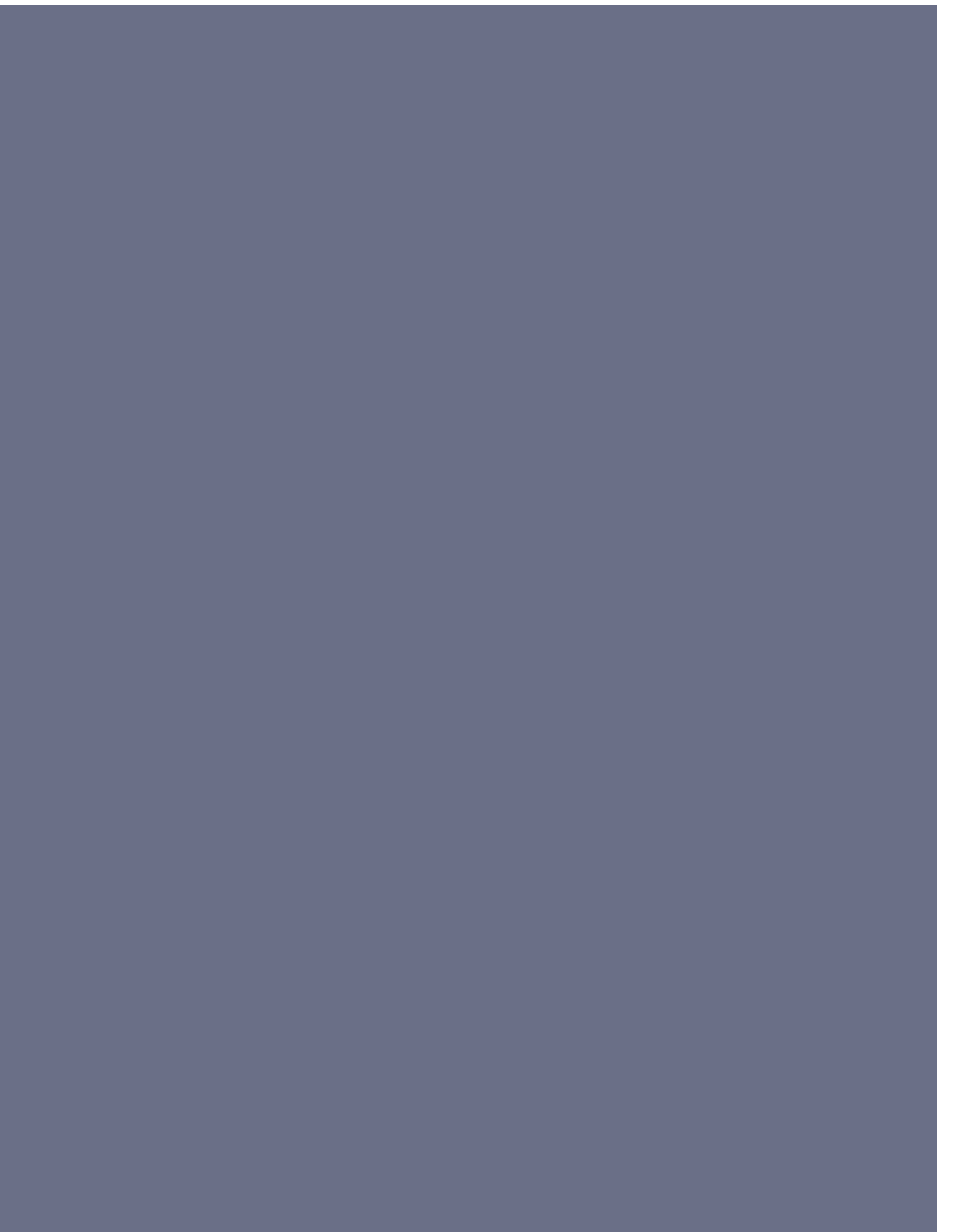


# MARCO AVID

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# AVID Camp

August 13-16, 2018









I was at Marco Forster Middle School in the MPR at summertime. It was AVID camp. I got to the MPR and I was a little bit nervous to see new people. But I had my best friends Mia, Brianna and Galilea so I felt less nervous knowing that I had them. Mr. Gerow gave us a tongue twister to read in front of the whole class and I tried hard not to mess up. Another day, we played a game where there was sort of like a giant square and there were little squares inside it. Someone would have to go on the little squares without stepping on the wrong squares. If someone did step on the wrong square, they were out. For me, it was fun, and it taught me to trust people. After that, we played a game called, island. The point of the game was to get all the people on your team to the other side with the resources you were given. If someone touched the floor, they would have to go to the back and try again. My team won a few times against the other teams. It was fun coming up with ideas to get people across without falling. One day, Mr. Gerow told us we were going to play a game that involved giant skis. It turns out, it is one of the most fun games to play. The game 3-4 people and they had to lift the skis at the same time. Whoever made it across first won. My team was made it across first won. My team was in the lead and I really did want to win. I heard people saying,

“LET’S GO!”

“YOU GOT THIS!”

Some people were cheering for us and some were cheering for the other team. We won. I was happy to see that we had won. Mia said, “Yes!!” Brianna said, “Yay!” And Galilea said, “Woho! Haha!” We all laughed and were happy. What I learned from AVID camp was to build a trust and support one another and be there for one another.

Annabelle Ixtacuy



AVID camp was in the summer at school in the morning. When I got into the MPR everyone put the chairs in a circle. Mr. Gerow introduced himself and we played a game where we had to say the name of everyone in the circle. After that everyone knew the names of everyone like if it was tattooed into our brain. Another game we played was a game where we had two mats and we had to get across the river which was the MPR. One of my favorite games that we played was a invisible maze. It was fun because nobody knew the right way so everyone would just decide by pointing. But it was kind of funny because there were a lot of people pointing where to go. Also, we were divided into two groups, so we had competition. The last day was my favorite day. The last day we competed versus first period. Zero period won in everything except the name game. One of the easiest games that we played was the jump rope game. After we did all the games zero period ended up winning. Mr. Gerow said that whoever won got pizza. But also, he said that he did not say that the loser did not get pizza. So, in the end everyone got pizza. What I learned from AVID camp is that we will always have friends.

