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Were done; we've won; were the class of 2021

In the class of 2021, nothing exciting really happened. We weren't around for the mercury spill, we weren't at the high school when the famous senior prank that left kids not being able to walk happened. It was hard watching all these exciting things happen and not being a part of them, a very serious case of FOMO if I do say so myself. Then suddenly we were a part of something and everything changed as the whole world did.

Growing up is something that everyone looks forward to, and as the senior year approaches, one begins to understand that many things will slowly but surely come to a halt. While the class of 2021 expected to say bye to many, they didn't expect to have their last during their junior year.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Sisolak declared a state of emergency and locked down Nevada. The students rejoiced they would get an extra-long spring break and have more time to spend with their friends. The good vibes didn't last long because four days after the state of emergency was called, Nevada had its first COVID-related death.

Everyone had hoped that things would get back to normal within a couple of months and everyone could go back to school. Unfortunately, this wasn't the case. The rest of junior year was taken, but no big deal because things would be back to normal when the class of 2021 came back for their senior year in the fall.

Once again, hopes were high and came crashing down. This year was an incredibly crazy one. Much like the class before us, we were robbed of our senior year or at least half. COVID-19 ended up taking away these lasts. As seniors, we didn't get our first last day, our previous homecoming, or Winterfest, and we didn't get our assemblies that came with these.

Layne Barela expressed his confusion with COVID. He wasn't sure what school would be like coming back.

"I was really confused," said Barela. "I wasn't sure how we were going to come back. I wasn't sure how we were going to come back and do our work or our final tests and if we were going to even

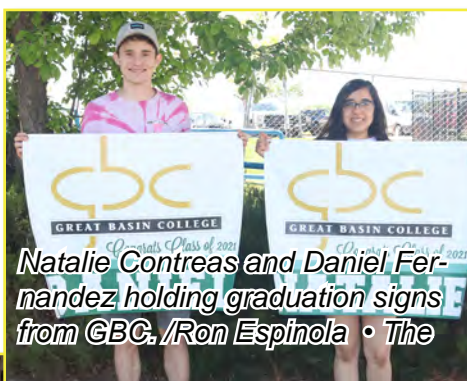
Current seniors during the freshman officer presentation. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Current seniors during their sophomore year at an assembly. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Prom Queen Alexis Gomez and prom King Shane Mattson. /Lisa Scott • Winnada



Natalie Contreas and Daniel Fernandez holding graduation signs from GBC. /Ron Espinola • The



Cadance Mercado and Juliana Ruiz pose for pictures. /Octavio Ruiz • The Brand



Irah Montenegro and Sam Roth posing for pictures. /Octavio Ruiz • The Brand



Senior class as Juniors. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

come back this year."

We didn't get to see our friends for over half the year, and for most of it, was attending school online. Some people even decided that the hassle of a hybrid schedule and all the restrictions weren't

worth it and decided to stay on-line fully.

Alexus Gomez, a senior, decided that it would be easier to finish her schooling online rather than try and come back to brick

and because of the pandemic, the senior class of 2021 won't ever get to experience some of their lasts.

Thankfully due to social distancing and the vaccine finally rolling out, seniors will have their final prom and graduation. This is something that was robbed from last year's seniors but that the class of 2021 will take and cherish.

Layne Welch has played football all four years. Some things like adoring fans are what they pay the most attention to. This year with COVID the fans weren't always possible.

"It definitely felt less loud, but it was very encouraging to still have fans that we knew would go through the extra effort to be at our games regardless of circumstances," said Welch.

"It was great having dedicated fans that would come to support us even if they couldn't be in the stadium. It definitely made us perform better knowing we had passionate fans to play for"

On Thursday, June 10 the seniors who have suffered months of isolation, months of avoiding friends and family for their well-being

and mortar.

"It has been an experience working and taking

online classes because I felt as if I was already out of high school," said Gomez. "The only thing that kept me involved in high school is sports and the small events that the school put on for seniors. I liked working and being

able to do college classes at the same time all at home."

Everyone's mental health took a plunge, and no one knew what to do. The students were isolated,

ing as well as that of others will walk across the stage. Following all the safety and COVID regulations possible. The seniors will walk proudly to show the small town of Winnemucca that COVID took a lot, but it didn't take everything.

Unfortunately, not everyone that started this journey got to finish it. As a class, we've lost a few. Angelica Grace Guzman, unfortunately, passed before she was able to walk across the stage and get her diploma. Her mother, Ryan Borman, believes Angelica would offer advice to the senior class she was meant to graduate with.

"Live each day like it's your last and take nothing for granted. Always strive to turn your dreams into your reality. Love. Love so much that it hurts," said Borman.

Angelica is deeply missed, graduation won't be the same without her, but the class of 2021 is grateful to do it for her.

Seniors recognized at Scholarship night

Throughout this rollercoaster of a school year, students have been putting in countless amounts of effort into working hard in order to receive scholarships. In February, seniors submitted applications for a variety of scholarships, on May 26 they'll finally see what all their hard work went toward.

Bales, Mia: LHS - Drama; LHS - Staff; UNR - Wolfie Jr. Level Scholarship

Barcenas, Lidia: Humboldt Foundation -



Mackenzie Salas-Begay receiving a scholarship. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Whitworth Class of 1973

Bartell, Douglas: FFA Alumni; Oregon Tech - Winston Purvine Scholarship; Vernon Robins American Legion Post 5

Beltran, Vanessa: SSR Mining - Marigold Mine

Bengochea, Adia: Joshua Rose Memorial; Mining Foundation Community Service Boys & Girls Club; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring; Winnada Service Award

Bidaurreta, Martin: Joshua Rose Memorial; Paradise Valley Community Board; Winnemucca Basque Club; Winnemucca Host Lions Club

Brinkerhoff, Bailee: Cody Louk Jr. Livestock; FFA Alumni; Humboldt County Republican Central Committee; Joshua Rose Memorial; Nevada Promise; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring; Winnemucca Century Club

Contreras-Rangel, Natalie: C E W Memorial; Coeur Rochester Mining Scholarship; Hagan Scholarship Foundation; Humboldt County Library Memorial; LHS - Drama; LHS - Honor Society; Rotary Club of Winnemucca; Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department

Cook, Dillon: Nevada Promise; SSR Mining - Marigold Mine - MTC - Diesel

Cuevas, Christian: Financial Hori-

By Alexis Galarza

zons Credit Union; Nevada Promise; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring

Cunningham, Connor: Humboldt Ford - Wyo-Tech

DeLong, Macy: Nevada Gold Mines - Dependent Scholarship; Nevada Promise

Diaz, Ruben: Great Basin College - Louis Temple Memorial

Domire, Trenton: Nevada Promise

Ellifritz, Josie: FFA Alumni; Joshua Rose Memorial

Enriquez Covarrubias, Jacqueline: Great Basin College - Nevada Society of GPA's; Nevada Promise; St. Paul's Altar Society; St. Paul's Knights of Columbus - Linda Schrempp Memorial; Winnemucca Rainbow Girls

Enriquez Covarrubias, Jennifer: Great Basin College - Margaret & Richard MacBeth; Nevada Promise; St. Paul's Altar Society; St. Paul's Parish - Hispanic Charismatic Group; Winnemucca Rainbow Girls

Fears, Mackenzie: Humboldt General Hospital Employees Committee; Nevada Gold Mines - Community Scholarship; Winnemucca Century Club

Fears, Sierra: Coeur Rochester Mining Scholarship; Dixie State University - W.U.E. Scholarship; FFA Alumni; Financial Horizons Credit Union; Humboldt County CattleWomen; Humboldt County High School Rodeo Club; Joshua Rose Memorial

Fentress, Lauren: Joshua Rose Memorial;

Mining Foundation Community Service Boys & Girls Club; Nevada Gold Mines -



Macy DeLong and Lauren Fentress on the stage. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Dependent Scholarship; Nevada Promise; Rotary Club of Winnemucca; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring; Winnada Service Award

Fernandez, Daniel: Coeur Rochester Mining Scholarship; Humboldt General Hospital Employees Committee; LHS - Drama; LHS - Honor Society; The McGibbon Foundation

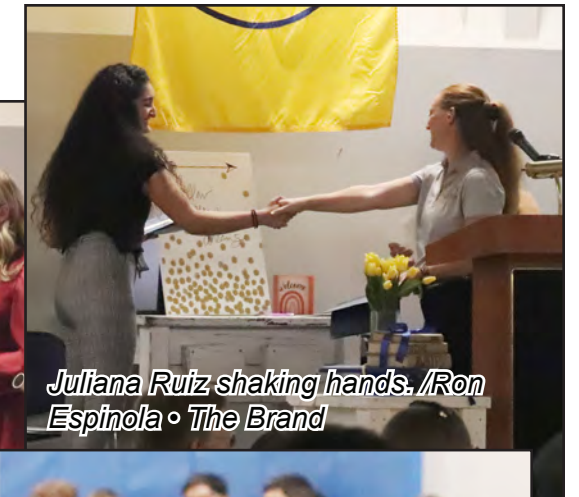
Ferraro, Brett: Cody Louk Jr. Livestock; Coeur Rochester Mining Scholarship; FFA Alumni; Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce; Jesus "Jesse" Sanchez Memorial; Joshua Rose Memorial; Julian Montero Memorial; Paradise Valley Community Board; Patrick Ferraro Memorial; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring

Galarza, Araceli: Humboldt General Hospital Employees Committee; LHS - The Brand; Nevada Gold Mines - Dependent Scholarship

Garcia, Alyssa: Great Basin College - Helen Close; Mining Foundation Community Service Boys & Girls Club; Nevada Gold Mines - Dependent Scholarship

Gomez, Alexis: Mining Foundation Community Service Boys & Girls Club; Nevada Gold Mines - Dependent Scholarship; Nevada Promise

Hales, Kaitlyn: Joshua Rose Memorial; LHS - Honor Society; Steve Adams Golf; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring; The Milton Family Community Appreciation Scholarship; Winnemucca Ladies



Juliana Ruiz shaking hands. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Aaron Woolsey waits for his turn on the stage. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Golf; Winnemucca Men's Golf Club

Heck, Carly: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 5; FFA Alumni; Great Basin College - GBC Access Scholarship; Joshua Rose Memorial; Nevada Muleys; Nevada Promise

Hemp, Anthony: Joshua Rose Memorial; Rotary Club of Winnemucca; Winnemucca Basque Club; Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department Memorial

Horton, Justin: Robert Z. Hawkins; SSR Mining - Marigold Mine Dependent; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring

Jensen, Garrett: Nevada Gold Mines - Dependent Scholarship; Nevada Promise; The Humboldt Foundation - Whitworth Peer Mentoring

Kalkoske, Ashton: 4-H Small Animal Committee; Coeur Rochester Mining Scholarship; FFA Alumni; Humboldt County CattleWomen; Joshua Rose Memorial; Julian Montero

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Erick Prado shaking hands with Mrs. Rose. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Alberto Medina looking at his scholarship. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Lowry staff move on to the next chapter of life

This year, six of Lowry's staff will be leaving. Three teachers, the librarian, and the head custodian will be retiring. One teacher will continue her career somewhere else. They have all worked here for quite some time and will be missed.

