









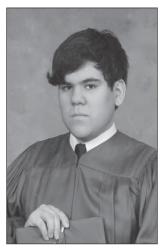




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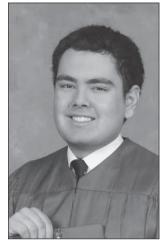
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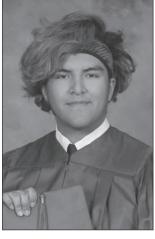
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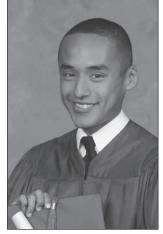
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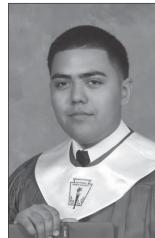
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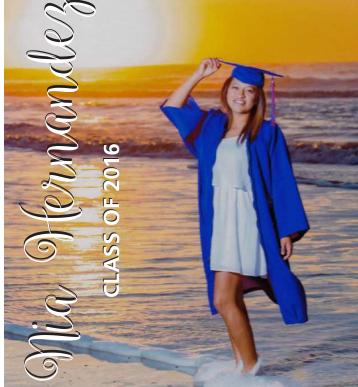


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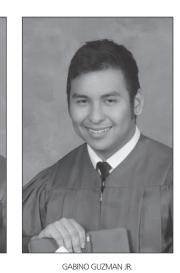




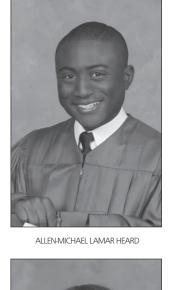
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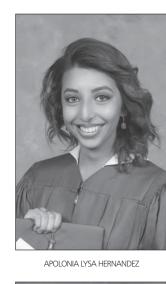




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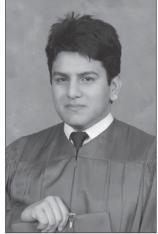












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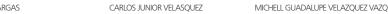










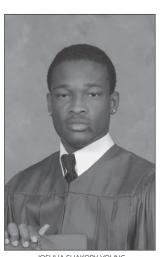




















## 1. Excellence is Required

"No one ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him; it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction."

#### -Charles Kendall Adams

## 2. Use Your Will

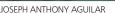
"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."

-Vincent T. Lombardi



# BOLING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2016







































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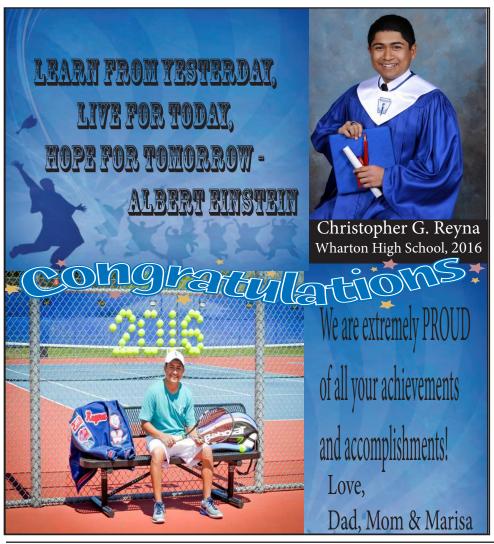
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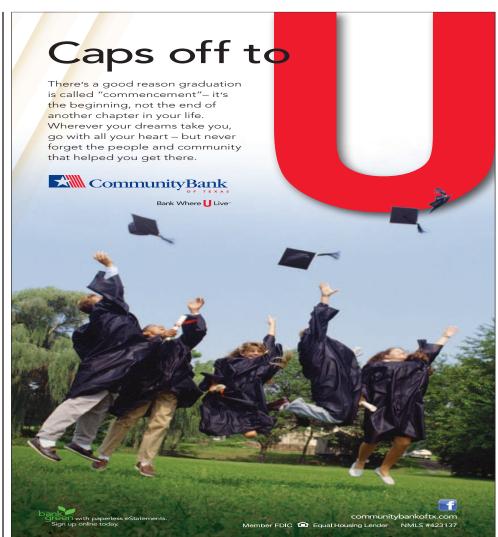


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MILES ELLIOTT TOLBERT



# Valedictorians





The 2016 Wharton High School valedictorian, Sara Zahn, the daughter of Arthur Jr. and Donna Zahn was actively involved in many school and community activities throughout her high school years. An excellent student, Sara balanced her active school life with her academics while working part time at Hinze's Barbecue.

