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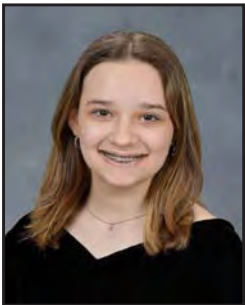
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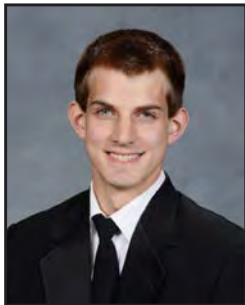
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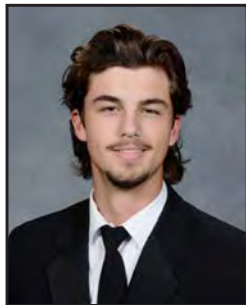
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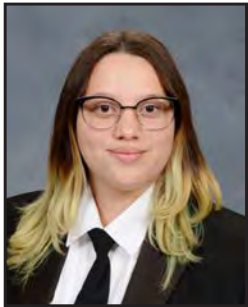
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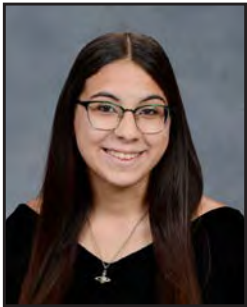
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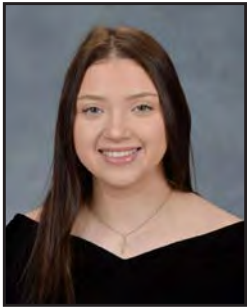
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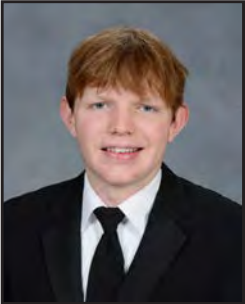
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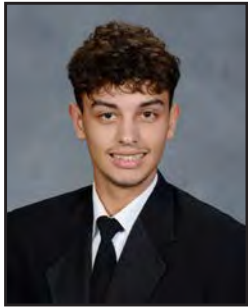
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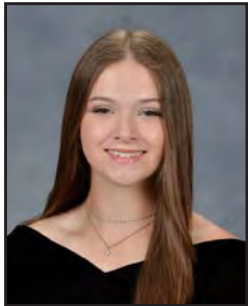
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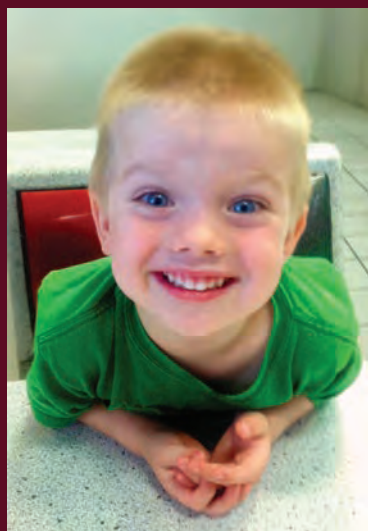


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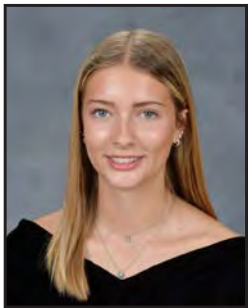
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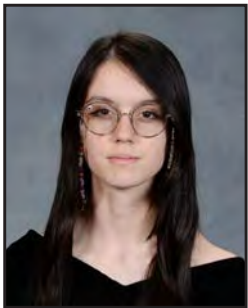




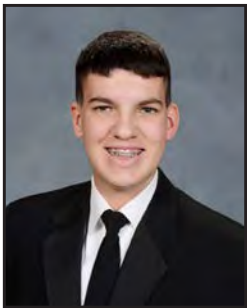
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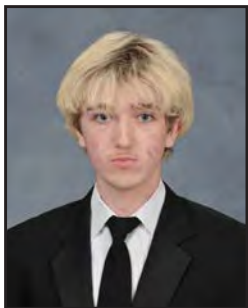
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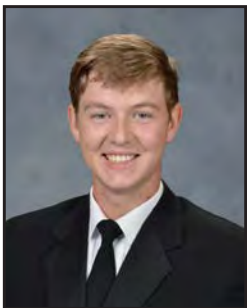
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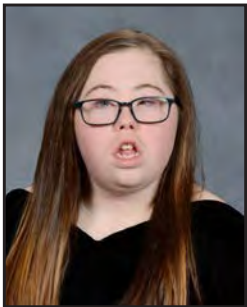
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Belton ISD Seniors Take a Sentimental Walk Down Memory Lane

On May 20, and graduation just days away, high school seniors took a nostalgic walk down memory lane - literally - as they returned to their former elementary schools for the district's annual Back to Elementary event.

Dressed in caps and gowns, students visited their old campuses to reflect on how far they've come since those early years learning to

read, tie their shoes, and navigate the lunch line. For many, it was an emotional, full-circle moment.

"Everything looks so much smaller now," said Noelle Dieter, a Belton High School senior who returned to Leon Heights Elementary. "It's insane how fundamental this place was to my learning and my social experiences. Coming back here as an older person, I kept trying to remember the mindset of when I was little."

At Southwest Elementary, students like Lily Trujillo and Benjamin Garcia-Soto—now seniors at Belton High School and Belton New Tech @Waskow, respectively—were struck by how much had changed.

"There are new developments, weird scanners on the doors, and tables in the lobby," Trujillo said. "But the gym? It looks huge now! It's weird seeing it all again." She shared that if she could give her kindergarten self one piece of advice, it would be simple: "Stick with sports."

For Garcia-Soto, the visit stirred more sentimental feelings. "It's kind of bittersweet coming back to where I started. The school seems a lot more

inviting than I remember—I think I would have had more fun coming here now than I did back then."