Mrs. Lisa Scott, a business and computer teacher, has taught for 28 years and 25 of which were taught at Lowry. She has many great memories teaching her students.

Mrs. Tanya Grady is a Spanish teacher who has taught for 28 and 25 of which were at Lowry. She has also been a part of the leadership program for over twenty years. She loves to see her students grow up and become successful after high school.

"Seeing students go on and use their language skills later in life whether it's by going to college or through a career is very rewarding," said Grady.



Mr. Gerardo Zuniga/Alexis Galarza • The Brand

By Chris Gildone

Grady was a foreign exchange student from Spain. She has a love for the language because it is her first language.

"I think it is a very important skill for students to have," said Grady.

Mrs. Michele Doyle teaches Biology, Advanced Placement Bi-

ology and Advanced Placement Psychology. She has also taught Honors Anatomy/Physiology for 26 years, of her 30 years at Lowry. She loves to see her students go on to be successful.

"My favorite memory of Lowry is seeing so many of my students graduate and become doctors, veterinarians, nurses, medical technicians, engineers, mining and tradespeople, lawyers, teachers, etcetera," said Doyle.

Doyle feels that there are lots of possibilities for retirement and is excited to start the next chapter of her life. She will miss Lowry and the help she was able to give to her students.

"No matter what career path Lowry students pursue, they are fulfilling their dreams and becoming productive members of society," said Doyle. "I am honored to have helped all my students move forward in life."



Mrs. Tanya Grady/Alexis Galarza • The Brand



Mrs. Shelby Ruff/Alexis Galarza • The Brand

Pam Bidart has been the school district and high school librarian at Lowry for 10 years. She started off teaching 1st and 2nd graders at Winnemucca Grammar School.

She got her master's degree in literacy and became the reading specialist at Grammar, then she got a job opportunity to replace the retiring librarian. She has created relationships with other teachers and students at Lowry.

"My best memories of Lowry center around the fabulous teachers in the English Department that have become dear friends and all the students I have gotten to know over the years," said Bidart.

Bidart feels that retiring is bittersweet because she is excited to spend time with her family but she will also miss her job.

"I absolutely love my job and the people I work with; however, I need to retire before I need a walker," said Bidart.

Shelby Ruff has taught at Lowry for nine years. She teaches Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and Physical Science. She enjoys the school spirit and will miss Lowry.

"My favorite moments are when teachers get to participate in assemblies and other spirit week activities," said Ruff. "I'll miss being a part of the shenanigans that are spirit weeks."

Ruff feels that Lowry has given her a good start and she liked teaching here and being part of the Lowry staff.

"Lowry has been a great place to hone my teaching skills and be part of a community," said Ruff. "I'll miss being a Buckaroo."

Mr. Gerardo Zuniga is Lowry's head custodian. He has worked here for 33 years. He enjoys Lowry because of the teachers and staff that he works alongside with. He has mixed feelings about retiring.

"I feel sad but also happy because I like my job but I want to enjoy retirement," said Zuniga.



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"THIS IS THE BIGGEST RETIREMENT NUMBER..."

Stranger times an even stranger year

By Anaceli Galarza

It's no shocker when a beloved staff member retires. They, too, eventually outgrow the halls of Lowry. This year the only difference is the amount of those who are retiring. With the retirees leaving the halls, it leaves a lot of gaps to be filled. Many beloved teachers will be picking up different tasks around the schools.

Principal Ray Parks explained that this would be the most immense amount of teachers retiring. He also explained what the hiring process for the empty slots will be like.

"This is the biggest retirement number that I've ever had in my career as far as teachers are retiring and moving on," said Parks. There's a process, so when you have a spot available, you have to open it up in the school for forty-eight hours. It's different at the high school level because they have to be licensed to teach that, so you can just say that I'm a math guy and want to teach you to know PE or something. You have to be licensed. After that [two-day grace period] and I asked you to open in the district for five days, and then after that, it's open to everyone else."



Mrs. Kelly Bales. /Courtesy • Winnada

With all the teachers shuffling around and the search for new faces, the schedule is also up in the air. The new schedule adapted where Thursdays become an early release instead of a late start is likely to follow the trend to next year.

Along with sched-

ule changes, many teachers will be switching their schedules around as well. Mrs. Miranda Santos will now be in charge of the library. She is excited about the change of pace while still being able to interact with students.

"I'm very excited to take on the librarian position in the upcoming years," said Santos. "I'm looking forward to taking on the task of a new challenge, where I am still able to influence and interact with students. I look forward to continuing to share my love of literature with past, current, and future students of Lowry High School."

With this new adventure comes many challenges, one that Santos foresees will be missing her students. She also is nervous about the loads of information that will be in her hands.

"I have taught English for the last 13 years, and I love being in the classroom with my students, so this will be a big change for me and what I have done and accomplished in those many years," said Santos. "I feel that I will have some big shoes to fill with the departure of Mrs. [Pam] Bidart. The library is so multi-faceted, and I feel it will be difficult to ensure that every aspect and resource is used to its full potential, but I am certainly excited to embark on this new endeavor!"

Along with Santos, Mr. Gregory Scott will also be taking over new classes. He will be taking over his wife's, Mrs. Lisa Scott, computer classes and FBLA.

"I am excited for my amazing wife to get to retire and enjoy life outside of school," said Scott. "I will move into her room and try to not screw it up. The classes will largely remain the same."

Along with these classroom changes, Mr. Ron Espinola will be taking over the yearbook. He plans on combining the Brand and Yearbook.

"Mrs. Scott has set a high standard for the



Mr. Jesse Zamudio. /Courtesy • Winnada

Yearbook so expectations will be high so I hope I can just continue with the program she has established," said Espinola. "I plan to rely a lot on the returning students and editors to make for a smooth transition."

Mrs. Kelly Bales will be taking over Drama and Stagecraft. Rather than give up all of her English classes, she will lose two to embark on this exciting journey.

"I love teaching English; it's one of the aspects of my life about which I am most passionate," said Bales. "I will still be teaching four classes of English, so I'm not totally switching departments, but it was a difficult decision giving up two English classes."

Mr. Jesse Zamudio will also be heading

over to a new department. Rather than teach biology, he will be teaching Spanish classes. He is excited to switch into a new apartment but will miss his classes and his students.

"Yes, I have started collaborating with Mr. [Clay] Sagers and Mrs. [Tanya] Grady, and feel that it's going to be a fun and exciting change," said Zamudio. "The most difficult thing will be leaving the science department. I have really enjoyed teaching Biology and watching students progress through course topics. I will miss my students, but hope to see them in Spanish soon."

Along with all the weird changes and teachers moving, Lowry High School is also saying goodbye to many teachers including Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Grady, Mrs. Michele Doyle, Mrs. Bidart, Shelby Ruff, and Mr. Gerardo Zuniga.

Senior Will

By Anaceli Galarza

To my little sister, the best high school experience in the world. I want you to have everything that I didn't and do everything that I couldn't. You deserve nothing but the best and I can't wait to live with you again. I love you so much and I'm going to miss you so much more than you'll ever know.

To Espy, the best writers in the world, people who don't forget the cameras and a suitable replacement for me and all my Tik Tok dances that you always joined in on. Thank you for making me a better writer and for helping me find a passion. I wish you the world esp.

To Mr. Sagers, the world. Nothing less but much much more, I hope you have a TA who is as helpful as I was but maybe a little nicer, thank you for always giving me the best advice. I'm going to miss your very odd but very entertaining stories.

To Mr. Sorenson,

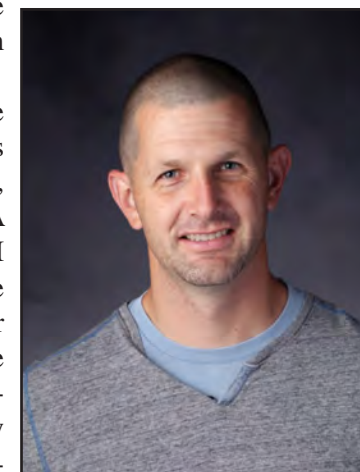
kids who bring you all your favorite candies, and a student who can keep you on your toes as I did. Thank you for making me like math again. I'm going to miss complaining to you and you ignoring me.

To Mrs. Mattson, students and officers who are just as funny as you are. Maybe some apples and cheese.

To the people who didn't think this virus was a real thing, nothing. I hope you

liked barely getting a graduation/school year. To my girls, the will to keep learning and the strength to put up with me when we are all rich and huge success in our respective fields.

To the class of 2021, the will to keep going to school and a bright future.



Mr. Clay Sagers. /Courtesy • Winnada

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Who knows you with Camille Roberts

By Alexis Galarza

MAYRA RIVAS

1. Favorite food? Rice.
2. If you would pick your own name what would it be? Jean.
3. Favorite social media app? TikTok.
4. What do you do in your free time? Watch TikTok.
5. Cupcakes or cake? Cupcakes.
6. Middle name? Jean.
7. What would you bring to a deserted island? Ammo (Her dog).
8. Dream job? Teacher
9. Favorite movie? "Big Hero 6".
10. Biggest fear? Losing someone they love.
11. Favorite soda? Tiki Punch Shasta.
12. Subway or Port of Subs? Subway.
13. Has she been vaccinated? No.

KAITLYN HALES

1. Favorite food? Rice specifically Red Lobster rice.
2. If you would pick your own name what would it be? She'd keep



Camille Roberts, Kaitlyn Hales and Mayra Rivas. /Courtesy • Mayra Rivas

- her name.
3. Favorite social media app? Snapchat.
4. What do you do in your free time? Dance.
5. Cupcakes or cake? Cupcakes.
6. Middle name? Jean.
7. What would you bring to a deserted island? Ammo.