Niko Matienzo











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Sara Navarro





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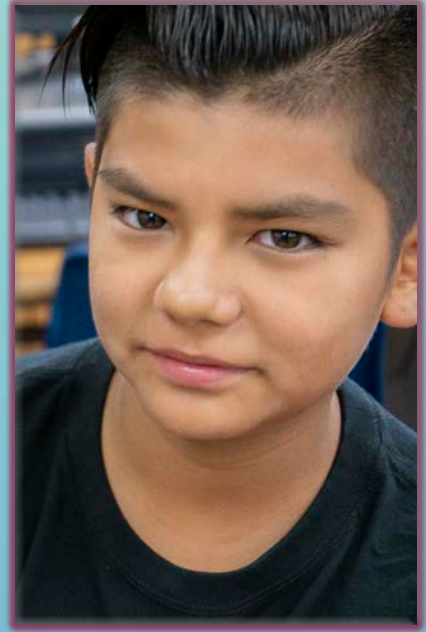
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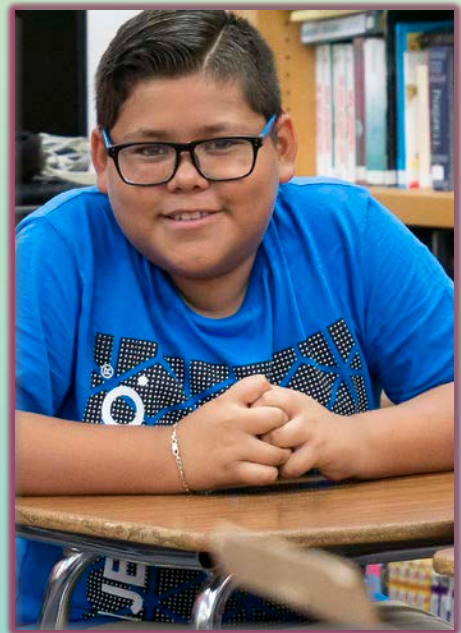




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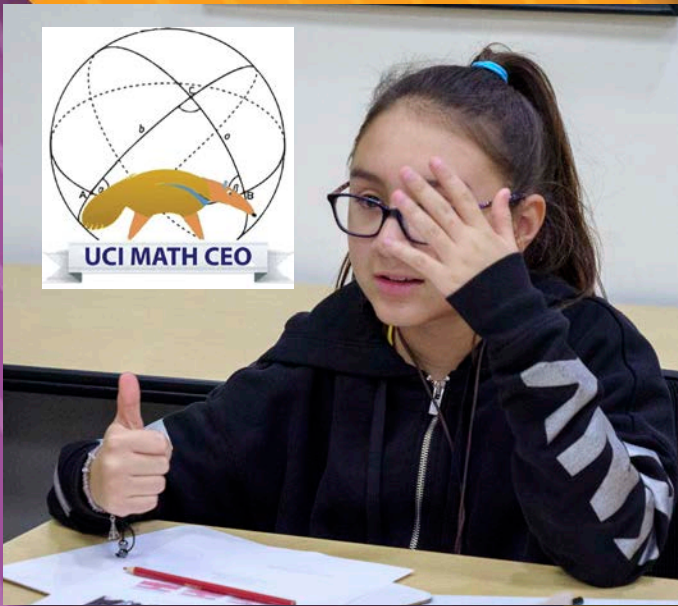




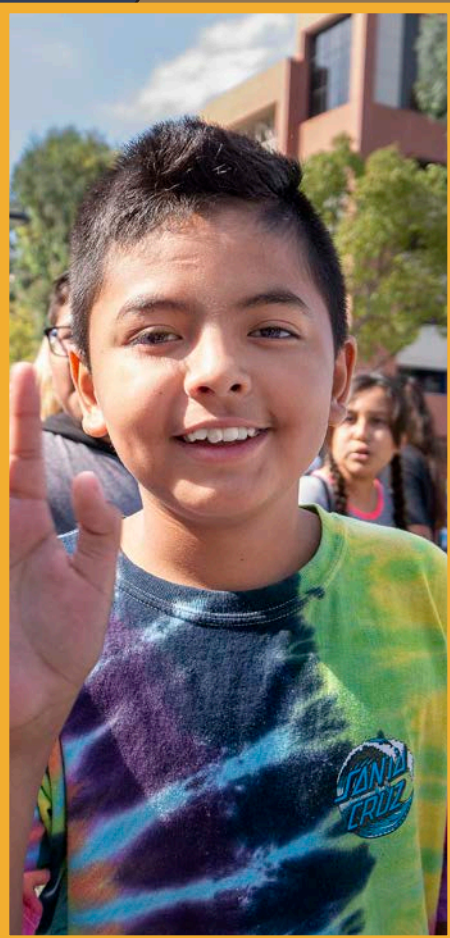




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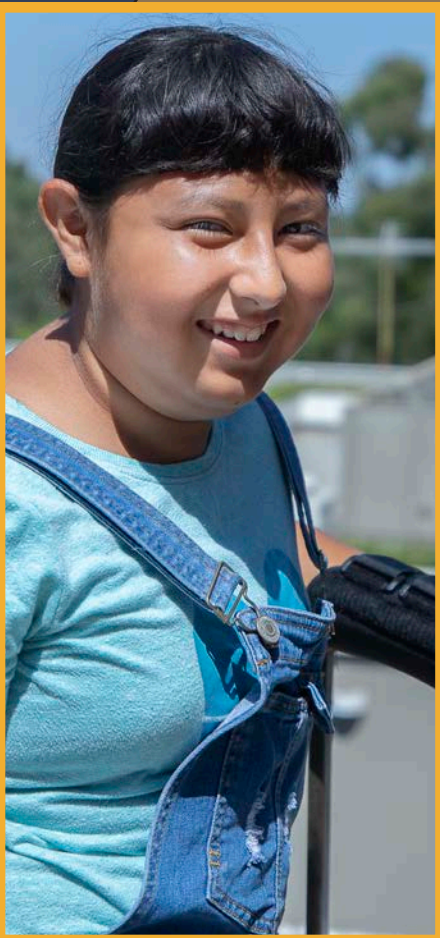




On September 12, 2018, we went to Cal State Long Beach. All the AVID class went to this amazing college. First, we all went into a giant pyramid. After we entered the giant pyramid, we found out that was the place where they played basketball. After we left the giant pyramid, we all took a group picture with zero period. Then we went into a classroom and we learned new things about the desks like how there is a wooden thing that you can lift and write on it. A little bit after going into the classroom we started to walk around the campus, and we played a game of who can get the most high-fives from the students there. Then, came lunch. We had to get Carl's Jr. Just after eating lunch we saw people dancing and selling things, so we started heading over there to watch them. After lunch we started walking around campus again and continued. Finally, we left. From all of this, we learned about the college and its campus.