Maintaining a high GPA, she was invited to attend the Awards of Excellence Banquet all four years of her high school career and served as Class President every year.

In addition to her many academic achievements, Sara has shown her dedication to her school and community by her involvement in numerous clubs and organizations.

She played tennis all four years, served as the President of the National Honor Society and President of Powerset, and was also a Jr. Lion all during her senior year.

Other clubs that Sara was involved in during her high school years include Student Council, Book Club, and Anchor Club. Also her senior year, she was a mentor for the Boys and Girls Club through the IMPACT program. During high school, Sara gave countless hours to various community and school events.

She volunteered with the local pet rescue program and has represented Wharton County in the 4-H Food Show and the 4-H Food Challenge on both district and state levels.



## Amber Adamcik East Bernard valedictorian

The 2016 East Bernard High School valedictorian, Amber Adamcik, the daughter of Bill and Karen Adamcik was involved in many school and community activities throughout her high school years. An excellent student, Amber balanced her active school life with agriculture.

Maintaining a high GPA, she was involved in National Honor Society (NHS).

In addition to her many academic achievements, Amber has shown her dedication to her school and community by her involvement in numerous clubs and organizations.

She played volleyball, softball, tennis and track, served as the Secretary of the National Honor Society and President of Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (KJZT), and was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for all four years of high school.

Other clubs that Amber was involved in during her high school years include The National FFA Organization-President, Wallis 4-H – President, Student Council – Representative, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – Vice President, Class of 2016 – Secretary, Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) – Treasurer and Yearbook – Business Manager. During high school, Amber gave countless hours to various community and school events.

Amber was very actively involved in competition, some of her special honors and awards include: University Interscholastic League (UIL) Academic Com-



#### Maria de Jesus Gonzalez Guerra Boling valedictorian

The valedictorian of the Boling Class of 2016 is Maria de Jesus Gonzalez Guerra. She is the only child and daughter of Angelina Guerra and Roberto Gonzalez. Maria was born in Mexico on June 23, 1998, and then later moved to Wharton at the age of 2.

She began attending the Boling Independent School District at the age of 4, where she began prekindergarten. Coming to a new country and learning new customs and language was very difficult not only for the family but for her.

Though through the hardships, Maria tried her best to excel at all she did.

As the years progressed, Maria made many friends and became involved in school activities. She has met wonderful people who have helped her create memories she will cherish and guided her to be where she is now. Maria is active in the FCCLA, the Literacy Society, Yearbook, Band, FFA, the Spanish Club, Student Council, FCA, National Honor Society, Greenscape, and varsity tennis. Apart from participating in all the clubs, she held multiple officer positions and was voted Band Sweetheart and Class Officer throughout her four years of high school. Maria is a very determined and dedicated young woman who loves helping others and making people smile. She also does volunteer work outside her school whether it being at her church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Feast of Sharing, Habitat for Humanity, or other events. Maria enjoys music, reading, riding her horse, and spending

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# Salutatorians



#### Britney Casey Wharton salutatorian

Britney Casey, daughter of Brian Keith and Joy Casey is this year's Wharton High School salutatorian. She is a young woman who has exemplified excellence in many areas over her high school career including community, sports, and academic achievement.

An excellent student, Britney balanced her active school life with her academic pursuits. By maintaining a 3.70 or higher GPA, she has been invited to attend the Awards of Excellence Banquet all four years.

Britney also excelled in the sports arena, by being on the Varsity swim and golf teams. In addition to her athletic and academic achievements, she has shown her dedication to her school and community. Her community involvement includes volunteering for SPOT, Habitat for Humanity, school district events and functions, and much more. She was also a freshman mentor for the ROAR Program.

Another thing that sets Britney apart is her involvement in numerous clubs and organizations. She is in POWER SET, the National Honor Society, Student Council, FFA, Robotics Club, Book Club, Yearbook, and is also a Jr. Lion along with being a WCYF Jr. Fair Board member.

She has held many different officer positions in several of those organizations.

Britney will be attending Texas A&M University, where she was accepted into the prestigious Dwight Look College of Engineering.



## Connery Bowers East Bernard salutatorian

Connery Bowers, son of Chad and Rebecca Bowers is this year's East Bernard High School salutatorian.