Adding to the celebration was Alyssa Curtis, now Assistant Principal at James L. Burrell Elementary. From 2013 to 2017, Curtis taught kindergarten, fourth and fifth grade reading, writing, and social studies at Southwest Elementary. She had the unique experience of seeing many of her former students walk those same elementary hallways one last time—this time as graduating seniors.

"My students were my babies," Curtis said. "This year's seniors were especially close to my heart because I taught them in both fourth and fifth grade. To go back and see them walk through Southwest as seniors is an intangible gift only those in education can truly understand."

The campus honored the milestone with special touches—class photos and yearbooks from years past were displayed in the cafeteria, giving students, staff and former teachers a chance to reminisce together. Former school nurses and educators also returned to celebrate alongside the students they once

guided.

As Trujillo put it best, "In elementary school, I didn't even know what half the words meant. Now I'm walking these halls in a cap and gown thinking—these little kids don't even know what this means yet."

The Back to Elementary tradition is just one of the many ways Belton ISD honors the journey of its graduating seniors—by celebrating not only where they're headed, but also where it all began.

Seniors graduated on Thursday, May 22, at the Cadence Bank Center, located at 301 West Loop 121 in Belton. The graduation schedule:

Lake Belton High School
at 9 a.m. - 602 seniors

Belton High School
at 1 p.m. - 403 seniors

Belton New Tech @Waskow
at 6 p.m. - 65 seniors

For more information about graduation events,
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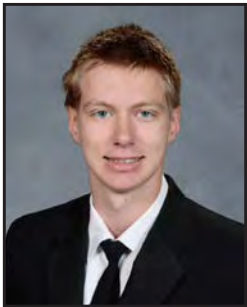
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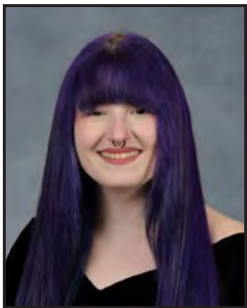
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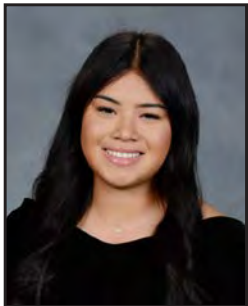
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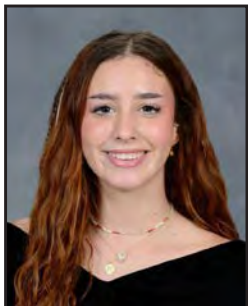
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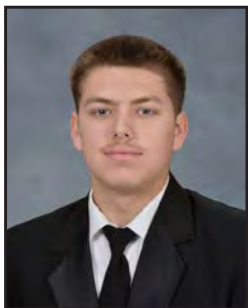
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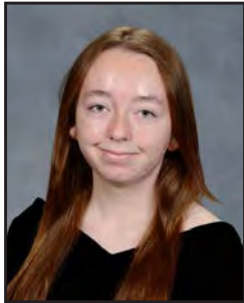
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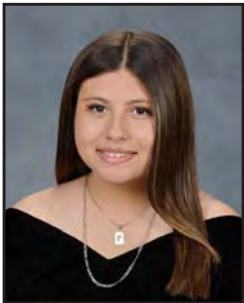
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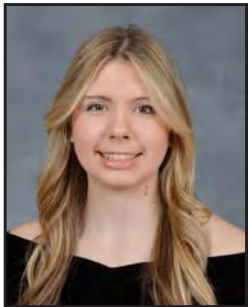
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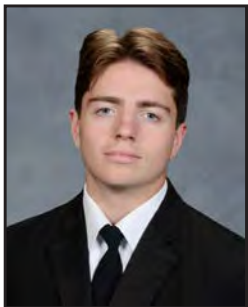
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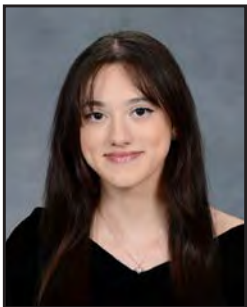
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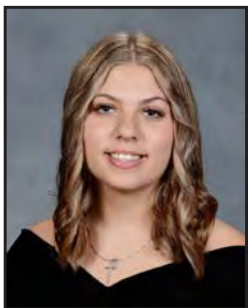
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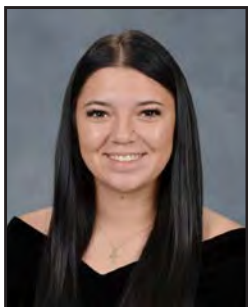
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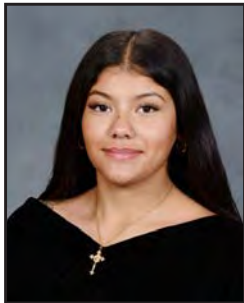
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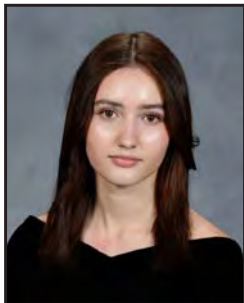
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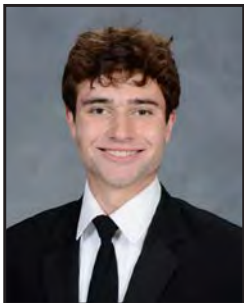
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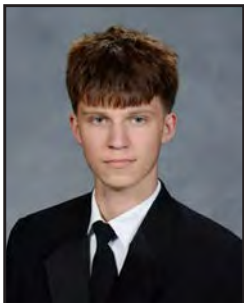
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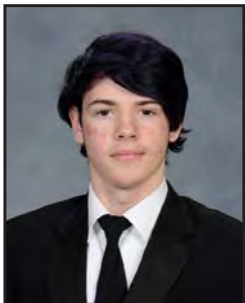
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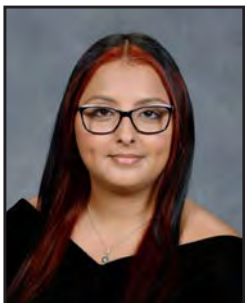
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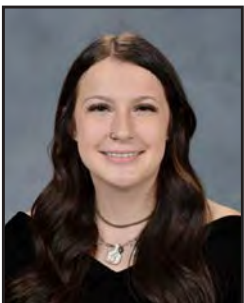
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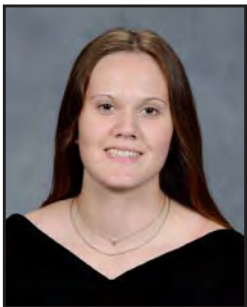
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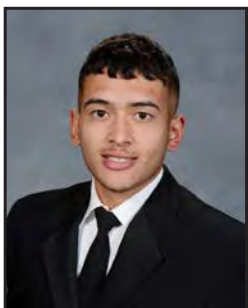
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Travel gifts for grads