Josue Heredia







On September 12, 2018, my AVID class went to Cal State Long Beach. I was with my mom, Rossivel, Gaby, Marleen, Brianna, and myself. We first went to get food and we could not find a spot to eat so we sat on the steps. Everyone went to Carl's Jr, but my mom, Gaby, and I went to Panda Express. Then we all went to the steps and ate. After we all met up, we started to eat but all the students were trying to go up the steps, but we were in the way. My mom, Gaby, Rossivel, America, and I were eating and taking. My mom was telling stories about me and we all had so much fun with my mom. When we finished eating my mom saw that theirs was a big mess of food. My mom made us clean up and it was so funny. We were all just cleaning up and the leftover food we took home. The most important thing I learned on this field trip was when my mom's there and we make a mess we must clean up.

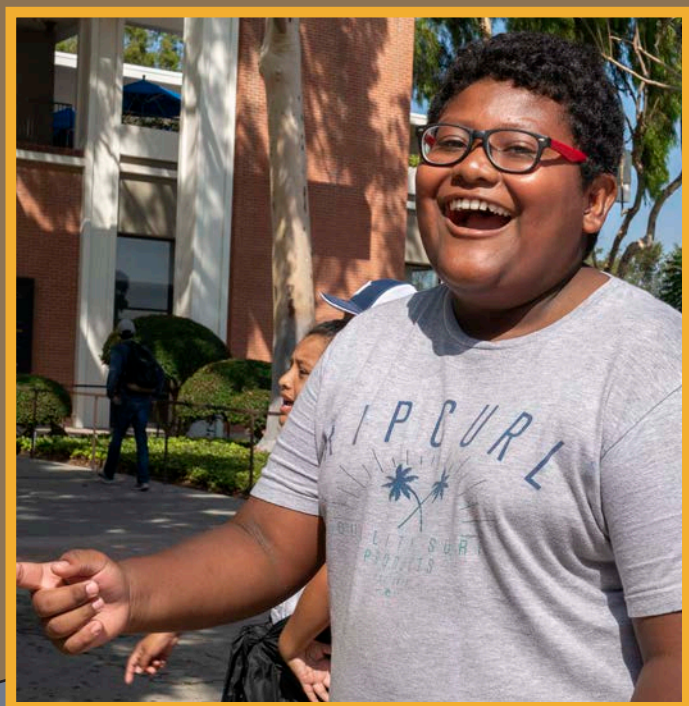
Melissa Ruiz





September 12, in the afternoon at Cal State Long Beach, we got to the college and they took us to the basketball court. We took a picture and then we split up zero period with Mr. Gerow and first period with Rob. Second, we went to the lab and it was closed so we to a different room and they talked to us about math. After they talked about math, we took more pictures, then it was lunch, Brianna, Melissa, Marleen, Natalie, Gaby, America, Melissa's mom, and I went to Carl's Jr. It was so good. After, we were done eating we went to buy stuff. When we were leaving, we thought Natalie was with us but she was still buying stuff. When we noticed she was not there we thought she got lost. Melissa's mom got scared but then we saw Natalie in the distance coming. I learned to never leave alone without anyone.

Rossivel Sanchez







On September 12, 2018 our AVID class went on a field trip to Cal State Long Beach. We were at the front of the school waiting for our bus to arrive. When we got on the bus, I sat next to my two good friends Anthony and Tato. We talked throughout the ride and Matthew brought cards and we all played blackjack. When we got off the bus, we saw the Walter Pyramid, it was huge. We walked to and took a picture on the steps of the stadium. Then we went inside, and it looked even bigger inside, there were rows and rows of chairs and a lot of sports supplies.

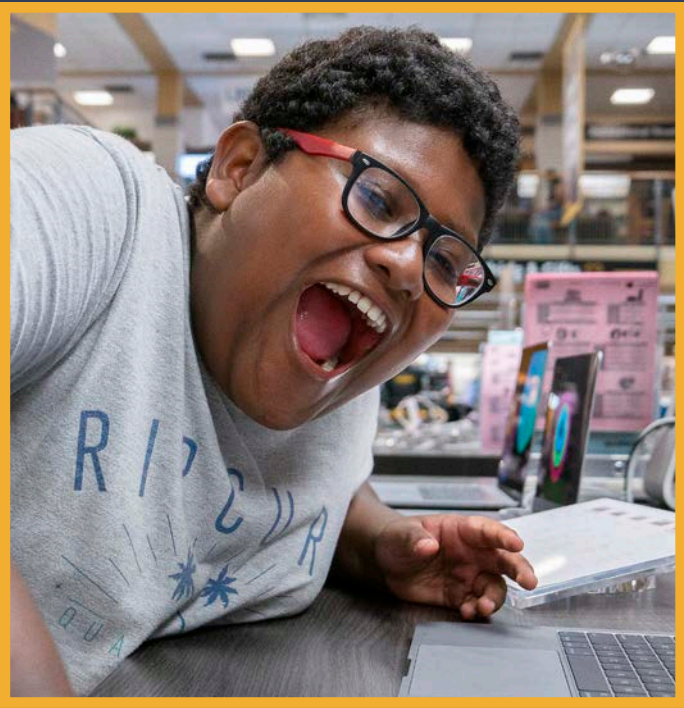
After we left the stadium, we went to the science center but there was another school already there so we could not go in. So instead of going there, we went to take a tour of a college classroom.

Then we went to a big library with lots of books and computers. We took a picture on some of the chairs in the library. After our tour of the library, we went to this store with two floors. I bought a big pencil and an eraser.

Finally, at lunch I got some Carl's Jr. and sat with Jose and Anthony. After lunch we went back to the bus to make our way back to Marco. I learned a lot about Cal State Long Beach from the tour. It has is a beautiful campus with many great programs. I hope to go to a college like that in the future.

