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**Above:** Finding herself partnerless, senior Julie Glorioso dons her Lone Ranger cheerleader costume. **Top right:** During a game, varsity cheerleaders junior Denise Hughes, seniors Michelle Garcia and Susan Graham, and junior Angie Koehne show off their antics. **Bottom left:** Beautifying the school, Law Enforcement students paint the marquee. **Center:** Keeping warm at a swim meet, senior Joni Heald cuddles up with a friend. **Right:** Awaiting her entrance onto the field, junior Jody Ball glances towards the audience.



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# High Class



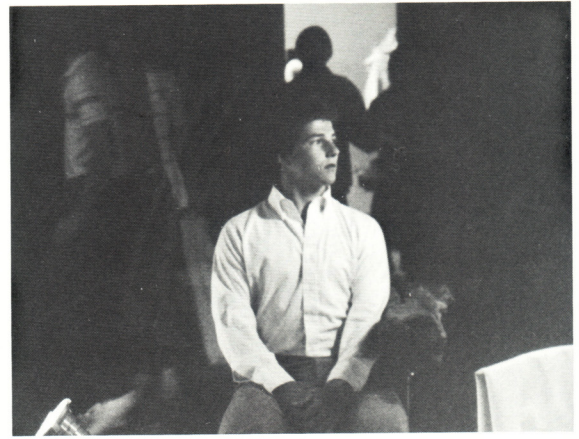
**Left:** Santa's little elves, seniors Monica Hankins and Vivian Smith, play around at Christmas time. **Right:** With a cry of elation, junior Shannon Dykes enjoys choir initiation.





# Mr. and Miss South Houston

**Left:** Miss SoHo is known for her beauty as well as her personality. **Center:** On their way up to bigger and better things, Kevin and Kelley take time to clown around.



**Above:** Mr. SoHo strikes a sophisticated pose that will be impressive as a senior picture.



**Above:** Stealing the hearts of the senior class, this old and pleasant Ms. Claus (alias Kelley) awaits a visitor.



The titles of Mr. and Miss South Houston went to Kevin Craft and Kelley Arnold. After a vote by the senior class, Kevin and Kelley were found to be the two people who best exemplified and represented South Houston High.

Kelley Arnold was involved in 'Jannettes, Mu Alpha Theta, JETS, and the National Honor Society. As a 'Jannette, she held the positions of secretary her junior year and lieutenant as a senior. She also qualified for All-State drill team. Kelley said that being named Miss So Ho, "Was a real thrill."

Kevin Craft played varsity football and was team captain his senior year. He was also Law Enforcement Vice-President. He was class favorite during his junior and senior years. Kevin felt his being chosen was "One of the best and biggest things that has happened to me; It's a big honor."

**Jerry Dollar**



**Left:** As a guard for the SoHo football team, Kevin is accustomed to helping others. **Right:** Matching shirts and all, Kevin and Kelley take on their roles as Mr. and Miss South Houston.





# Center Stage . . . Senior Spotlights

As a finale to four dedicated years of memorable moments, recognition was brought to a number of outstanding students. After the nominations in late April and the voting in early May, the Senior Spotlights were announced during the Senior Day festivities on May 21. The announcement of the winners was a highlight of the occasion.

"Everyone I voted for won the positions in Senior Spotlights. I guess they really deserved

to be chosen," commented senior Billy Ellis.

"It's a really indescribably special feeling to be recognized by your peers," said senior Mike Kastensmidt, who was awarded the title of 'Most Studious.'

Senior David Shelburne felt that, "It was inspirational that my friends chose me as a spotlight." While senior Amy Bauser jokingly reflected on her awards, "I'm really honored to have so many fans. Being chosen was

fantastic!"

"Being chosen as 'Most Witty' was very important to me. Hopefully everyone will remember me and my bark for years to come," reflected senior James Richardson.

The special people and special events that filled each student's high school years would be remembered. SoHo's highlighted tradition was carried on by these chosen few.