Many newly minted graduates are eager to travel the world. Graduates planning such excursions - whether large or small - will need essentials to help them make the most of their travels.

Wireless headphones/earbuds

Travelers can enjoy crisp, perfect sound while on the go without the need for wires. Wireless devices can be used on planes, buses and other forms of transportation to listen to music, movies, television shows, or podcasts.

Lightweight daypack

Space is a hot commodity while traveling. Many airlines also charge fees for exceeding luggage weight limits or having extra baggage. A lightweight backpack that collapses is easily packed and also can be used for day trips, hikes and sightseeing expeditions.

Instant film camera

How often do people take pictures only for them to remain on a phone or locked in iCloud

limbo? Graduates can have fun with instant-film cameras that produce prints on the fly. They can double as postcards to send home to family eager for news. Options are available from both Polaroid and Fuji.

Scrapbooking supplies

While grads are printing instant photos, they can begin planning memory books that catalogue their post-graduation adventures. Put together a selection of scrapbooking essentials, including colored papers, stickers, photo holders, and stencils, as a great scrapbooking starter.

Tags and holders

Graduates can travel in style with matching luggage tag and passport holder sets. Have them monogrammed for an even more personal touch.

Scratch off map

Every traveler needs a way to document where he or she has been. Gift a scratch-off map of North America or the entire world. Grads can scratch off the top layer of the map to reveal a

colorful under layer to highlight places they have been.

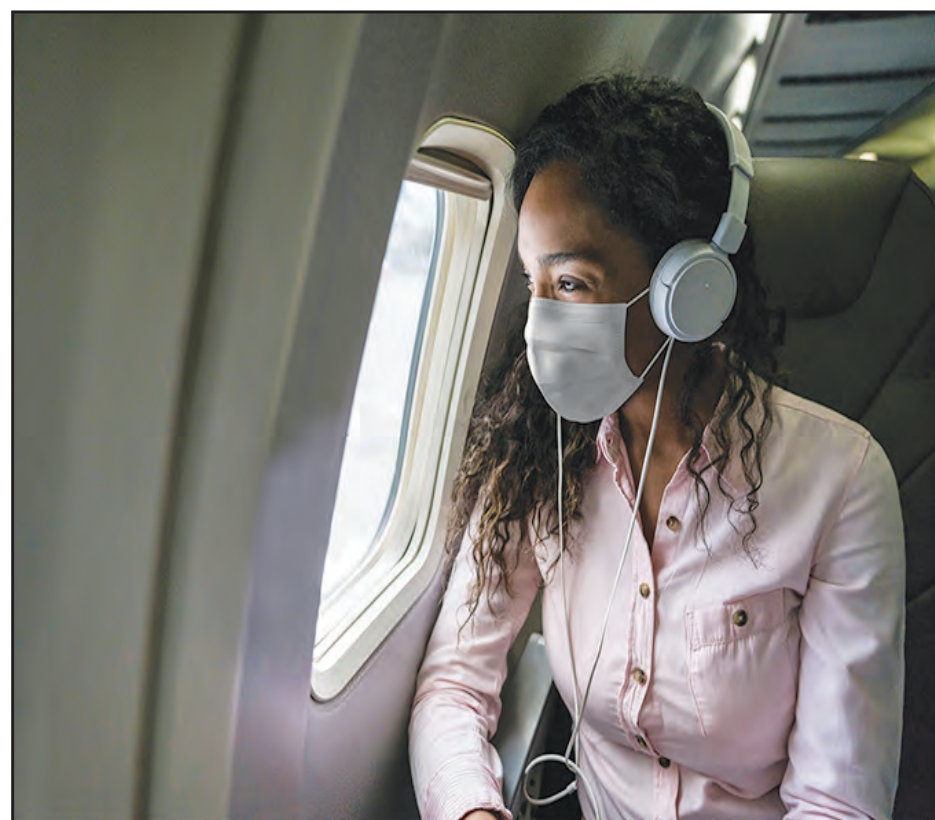
Personalized weekender

Not every trip a graduate takes has to be lengthy. An overnight stay or a trip of only a few days doesn't require a lot of luggage. A classic weekender bag monogrammed with the graduate's name will ensure he or she travels in style.

Travel jewelry case

It's easy to misplace jewelry while on the go. A handy zippered pouch can keep earrings, necklaces and rings in one spot so they're easily packed away when needed.

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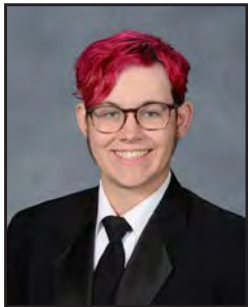


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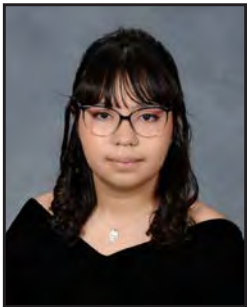
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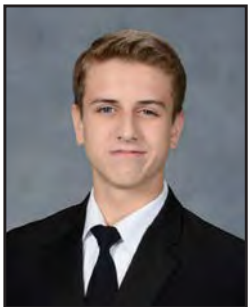
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Popular graduation traditions

Graduation is steeped in tradition. Come the day of graduation, many grads-to-be might be focusing on receiving their diplomas and then celebrating after the ceremony. The hard work students put in affords them every right to celebrate once they're officially anointed as new grads, but before the party begins it can be fun to reflect on the many traditions associated with graduation ceremonies.