Brandon Beck



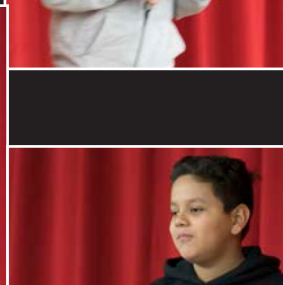
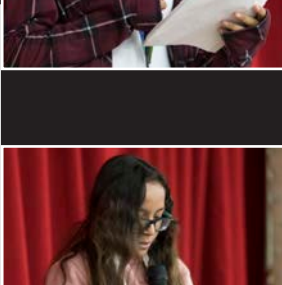
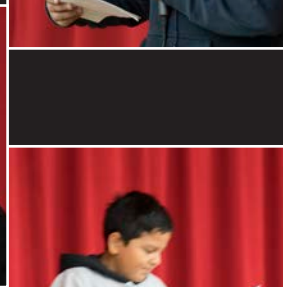
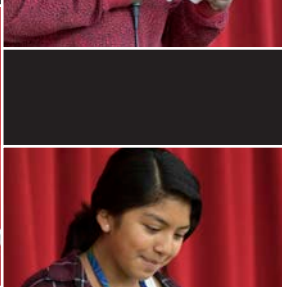
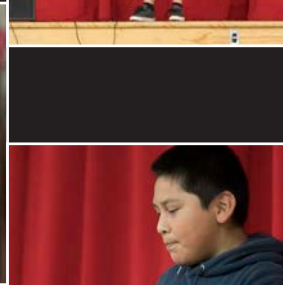
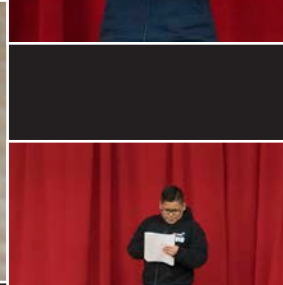
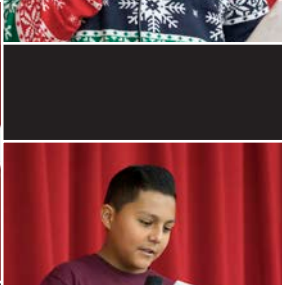




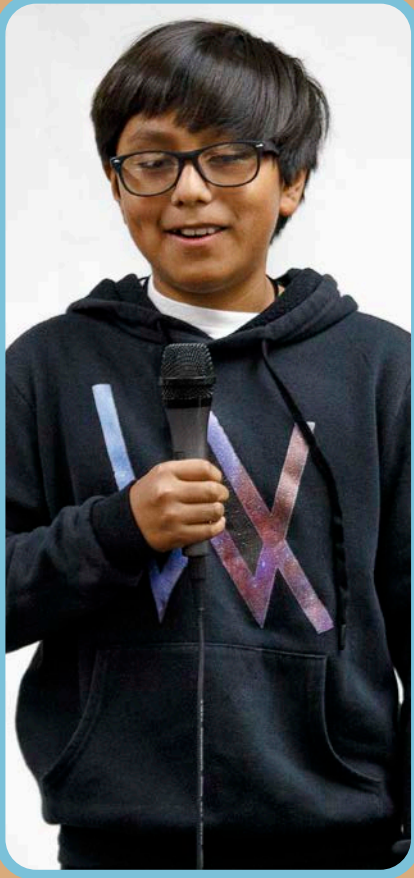
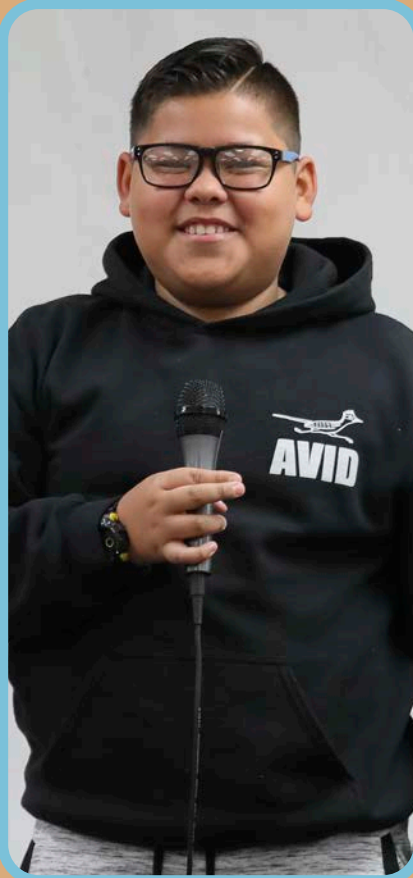
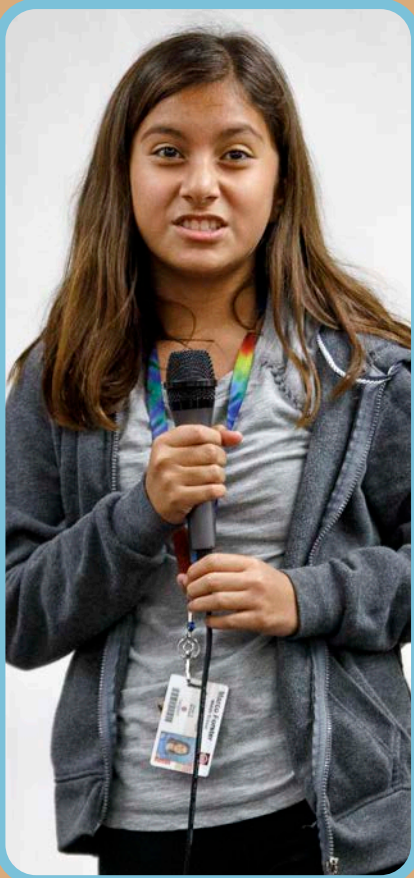