**Dana Johnson**



## Most Athletic

**Steve Stone — Vivian Smith**



## Most Likely to Succeed

**David Shelburne — Amy Bauser**





## **MOST DEPENDABLE**

**David Shelburne — Missy Espinoza**



## **MOST VERSATILE**

**Steve Stone — Kelley Arnold**



## **MOST STUDIOUS** Mike Kastensmidt — Amy Bauser





**MOST WITTY** James Richardson — Darla Jinks



**SENIOR CLASS  
FAVORITES**

Julie Glorioso — Kevin Craft



**PERSONALITY PLUS**

Charlie Puga — Susan Graham

senior spotlight 153



# Those Who Gave Both Time and Effort

**MATHEW ABRAHAM:** "It's an honor I never really expected to receive. I know I'll cherish the memory for the rest of my life." Matt was a very involved student throughout his four years at SoHo. Many of his extra curricular activities included National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Medical Explorers, Latin Club, and Health Occupations. He had also been awarded Teenager of the Month, Teenager of the Year, Academic Excellence, and Junior Optimist. Matt dedicated the majority of his time to Health Occupations; it was through this organization that he decided on his future goal of becoming a cardiovascular surgeon. Matt planned to attend Houston Baptist for his pre-med training, then four years in medical school and finally three years as an intern.

**JULIE GLORIOSO:** "I was really excited when I heard them announce my name; I was proud to know that the teachers chose to honor me." During her four years at SoHo, Julie was a dedicated representative. She was involved in many of the campus' activities such as National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta secretary, Senior class Vice-President, co-head varsity football cheerleader, Good Sportsmanship League, and *Palladium* Staff. Julie planned to attend the University of Houston and major in accounting.

**GREG BOWIE:** "In Latin it means 'always giving', to me it means someone who makes sacrifices and tries very hard." Greg's main interests were his grades and his music. He received numerous awards including Academic Excellence, Junior Optimist, and various band and orchestra awards. He planned to attend the University of Texas and major in biochemistry and minor in music.







**STEVE STONE:** "Someone always active in school and trying to help other people is what it means to me." Steve was actively involved in choir, basketball, baseball, and football. He received various awards such as Best Offensive Back and the Golden Glove Award. Steve put much of his concentration into his education and athletics. A very memorable moment of Steve's senior year was, "Meeting Dobie at our last football game and winning."

**JOHN RODRIGUEZ:** "I always think of giving to my school that always gave me the opportunities to achieve and excel." John participated in many activities such as football, track, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club and National Honor Society. He was President of the National Honor Society. John was also honored with Academic Excellence and the Junior Lion Award. He planned to attend Texas A&M to become an electrical engineer.

**ROBERT KOLAKOWSKI:** "I felt others should have won it besides me, but nevertheless, I did win and I was very pleased." He was involved in both choir and athletics. Robert was a member of A cappella and Chamber Choirs. He played varsity football and varsity basketball. He was awarded the Super Sub in basketball. Along with serving on the Trojan Council, Robert was also a member of JETS. After graduation, Robert planned to attend Stephen F. Austin University where he would study pre-med to become a chiropractor.

**MIKE EASLEY:** "It's a recognition of all the hard work and achievements accomplished over the past four years." The subjects Mike excelled in were math and science. Mike was awarded many honors during his high school years such as Academic Excellence all four years, Junior Rotarian, Offensive Lineman of the Year, and Boys' State. He planned to attend Texas A&M and study chemical engineering.



**DAVID SHELBURNE:** "I am very honored and privileged to receive this award." David was an active participant in many of SoHo's activities over the past four years. He had been in choir since his freshman year. David was cast as the lead in each musical for the past three years. He participated in All-State choir and received numerous choir awards. Aside from his interest in choir, David was a Junior Optimist, National Merit Semifinalist, President of Christ-on-Campus, and was on the tennis team for two years. After graduation, David planned to attend San Jacinto College for two years and then hoped to attend a Christian college and major in Bible.

**LISA LIRETTE:** "I was surprised, excited, and happy. I am honored to be among those chosen Semper Donantes. It has been the highlight of my senior year. I'll never forget that moment." Lisa was an active member of the drill team. During her senior year, she was Lieutenant Colonel and her junior year, she was drill team Captain. She was voted most outstanding sophomore 'Jannette and she made the All-State and All-Star drill teams her senior year. Lisa was a member of the *Forum* staff for two years. She was a Junior Rotarian and was listed among Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**MARY KETCHERSID:** "I was shocked! I didn't expect to get it. I feel so many others were deserving and wish more people could have received the honor." Mary's involvement in high school varied from stage to gymnasium as she successfully played an active role in choir and basketball. She played basketball her first two years, once serving as team captain. She was also a member of A cappella and Chamber Choirs. She was in three pop shows and four musicals. In addition, Mary was choir Chaplain and a Christ-on-Campus officer. Along with being in the French Club, she was honored by Who's Who Among American High School Students. After graduation, Mary planned to attend San Jacinto College, then she hoped to transfer to Texas Tech to major in child development.

