Litzy. Marissa likes to hang out with her friends and go to the beach when she has time. AVID helped her by helping her get good grades and not be a loser. Marissa's distraction while doing the Marco Minutes is Diana because she sits right behind her. Her favorite subject in school is math; even though she is in Algebra 1A, she is good at it. After leaving Marco, Marissa is going to attend San Juan Hills High School and then be a student at USC. When she graduates USC, she will become an orthopedist for her favorite sport team.

By Vanessa Moz

"indescribable"

"cool"

"smart"

"so funny"

"outgoing and fun to hang out with"

"great in so many ways"

"rambunctious"

"random"

"clever"

"great sense of humor"

"crazily amazing"

"hilarious"

"dedicated"

"a good friend"

"intelligent and hard working"

"very nice, funny, crazy and smart"

"wonderful"

"a treasure"

Marissa Arreola

Ivana Lin Dohanoe was born on April 19, 1998. Ivana is going to go to Dana Hills High School. She is a shy and kind person. Ivana has five siblings and a fat cat named Bobby. She wants to go to a performing arts college and become a musician. She came from Menifee in Riverside county. She likes to go roller skating, long boarding, and surfing. In her free time, she likes to play her bass and do word searches. Ivana's favorite AVID memory is going on the Xcelerator at Knott's Berry Farm. Ivana loves music and is in a band. AVID helped her get A's and B's and mostly A's. AVID also helped her be successful throughout eighth grade.

By Marilu Viveros

"phenomenal "

"kind "

"a great bass player "

"caring "

"super nice "

"my science buddy "

"awesome "

"nice and sweet "

"sweet "

"a great friend "

"talented "

"smart "

**IVANA
DONAHOE**



8th Grade Award Winners

Orange County AVID 8th Grade Standout

Margarita Carvajal

Academic Distinction (4.0 GPA)

Emma Bunim
Marisol Velasquez
Margarita Carvajal

Superintendent's Honor Roll (3.83 GPA)

Jesus Cruz
Maria Cruz
Mika Rajkumar
Jennifer Sanchez
Diego Fuentes
Vanessa Moz
Elizabeth Ponce
Roberto Vargas

President's Award (3.5 GPA)

Cinthia Avila
Miguel Bravo
Darla Brito
Natalia Garcia
Elizabeth Herrera
Saray Jimenez
Keven Montes-Barrios
Claudia Orozco
Sergio Perez
Yvone Ponce
Cristian Razavi
Litzy Calzado
Venecia Delgado
Diana Duran
Stephen Escamilla
Gabriela Ramirez
Laura Silva
Ariana Vargas

Students Run LA (SRLA)

Roberto Vargas (2 Years)
Miguel Bravo (2 Years)
Jesus Cruz (1 Year)
Stephen Escamilla (1 Year)

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Elizabeth Ponce
Elizabeth Herrera

Perfect Attendance 3 Years

Gypsy Gonzalez

Elizabeth Baron-Fields

Memorial Scholarship

Roberto Vargas

MFMS AVID Students of the Year

Emma Bunim
Marisol Velasquez

American Legion Citizenship Award

Roberto Vargas

MFMS English Student of the Year

Mika Rajkumar

MFMS Dual Immersion Student of the Year

Maria Cruz

MFMS Yearbook Student of the Year

Emma Bunim

Salute to Excellence

Elizabeth Ponce	Natalia Garcia
Jesus Cruz	Miguel Bravo
Elizabeth Herrera	Cinthia Avila
Mika Rajkumar	Vanessa Moz
Stephen Escamilla	Rafael Esquivel
Margarita Carvajal	Diego Fuentes
Maria Cruz	Marissa Arreola
Leslie Dina	Saray Jimenez
Jennifer Sanchez	Alejandro Sanchez
Ilma Cruz	Litzy Calzado
Ariana Vargas	Emma Bunim
Cristian Razavi	

Roadrunner Ambassador Service

Elizabeth Ponce
Marissa Arreola
Natalia Garcia
Julian Torres
Litzy Calzado
Ivana Donahoe
Ariana Vargas
Yvone Ponce
Mika Rajkumar
Sergio Perez

Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL)

Vanessa Moz

Robotics Team

Emma Bunim
Keven Montes-Barrios
Perla Fabian

Roadrunner Pride Award

Perla Fabian
Elizabeth Ponce
Litzy Calzado
Yvone Ponce
Maria Cruz
Saray Jimenez
Elizabeth Herrera
Emma Bunim
Diana Duran

Physical Fitness Award

Gypsy Gonzalez
Ivana Donahoe
Miguel Bravo
Elizabeth Herrera
Mika Rajkumar
Roberto Vargas
Alejandro Sanchez

Roadrunner Reading Buddies

Ariana Vargas
Marissa Arreola
Miguel Bravo
Margarita Carvajal
Venecia Delgado
Ivana Donahoe
Perla Fabian
Luis Flores Cervantes
Natalia Garcia
Elizabeth Herrera
Saray Jimenez
Vanessa Moz
Julian Torres
Sergio Perez
Mika Rajkumar
Gabriela Ramirez
Alejandro Sanchez
Laura Silva

Dual Immersion Program Award

Jennifer Sanchez
Maria Cruz
Darla Brito
Yazmin Cuevas



Dear Roberto,

You have been a very good friend to me and to everyone you meet, but you are my best friend. You are all ways there for me. Well, I'm going to miss you. You are really smart. You are also really fast. Well we have a lot of memories together. Yosemite was fun. Well I don't know what else to type because I have too much to say in this goodbye letter. I am going to miss, and I hope that we can still hang out and have more memories. Also, we should have study hang outs so we can pass biology. Well, this is my goodbye letter. I hope you like it. By the way, you are the best guy friend that I have ever had, and I hope that are friendship doesn't end.

Sincerely,

Litzy

Dear Stephen,

Well, you are my best friend. We have our inside jokes. You all ways make fun of me that I'm slow, but we get along like that. Well, you have been there for me when I need you. I am going to miss you since you are going to a different high school. But at least you will have the other Mexican Swagg, Robert "oh." You are a really nice guy that is nice to everyone. I didn't know that we were going to be a big part of our lives. I am going to miss you, but I hope that we can hang out during the summer with Roberto. Well good luck in High School. I know that you will do great.

Well, goodbye Stephen.

Sincerely,

Litzy

- 1) Bye Anthony; it was very fun talking, and playing with you. See you next year.
- 2) See you Diana; I'll see you in your b-day.
- 3) Ill jam with you in the summer all right. Bye Ivana
- 4) It was very funny to have you here Perla; you made me laugh like crazy in the field trips; take it easy.
- 5) Bye Emma ;you made it really simple when I asked a question. I hope you make it to Harvard because I'm pretty positive you can make it if you try.
- 6) Steven and Robert hope your friendship lasts because it would be cool to see you guys very old but still hanging out.
- 7) Julian you're cool and you're a very good actor; you can do it you just need to audition dude you got this!
- 8) Fernando you're really funny and random hopefully you stay like that. Have a nice summer.
- 9) Miguel you are cool and very active and that's cool ;hopefully you do all that cool stuff at the summer so you can have a cool summer.
- 10) Kevin, you really awesome and I hope you have a great summer; have fun dude.

Alex Sanchez



My dearest most valuable friends,

You have all changed my life a lot. We have gone through many adventures. You've all made me louder and made me laugh. I will surely miss all of you. I've grown more attached to you all and I don't want to leave middle school, but we all must move on. The thought of knowing I may never see you all, tortures my heart a lot. Most of us will be going to different high schools and some of us will go to the same school together. I will never forget everything that has happened in AVID. You are all noble, kind, one-of-a-kind, irreplaceable, zealous, energetic, and family. I wish you all the best of luck in high school. It has only been one year but it feels like I've known you guys for a trillion years. Rocio Alarcon once told me that "8th grade goes by really fast. So enjoy every little bit because once you're in high school, you really want to go back to middle school." I now know that these words are true.