Connery has exemplified excellence in many areas over his high school career including community, sports, and academic achievement.

An excellent student, Connery balanced his active school life with his academic pursuits. He was a part of many academic programs including National Honor Society (NHS) 2014-16 and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) 2012-16.

Connery also excelled in the sports arena, by being on the Varsity football team and honored with the First Team Academic All-State Football award. In addition to his athletic and academic achievements, he has shown her dedication to his school and community. His community involvement includes volunteering with ACT NOW (Active Catholic Teens Navigating Our World), send cards and blankets to children's hospital, take canned goods to share center, perform live nativity/Christmas carols — was wise man and sang, perform stations of the cross — read readings at mass and stations, sing in choir, usher, alter serve masses, pancake breakfasts open to public for free — made pancakes, poured juice, cleaned up and MYF (Methodist Youth Faith).

Connery was also involved with a mission trip to Atlanta, Georgia (1 week), helped at youth home by performing maintenance, fixing a tractor, and clearing paths, roof's, gutters, yards, and areas of over-

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#### Hannah Renee Ortiz Boling salutatorian

The salutatorian of Boling high schools graduating class of 2016 is Hannah Renee Ortiz.

Hannah was born on Jan. 20, 1998 in Wharton to parents Connie and Joe Ortiz from Boling. She has been attending Boling Independent school district since kindergarten.

Hannah has been active in many clubs, activities and events at Boling High School.

She has participated as a four-year Literary Society member, four year Spanish Club member with two years as treasurer and one year president, 4 year student council member with one year being secretary, four year fellowship of Christian athlete member with one year refreshments director and two year secretary, two year national honor society and one year as president, 3 year fire marshal, and a former UIL participant in Science. Hannah enjoys being active in not only her school but the community as well.

Throughout high school, she has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Boling High School blood drive, Boling community trash pickups, local holiday nursing home visitations, Newgulf elementary science academy, Wharton crisis center food drives, toys for tots annual toy drive, Boling community centers Pancake Supper, Lions Club Festival, and Newgulf and lago volunteer helper for UIL competition. Hannah has also been a D.A.R.E role model and the D.A.R.E good citizen for Boling high school this year.

She played a big role in our athletic program by







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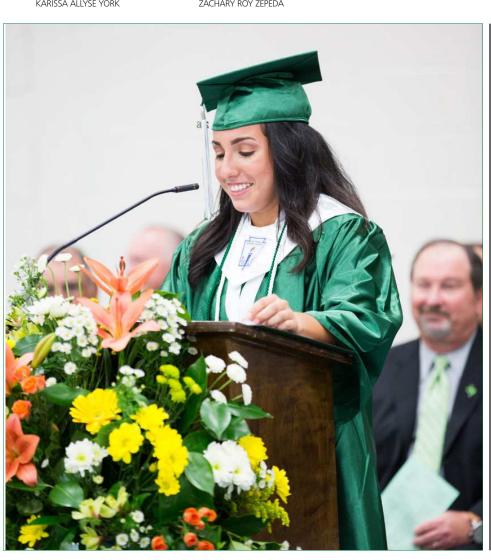
MARIA YANEZ MENDOZA





### 3. Do and Dare

"The person who gets the farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare. The 'sure-thing' boat never gets far from shore." –Dale Carnegie





## Class of 2016





Congratulations!!!

Ya'll are a true blessing to our family. We are so proud of the amazing women ya'll have become.

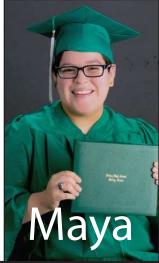
Always remember to keep God first and to keep reaching for the starts.

Love,

Your family





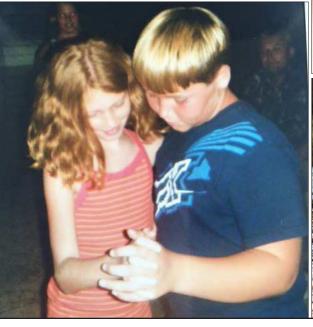




"No matter what happens, Where you go, or what you do, always remember NO ONE can take the fire out of your soul, the stars from your eyes, or the Passion that's within your heart. Those things belong to you, always!"











Watching you two "Dance thru Life" together has been a complete Joy. We are so proud of the unique individuals you have grown to become; a beautiful young lady and a true gentleman. We pray you continue to follow God as he leads you down the path he has chosen for you.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you "declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Congratulations Ty Jalowy & Rebecca Schulte we love you to the Moon & Back!