**SHELLY CALLON:** "It is definitely an honor to be chosen for such a special and meaningful award." Shelly was a very involved member of choir throughout high school. She was a member of both A cappella and Chamber Choirs and Company 8. Shelly was also awarded Junior Rotarian, Beauties of Troy, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She planned to attend Baylor University and major in special education. "I will always treasure the memories I have of my years at South Houston and the special friends I have made," concluded Shelly.







**STEPHANIE CONNETT:** "I must say I am surprised but happy to receive it." Stephanie devoted much of her time to choir activities. She was a member of Company 8, A cappella and Chamber Choirs. She participated in region, area, and state choir. Stephanie felt that high school taught many things other than book knowledge. "I have learned success and failure and can now accept either." After graduation, Stephanie planned to get married and hoped to eventually attend college to further her education in music.

**VALERIE KIRBY:** "It makes me feel good to know that the teachers cared about what I did." Valerie kept herself very busy with National Honor Society, Speech, Drama Club President and she was a Thespian for two years. Drama played a major role in her high school years. She felt it was a great way to let out all of her aggressions. Valerie wanted to work with children as a career; it was this feeling that led her to choose to become a pediatrician after graduation.

**MIKE KASTENSMIDT:** "Be sure to get involved in high school, because you only go through it once. High school is a very rewarding experience if you stay involved." Mike was a major contributor to SoHo all four years. He was in orchestra throughout high school, and in All-State Orchestra his junior and senior years. Along with Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, JETS, and the Model UN, Mike was on the *Forum* staff as news editor, as well as being a Junior Rotarian. "I received a lot of support from the faculty and students in everything I did. I'd also like to recognize my family for the never-ending encouragement they gave me."

**AMY BAUSER:** "I have pride in myself, and that helps me to achieve my goals." Amy was a member of the varsity swim team, Drama Club, Mime Troupe, Model UN, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Honor Society. "I got involved in activities to keep me interested, but I never thought I was doing anything worthy of this honor."





# IN THE PUBLIC EYE . . . CIVIC REPS.

Encompassing the qualities of leadership, good citizenship, and high academic achievement, several South Houston students were selected to represent our school at meetings of civic organizations.

The students were given the ceremonial title of junior members. After the students were asked to miss part of the school day to meet with their respective organization for a luncheon, they also observed the purpose and function that the clubs played in promoting the well-being of our community.

"It was really a great experience; I got to see how the Rotarians help the South Houston area," said senior David Estes, who was named Junior Rotarian for the month of October.

**Joaquin Casamayor**

Not only is junior Cheryl Butcher an Elk for the month of February, she is also involved with drill.



Being in the public eye is nothing new for junior Donna Van Natter, who along with being a varsity basketball cheerleader, serves as an Elk for January.

Senior James Richardson, who loves having an audience, thrills at being chosen Rotarian for November.





Senior Kenny York, who was chosen as Rotarian for December, takes a break on the sidelines.



During a drill competition, senior Wendy Clifton, Rotarian for March, anxiously awaits their performance results.



During a varsity basketball game, junior James McSpadden, Elk for September, tensely watches the game from down-court.