# Public Speaking

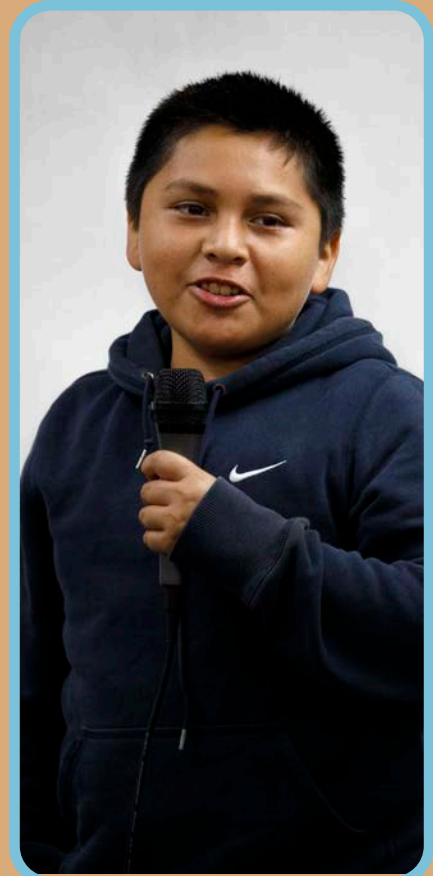
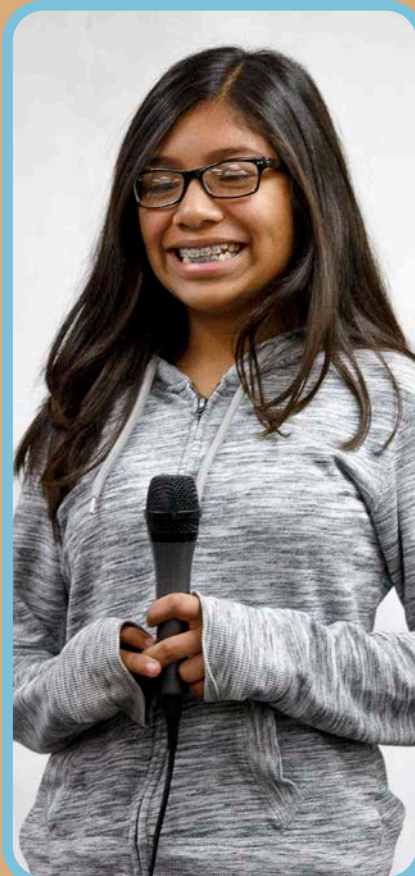
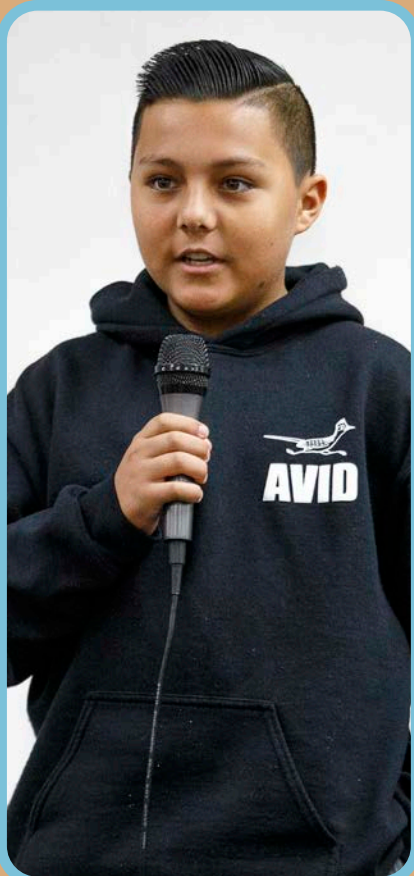
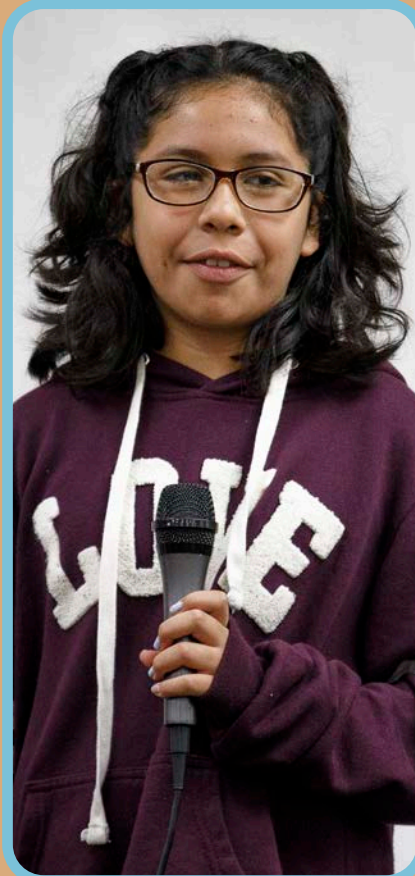
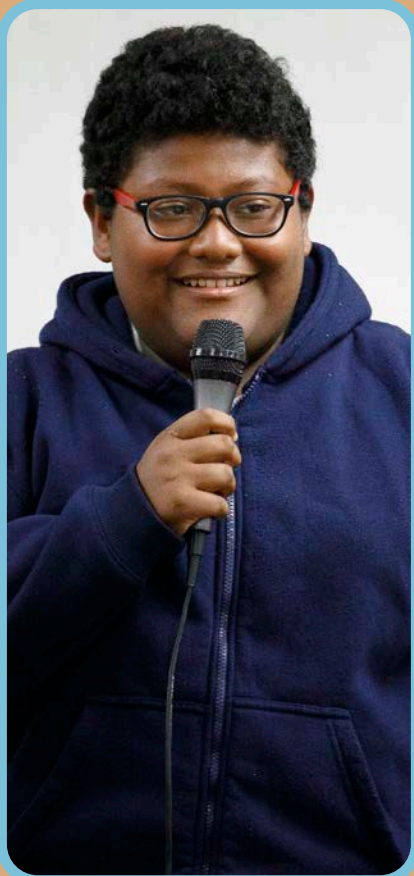
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# SAN DIEGO 200 JANUARY 12, 2019





On January 12, 2019 the whole AVID class went to San Diego Zoo. At the afternoon the whole AVID class went to the rainforest section. We were looking at the animals taking pictures and talking to each other. The AVID class was taking too long and Mr. Gerow left us. The AVID class was just following each other. Then a kid from our group asked where Mr. Gerow was. Everybody started freaking out. Some kids went up the hill to check if he was there. Then they came back and said his is not up there. Then other kids went to the bottom of the hill to see if Mr. Gerow was there. The whole AVID class went to the top of the hill to see if Mr. Gerow was there. The AVID class saw that Mr. Gerow was at the very top of the hill and took half of the group. I learned that day to always follow Mr. Gerow.

Anthony Gallo



It was January 12, 2019 and the bus stopped at San Diego Zoo. It started raining and Mr. Gerow brought ponchos. Mr. Gerow and the rest of the class started exploring the zoo. Then, near the hippos and tigers, the class realized that Mr. Gerow was nowhere to be found. The class went forward to see if Mr. Gerow went ahead, he was not there. So, Javier and I went back to check if Mr. Gerow was near the tigers and hippos but he was not. So, Javier and I retreated with the rest of the class. When we returned the whole call was gone. We realized Mr. Gerow probably found the class and left without us. So, Javier and I ran as fast as we could, and we finally caught up. Javier and I were tired for the rest of the zoo trip. Moral of the story is, do not lose sight of the teacher.