Momma Cheryl & Momma Dawn Greg, Andy, Zack, Jake, Alyssa and family!



# EAST BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2016







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RAFAEL BELMAN-MARES



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MARK ALAN BOSSE



CONNERY THOMAS BOWERS



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SHANE DEVONA KRESTA





MARCO ANTONIO MARTINEZ



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CALEB JOSHUA MOSELEY



JACOB TAYLOR MUNIZ



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## 4. You need Determination and Commitment

Desire is the key to motivation, but it's

the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal – a commitment to excellence – that will enable you to attain the success you seek."

-Mario Andretti

# 5. Vision is Necessary

"The vision that you glorify in your mind, the ideal that you enthrone in your heart – this you will build your life by, and this you will become."

–James Allen





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If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can

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#### — Adamcik

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petition: Accounting: 10, 11, 12, State Competitor: 10 (17th place); 11 (11th place); 12, Regional Competitor: 10 (3rd place); 11 (2nd place, 1st team); 12 (1st place, 1st team), District Meet: 10 (2nd place, 1st team); 11 (1st place, 1st team); 12 (1st place, 1st team), Calculator Applications: 9, 10, 11, 12, Regional Competitor: 9; 10; 11 (13th place); 12 and District Meet: 9 (3rd place, 1st team); 10 (3rd place, 2nd team); 11 (1st place, 1st team); 12 (1st place, 2nd team). All "A" Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12, attended Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference: 10, The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS): 11, 12, attended American Legion and Auxiliary Girls State: 11.

Other awards included All American Scholar: 9, 10, 11. Outstanding Student: Biology, Geometry, World Geography: 9, Accounting, World History: 10, Anatomy, Calculus, Spanish IV: 12. FFA Awards: Gives Recognition for Outstanding Work (GROW Award) presented by Todd Staples, former Agriculture Commissioner of Texas. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR): Junior Commercial Steers: 9 (7th place); 10 (5th place); 11 (3rd place); 12 (2nd place). Degrees:

Greenhand Degree: 9 Chapter Degree: 10 Star Lone Star: 11. Leadership Development Events (LDEs): Agricultural Advocacy: 10, 11, 12, Area Competitor: 10 (10th place), District Meet: 10 (2nd place); 11 (8th place); 12 (5th place), Junior Creed Speaking: 9, District: 8th place, Junior Quiz Team: 9 and District: 10th place. Wharton County Youth Fair: Pen of Three: 10 (3rd place bred division); 11 (10th place bred division); 11 (10th place bred division) and Showmanship: 10 (1st place); 11 (1st place).

Other honors included Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo: Breeding Heifer: 11 (7th place in class); 12 (12th place in class) FWSSR Beef Heifer Superintendent Challenge: 12 (3rd place). Career Development Events: Livestock Judging: Texas A&M Area CDEs: 9 (118th place, 23rd team); 11 (126th place, 12th team) Texas A&M State CDEs: 11 (40th place, 21st team); 12 (50th place, 40th team). Farm Business Management, Sam Houston Area CDEs: 12 (9th place, 5th team) and Sam Houston State CDEs: 12 (10th place, 13th team). Wallis 4-H Awards: Austin County Fair: Pen of Heifers: 9 (Grand Champion); 10 (Grand Champion); 11 (Reserve Champion); 12 (Grand Champion), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):, State Conference Accounting: 12 (1st place). Athletic Awards: Volleyball, Junior Varsity: 9, 10, Varsity Player: 11 (Regional Quarter Finalist); 12 (Regional Runner-Up), Academic All-District: 11, First Team All-District: 11, Academic All-State: 12, Honorable Mention: 12. Softball, Junior Varsity: 10, Varsity: 9, 11 (3A State Champions) and Academic All-District: 9, 11

Amber plans include attending Texas A&M University in the fall, where she will major in in Agribusiness.

#### - Zahn

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Through her hard work and diligence Sara proved herself to be an asset to Wharton High School and her loving family.

Voted Miss WHS for 2015-16 by her teachers, and "Most Likely to Succeed" by the senior class, her plans include attending Mays Business School at Texas A&M University in the fall, where she will major in Marketing with a minor in Economics. Her plans are to become an entrepreneur.

#### - Guerra

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time with friends and family.