8. Dream job? Teacher.
9. Favorite movie? "It".
10. Biggest fear? Losing someone she loves.
11. Favorite soda? Tiki Punch or Sprite.
12. Subway or Port of Subs? Subway.
13. Has she been vaccinated? No.

CAMILLE'S ANSWERS

1. Rice, Tacos.
2. I would still pick Camille because it is unique.
3. Snapchat or Tik Tok.
4. I am either at my house or with friends.
5. Cupcakes.
6. Jean.
7. Food, tent and sharp tools.
8. To work on a yacht.
9. "Footloose".
10. Car crashes.
11. Sprite.
12. Subway.
13. No.

Araceli Galarza moving on to bigger things

By Alexis Galarza

Senior Araceli Galarza has been an active member of The Brand since her sophomore year. She built herself a staircase all the way up to Managing Editor from just a normal reporter.

"I chose The Brand because I enjoyed writing, but then later on decided to stay because of Mr. [Ron] Espinola," said Galarza.

The class itself was always fun but Mr. Espinola really changed the whole vibe created. Galarza always looked forward to coming to class because he was funny, and she was able to learn a lot of different things from him.

"He taught me how to become a better person while learning to become a better writer as well," said Galarza.

Her first year of The Brand, as a reporter, Galarza took pictures of sports events and other things going around the school...later she would

turn those pictures into articles.

Galarza has many kind things to say about Mr. Espinola, he was the main reason she chose to take The Brand again her junior year and her senior year. Galarza's favorite part about being in the Brand is Mr. Espinola himself as well.

"I do not want to pursue anything in the newspaper/ writing industry," said Galarza. Galarza plans to graduate high school and then study at the University of Nevada, Reno, and major in microbiology and immunology.

Galarza started off as a reporter but then her next year was bumped up in rank to an assistant editor. Although there could be many reasons for that, Espinola explained it was her personality.

"One of Araceli's strengths is her outgoing manner... She is also very opinionated which has served as an asset," said Espinola.



Araceli Galarza and her little sister sitting on a bench in Colima, Mexico. /Courtesy • Araceli Galarza

"He was very opinionated but once he realized I was in charge, we stopped arguing," said Galarza.

This quote is very ironic because Espinola thought the same.

"Although there were times we butted heads, I think we generally came to an understanding that she was in charge; or at least she thought so," said Espinola.

If Galarza could tell younger writers of The Brand any advice it would be to "do your work."

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Lowry students choose military service

By Chris Gildone

One of the serving students will join the US Military. Christopher McGuire, a senior at Lowry, will be joining the Army National Guard as a 15 Tango, which is a Black Hawk mechanic. He will go through a total of 28 weeks of training, then he will attend UNR to receive his bachelor's degree in business.

McGuire joined the military



Chris McGuire holds his diploma in front of the school before he leaves for Germany. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

because he likes the opportunities presented.

"I chose military service because many of my family members in the past have been in the military and there are tons of benefits and opportunities for anyone that joins," said McGuire.

After college, he will be able to become an officer in the Army because of his Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) which is a college program offered at colleges and universities that prepares young adults to be officers in the U.S. Military. He wants to become a pilot after his time at UNR.

Another graduating student joining the military is Trinity Gordon. She will be doing an IT job called 25 Bravo. Which is an Information Technology Specialist. She will be going to basic training and AIT for a total of 30 weeks. She will then go to UNR for the ROTC program as well as the medical program to become a Physician's Assistant.

"I chose the military because I want to serve our country as well as the amazing opportunities I will have for education and traveling," said Gordon.

Gordon is inspired by people who can put others before themselves no matter what they are dealing with. Omar Flores

is another Lowry senior that will go into the military. He will be joining the Army. He has always felt that he would serve in the army.

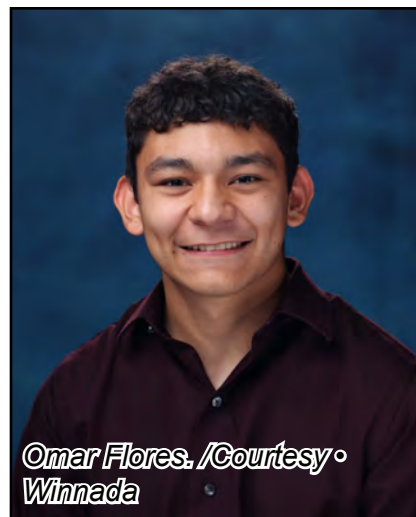
"I've always seen myself joining the military since a young age I never really questioned it," said Flores.

Flores feels that he needs to serve his country and has a respect for all the men and women who are serving or have served.

"I feel like I owe to my country because of everything it has given us," said Flores. "I look up to everyone who has or is currently serving in the military because of the bravery they've shown and the sacrifice they've given."



Trinity Gordon. /Courtesy Winnada



Omar Flores. /Courtesy Winnada

Senior Roundup: Irah Montenegro, Rudy Leeth, Luis Solis By Ron Espinola

Name?
Irah Montenegro (IM)
Rudy Leeth (RL)
Luis Manuel Solis Gonzalez. (LS)

Favorite teacher in high school?

IM: My favorite high school teacher is Mrs. Santos because she always interacts with her students and listens to our feedback.

RL: My favorite teacher in high school is Mrs. Mattson because having her in class was always fun and exciting, she would always make sure I was doing my school work and paying attention.

LS: Mr. Setzer.

Best high school memory?

IM: I will always remember the wild unplanned days where my friends and I would get into mischief and do anything we wanted.

RL: My best high school memory was P.E. because Mr. Cabatbat always encouraged us to try the new games we would play, joked around with us, and made us feel comfortable.

LS: Playing some soccer with some friends and goofing off with friends in class.

Are you going to miss being at the high school?

Yes, I am going to miss seeing my friends every day and having fun in a place where I am comfortable.

RL: Heck yeah!!! because school was always fun and exciting see all your friends and walking through the hallways.

LS: Just not being able to see everyone I grew up with.

What was your favorite sport/activity?

IM: I enjoyed participating in the leadership pro-



Rudy Leeth, Irah Montenegro, and Luis Solis. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

ences. and traveling for state conferences.

RL: My favorite activity was stage crafts because putting on plays and creating them was exciting and fun to do.

LS: My favorite sport is soccer.

Who was your best friend throughout high school?

IM: Brandon Lee, Sam Roth, Rudy Leeth, Jeremy Walker, and many more.

RL: My best friend throughout high school was my boys Irah Montenegro, Jovanie Guizar, Layne Barela, Hugo Ruiz, Alonso Mendoza.

LS: I have a lot of close friends like Austin C, Omar F, Sean H, Jacob S, Diego A, and also Alberto M.

If you could relive your high school career what would you

change?

IM: I wouldn't change a thing I had an amazing time and would do it again with no regrets.

RL: If I could relive my high school career I would change nothing because I lived it to the fullest.

LS: Trying harder in school.

If you could change something about high school (excluding COVID) what would it be?

IM: I would tell everyone to do and become who they wanted and not try to conform to stereotypes or act like they are above anyone else.

RL: I would change nothing.

LS: Trying out different sports to meet new people.

What was your least favorite part of school?

IM: Tests, although they are needed it causes a lot of stress for us students.

RL: Doing homework.

LS: The ACT test was by far the most boring thing I have ever participated in.

Jorge Acevedo Plans not submitted.
Hailey Acosta To study cosmetology in Reno or botany at Humboldt State University in California.

Jack Aitken Plans not submitted.

Diego Alanis Rap star.

Eva Andradottir I plan on moving to Reno and attending the nursing program at TMCC

Makayla Andrews I would like to save up money and then begin school for becoming a phlebotomist

Mia Bales I plan to attend UNR and major in Political Science.

Lidia Barcnas My plans are to attend The Paul Mitchell School in Reno. Obtain my licenses in cosmetology for hair, eyelash tech, and barber.

Layne Barela My plans for after high school are to go to school and become an electrician.

Douglas Bartell I plan to move to Klamath Falls to attend Oregon Institute of Technology to achieve a bachelor's degree in business management.

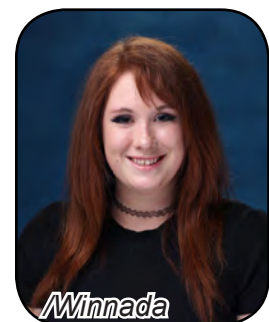


Vanessa Beltran I plan on attending UNR and going into the medical

field to be a surgical technician and work at Renown and slowly make my way up.

Adia Bengochea I plan to attend the UNR and earning my degree in forensic psychology.

Issac Bernal After high school I'd like to go into construction and save up some money to then go to college and get a degree in construction management



then start my own construction company. Martin Bidaurreta I would like to go to school to become a certified mechanic and work on farm equip-

ment in rural areas.

Kenneth Bricker I plan to work during the summer then move to Reno to pursue my degree.

Bailee Brinkerhoff My plans after high school are to finish my basic classes here at GBC then apply to Carrington dental hygiene school.

Chandler Burgess Plans not submitted.

Connor Carrasco Plans not submitted.

Krystal Claudy Get the money to leave Winnemucca, start my photography career somewhere that I can be happy, and start over.

Jonah Comeau Plans not submitted.

Austin Coney I'm gonna save up money for a while and explore my options while looking for a good trade school to go to.

Natalie Contreras Rangel I plan to attend UTPB in Texas to earn my Bachelor's degree in human resources and we'll see where life goes from there.

Brenda Contreras My plans after high school is to get a job.

Ivan Contreras Plans not submitted.

Dillon Cook I'm not sure yet.

Jacqueline Covarrubias Enriquez Plans not submitted.

Jennifer Covarrubias Enriquez Plans not submitted.

Christian Cuevas My plan after high school is to attend college and continue playing soccer. I also plan on majoring in kinesiology to eventually become a chiropractor.

Connor Cunningham Going to WyoTech and finishing my contract with Humboldt Ford then going to work for myself.

Jesse Dahlberg Work for a few months and then go into trade school. I would eventually love to go into cyber security or be a video game designer.

Julio DeAlba Plans not submitted.

Macy DeLong My plans after high school are to further my education at GBC and major in Business Management, and to continue working in the mining industry.



Rian DeLong Continue to work for my dad at his construction company.

Angela Diaz Plans not submitted.

Ruben Diaz I plan to go to GBC in the fall and take electrical systems of technology courses.

Vicente Diaz Plans not submitted.

Jessica Dixon Plans not submitted.

Mackenzie Dockins After high school I plan on working a bunch during summer so I can try and go to college a little less broke.