Emmanuel Ramos





In the afternoon January 12 at the San Diego zoo with Mr. Gerow's zero, and first period class (also Mr. Gerow, and Rob went to San Diego zoo). We went to the rain section we took a group photo. Then we saw flamingos, gorillas and alligators. Then half of Mr. Gerow's zero and first period class were faltering and talking with each other. Until we noticed that Mr. Gerow and Rob were missing, everybody was panicking Joel, me, Eduardo, Anthony, and Matthew were trying to tell the other students that we should go up because Mr. Gerow was probably up. Then Joel went up then he tripped, then he fell, and he started rolling me and Anthony had to pick him up. Then the others decided to go straight up then we found the rest of the class, "Mr. Gerow!" said the students. "We finally found you" said the students. I learned never to falter when we go to another or we will get lost.

Jorkaeff Galeana

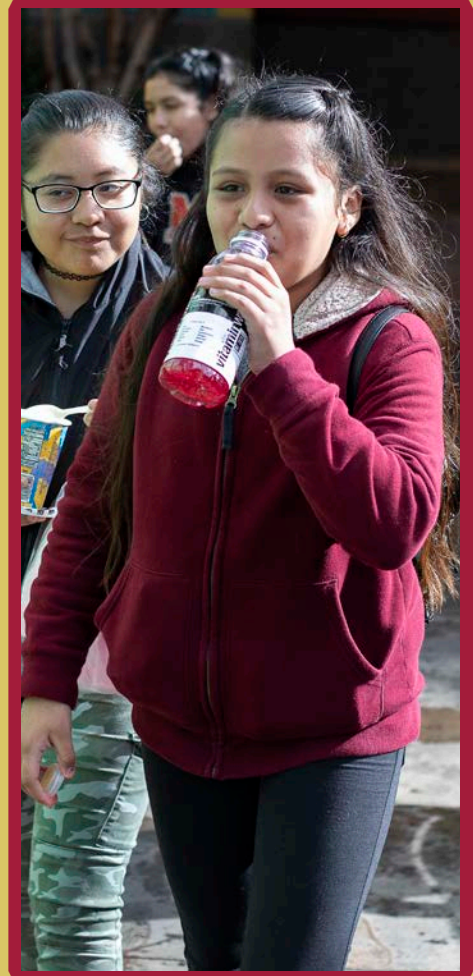




On January 12 a Saturday morning, most of the AVID students showed up and got on a bus and left to the San Diego Zoo. When we got there, we all got off the bus and started to walk to the outback where we saw some lions, monkeys, and deer. Then we went to this place that had lots of birds and there we colorful and cool. After that we went to the Elephant Odyssey where we saw lots of big elephants which they had this tower filled with food for

them and they had to get it from this get to get their food. Also, we saw lions and tigers which were awesome. Then we walked more and saw the fierce and enormous polar bears. They we trying to get meat tied to a hook. I was thinking that the polar bears are cool. After that, we got food and I was eating next to Josue, Jose, Brandon, Joel, and Ozzy. All of us were talking about the trip and how we liked it so far. Then we saw the flamingos, giraffes and koalas, and finally we went to the gift shop and said our final goodbyes to the San Diego Zoo but, we took a group photo then we left. The moral is that animals are cook and without taking care of the animals' habitats they can go extinct.

Matthew Cortes



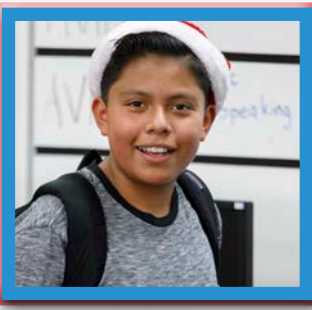
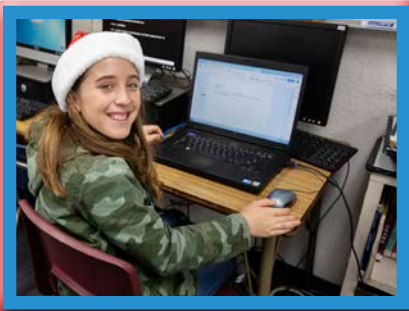






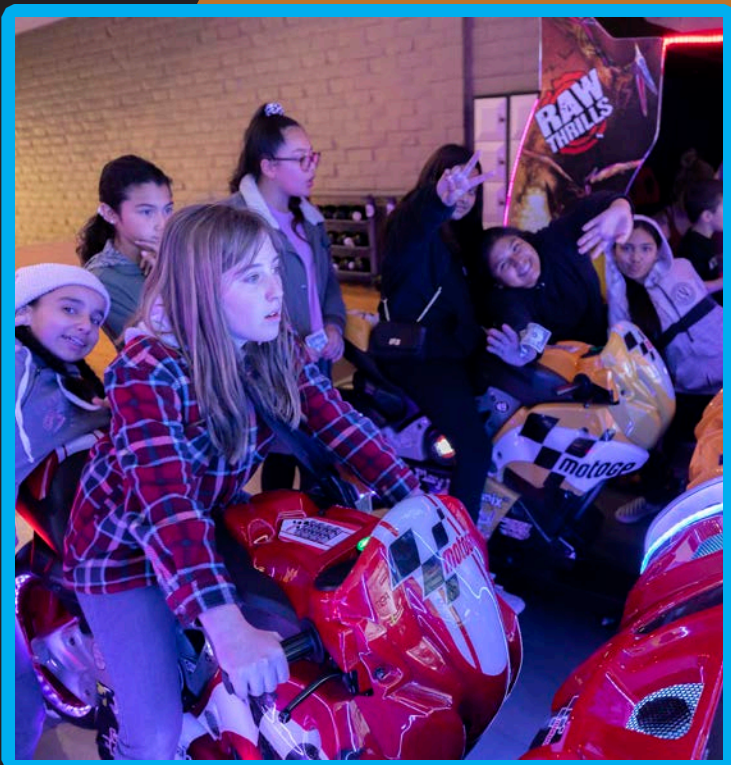
# December 2018







# Saddleback Lanes





February 22, 2019



February 22 was a special day. It was bowling day. It was supposed to be a day when the AVID kids in Mr. Gerow's class went to Saddleback Lanes, played a couple bowling games, and then left. While I wish I could end it here there was a little more to bowling day than that.

First, we all went to the Carl's Jr. next to the bowling place to eat quickly then bowl. Also, while was there people started to get into groups for bowling. I figured I better start doing that too. I got in a group that consisted of a couple people, I think it was Nelson, Anthony, Angel, and a kid from first period AVID named Juan. The main event that happened here was that the cashier did not give me my dollar of change. Although I

probably made a big deal about it, but I got my one dollar of change in the end.