She is grateful for all the opportunities Boling High School has given her and the people that have come across her life.

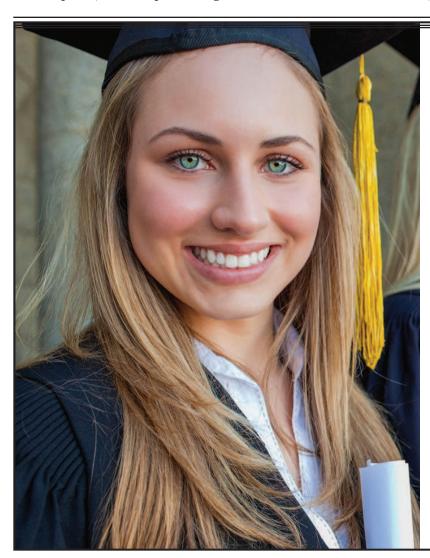
Maria will be a first generation college student and hopes to make her family very proud.

As she begins her new journey, she will be a Bulldog for another four years. The home of the Bulldogs at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin is where she will continue her higher studies next fall.

She will pursue her love of math by studying in the field of accounting to become a Certified Public Accountant.

She hopes to achieve her goals and help others, like the many that helped her. She not only thanks her peers but God for guiding her.

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#### - Bowers

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grown weeds, grass, trees, limbs, vines, etc. over the course of 3 days, wrote 5 love-shares (postcards) every night for 5 nights (25 total) to people who bought them to sponsor the trip; they contained itineraries of things we did on the given day and what we liked, learned, or who we helped along with thanks to the person, gave away as many wrist bands possible for free to anyone who would accept them in Atlanta; they said "You are a child of God 1 John 3:1-3", put on spaghetti dinner for public, baked cookies and sent them in a care package for about 500 soldiers, cleaned yards, rooftops, and gutters, put on soup dinner for public, assembled bags for Run for Rose, Holy Cross Catholic Church Bazaar: security Runner 2012-14, ring Toss 2014-15, money Tree 2015-16, scholarship raffle 2015-16, mass, usher 2012-16, greeter 2012-16, stations of the cross 2015-16, choir 2012-16 and lector 2014-16, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America),

He also collected jackets for Warm Drive, blankets, and other warm clothing for share, made blankets for Ronald McDonald House and delivered them, Trick-or-treat for canned goods, NHS (National Honor Society), made goodie-bags to welcome teachers to back to school, sold socks for breast cancer awareness month and donated all of the proceeds to a breast cancer foundation, baked cookies for teacher appreciation, gave gift basket to principle for principle appreciation, class officer, Junior class Secretary – Helped plan, organize, fundraise, and create prom, Senior class Treasurer - Met with other officers and voted on senior shirt, graduation invitations, fundraisers, and other senior class issues, Sophomore class Vice President made decisions and organized fundraisers, Student Council, Worked blood drives - retrieved people when it was there time to donate, signed people in, made sure they ate snacks and beverages provided for them before and after they donated as part of protocol, donated at blood drives, went to the elementary school with Santa as one of his helpers, asked kids what they wanted for Christmas, and handed out Christmas pencils.

Connery was very actively involved in competition, some of her special honors and awards include A honor roll throughout high school 2012-16, EBHS student of the year: 2013 – advanced geometry, 2014 – newspaper 1 and 2014 – Spanish II, HOBY (Hugh

O'Brian Youth Leadership) certificate of recognition of outstanding leadership potential, DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) award for outstanding work in American history, UIL (University Interscholastic League): Social Studies-2013 - 2nd place team, 2014 -8th place at district, 2nd place team at district, regional alternate, 2015 – 2nd place individual at district, 1st place team at district, regional qualifier, 2016 - 1st place team, regional qualifier, Science- 2015 - 4th place individual at district, 1st place team, regional qualifier, 10th place individual at regionals, 2016 -2nd place individual at district, top scorer in chemistry, 1st place team, regional qualifier, First Team Academic All-State Football, Tops in Texas award: caption writing, Bronze Star award for high school newspaper.

Another thing that sets Connery apart is his involvement in numerous clubs and organizations. He was involved in National Honor Society (NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Class Officer, Football Team, High School Newspaper (The Brahma Beat), Gifted and Talented Program (GT), Student Council, Active Catholic Teens Navigating Our World (ACT NOW) and Methodist Youth Formation (MYF).