Trenton Domire My goal after graduation is to work all summer then attend WyoTech to become a mechanic.

Adam Dossey study at GBC.

Lance Dove Plans not submitted.

Nicholas Dvorovy I plan on moving back to Connecticut, then I will get my driver's permit then I will get a job.

Josie Ellifritz Stay in Winnemucca and attend GBC and major in the Electrical program and receive my associates in Electrical technology and

then receive my bachelor's degree. Alexander Esquivel After high school I plan on going to work for a year out at the mines. I wanna be able to get the experience and I also wanna be able to go to college and be financially stable.

Julian Esquivel Martinez Plans not submitted.

Mackenzie Fears Study nursing. Sierra Fears I'll be attending Dixie State University for a biological emphasis bachelor's degree.

Lauren Fentress Move to Reno and attend college to become an elementary teacher.

Daniel Fernandez I plan on attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and earning a bachelor's degree in computer science.

Brett Ferraro Plans not submitted.

Jadon Fetty My plans are to go to San Diego, have fun for a bit and get a



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good job in construction.

Kyleigh Fleming I plan to move to Boise in the early fall and attend cosmetology school. After my program ends, I plan to move back to Nevada.

Omar Flores Join the military.

Araceli Galarza I plan on moving to Reno for a few years and obtaining my BS in Microbiology and Immunology. Then I will apply to medical school in Barcelona and study to become a psychiatrist.

Jennifer Galarza I plan on going to art school and becoming a tattoo artist.

Alyssa Garcia My plans are after high school are to stay in Winnemucca and continue going to GBC. I will be working towards going into the nursing program in fall 2022.

Anthony Gildone Go to Reno, get a job and live my best life.

Alexus Gomez Moving to Reno to become a dental hygienist.

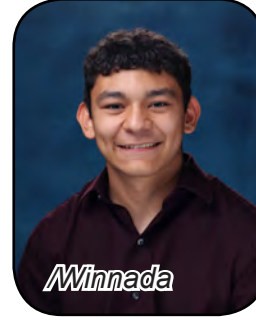
Trinity Gordon I'm currently signing with the Army National Guard. Once I'm back from training I will be in the ROTC program as well as medical school to become a PA and open my own practice.

Brittney Gotchal I plan on going to Idaho with my aunt for a couple of months.

Caoimhe Grau I plan on continuing to work for a little while and then going to train and become a 9-1-1 operator and working my way up in law enforcement.

Savanna Gray My plans after graduation are to continue to attend GBC to pursue a degree in Social Work.

Jovanie Guizar I plan on seeing where life takes me and continue to work on myself. Tiffany Gutierrez My plans after high school



is going to cosmetology school in Elko and starting my business after I get my work experience in that. Kaitly Hales I plan on attending Utah State University in Logan Utah after graduation. Caleb Harmon Go to work. Jayce Hawkins Plans not submitted.

Carly Heck I plan on attending GBC to get my basics. I will transfer to the UNR, Reno, to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

Anthony Hemp Get money be successful and go to college.

Taylor Henigin Plans not submitted. Vyanca Hernandez Plans not submitted.

Alex Herrera I'm finna be a baller. Itzel Herrera I plan on going to school for psychology.

Garette Hinshaw My plans after high school are to hopefully go to college and play baseball somewhere, or get into the stock market and wholesale real estate.

Jordan Hornbarger TMCC.

Justin Horton I plan to attend Washington State to major in mechanical engineering.

Alesha Houston Plans not submitted.

Alethea Houston Plans not submitted.

Brooke Howard After high school I plan on going to GBC in January to get my pre-requisites and then go

to TMCC, later on, to get an associate's to be a dental hygienist. Isabel Ibarra My plans after high school is to go to the mines and later go to college to study in the medical field.

Triston Jeffery Plans not submitted. Garrett Jensen Plans not submitted.

Melissa Jewell Go to college for cosmetics or be a photographer.

Ashton Kalkoske After high school I plan to attend Texas A&M University to get my doctorate in veterinary medicine.

Reece Kalkoske I plan on attending GBC and I'll go to do the MTC program for electrical.

Anjolie Karrer I'm moving to Reno and going to TMCC for nursing.



Bryon Kenison Plans not submitted.

Elaina King I plan to keep working at the Piquet ranch and hopefully get my driver's license when I turn 16, then get a job in town until I'm 18. Then I plan to get a job at the mine.

Luke kienenberger I don't really have plans after graduation, just travel and live life for a while.

Katharine Koestner Plans not submitted.

Meghan Lane I plan to work over the summer break and attend Southern Utah University in the fall.

Breona Lapierre My plans have changed a lot, but I hope to proceed in my Singing career, but if that doesn't work out I always have cosmetology.

Rudy Leeth My plans after graduation are to go to college in Reno and study at TMCC and go for diesel mechanics.

Alex Leyva Mendoza To go to work after school, get a bit of money so that I can be financially stable and move to Reno and get a better job opportunity.

Garret Linnell to start my own cattle company and to invest land and more livestock to make a living on what I want to do.

Lilliana Lopez I'm going to continue my education at GBC, and pursue a nursing career.

Dylan Lutzow I'm going to go work for BLM as a firefighter for the summer and hopefully become a welder in the off-season.

Gerardo Magana My Plans after high school are to go to a community college then attend a college for my business degree.

Reyes Magana Plans not submitted.

Kylee Marler I plan to go to college in Idaho to



go to vet school, after I stay here for a year to do my basic college course classes.

Angelina Martinez I plan to attend the UNR and I plan to finish college with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology after that I plan to work in pediatrics with kids and help people.

David Martinez I plan to keep on living after graduation I'm going to take up a higher education.

Lesley Martinez I plan to attend the UNR and major in microbiology and immunology.

Shane Kole Mattson To go further my education at the College of Idaho and play football.

Christopher McGuire I will be going to Europe for about two months and be exploring and having a good time. Then I will be coming back home in order to ship for basic training in the Army.

Alberto Medina I will be attending GBC for electrical system technology while working at Hycroft.

Morgan Meierholtz At this very moment, I don't actually have a single definitive plan of what I want to do, but I do have ideas. While law enforcement isn't my largest concern anymore, I still see it as a potential option. Something I'd like to do would be freelance writing, or maybe even gunsmithing. As I said, at this point, I have no idea.



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Mendoza, Alonso I plan to go to college and finish then move to Texas. Cadance Mercado I want to go to school at GBC in Elko and become an X-ray tech



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and after I finish that, I would like to go back to school and do X-ray therapy.

Yaquii Mojica Plans not submitted. Dania Monroy Sure well after here imma go to UNR and get my bachelor's in biology and then go to medical school to be a surgeon.

Irah Montenegro Plans not submitted.

Amber Moon

Plans not submitted.

Isaac Mori Plans not submitted.

Hunter Mullins To move to Colorado with my brother from another mother and his buddy.

Daniel Murillo Continue

working to save money for college down the road. I hope to find a job in either construction or landscaping; moving to Reno is in the realm of possibility.

Tea Novi In June I will be finishing up my EMT class and then I will be attending UNR in the fall, pursuing a degree in nursing.

Kody O'Rear idk if this is school-appropriate but I'm going to own my own a dispensary, all legal of course.

O'Sloan, Jesse Plans not submitted.

Fabian Ochoa My plan after high school is to continue to save money this summer. After that, my plan is to attend TMCC this fall and study fire science and get EMT certified and later on try and be a firefighter.

Kylie Ochoa I'm going to vet school most likely, or cosmetology school.

Anthony Osborne Plans not submitted.

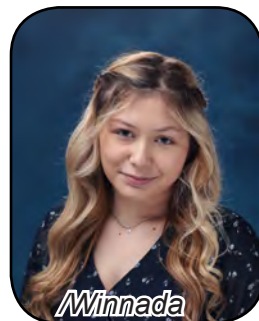
Jackson Owen Plans not submitted.

Evalina Palomo Plans not submitted.

Yessenia Palomo Plans not submitted.

Maggie Peters I plan to go to GBC to get my basics done and then I plan to go to UNR to finish out my degree in the performing arts.

Anthony Peterson I plan to attend Eastern Oregon University and



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continue my Athletic career playing football.

Natalie Peterson my plan is to spend the summer with friends and family before continuing college for a career I love and enjoy.

Tyler Piquet Become an Accountant, and Engineer, or an Electrician.

Mason Plemons Do the MTC program and hopefully intern at Cortez underground. If that doesn't pan out then I still think that I will do the certificate course for Industrial Millwright.

Evette Ponce Plans not submitted.

Erick Prado my plan after graduation is to attend community college and move to Idaho.

Crystal Queen My plans after graduation are to go to

work for a year and save up to do online college courses.

Cristian Quirarte After high school I want to start my own business and move out of this little town and expand into something bigger and I also want to have my own house built away from the city.

Kieonna Raby After high school I plan on staying at GBC to receive a degree in nursing and psychology. As well as traveling!

Robert Rangel Find a steady, good-paying job until I can join law enforcement when I turn 21.

Erin Reeves I plan to move to Idaho and go to school to learn how to do hair.

Trynity Reid Plans not submitted. Caden Ricci I am going to GBC and will work at Marigold.

William Richardson Plans not submitted.

Mayra Rivas Go to GBC and finish my basics!

Montana Roark Plans not submitted.

Camille Roberts I plan on going to GBC and continuing teaching dance at Encore.

Gavin Robinson I do not have any plans after high school.

Cristina Rodriguez I plan to attend TMCC for the vet tech program then after I'm licensed go to vet school and open my own practice one day.



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Raquel Roederer My plans after high school is to move to Vegas and go to L makeup institute to become a special effects makeup artist.

Sandra Romero I've always been passionate about becoming a beautician, I just love making people shine! So, my plan is to enroll at Paul Mitchell cosmetology school.

Veronica Romero I plan to join the air force and hopefully make a career out of it.

Austen Rorex Plans not submitted.

Samuel Roth Attend TMCC for Fire science.

Alexander Ruiz Enjoy every bit of my life. While living life to the fullest.

Araceli Ruiz I plan to attend you an hour to study graphic design and get a job I guess.

Ruiz, Braulio Plans not submitted.

Hugo Ruiz I will be moving to Reno and chasing my dreams to become a musical artist.

Juliana Ruiz I plan UNR to get a four-year degree in psychology.



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Felicity Ryan After high school, I plan to move to Reno. I will attend college at TMCC and do my basics and then pursue my degree in dental hygiene.

Wyatte Sakurada Plans My plans after high school are hopefully to find a good job and start a life.