Then after that we went to Saddleback Lanes. When we got there, we did not bowl right away. Our bowling session did not start for another hour, so Mr. Gerow let everybody go to the arcade for the hour. While we were there, I spent most of my time on two games the shooting game and the candy game. The candy game is probably what I spent the most time on. The candy bars inside the candy machine were full sized and the small "fun-sized" one so it was a big deal. I would wait for somebody to add one more candy bar to the pile, and then try to get pile to fall. I wasted four bucks on that.

After the arcade Mr. Gerow told everybody it was our time to bowl. So, everybody went there, got into groups (or groups they already made), and started to bowl. Bowling there was fun. Although my group probably could have played more rounds if me and Nelson hadn't been repeatedly going back to the arcade to the candy machine to add more candy bars to the pile. I wasted two more bucks on that. The main event here was when we got the big pile of candy to fall. It was a little disappointing because only about half of the pile fell which was about six or seven candy bars, but it was still worth my six dollars. Nelson and I split the candy and went back to bowling.

The best thing that happened while bowling was that I got my first strike. Although a couple other people got strikes too, I was kind of proud of mine it because it was my first strike ever. I bragged about it a lot.

Maybe I should not have bragged about it because my friend Emmanuel got two strikes while I only got one. Anyway, after that Mr. Gerow said we were all going to start leaving, but before we left, we all took a big group picture, and then we left.

The moral of the story is do not brag about your accomplishments someone could always bypass them. Also always keep an eye on the candy machine, you may just get the big pile to tumble down.

Kingston Nash



This story begins with Bee, Gali, Annabelle and me running to Mr. Gerow's room after school on February 22. We were so excited to go bowling that we were literally sprinting to Bee's locker to get my bag. After we got my bag, we meet everybody at the stairs where we were waiting for the bus and Brianna's mom to bring her bag. At this point we have only been waiting for like three minutes and Brianna is starting to freak out because she thought her mom had forgot about bringing her bag to her. So, as the good friends that Annabelle, Gali and me are we calmed her down and to not worry because her mom would not forget. Finally, Brianna gets her bag and calms down. Then it's time to get on bus to head to Saddleback Lanes.

The bus ride was like forty-five minutes long. I sat with Gali. Most of the bus ride me and Gali played games like hangman. Then Brianna

brought out her rainbow looms and we made bracelets. Gali didn't know how to make one so I made it for her. It did not take me long because Gali has a small wrist. Now we were just relaxing and looking out the window admiring our surroundings. Then we saw that we had stopped in front of a Carl's Jr.

As soon as I knew that we were going to eat Carl's Jr I knew what I was going to order. A kids' meal 9-piece chicken stars with CrissCut fries. But to my surprise that is not what happened.

I said, "Hi can I have the 9-piece chicken stars with CrissCut fries please?"

Employee, "Oh sorry we only have a 3-piece."

I said, "Oh that is okay I will just have that."

I was not okay; I knew I was going to be hungrier than that and I was right. After I finished my kids' meal me and Gali got back in line and order some more CrissCut fries. I was pleased now. Then it was time to hoop on the bus and head to Saddleback Lanes.

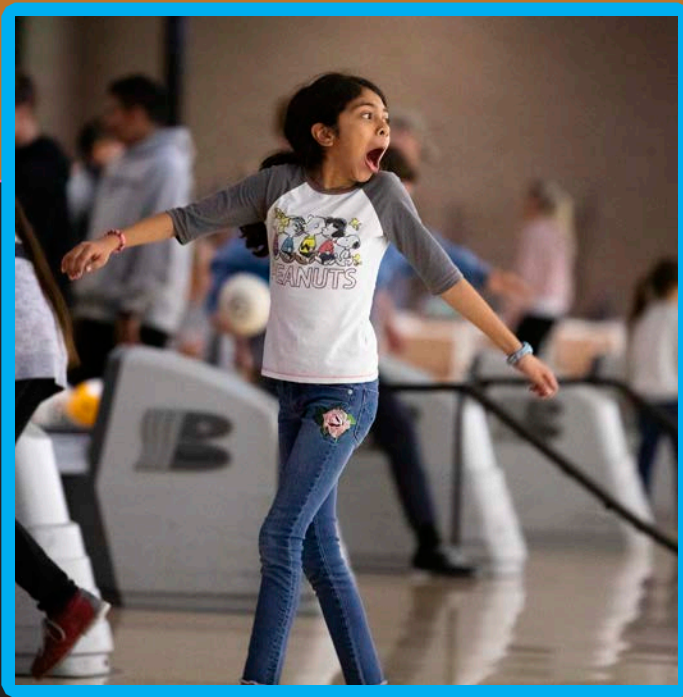
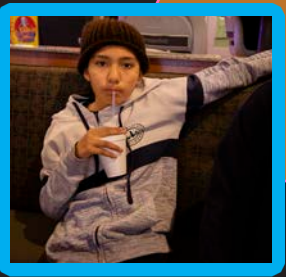
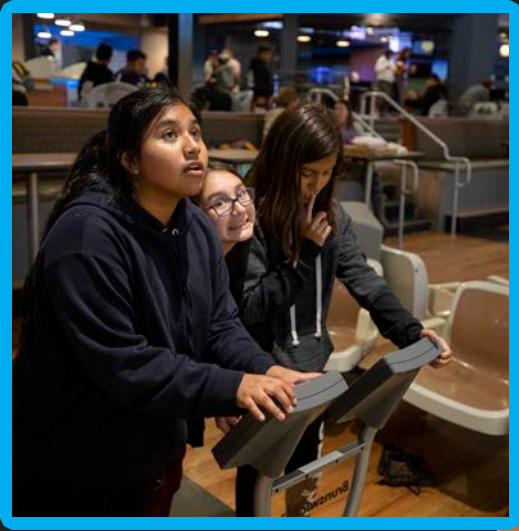
We got to the bowling place and were surprised to see some familiar faces from our elementary school and we totally freaked out and got in trouble for being too loud. Before we started to bowl, we had a couple minutes to play some games. Gali went straight to the basketball hoop. I went to try the candy game. After that we all got to go on the duck game. We all ended up with a different color duck and a souvenir to remember the trip. Then it was time to bowl! We went to go get our shoes. In our lane we had Jatziri, Gali, Bee, Annabelle and me. The one thing that I could remember is when I got a strike. I was so proud of myself. All of us together were very loud because we got excited. Then Gali had to leave so we said goodbye to her. Then we continued to bowl for like thirty minutes then it was time to put the stuff away.