## ROTARIANS

<b>October</b> .....	Julie Glorioso
	David Estes
<b>November</b> .....	Patrice St. Pé
	James Richardson
<b>December</b> .....	Shelly Callon
	Ken York
<b>January</b> .....	Cynthia Huffman
	Mike Easley
<b>February</b> .....	Ginny Cochran
	Ben Pardo
<b>March</b> .....	Wendy Clifton
	Joel Ortiz
<b>April</b> .....	Lisa Lirette
	Steve Stone
<b>May</b> .....	Kelli Roberts
	Mike Kastensmidt

## OPTIMISTS

<b>September</b> .....	Amy Bauser
	Greg Bowie
<b>October</b> .....	Joda Shindler
	David Shelburne
<b>November</b> .....	Kelley Arnold
	David Hyden
<b>January</b> .....	Kim Kelley
	Gary Tiller
<b>February</b> .....	Missy Espinoza
	Mathew Abraham
<b>March</b> .....	Sheela Shankar
	John Royal
<b>April</b> .....	Beth Smith
	Craig Wagener

## ELKS

<b>September</b> .....	Denise Hughes
	James McSpadden
<b>October</b> .....	Kathy Shapley
	Scott Donnelly
<b>November</b> .....	Mathew Abraham
	Tina Serpico
<b>December</b> .....	Denise Lanehart
	John Royal
<b>January</b> .....	Donna Van Natter
	Chris Post
<b>February</b> .....	Cheryl Butcher
	David Riddle
<b>March</b> .....	Cindy Sims
	Pat Ahlgrimm
<b>April</b> .....	Georgiana Davis
	Al Hewitt
<b>May</b> .....	Donya Stephenson
	Mark Hernandez

## LIONS

<b>November</b> .....	Cindy Heater
<b>December</b> .....	Valerie Kirby
<b>February</b> .....	Marjorie Evans
<b>March</b> .....	John Rodriguez
<b>April</b> .....	Tina Richnow
<b>May</b> .....	Stephanie Bragg



# Singling out the best . . . individual awards

As the year progressed, several SoHo students had tallied up a myriad of awards recognizing their outstanding accomplishments. These awards were the end result of painstaking efforts and dedication; but success does have its rewards.

"It was really hard work. I had to practice several hours during the week and on weekends. It paid off though, All-State was a great experience," said sophomore Dwayne Zinn, who was chosen for All-State and Region Orchestra.

"I wrote an essay in preparation for U.I.L. Ready Writing; I didn't expect to win a scholarship from it," remarked senior Mike Kastensmidt.

Hand in hand with the awards and triumphs also came trying experiences and defeats. Altogether the experiences made better students of all. But then again, who said "success comes easily?"

**Joaquin Casamayor**

**BAND:** All-District: Diana Hamil, Donna Hamil, David Riddle, Ramon Rincon, Darryl Quinn, Andy Wagner; All-District and All-Region: Teresa Dillard, John Gibson, Al Hewitt, Brenda Rodriguez, Carleen Wedemeyer; All-District, All-Region and Area: Christian Post; All-District, All-Region, Area and All-State: Greg Bowie; Division I winners — U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest: Greg Bowie, Teresa Dillard, Jerry Dollar, Krystina Fulbright, John Gibson, Diana Hamil, Al Hewitt, Paul Hosea, Leigh Ann Maskel, Gloria Murray, Christian Post, Darryl Quinn, Robert Richards, Brenda Rodriguez, Andrea Sowell, Donya Stephenson, Andy Wagner, Craig Wagener.

**BASKETBALL:** James McSpadden — Captain of Team, 1st team All-District, M.V.P., Mr. Defense, Mr. Offense, 2nd team All-Pasadena, 1st team All-Pasadena Tournament; Tim Dungan — Honorable Mention All-District, Mr. Free Throw, Captain of Team; Steve Stone — Honorable Mention, All-District, Mr. Hustle, Captain of Team; Richard Cardenas — Honorable Mention All-District.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** 1st place in San Jac Equipment Contest — Melissa Wells, Lisa White, John Robinson; 2nd place winners — Rene Froehlich, Annette Osoria, Theresa Ramirez.

**D.E.C.A.:** Area III Career Development Conference winner — Craig McLemore; D.E. Students of the Year — Kathy Renfrow, Martin Lopez.

**DRAMA:** Zone: Best Actor — Rex Cooke; All-Star Cast — Gerardo Reyna, Patricia St Pé, Jorge Trevino, Chris Shelton; Honorable Mention — Lee Ann Mathis, Rene Moes, Sheela Shanker. District: All Star Cast — Rex Cooke, Benjy Saldaña, Jorge Trevino.