Mackenzie Salas-Begay I plan to attend the University of Arizona and major in marketing or business.

Mia Sassenrath Attend the Avalon School of Real Estate.

Tristen Schmittl My plans after high school is that I'm not too sure yet.

Emily Schoenecker I plan to move to Colorado and attend Lamar Community College to earn my associate's in nursing and work at the hospital there while earning my bachelor's in nursing.

Lorsix Silva To attend UNR and get a degree in computer science and engineering.



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Kaylie Shafer I plan to move out of Nevada and look into getting into college for medicine when I am ready.

Hayley Simpson Plans not submitted.

Gabriel Skiles Plans not submitted.

Shanae Smith My plan after high school is to continue my education at GBC. After a year, I plan to apply at TMCC and finish my schooling there.

Luis Solis My plan after high school is trying to figure what job I would like to do. Since my kid is going to be born in December. I want to have a good job to provide for him and his mom.

Jacob Solis I plan to become a barber.

Ashley Souza I will graduate.

Willow Stoker After high school

I plan on taking some business classes, then next year I plan on going to Paul Mitchell's Cosmetology School in Reno.

Lexi Thacker I will be going into massage therapy then after getting my general college classes done I will be a Chiropractor.

Shayla Thornton After high school I plan to go to GBC and complete my first four years while I work in the mines.

Leslie Tinoco Plans not submitted.

Cody Tolbert Plans not submitted.

Hannah Toth My plans are to stay home and attend GBC to obtain my associates degree in Electrical Systems technology and pursue a career in the electrical field.

Kayleen Urain This fall I plan on attending TMCC to continue working on my general requirements. My plan is to then either apply to the TMCC Dental Hygiene program or finish my Bachelor of Science Degree to eventually apply to a university to pursue Dental Medicine.

Lizbeth Varela After high school, I plan to go to college. I plan to stay here and do my basics at GBC. I also plan to move out in two months out of my house and rent

a house with some friends.

Giovanni

Vasquez Plans not submitted.

Monica

Vazquez Herndandez

Estefania

Villalobos Gamino My plans after high school is to go to the UNR and earn my community health science bachelor's degree.

Colton Vincent I plan to go to Utah State University for aerodynamic engineering to work on and build planes.

Debra Wadsworth I actually finished up a semester early and have started college at Brigham Young University-Idaho. I guess that's my only plan so far, just getting my bachelor's degree (in I don't know what in yet) at BYU-I.

Jeremy Walker I plan to work hard the summer and enjoy time with friends and family and then attend Southern Utah University in the fall to pursue my career interest.

Layne Welch I plan on Going to Boise State University in pursuing a career in kinesiology and sports science.

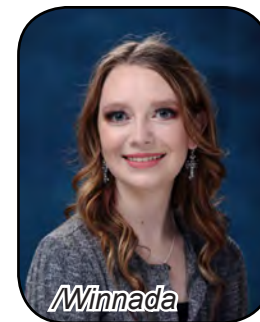
Seth Whitted I plan to start my career in the fabrication industry.

Crystal Wiggins I plan on becoming a CNA a certified nursing assistant for my sister.

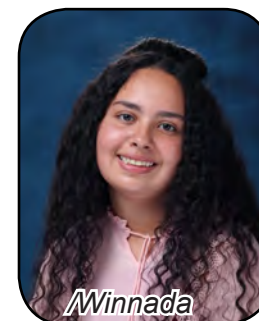
Aaron Woolsey After high school my plan is to attend TMCC for a fire science degree and earn my paramedic's license. I'm moving with my friend and after college, I am gonna become a firefighter.

Madalyn Zamayoa Go to beauty school and learn how to wrap cars.

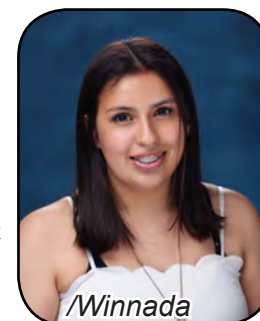
Gerardo Zuniga Plans not submitted.



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Year In sports

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Varsity football line up on defense against Elko. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

FOOTBALL

Lowry football had a tough season this year with some injuries and only having enough players for a JV and varsity team. The freshman and JV teams were combined to make scheduling easier. Considering the nature of the year, it was a surprise that they were able to compete. They got to have a playoff game at the end of the season beating Elko 32-22 for the second time in the season.

Seniors: Anthony Gildone, Shane Mattson, Anthony Peterson, Caden Ricci, Sam Roth, Fabian Ochoa, Layne Welch, Seth Whitted, Aaron Woolsey.

VOLLEYBALL

The freshman volleyball girls had a good season this year. The junior varsity



Shanae Smith setting the ball to Alexis Olson. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Anton Mendoza shooting during open gyms. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

team also did fairly well. While the varsity team's season wasn't their best. They had lots of girls to try out this year and some freshmen moved up to JV.

Seniors: Eva Andradottir, Josie Ellifritz, Alexis Gomez, Reece Kalkoske, Juliana Ruiz, Shanae Smith, Kayleen Urain.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country was able to have a shortened season this year. The competitions were a little different from prior years but they were glad to have a season. Kaid Sanchez, a sophomore, tried out cross country this year and he enjoyed it but felt like it went too fast.

Seniors: Christopher McGuire, Erick Prado, Jeremy Walker.

GIRLS GOLF

The girls had a very good season this year, despite the size of the team. They only had four students this year which is exactly how many they needed to compete in team events.



Coda Nichols putting. /Alexis Galarza • The Brand

The Lady Bucks won a lot of their tournaments including their home tournament held at the Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course.

Seniors: Kaitlyn Hales.

WRESTLING

Unfortunately due to CoronaVirus, this year's wrestling season was not able to happen. The team was hopeful and

had several conditioning workouts to get ready and the season kept getting delayed until finally, they called it off.

Seniors: Brett Ferraro, Isaac Mori, Anthony Peterson, Cole Mattson, Caden Ricci.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Unfortunately, this year girl's basketball didn't have a season. All through summer, the girls put a tremendous amount of effort into participating in the open gyms coach Melanie Thurmond was putting on. At open gyms everyone was at least six feet away, meaning the girls were not able to play with each other. Around December things were looking more in the positive direction. The girls were preparing for tryouts, however, the NIAA decided for the safety of the players to cancel the season.

Seniors: Bailee Brinkerhoff, Macy DeLong, Alexis Gomez, Shanae Smith, Alexis Gomez.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball was also canceled due to COVID-19, to keep the players safe. The boys had some open gyms to help prepare for the season. Although the season didn't happen the boys showed up and put



The Lady Bucks working on drills during open gyms. /Lisa Scott • Winnada



Wrestlers during outside workouts this winter. /Courtesy • Winnada



Nichole Burke (5) challenges for the ball. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

in the work, next year all the effort put in will definitely show for the Lowry High boy's basketball program.

Seniors: Anthony Gildone, Anthony Hemp, Robert Rangel, Alex Ruiz

BOYS SOCCER

This year boy's varsity soccer did well. Working hard through the season awarded them with second in the league. The bucks got a full six weeks of playing time and also had open gyms to prepare for the season.

Seniors: Christian Cuevas, Gerardo Magana, Alex Ruiz, Luis Solis.

GIRLS SOCCER

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Tyler Morrison and Jeremy Walker start a race. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

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Lowry varsity softball in the dugout. / Ron Espinola • The Brand



Two swimmers at practice. /Courtesy • Winnada

son has not deterred several track athletes from improving and having success

Many of our athletes have performed well at the meets and have established new personal records," said head coach Byron Jeppsen. "We have some talented young athletes and hope

loss to Dayton in the league semifinals.

Seniors: Trenton Domire, Anthony Hemp, Justin Horton, Garette Hinshaw, Tristen Schmittel.

SOFTBALL

Softball continued its winning ways by winning the regular season with a 13-3 record. In the post-season tournament,



Kaitlyn Hales swings her club in the fairway. / Ron Espinola • The Brand



Varsity baseball in the dugout. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Girls also put in the work going to open gyms and scrimmages during the summer. It's no doubt this year's season was different from the last. In six weeks the soccer girls managed a record of 2-7-2. The girls pushed through the season and kept going despite the difficulties the seasons brought and finished with their best efforts of the year.

Seniors: Bailee Brinkerhoff, Jordan Hornbarger, Lesley Martinez.

BOYS GOLF

Boy's Golf was one of the few sports that were a go this year. The boys are well into their season and are actively participating in tournaments. On April 11 the boys took first in their home tournament. They boys continue to work at the sports and will continue to go to tournaments.



Varsity boys soccer form a wall to block a free kick. /Alexis Galarza • The Brand

Girls also put

to get some to qualify for the state tournament next year."

Seniors: Lesley Martinez, Emily Schoenecker, Lorsix Silva, Jeremy Walker.

BASEBALL

Entering the season, the Bucks knew it would be a strange one. After the cancellation of the season the previous year in the second week, many of the players had not played for an entire year. It was really a season of ups and downs as the team wrapped the season with a record of 5-11.

Although the weather didn't agree, causing the postponement of the first playoff game and the suspension of the championship game between Dayton and Fallon, baseball was fortunate to host the end of the season tournament where they went 1-1. The Bucks concluded their season with a forfeit win over Elko as they ended their season due to a COVID outbreak and a 10-0



Seniors: Alexis Gomez, Jordan Hornbarger, Mackenzie Salas-Begay, Hannah Toth.

SWIMMING

A shortened season represented the final go around for one season,



Ryleigh Raabe runs during Lowry's home meet. /Lisa Scott • Winnada

Ashton Kalkoske.

He tried to take advantage of each day by using a quote from Caeleb Dressel that says, "I come to practice every day with the mindset that I am there to get better."

Like everything, the season was different because of COVID restrictions. Rather than large meets with multiple teams, the swimmers faced off against only one team each meet. This also affected the athlete's performance.

"There is less time to breathe and recover because there are fewer heats," said Mathew Lizanetz. "There is a sense of scale that is missing to having multiple teams all competing rather than one team that consists of less than 20 people."

Seniors: Ashton Kalkoske.



Ivan Roa and Tyler Morrison racing to the finish line. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Lowry athletes going on to next level

Some athletes are good enough at what they do to go on to college and continue their sports careers. This year Lowry has two going to college, Anthony Peterson and Kole Mattson. They are both starting varsity football players.

Anthony Peterson has committed to Eastern Oregon University. He has played varsity all four years of high school. He plays running back. He is also a state champion wrestler, winning state as a junior, but his senior season was canceled.