He has held many different officer positions in several of those organizations.

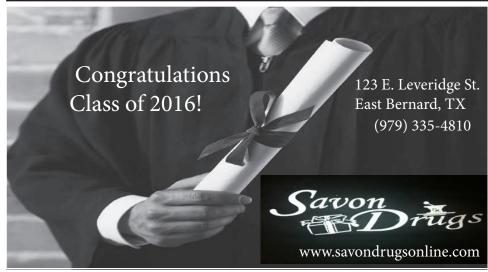
Connery will be attending University of Texas at Austin, where will major in Biology (pre-med).

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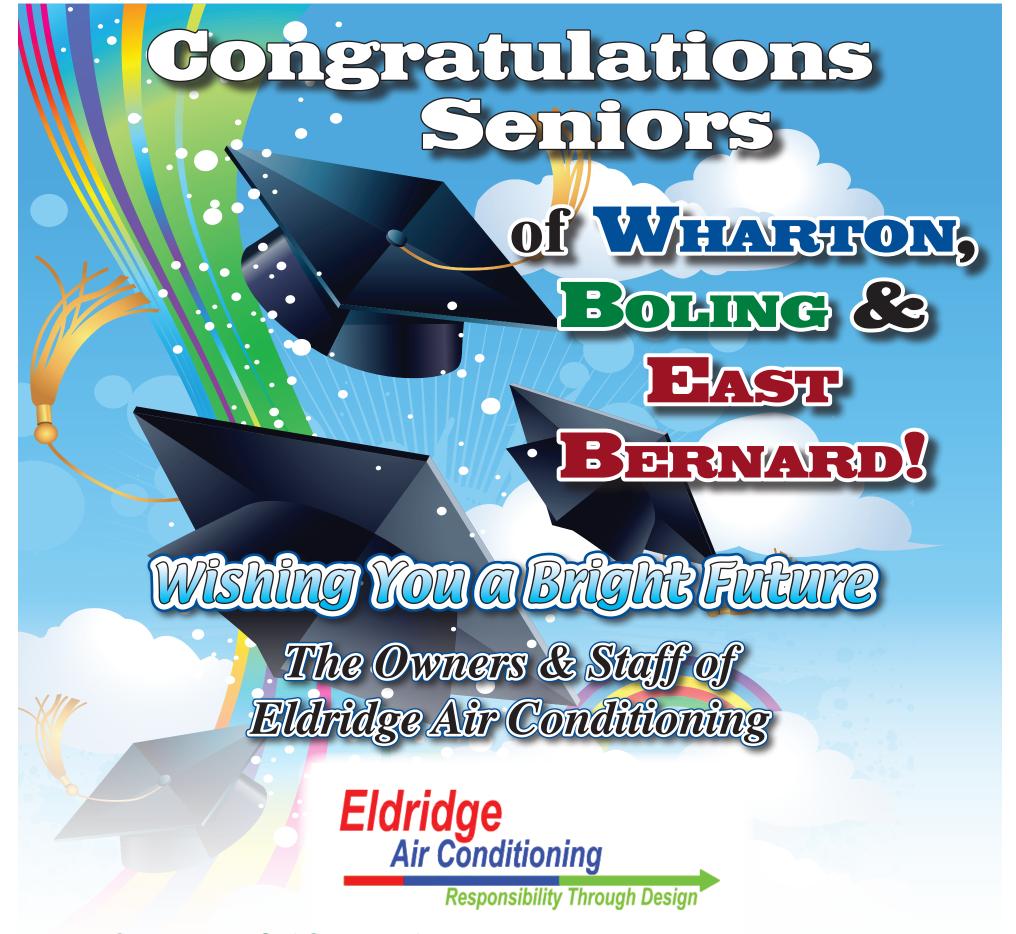
playing varsity softball for 4 years, varsity volleyball for 3 years, and varsity golf for 3 years. Hannah has received 2 year 1st team all district setter, MVP Setter, 3 year volleyball all academic, 1 year all state academic,4 year pt team all-district pitcher, and 4 year all academic. This year Hannah was presented the Lanier H. For gas on Bulldog Fighting Heart award for the class of 2016 girl representative.

This fall, Hannah has committed to attend Schreiner University in Kerrville. She has signed there to play college softball. Hannah plans to major in biology in order to pursue a career as a physician's assistant. She is very excited about the future and wishes all of her classmate's infinite success.









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