Cap and gown

Graduation ceremonies simply wouldn't be the same without caps and gowns. The tradition is anything but new, as Columbia University notes caps and gowns have been linked to academia since the 12th century. Back then, students wore gowns and hoods to emulate the clergy who taught them, but also to stay warm. Many universities dressed their scholars in gowns from the 1700s onward. In 1786, one school, Brown University, even mandated that degree candidates be clad in flowing robes and caps at commencement ceremonies. Though educators and students may no longer wear caps and gowns when attending class or around campus, the tradition of doing so at commencement ceremonies has endured.

Tassel turning

The tradition of turning the tassel does not have the lengthy history of the cap and gown, dating back only decades rather than centuries. Graduates typically turn the tassels after everyone has received their degrees during the ceremony. The turn is symbolic of their transition from student to



graduate. Tassels start on the right for high school students and college undergraduates and are then turned to the left, while recipients of master's degrees and doctorates keep their tassels on the left throughout the commencement ceremonies.

Tossing caps in the air

The tossing of graduation caps in the air is believed to date back more than 100 years. Prior to 1912, graduates of the United States Naval Academy had to serve as midshipmen for two years

before they were commissioned as officers. As a result, they still needed their graduation caps. But beginning with the class of 1912, graduates were automatically commissioned as officers, so they no longer needed their hats. That led the graduates to throw them in the air, thus beginning one of the more fun and photo-worthy graduation traditions.

'Pomp and Circumstance'

This tradition marked by the playing of 'Pomp and Circumstance' is rooted in the work of William Shakespeare, which makes it seem like a perfect fit for graduation ceremonies. Sir Edward Elgar composed 'Pomp and Circumstance' in 1901 and the title for the song was inspired by a line in the bard's 'Othello.' Elgar received an honorary degree from Yale University in 1905, and during that ceremony 'Pomp and Circumstance' was played. The song apparently made a strong impression, as it soon began to be played at various commencement ceremonies, a tradition that continues today.