Dr. Seuss once said "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

I should continue this letter, but I can't hold back my tears any longer. I love you all very much; I wish this moment didn't have to come. I will never forget these days and I hope you guys won't forget either. This "bye" isn't good," so I must say "sadbye".

Much love,

Ariana Vargas

AVID is so close to an end. At first it seemed way too far, but now it is coming by way too fast. It feels scary having to say goodbye to all the awesome friends I made, because they have been by my side for what seems like forever. There were some who were here since the start and some who showed up along the way. Half of them will go to other schools, choose different paths and make new friends, but there will always be those friends who stay close. It is a really scary thought to make new friends, go to a new school, and forget some old friends, but it is just a new journey. It will all end eventually, but there are some things that will never be forgotten.

Gabby

I want to say goodbye to my really good friends. First, I want to say goodbye to my very best friend Elizabeth. Thanks for everything you have done and for being there for me every time I needed you. I'm going to miss you so much. I am going to try to visit you every single day. Next, I want to say goodbye to my other best friend Marisol. You understand me like no other person has. I can tell you everything and you won't tell anyone. You are one of the first people I go to for anything. Finally, I want to say goodbye to my guy best friend Robert. Even though I just met you this year, I know I can trust you. You always make me laugh, and we have a lot of memories. Like when I gave you a paper cut. I'm going to miss all of you so much.

Laura

- 1) Goodbye Alex Sanchez; I will miss you football buddy.
- 2) Goodbye Fernando Rosales; I am going to miss you the most.
- 3) Goodbye Keven; I am going to miss your jokes.
- 4) Goodbye Luis Flores Cervantes; I am going to miss your funny personality.
- 5) Goodbye Diana Duran; I am going to miss talking to you. We have so many memories I can't even explain them.

Anthony



Partners in Crime

Ferni & Tony
Natgar & Julian
Gipsy & Calzadi
Oh & Stephen
H & Ponce
Jimeni & Dino
Kev-en & Margar
Claudia & Marilu
Cristian Razavi & Miguelio
Sergio & Jesusi
Yazmini & Perla
Louie & Rafe
Avila & Marissa
Burrto & Jenny
Maria & Diani
Baggy & Ariana
Laura & Ponce Y.
Mozer & Venecia

Funniest People in AVID

1. Robert Vargas
2. Miguel Bravo
3. Steven Escamilla
4. Christian Razavi
5. Yazmin Cuevas
6. Fernando Rosales
7. Kevin Montes
8. Louis L.
9. Perla Fabian
10. Sergio Perez

Favorite AVID Trips

1. Knotts Berry Farm
2. Yosemite National Park
3. Santa Monica Pier
4. Bowling Night
5. Getty Museum
6. UC Irvine
7. Cal Poly Pomona
8. San Diego State University
9. San Diego Zoo
10. USC