Peterson likes Eastern Oregon University because it made him feel at home. He wants to get out there and hopefully make it professional.

"I would like to go pro but I am far from it," said Peterson. "I still have a lot of work to do."

Peterson is excited about college because he will be able to set himself up for later in life with a good education, all while playing the sport he loves to play. He wants to work hard and reach his goals.

"Some goals I've set for myself are to work hard and stay true to myself," said Peterson. "I want to make an impact up there."

Kole Mattson is a lineman in the past he has been Athlete of the Issue. He is committed to The Col-

lege of Idaho. As an offensive lineman, he has blocked for Peterson for years, he plays as a defensive lineman also. Kole was given a scholarship for football but he is also a talented wrestler.

Mattson is excited to go to college and play football. He wants to go work hard and get better.

"It's going to be a great experience and I can't wait," said Mattson.



Anthony Peterson signing to Eastern Oregon University with his family. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Kole Mattson and his family at his signing for The College of Idaho. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

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Norcutt, Coach of the Year

Mrs. Norcutt is a track coach for Lowry. In the past, she has coached track and cross country. She chose to let another coach take over cross country, she helps occasionally with workouts and supports the athletes; but is mainly focused on coaching track.

Norcutt taught first grade for 25 years. Shortly after she started teaching she became a coach. She loves the sport.

"I've always been passionate about running and have wanted to share my love of the sport with young people," said Norcutt.

She took a break from coaching for a while when she felt that she needed to help her son when he got involved with sports. She couldn't stay away for long though.

"As soon as the opportunity arose for me to coach again I jumped at the chance to coach cross country," said Norcutt. "Then a track position opened up and I took that on too in order to help develop a distance program at Lowry."

Norcutt loves to see the athletes she has trained become successful and work to be the best version of themselves.

"It is the greatest compliment that a coach can receive when an athlete takes the information you've been teaching them and applies it successfully both on

the track, or course and to life," said Norcutt.

Lots of effort is put into cross country, and that's one of Norcutt's favorite parts. And when an athlete reaches one of their goals it is rewarding for her and that athlete.

"The greatest feeling as a coach is when I see an athlete accomplish some sort of goal that they've set for themselves," said Norcutt. "Not every athlete can be a state champion but every athlete can work towards something that's just out of reach."

The personal connections between a coach and an athlete can be a very good thing. She hears from her athletes after high school. When they have moved on with their life. When they are in college and have families of their own, she feels like that connection is special.

"I feel like they are a part of my family and I still keep in touch with many of the kids I've coached," said Norcutt.



Coach Kitty Norcutt./Ron Espinola • The Brand

She considers it a good season when goals are met and athletes surprise themselves by doing something they thought was impossible.

"My focus or goal for myself and my athletes is to always strive for that personal improvement," said Norcutt.

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Athlete of the Year: Alexis Gomez

By Alexis Galarza



Alexis Gomez passing the volleyball to a setter./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



Gomez looking to see where to pass./ Bree Dunckhorst • The Brand

Alexis Gomez has pushed through so many challenges through her freshman year all the way to her senior year. Being a three-sport athlete is not something many can do, but Gomez does it with ease.

She participates in softball, volleyball, and basketball. Gomez finds something to love in each sport, however that did not just come from nowhere.

Gomez was inspired to continue sports because she had been playing from such a young age.

“What really inspired me to play sports was playing all three sports from first grade through all my years of school,” said Gomez.

Gomez further explains how her parents played a significant factor in creating her work ethic. Her parents pushed her to be the best she could be in each sport, even if she weren’t that good at it.

With each sport comes a

different thing to love. Gomez’s favorite part of basketball is how physical it is and the level of intensity.

“It was a sport I had to be mentally and physically tough in the most,” said Gomez

Gomez describes volleyball as a very strategic game; when playing, she focused on her first pass to start the pace of every game. Softball can compare in some ways.

“My favorite part about softball is working together as a team on the field and when we battle to beat the other team,” said Gomez.

“Softball is a mental game and a team effort.”

Gomez enjoys softball the most out of the three sports she plays.

COVID took Gomez’s basketball season away but regardless, she was grateful for all the open gyms she could participate in. During her volleyball season, Gomez and her team were required

to wear masks throughout the game. Currently, in her softball season, she only has to wear her mask in the dugout.

One of the crucial parts of being on a team is practice. Gomez believes that practice makes her a better player by having the chance to look at what she could have done differently.

“Practice also is a place where my teammates and I can get to have fun and get to know each other, which is important to flow like a team,” said Gomez.

Mr. Austin Mayo, her softball coach, mentions many different things about Gomez that make her such a valuable player to have on the field.

“She is willing to put in the extra work and extra effort to account for that, and that’s taken her a long way,” said Mayo.

During practice Gomez works on things she can get better at, Mayo also includes how she does things on the side and on her own to progress her softball skills. She always showed up to practice, is in the weight room, and attended every open gym that was held.



Athlete of the Year: Anthony Peterson

By Chris Gildone



Anthony Peterson poses for his team pictures./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Anthony Peterson’s hand being raised by referee after winning state./Courtesy • Alexis Mattson

Anthony Peterson was chosen as boys Athlete of the Year. He is a wrestling state champion. Although sadly his high school wrestling career was cut short when wrestling was canceled for his senior year. Needless to say, he is a very talented wrestler winning a state title as a junior. And he is a beast on the football field, he made varsity all four years, playing at running back and outside linebacker.

He has been playing sports since a young age. And he has always been good at whatever sport he chooses to do. He says he was always very competitive, and liked football and wrestling over other sports.

“I was inspired to play football and wrestling over other sports because I loved to play them when I was younger,” said Peterson.

Peterson is a leader and a role model to younger athletes. And he was always pushed by his brother.

“My role models would have to be my brother, Joe, and my

mom, Theresa,” said Peterson. “Growing up my brother and I would always compete and sometimes it would turn into a UFC fight. I looked up to him because he was hardworking and a lot bigger.”

Anthony has always pushed himself to outwork the competition which has made him the athlete that he is today.

“I have went through a lot of adversity throughout my sporting career,” said Peterson. “I have learned to trust myself and that hard work off.”



Peterson explains that the road to success is not easy, and it took lots of hard work to become a state champion. His wrestling coach and a teacher at the Winnemucca Junior High School Mr. John Brooks has helped him to become an elite wrestler.

“Mr. [John] Brooks brought in many talented alumni that would share their skills with me,” said Peterson. “I got beat by them every single day but it only made me better.”

Throughout his high school sports career, Peterson feels he has learned a lot.

“I have learned to be disciplined and to be grateful for the opportunities that are given to me,” said Peterson.

Peterson would want to tell an athlete just starting at a sport, “Stick with it even if they don’t catch on right away.”

Peterson has recently signed with Eastern Oregon University for football. They offered him a scholarship and will be getting a bachelor’s degree in exercise science.

LOWRY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SUMMER SCHEDULE

Provided by Mr. Tim Connors

Mandatory sports physicals, look for HGH/LHS social media post for this year's free sports physicals in the summer of 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All incoming 9th and 11th Grade Student-Athletes for the 2021-22 School Year or Student-Athletes unable to complete their regular season due to an injury must receive a physical. Forms will be available at HGH or on the NIAA website.

GOLF

Please check on Course Availability throughout the Summer 623-9920

VOLLEYBALL

July 6th Tuesdays and Thursdays (Times will Change in Summer) Open Gym 8-10 a.m.
July 9-10 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Volleyball Camp
August 7 Tryouts Begin 8:00 a.m.

FOOTBALL

June 1-3; 7-10 Spring Football 3:15-5:15 p.m.;
June 28-July 29 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 5:00-7:00 p.m.
August 2, 10:00-1:00 Fall Football Camp Begins

BOYS SOCCER

June-July Soccer open field Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Tryouts August 7, 8:00 a.m. LHS Track/Football Field

GIRLS SOCCER

Beginning of Week of Soccer open field Mondays and Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

June 28-August 7 Mondays and Wednesdays 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Tryouts August 7, 8:00 a.m.

CHEER

Summer Calendars will be provided by Coach Fifield.

CROSS COUNTRY

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Strength Training at Battleborn Fitness (Membership Required and is Highly Recommended)

July 6, Tuesdays and Thursdays Summer conditioning begins at 8:30 a.m. on the Track.

July 25-30 Summer Running Camp (\$685.00 per athlete)

DANCE

Summer Calendars will be provided by coach

WRESTLING

June 13-15 Team Camp

Winnemucca Events Center
GIRLS BASKETBALL (NEW GYM LHS)

May 26 Open Gym 7-9:00 p.m.

May 31 Open Gym 7-9:00 p.m.

June 2 Open Gym 7-9:00 p.m.

June 7-9 Open Gym 7-9:00 p.m.

July 14-17 Tournament Prep 7-9:00 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays

Open Gym 7-9:00 p.m. (Until July 29)

July 26-31 Youth Camp

BOYS BASKETBALL
All Summer Open Gyms at Boys and Girls Club

June 18-20 Spanish Springs Tournament

SOFTBALL

Tournament Dates and Practices will be distributed through social media

SWIMMING

Public Swim Laps or Whitewater Swim Team Opportunities

BASEBALL

June TBA Badger Traveling Baseball-Check with organization

TRACK

Dates will be placed on social media



The Lady Bucks at preseason workouts in 2020. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Football during an intersquad scrimmage in 2020. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

ATHLETES WHO MADE AN IMPACT AS BUCKAROOS

By ARACELI GALARZA

COVID has impacted a lot. There was no school, people were online, family and friends were lost. It's been one big roller coaster ride. In a year like no other, there is never enough time or space to highlight all of the deserving athletes.

Sam Roth has played three sports all through high school. He has played football, basketball and track, and field. Keeping up with three sports as well as all the school work that teachers give out isn't a simple task. One does it for the love of the sports they play.

Roth had a hard time during conditions with the masks but overall had a great time playing his final year.

"Having to wear a mask during conditioning was hard and so was not having the full capacity for fans," said Roth. "Playing in front of fans just gives you a lot more energy."

Roth wasn't able to play basketball. He did get to partake in both football and track, however.



Sam Roth poses for his picture. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

Roth is grateful to sports for allowing him to learn a few things.

"Sports are a great way to learn about work ethic and make friends," said Roth.

Christian Cuevas has been playing soccer for four years. Cuevas got a chance to play all of his seasons but this doesn't mean that it hasn't been difficult for him.