**F.H.A.:** Encounter Program — Dana Reaves, Laura Alexander, Teresa Marshall, Pam Massey.

**F.F.A.:** Victor Boiles — Reserve Grand Champion Single Capon — \$1750, Grand Champion Broilers — \$2800; Scott Brady — Grand Champion Turkey Tom — \$4000; Ken Christoph — Grand Champion Steer — \$16,500; Paul Higginbotham — Reserve Grand Champion Turkey Tom — \$2100; Gary Tiller — Best Hand at Show.

**FOOTBALL:** Offensive: First Team: Ken York — Tackle. Second Team: Joel Ortiz — Running Bank, David Valdez — Center, Kevin Craft — Guard; Honorable Mention: Mike Easley — Guard, Tim Hiarker — Receiver, Jerry Leos — Tackle, Eddie Joe Salinas — Receiver, Steve Stone — Quarterback. Defense: First Team — David Applegate — Defensive Guard, Frank Garcia — Defensive End, James Richardson — Defensive Back, John Smith — Linebacker; Honorable Mention: Brian Waldron — Defensive Guard, Charlie Justice — Defensive End, Trent Havard — Linebacker, Pat Ahlgrimm — Defensive Safety. Most Valuable Lineman — Ken York, Kevin Craft, David Valdez, Mike Easley, Jerry Leos. Most Valuable Back — Steve Stone. Most Valuable Defense — John Smith, Frank Garcia.

**JANNETTES:** Georgetown — Cindy Sims — Miss Halftime, U.S.A.; All-Star Runner-Up — Wendy Clifton, Becky Kessner; Lisa Lirette — All-Star Team. All State Team — Kelley Arnold, Wendy Clifton, Becky Kessner, Lisa Lirette. 1st Division — Solo and Ensemble — Wendy Clifton, Becky Kessner, Lisa Lirette, Dawn Wilson. Houston Invitational: 1st Division Solo Winner — Cheryl Butcher. Pearland: Solos — Cindy Sims — 1st Division, Terry Powley — 1st Division. Texas A&M Camp — Outstanding Dancer's Award and 12 1st place ribbons — Wendy Ohm.

**JETS:** Texas A&M: Michael Kastensmidt — 7th in English.

**MU ALPHA THETA:** Sharpstown Tournament: Mark Hernandez — 9th in Unnamed Test, Denise Lanehart — 9th in Algebra II, 6th in Advanced Topics. Lamar Math Tournament: Scott Donnelly — 5th in Junior Science Mark Hernandez — 9th in Junior Science. Alief-Elsik Math Tournament: Bryan Clark — 4th in Calculator, Stephen Lea — 4th in Geometry.

**ORCHESTRA:** All-Region: Teresa Dillard, Leah Hernandez, Tim Jenkins, Lori Jett, Gerry Johnston, Mike Kastensmidt, Chris Oakes, Christian Post, Gerardo Reyna, Sharon Shankar, Dwayne Zinn. Area: Greg Bowie, Tim Jenkins, Mike Kastensmidt, Christian Post, Brenda Rodriguez, Dwayne Zinn. All-State: Tim Jenkins, Mike Kastensmidt, Dwayne Zinn. 1st Division Solos: Tim Jenkins, Gerry Johnston, Chris Oakes, Toni Rivera, Dwayne Zinn. All-District: Greg Bowie, Vicki Carlson, Joaquin Casamayor, Mike Castle, Teresa Coles, Leah Hernandez, Tim Jenkins, Lori Jett, Gerry Johnston, Mike Kastensmidt, Chris Oakes, Gerardo Reyna, Brenda Rodriguez, Sharon Shankar, Ramon Rincon.

**ROTC:** Academic Excellence — Tina Serpico, Christi Serpico; Leadership — Marilyn Cain; Best First Year Cadet — Stewart Russell; Best Drill Cadet — David Riddle; Most Outstanding Cadet — David Riddle.

**SWIMMING:** District Diving Champion — Stephanie Harrod; Most Valuable Male Swimmer — Doug Mackey; Most Valuable Female Swimmer — Amy Bauser.



After the competition, junior Brian Hamilton, seniors Chuck Crawford and Jeff Kuebler display their first place awards.





Posing with their ribbons and medals, seniors Bryan Ciyatt from Rayburn and Richard Gonzales from SoHo proudly show off their awards.



During the Senior Day commencements, senior John Royal is awarded the Presidential Academic Fitness award by assistant principal, Mrs. Jeanne Henson.