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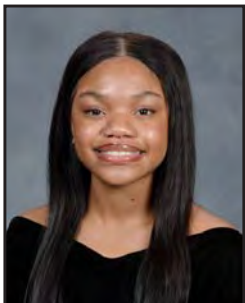
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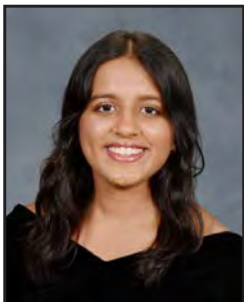
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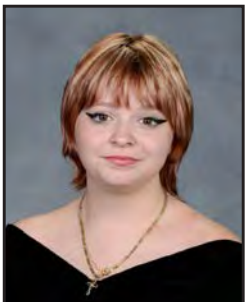
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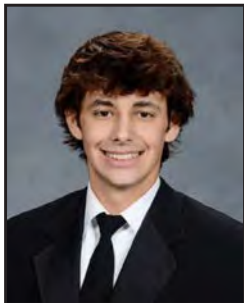
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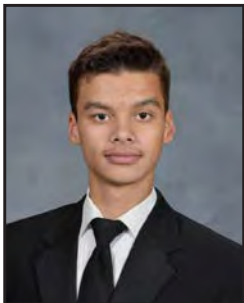
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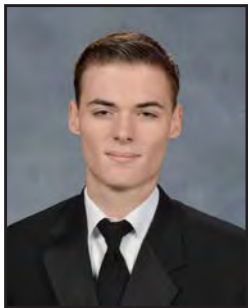
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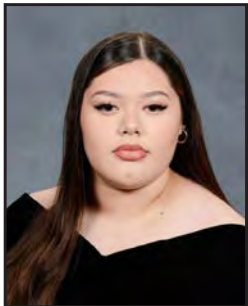
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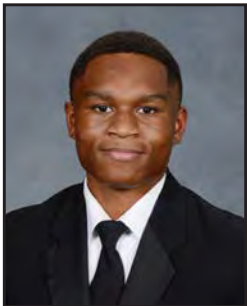
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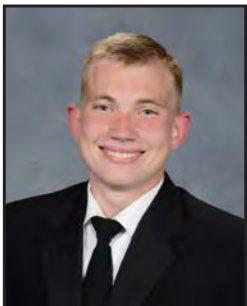
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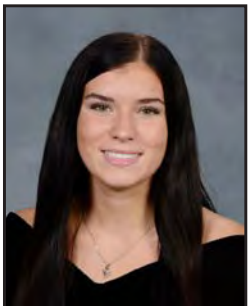
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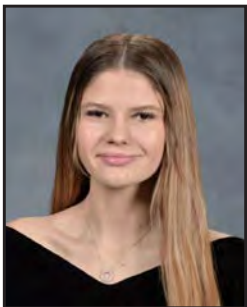
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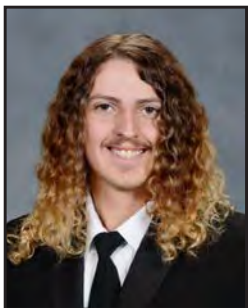
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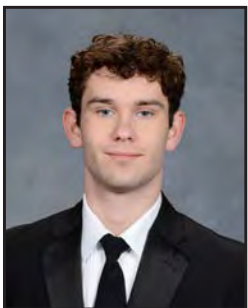
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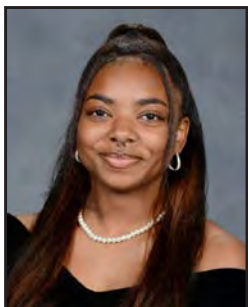
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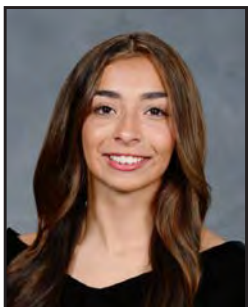
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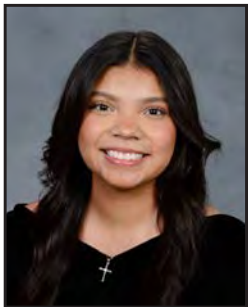
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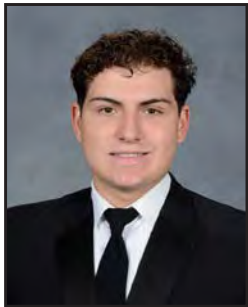
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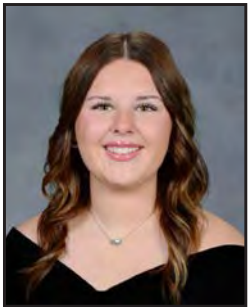
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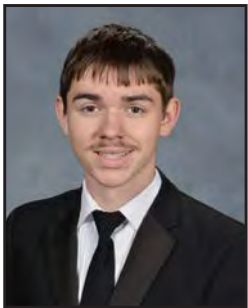
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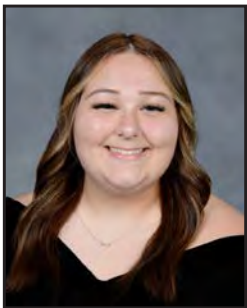
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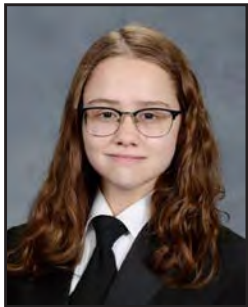
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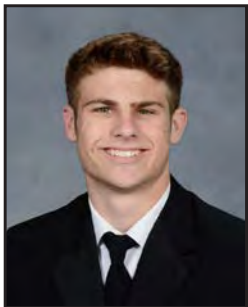
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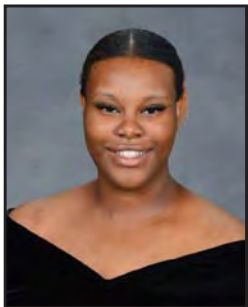
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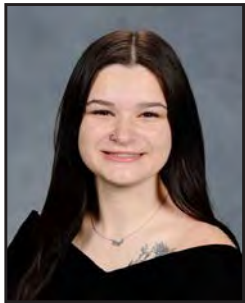
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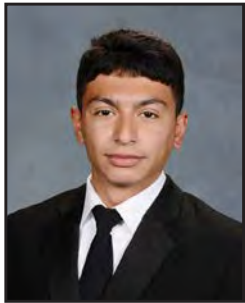
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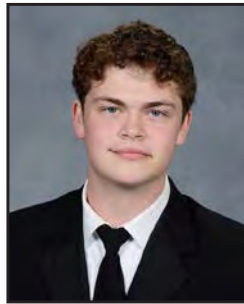
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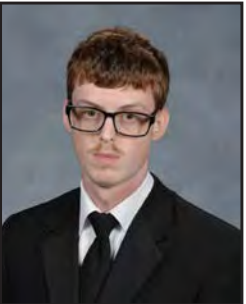
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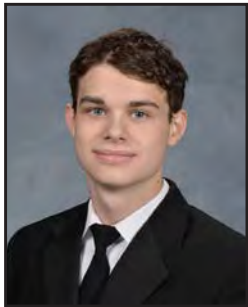
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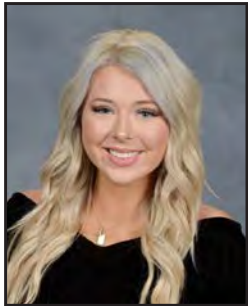
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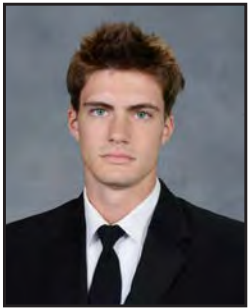
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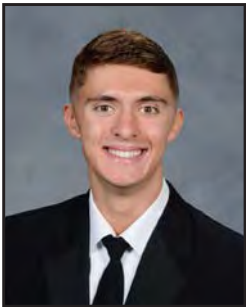
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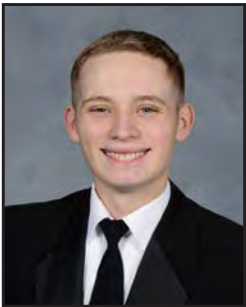
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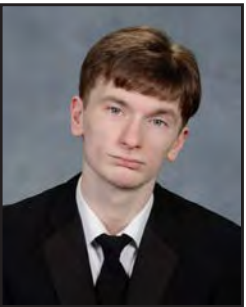
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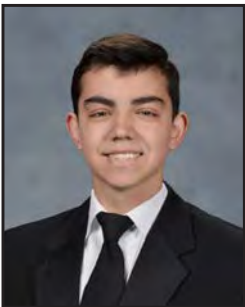
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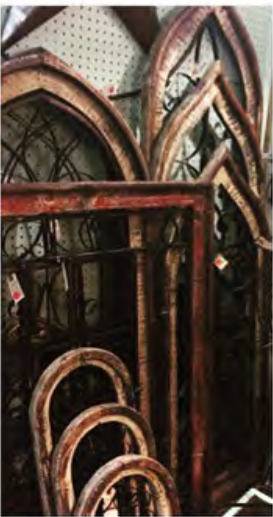
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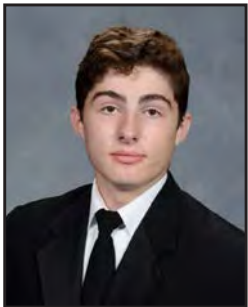