"The most difficult part of having to play through the pandemic was definitely getting everybody ready to play and wearing the mask at practice for a little but overall it wasn't that bad," said Cuevas.

Not only did Cuevas have some difficulty playing the sport he loved but the last of the season meant the last of his high school memories while playing on the team.



Christian Cuevas controls the ball against Spring Creek. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

"This is a very tough question because, through my high school years playing soccer, there have been so many great memories that

I've made with the team," said Cuevas. "I will definitely remember this recent season and the championship game. We might have lost but I won't forget the feeling I got when I scored the first goal and that was probably the hardest I've ever played."

Lesley Martinez is also one that's not shy about the world of sports. She has played basketball, soccer and track and field, she ultimately ended up just sticking with soccer and track.

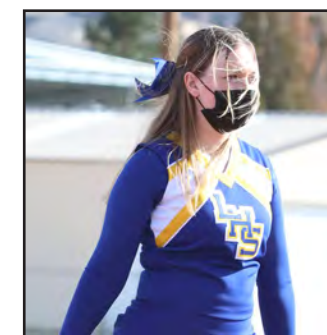
To Martinez, the most difficult thing about playing sports is learning how to manage time. Life is

supposed to be a balance but sometimes with school, this wasn't always an option for Martinez.

"Keeping up with schoolwork was probably the hardest thing because it seemed like I never had time for anything," said Martinez. "I dealt with it by managing my time in a wiser manner and by prioritizing school and my sports above anything else."

Lauren Fentress has also played her fair share of sports. She has played volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer, and cheer.

"I have played a total of five sports at Lowry throughout my high school career," said Fentress. "My favorite sport I played at lowry was probably volleyball my freshman year, I have all my friends on the team, and I enjoyed hitting and improving with my team. I also enjoyed being a part of cheer my senior year and working with my team. I loved learning new cheers and cheering at the games. Besides sports, I enjoy working and hanging out with my friends."



Lauren Fentress performs at a soccer game. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

Senior Voices: What will you miss the most when you graduate?

By Ron Espinola



"I am going to miss my friends the most and be able to spend time with them."
Isabel Ibarra



"I'm probably gonna miss the teachers most after graduation. The teachers I've had in my four years of being here have been some of the best I've had from both an education and personality standpoint."
Morgan Meierholtz



"I am going to miss my friends and going to school with my little sister the most!"
Kylie Ochoa



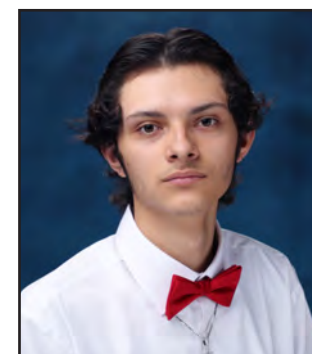
"I'm going to miss some of my classes I have enjoyed over the years."
Jesse Dahlberg

Seniors then and now

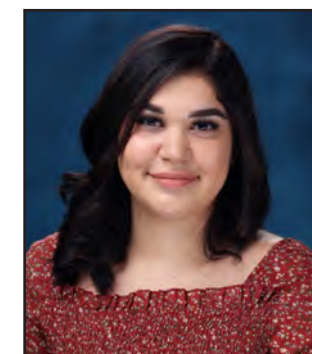
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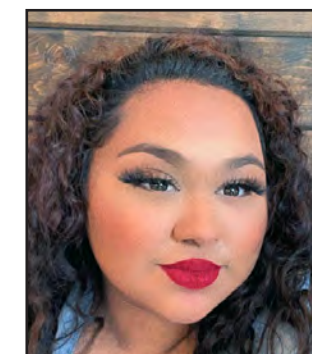
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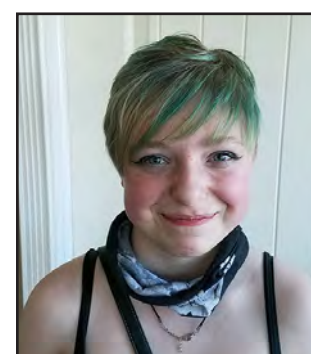
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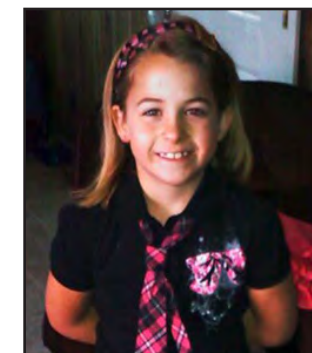
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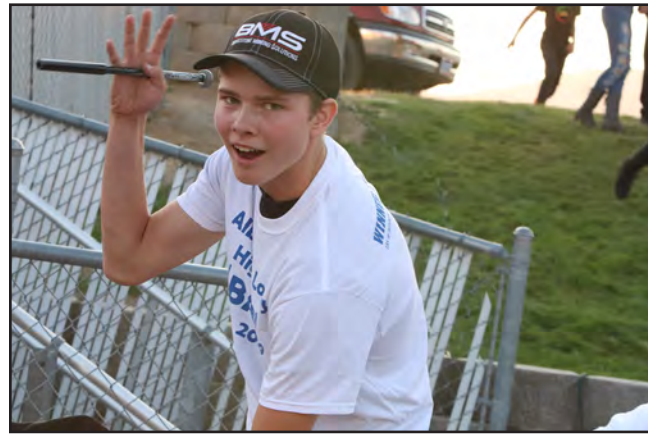
Performer of the Year: Justin Horton

By Ron Espinola

Justin Horton has an eclectic taste in interests ranging from baseball to the piano. According to his band instructor he serves as both a leader and inspiration. These are the traits that make this future mechanical engineer the Performer of the Year.

“Justin does more for the band than anyone could really know,” said band director Ms. Harlie Coney. “Without any hesitation, he is always ready to help his fellow percussionists with anything that they need. He goes out of his way to make sure his classmates sound good and are playing at their best.”

Horton has been involved in music since the fifth



Justin Horton takes a break while performing with the pep band. /Alesha Houston • The Brand

grade. In middle school, he began playing percussion instruments such as drums, cymbals, xylophone and bells because he thought it would be easy.

“I started it because I just liked music and it seemed like the easiest thing going into it of course later I learned that it wasn’t,” said Horton. “It’s a lot more complicated than it seems, especially because you have to learn music to play pitched instruments and then also be able to keep rhythm. You have to keep the rhythm for the whole band.”

Horton attributes his social development to his involvement with music.

“It’s also really helped me in my social life because I’ve met many of my friends through band. Many of my longtime friends I’ve only met through band so I definitely think it helps out socially and it definitely gives you more of a chance to branch out.”

Like many musicians, Justin has a variety of influences stemming from the type of music he has been exposed to.

“I like all sorts of music,” said Horton. “I listen to a lot of country with my dad and then my mom; she listens to a lot of pop and just through friends I’ve learned about more stuff like jazz and through band I’ve learned about classical musicians like Mozart and Bach. It’s really just a big amalgamation of stuff that provides whatever sort of musical influence I have.”

Horton’s work ethic is evident in all of his activities. He excels in most of his endeavors whether it is in the classroom, field or studio. He attributes this to his parents.

“They [parents] definitely value hard work,” said Horton. “My dad, he’s been in the mining industry for about 25 years now. He worked his way up to becoming a general foreman over the time that he did. And then my mom,

she grew up on a ranch and she’s...just kind of both of them valued hard work their entire lives so that’s kind of been instilled upon me and it’s kind of like the mentality of if you’re going to do something, you might as well do your best at it and not half-ass it.”

Justin does not only work hard for himself but he also tries to help those around him.

“There have been many times throughout the year where he finds time to work one on one with another



Justin Horton performs at a concert. /Samm Sharp • The Brand

student in what little free time he has,” said Ms. Harlie Coney. “Justin is a great leader and an inspiration to many other musicians.”

Although Horton is going to Washington State University, because he wants to get out of Nevada, to study mechanical engineering he intends to continue his involvement with music. This will likely come in the form of an independent group or band.

With many options to choose from, Horton is satisfied with his choice of percussion. It was a good choice for someone who didn’t know how to play notes at first and it has lead to him to a group of people who share a common interest.

“In percussion, we start out by learning drums which is only rhythms so it’s a lot easier to start out than it becomes more complex,” said Horton. “The kind of people that are just more inclined to play percussion just seem to mesh a lot more with me. There are very definite subgroups of people that will choose the same instrument and I just think that the people that I’m playing with right now are some of my best friends that I’ve had.”

Since his introduction to music at French Ford Middle School, Horton has experienced the teaching and leadership styles of several different band directors. To Justin, each teacher brought a different strength that helped him along his path.

Artist of the Year: Araceli Ruiz

By Araceli Galarza

This year’s artist of the year goes to none other than Araceli Ruiz. Named by Ms. Julia Topholm the head of the Art Club. She has nothing but kind words for Ruiz. She enjoys the way she carries herself as well as the commitment Ruiz has had to the school as well as the Art program.

“Araceli has a genuine love of art and being creative,” said Topholm. “Even though she is quiet by nature, the emotion, vision, and excellent craftsmanship she puts into her work are seen in every piece she produces. Along with growing as an artist through our Lowry High Art Program, Araceli has been an active



Araceli Ruiz. /Courtesy • Winnada

member of the Lowry High School Art Club. As a member of the LHS Art Club, Araceli has helped to plan and execute our student art shows with her fellow members and helped the club to participate in various school spirit activities and service.”

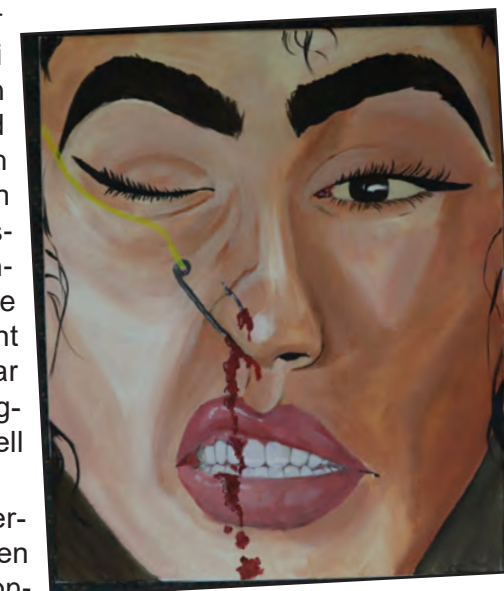
Ruiz has been a member of the Art club since her Freshman year she enjoys the different activities involved.