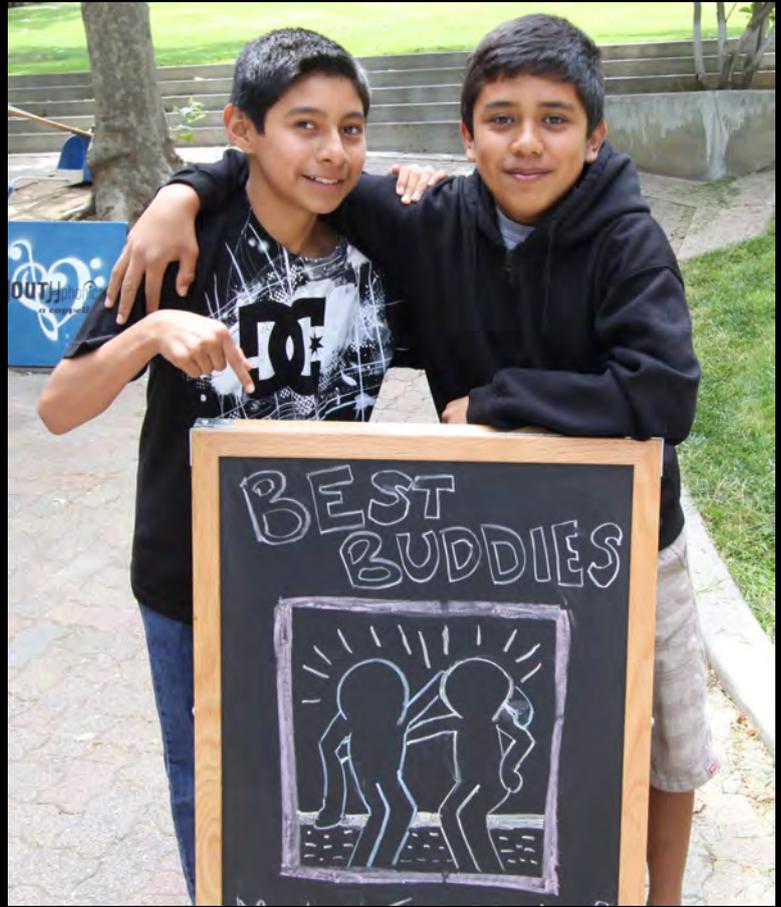
Ten Things You See in 4th Period AVID

1. Stephen and Roberto making hearts
2. Julian always talking
3. Drama
4. Stephen and Roberto sending mental messages
5. Litzzy, Marissa, and Diana talking
6. Mr. Gerow laughing
7. Mr. Gerow trying to make the bottle in the trash can
8. People laughing
9. Tony being Tomy
10. Marissa always screaming

People You Always See Together

Robert "Oh" & Stephen
Marisol & Sergio
Ellie P. & Ellie H.
Leslie, Margarita & Saray
Fernando & Keven
Julian, Marissa, Natalie, Cinthia, & Litzzy
Venecia, Marilu, Claudia, & Vanessa
Gabriela & Ariana
Alex, Diana & Anthony
Cristian & Everyone









A close-up portrait of Margarita Carvajal, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blue top. The background is softly blurred, showing green foliage.

“a funny, smart and nice person who never loses her temper and is my best friend”

“intelligent”

“my mom”

“nice, helpful, a wonderful friend, and funny”

“can count on her like a sister”

“smart, funny, nice, chill,
and my best friend”

“amazing person”

“lovable”

“smarty”

Margarita Carvajal was born on January 11, 1999 in Mexico. She is very funny and nice. She likes to listen to music and eat Mexican food. Marge Has been in AVID for all three years. She is going to Capistrano Valley High School. She wants to go to UCI to become a pediatrician. Her favorite AVID memory was when she went with her friends to Knott's Berry Farm in seventh grade. She had lots of fun on the rides and games. She is shy around people she doesn't know, but she is really outgoing and friendly when you get to know her. She would like to thank all of her friends for being her friends. She has enjoyed her three years in AVID. She will never forget her friends. Margarita will have a very successful life.

By Sergio Perez

“nice”

“kind”

“helpful”

“funny”

“super duper nice & helpful”

“makes everyone laugh”

“smart”

Margarita Carvajal

Ariana Vargas was born on September 27, 1999. She loves playing video games and likes to go to Starbucks with her friends. Something she loves is Star Wars, and she loves to eat. She likes to play to with her dog, sing and go to Disneyland. She also dances ballet Folklorico. Ariana is going to Dana Hills High School. After high school, she is going to go Soka University. When she grows up, she wants to be a voice actor. Her favorite AVID memories are when she went to the Santa Monica Pier and at the Getty Museum, when security thought her Chewbacca bag was a real animal. Everyone laughed when the security guard told her “no animals are allowed in the museum.” Her closest friends in AVID are Gabby, Claudia, Vanessa, Yvona, Venecia, Kelly, Marilu, and Diana. Ariana is a great AVID student. She has gotten straight A’s twice. Even though she has not been in AVID for three years, she is still a great AVID student. Ariana knows how to have fun when she wants to. She is nice to everyone and cares for others.

By Diana Duran

“really, really, really nice”

“smarty”

“smart”

“a kind girl”

“very kind
hearted”

“nice”

“very sweet”

“super original”

“funny”

“kind and smart”

“cool”

“has
interesting
stories to
tell”

“great
person to be
around”

“awesomely creative”

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Vargas*