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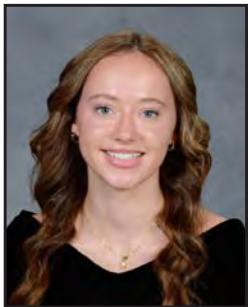
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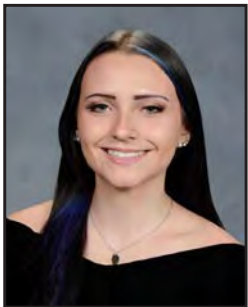
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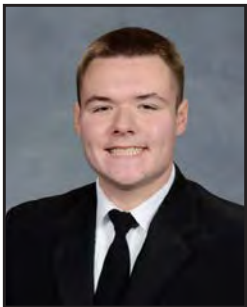
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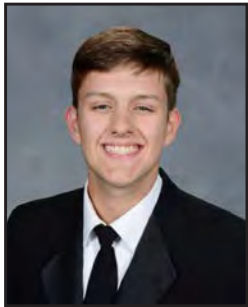
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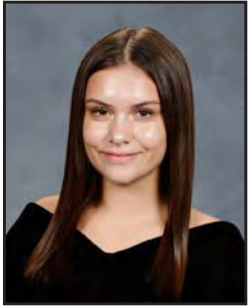
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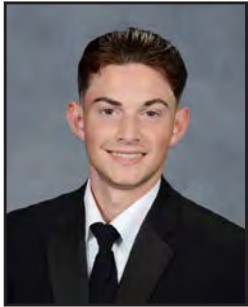
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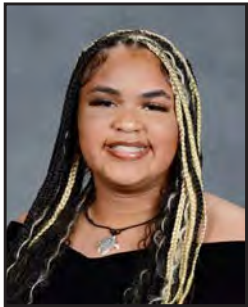
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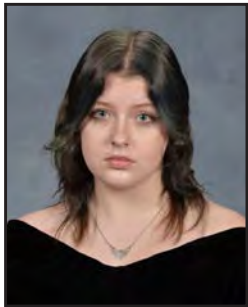
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Temple High School Announces Class of 2025 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Temple Independent School District is proud to announce the top academic honors for the Class of 2025. Reeva Guleria has been named Valedictorian and Kiersten Waworuntu has been named Salutatorian of Temple High School.

Reeva Guleria is the 2025 Valedictorian of Temple High School. She is the daughter of Rakeshwar and Vandna Guleria and previously attended Kennedy-Powell Elementary School and Travis Science Academy in Temple ISD. Reeva is a National School Orchestra Award winner and is secretary and a member of Temple High School's National Honor Society. She also serves as treasurer as a member of Temple High School's chapter of the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). Reeva has also been a member of Region 8 for five years, volunteers for the Center for

Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) and is the owner of a non-profit organization for Community Living Centers at Veterans Affairs. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Biology on the Pre-Med track with a minor in Health Communication. Reeva hopes to become a pediatric ophthalmologist.

Kiersten Waworuntu is the 2025 Salutatorian of Temple High School. She is the daughter of Adi Waworuntu and Debby Rampisela and previously attended Thornton Elementary School and Travis Science Academy in Temple ISD. Kiersten is a four-year letter winner for the Temple High School swim team, twice earning Academic All-State honors and four First Team All-District selections. She was also a four-time Regional Qualifier and was a Regional finalist this spring.

Kiersten is a three-year member of the varsity orchestra and also earned Regional honors. She is President of Temple High School's chapter of HOSA and is Vice-President of the Interact Club. Kiersten is an IB diploma candidate and is also a member of the Virtuosos Violin Small Group. She volunteers with hospice patients and is a published author on an article about Metastatic Epithelioid Pleomorphic Liposarcoma in the Brain. Kiersten also plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in biology on the Pre-Med track, possibly minoring in geosciences.

The Temple High School Class of 2025 graduated during ceremonies at the Cadence Bank Center in Belton on Saturday, May 31st, at 10:00 a.m. A little over 600 graduates were recognized during the ceremony.

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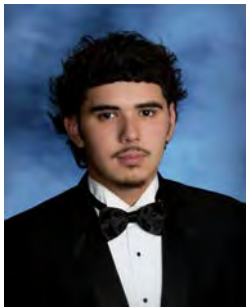
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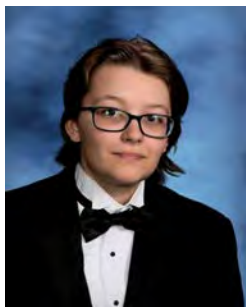
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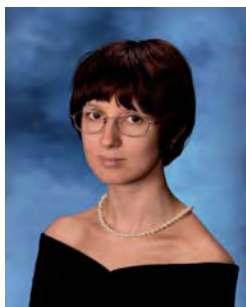
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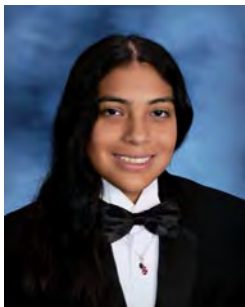
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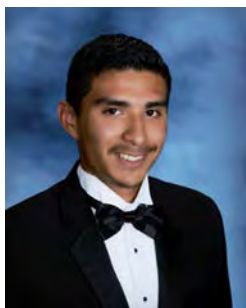
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Demand is rising for career and technical education

A four-year college degree is not necessarily the next step for students after they graduate from high school. The rising cost of college tuition has revitalized interest in career and technical education (CTE).

According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, enrollment at community colleges rose 2.6 percent in 2023 compared with a year earlier, enhanced by a 16 percent surge at schools with a focus on CTE. Similarly, a survey by Edge Research commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation found on-the-job training seems to be

more valuable to both high school students and non-enrolled graduates than a four-year degree, with 83 percent of the former stating it is excellent or good in value, compared to 80 percent for college. Favor for CTE schools is up 63 percent from the previous year.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges says CTE has evolved from a traditional vocational school model to one that offers academics and skills for higher education and careers in skilled trades, technology and applied sciences. Demand for this type of education continues to grow, with

various state superintendents and directors of CTE programs indicating they can only accommodate a fraction of the applicants they get for CTE programs.