“I’ve been in the Art Club for four years now and my favorite part about it is the activities involved, I’ll miss the projects involved with the program the most,” said Ruiz.

She commends Ruiz for her creativity as well as her growth throughout the years.

“I have had the great honor and privilege of having Araceli as a student from her freshman year to present as a senior,” said Topholm. “Seeing the growth over these four years has been so extraordinary. She has mastered art mediums from sketching, painting, to mixed media. She has participated in every student art show since her freshman year and her work has been recognized at the district level, as well as at the state level.”

Ruiz enjoys working with different mediums but appreciates pen and ink the most. She enjoys con-



Ruiz’ artwork. /Courtesy

trol over her lines.

“My favorite medium is pen and ink and I like it the best because of all the linework I could do with it,” said Ruiz. “I prefer it over all the others because I like the styles,”

This year Ruiz has had the opportunity to compete against other top students in the state as well as the district. The hardest part about competing according to Ruiz is sticking with one design.

“Competing with other artists is kinda hard to explain because

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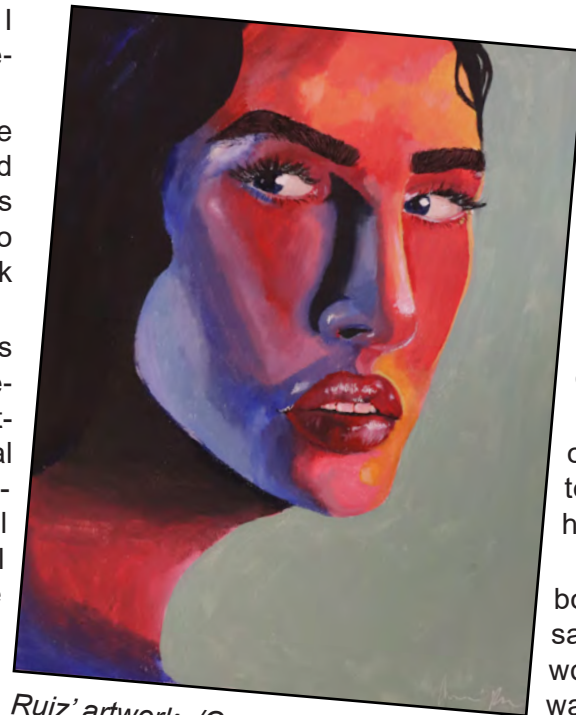
it's fun but it also sucks since I always wish I had done something else," said Ruiz.

Topholm is excited to see her final piece. As a senior and one of her final projects, Ruiz is given permission to give back to the school and leave her mark by creating a mural.

"As part of her final pieces as a senior in the LHS Art Department, Araceli will be painting a mural in the Art and Social Studies Building," said Topholm. "Her mural will be a visual gift back to Lowry High School and will be a culmination of the skills she has developed as a Lowry High School student artist."

In order to prepare for her final project, Ruiz spent time watching numerous movies before finally deciding on one in order to create her mural.

"I watched a couple of mov-



Ruiz' artwork. /Courtesy

Ruiz plans on going to college and continuing her love of art. She also finds time to work out when she isn't working on her art.

"I want to go to school for Graphic Design," said Ruiz. "I also like to work out when I'm not drawing or painting."

Ruiz credits her love of art as well as her drive to continue to improve to her family.

"Well I grew up with both my parents drawing," said Ruiz. "It was either for work or just for fun and I was always interested in it and now it's become a full-time hobby. My brother and sister were also into art as well. I guess it's always been a competition on who's improved the best."

ies before getting inspiration for my mural, more specifically 'Howl's Moving Castle'," said Ruiz.

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Oh, goodie, you said the N-word when you have a giant platform that's already openly known for racism, and your fans stopped streaming your music? That's being held accountable.

We live in an age of social media and the internet. If you don't understand the harmful effects of using an outdated and racist term, then you're not sorry; you're ignorant. There are millions of ways to become informed, it's accessible, and it's easy to read an article.

Knowing how to read and process information comes in handy more often than not. An example of this would be the uproar that has recently surrounded

Dr. Seuss. The publisher of Dr. Seuss's books has stopped publishing six books for fear of harmful descriptions and racist tones. This was a personal decision of the publishers to stop producing these books, not cancellation.

There was no one breathing down their necks, forcing them to stop. The radical right has gone crazy trying to blame this on the extreme left's sensitivity, and many people are upset. The big idea here, however, is that they will stop publishing the books. They aren't going to round up all the books and burn them. This isn't Fahrenheit 451. Dr. Seuss

has not become a victim of cancel culture.

Cancel culture is defined as a modern form of rejection. Someone is thrown out of social or professional circles — whether online, on social media, or in person. Those who fall under this have been "canceled." Recently, many "canceling" famous people and creators for silly things like not liking a renowned band or food item. That is dumb.

The difference is accountability means being answerable for your actions and decisions. If you were made responsible for something or you promised to achieve specific outcomes, you can be held accountable for



them. This is what some people would consider canceling. However, when someone is held liable, it isn't simply over choosing one makeup brand over another. It's when sexual assault allegations come out when your "funny" videos are just you being ableist. It's when you say racial slurs as a joke but forget the meaning behind them.

Recently Mumford & Son banjoist has come under fire for a tweet. Winston Marshall came under fire for an endorsement of an anti-Antifa book by conservative author Andy Ngo. Marshall Since then deleted the tweet that

By Araceli Galarza

read, "finally had the time to read your important book. You are a brave man."

His praise of the book has caused an uproar with his fans. Later on, after facing the backlash, he chose to write a statement. The statement read, "Over the past few days, I have come to better understand the pain caused by the book I endorsed. I have offended not only a lot of people I don't know, but also those closest to me, including my bandmates and for that I am truly sorry. As a result of my actions I am taking time away from the band to examine my Blind-spot. For now, please know that I realize how many endorsements

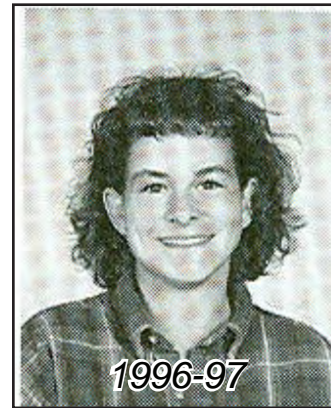
have the potential to be viewed as approvals of hateful, decisive behavior. I apologize, as this was not at all my intention."

Everyone has opinions. Everyone should be allowed to express them in respectful ways; sometimes, social justice warriors

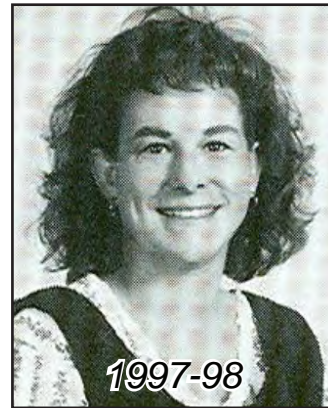
take things too far. He was not praising the ideology nor the negative connotations that the book or author might share.

Next time your favorite rapper comes under fire for choosing Lucky Charms over Honey Nut Cheerios, take a step back. Take a look at the real issue, and if there is one before you delete all their songs from your library. Or when a famous musician says a racist and outdated term, don't just blindly stand behind them, simply calling a harmful word a word, hold them accountable and hold them to a specific set of standards.

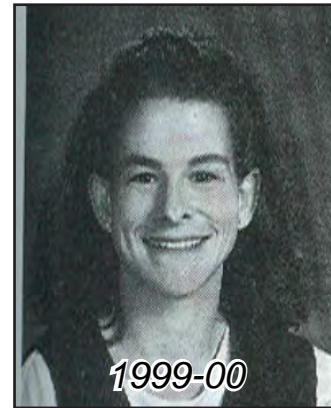
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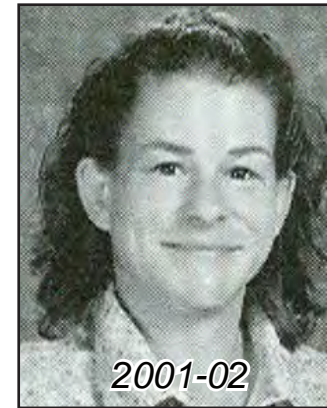
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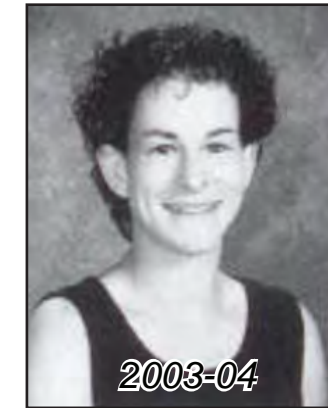
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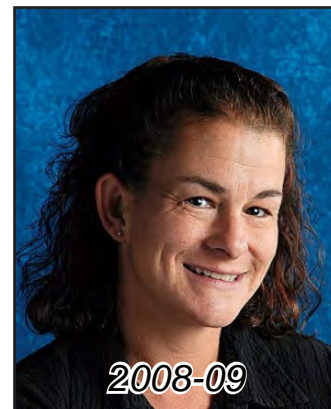
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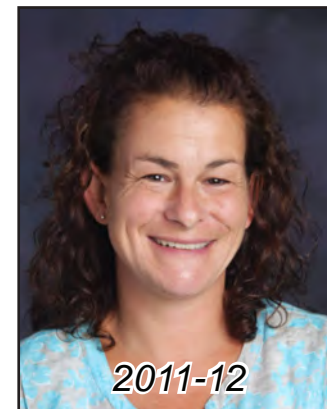
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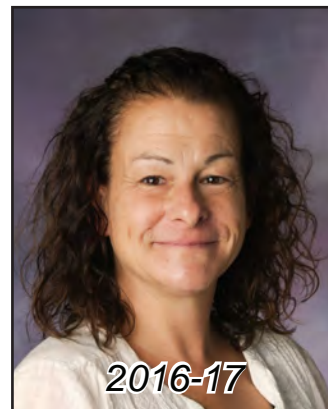
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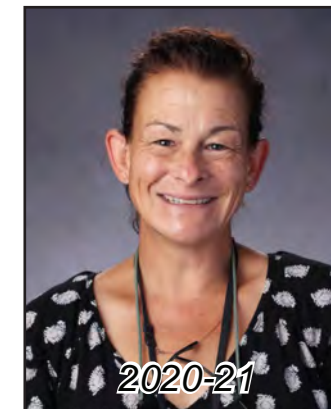
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