Beaming with pride, Mr. James Barber pats senior Mike Easley on the back for all his efforts and rewards.

**TRACK/FIELD:** James Richardson — 2nd high jump — district; Mike Easley — 4th shot — district; Enrique Gonzales — 1600 meter run — district — regional champion, advanced to state meet; Brett Gilbreath — pole vault — regional champion — district runner-up, advanced to state meet; Mike Braly — 3200 meter run — district runner-up, advanced to regional meet.

**V.I.C.A.:** Brian Hamilton, Chuck Crawford, Jeff Kuebler — first place on classroom notebooks; David Gill, Cain Grantham, John Wenzel, Jeff Kuebler, Mario Garcia, Carl Johnson — displaying prize winning projects; Jeff Kuebler, Mario Garcia, Carl Johnson, Dale Stephens, Matt Barrington, Danny Harrison, Mike Shaner, Joey Jones, Kenny Christoph — prize winning projects; Chuck Crawford — 4th place in job interview at district; Jeff Kuebler — 1st place in job skill demonstration.

**V.O.E.:** 1st place in Information Communications II — Allison Hudson; 6th place in General Clerical II — Leslie Boedeker; 1st place in Typing and Related I — Shelly Robbins; 3rd place in Accounting and Related I — Michelle Crisp; 3rd place in Stenographic I — Cheryl White; 1st in General Clerical I (Area) — Kim Starr; 3rd place in General Clerical I (State) Kim Starr.

**V.O.C.T. —** 1st place in photo panel — Connie Mentzer; 1st place in Auto Paint and Body and Mechanics — Oscar Camara; 1st place in photo panel — Rene Froehlich.

**VARSITY BASKETBALL:** Vivian Smith — Unanimous All-District 23-5A, All P.I.S.D., All Pasadena Citizen, Honorable Mention Greater H.I.S.D. Captain; Tracy Johnson — Honorable Mention 23-5A, 2nd team All-P.I.S.D., Teresa McCrory — Honorable Mention 23-5A, Debbie Jones — Captain.

**ART:** Mike Silva — cover for district Basketball Tournament; Eric Hall — Honorable Mention in Scholastic Art.

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:** David Applegate — Arthur Lynn Talk, Jr. Scholarship, Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship; Kelley Arnold — San Jan Scholarship to San Jacinto College; Amy Bauser — Dean's Honor Scholarship to Tulane University, Flynn Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, Hamman Foundation Scholarship; Mike Bundick — A&M Opportunity Award, Independent Order of Foresters Scholarship; Gina Cameron — Dance Scholarship to Sam Houston State University; Teresa Dillard — Music Ability Scholarship to Sam Houston State University; Mike Easley — Society of Petroleum Engineers Scholarship — Women's Auxiliary, National Honor Society Scholarship; Marjorie Evans — Daughters of Confederacy Scholarship; Cindy Heater — President's Endowed Scholarship to Houston Baptist University; Melissa Jordon — Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship; Mike Kastensmidt — JETS Scholarship, National Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship; Denise Lanehart — Mary Gibbs Jones Scholarship, Rice University Grant, Automatic Data Processing Scholarship, United Paperworkers International Union Scholarship; Lee Ann Mathis — Academic Scholarship to Lon Morris; Ruben Mendoza — Pasadena Jr. Forum Scholarship to San Jacinto College, Gulf Coast Council for Exceptional Children Scholarship; Carrie Miller — Nursing Scholarship to San Jacinto College; Tina Richnow — PTA Scholarship; Kelli Roberts — Academic Scholarship to Abilene Christian University; John Rodriguez — Elks National Foundation Scholarship, Jesse H. Jones Scholarship, Texas A&M President's Achievement Award Scholarship; Christi Serpico — University of Houston Alumni Scholarship; Sheela Shankar — PTA Scholarship; Joda Shindler — Academic Scholarship to Southwest Texas University; Elizabeth Smith — Music Scholarship to San Jacinto College; Gary Tiller — Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship; Rueben Trevino — Academic Scholarship to Lubbock Christian College; Craig Wagener — Diamond Shamrock Corporation Scholarship; Kenny York — Athletic Scholarship at Louisiana Tech University. TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$129,975.