Since 2004, Vermont has seen a decrease in its overall student population, however we have had an increase in CTE students in that same period, says Jay Ramsey, Vermont State Director for Career and Technical Education.

While a traditional four-year university might be the right path for some individuals, CTE has proven ideal for many others. New York City schools Chancellor David Banks has said it's a sentiment being shared across the nation, that there is another way and another track for students to be successful. CTE may help students get more excited about school and view themselves in careers they may not otherwise be exposed to.

The National Center for Education Statistics puts the average annual tuition for a four-year degree at a private institution in the United States at roughly \$35,000 (and public at approximately \$10,000. Room and board costs also must be considered, and those can increase the overall cost by a significant amount. The average tuition for a trade school can be around \$17,600 a year, but rates vary based on the trade. Most of the CTE schools do not require students to reside on campus, which helps to save money.

Exploring the Career and Technical Education route can be highly satisfying and financially rewarding. Careers are diverse, and students can find a track that enables them to start training and working by investing less than they would if they were to attend a traditional college.





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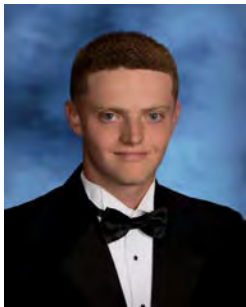
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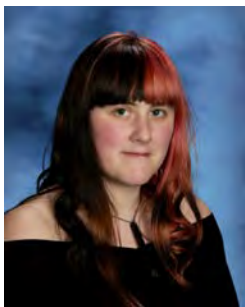
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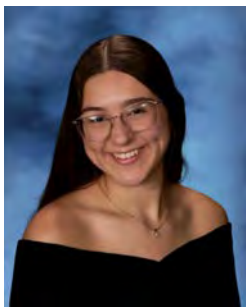
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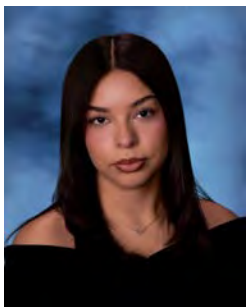
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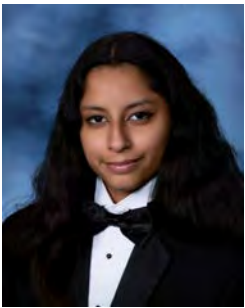
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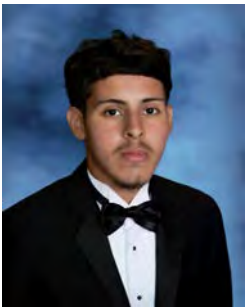
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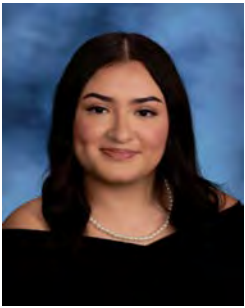
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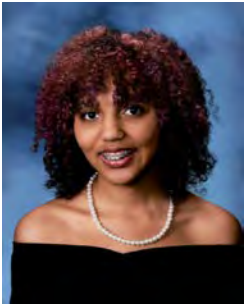
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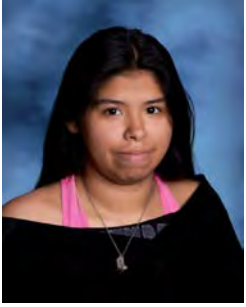
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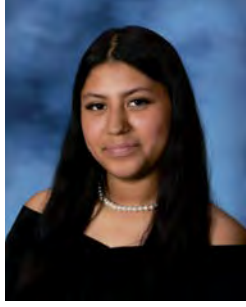
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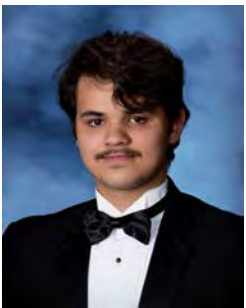
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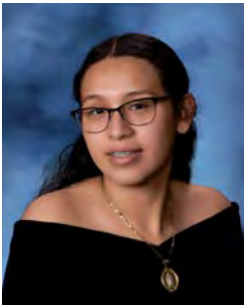
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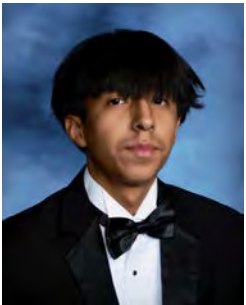
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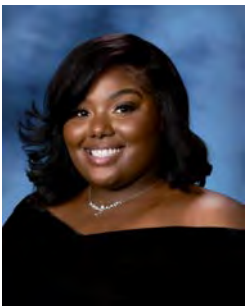
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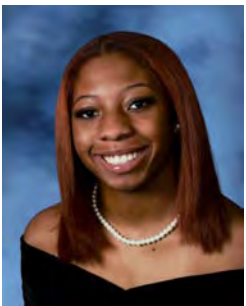
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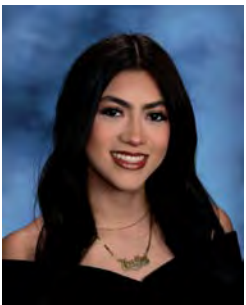
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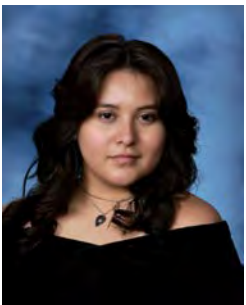
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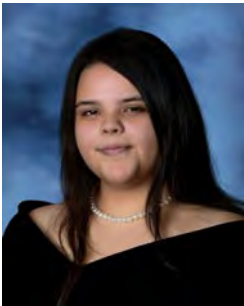
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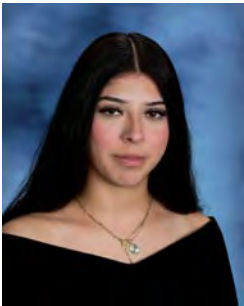
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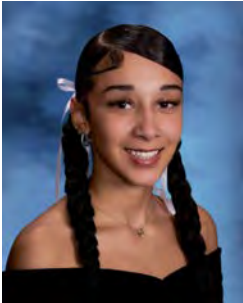
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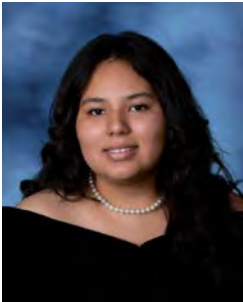
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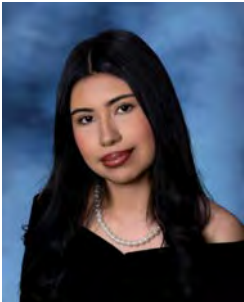
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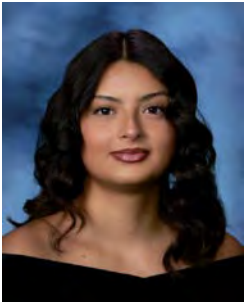
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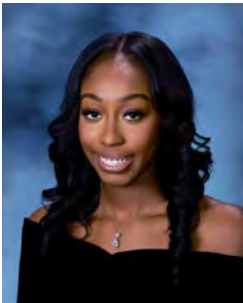
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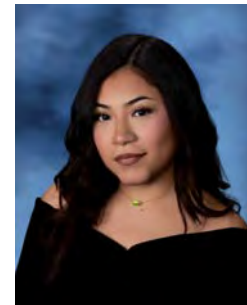
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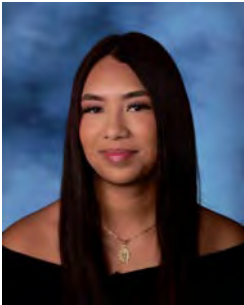
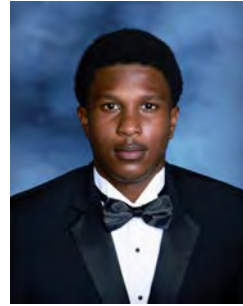
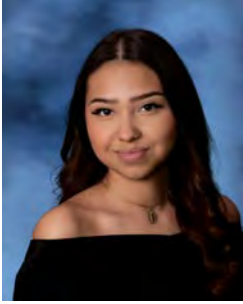
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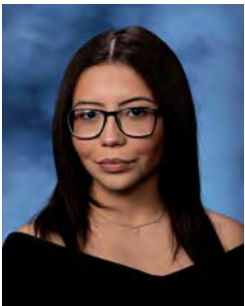
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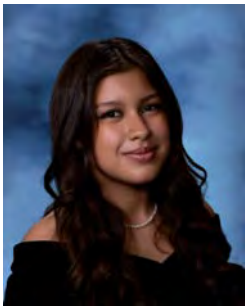
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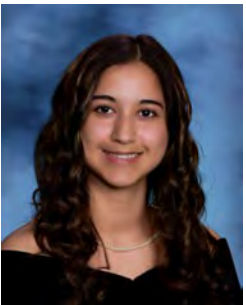
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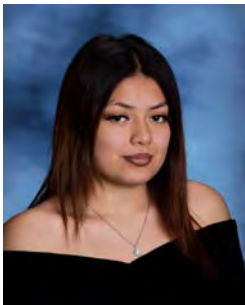
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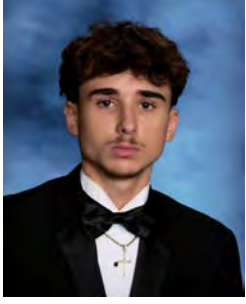
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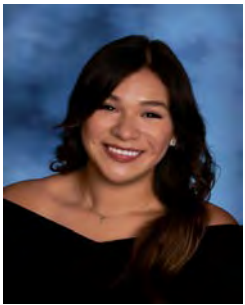
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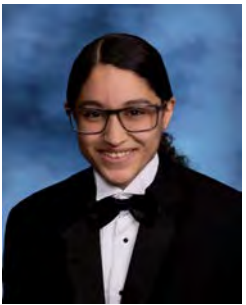
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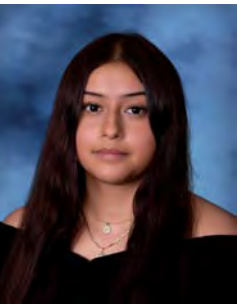
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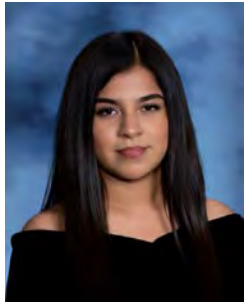
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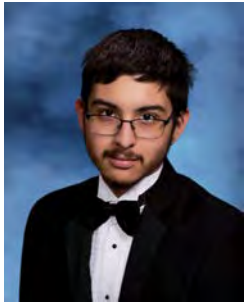
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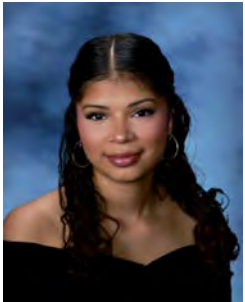
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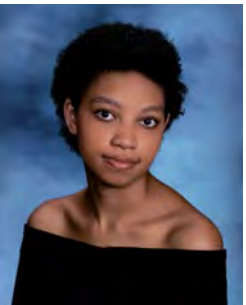
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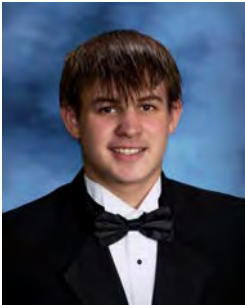
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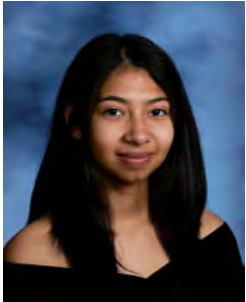
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