We put away our balls and shoes and me and Bee realized that we were in a mood for a snack. So, we very quickly when to the vending machine to get something. Brianna got Airhead candies and I got a Dr. Pepper. After we all when outside to take an AVID photo with Saddleback lanes at the top. Then the bus came, and we headed home. On the bus ride I sat with Brianna and Annabelle. Then we got to the school and got our backpack out of Mr. Gerow classroom and waited for our parents. This was my favorite field trip. So far.

The moral of the story is that you can never trust Bee, Gali, Annabelle or me too be quiet somewhere.

Mia Garcia





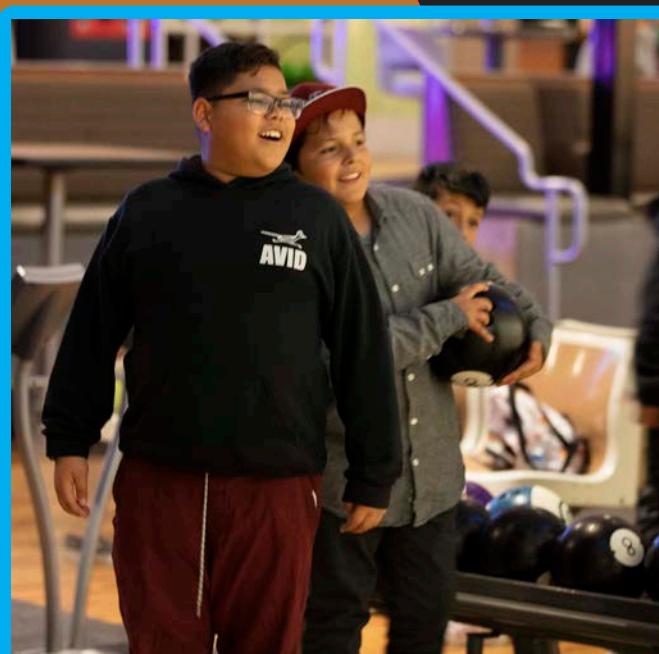
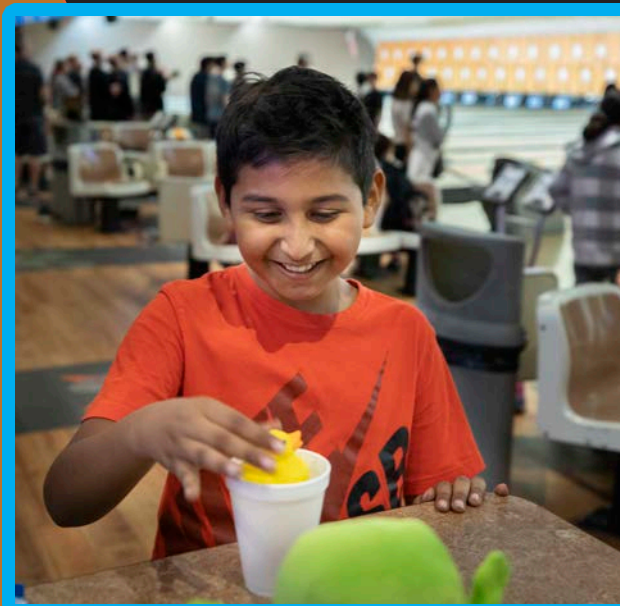




On February 22, 2019, it was bowling night in Saddleback Lanes Angel and I got out of the bus we waited in line at Carl's Jr. and when we got our food, we looked for a table, and then we began to eat. Then Mr. Gerow told us to not touch anything and get in slowly and quiet when we got in Saddleback Lanes the manager told us to pick our bowling shoes and bowling balls when we got our bowling shoes and bowling balls we got on the track and we started bowling while I was bowling I compared my points to Angel, Ozzy, Josue, Tato, Joshua and It looked like I had fewer points so when It came to my turn I threw the ball straight and fast when I threw It I saw I had hit a home run and I started to catch up to Joshua and Ozzy. When

Saddleback Lanes was about to close, we got out of Saddleback Lanes and took a group picture. On our way back Angel and I were playing stickman and telling each other Jokes and we were mostly talking about how fun Bowling was and I could not believe how my friend Tato won. When we were almost at school, Mr. Gerow told us to take out our phone and call our parents to tell them we were almost at school. Some of my classmates learned how to Bowl and some of them learned to have fun with each other when I started to Bowl my heart was pounding so hard because It was my first ever Bowling so I wanted my shot a night to remember. I learned how to bowl and spend time with my classmates and friends, but I also learned bowling with a friend is even more fun. I learned bowling with classmates and spending time with friends is fun.

Javier Espinoza



On February 22, after school we got on the school bus and drove to Carl's Jr. Then when we got there, we ordered our food. Once we had ordered our food I sat down with Valeria, Vanessa, Emerald, and Lizeth. We finished our food and since Valeria had gotten a soda cup. She started scaring us by telling us to look in the straw and then squishing it. It had turned out that the cup was empty. We learned to not look inside a cup if someone is holding it. We also learned that if we do look inside the cup we will be surprised by the results.

Stefany Vazquez



On February 22, we went to Saddleback Lanes. When we got there Mr. Gerow was calling the elementary schools we went to. Eduardo decided to go we Del Obispo when he went to Kinoshita. So, the kids from Kinoshita got off the bus last. Then we ordered. Natalie ordered a double cheeseburger. America and I ordered chicken tenders and fries. Then America, Natalie, and I sat at the same table. Then we entered Saddleback Lanes. We had some extra time, so we played arcade games. Then it was time to bowl. Mr. Wood was also there. We were bowling and Julie decided to use the phone that belongs to Ana and Mr. Gerow took the phone away. Then after the phone was taken away. We started to bowl, and I won the first round and we did not get to finish the second. Then it was time to leave. Then we took a picture and some lady just came into the picture. I learned how to throw a bowling ball correcting.

Brianna Carvajal



# Hoosegow Day

MARCH 22, 2019



Hoosegow Day took place at Marco Forster Middle School, and it started at 3:25 PM on March 22, 2019. The characters in this story are Ana, Julie, and I. The first thing that happened was when we arrived, we heard music and Ana wanted to dance so she went on stage. Then other people saw Ana on stage, and they decided to join her. Next we tried to find tickets for a game where you get a little ball and hit the target, and if you hit the target the bucket of water would fall on the person. I ended up throwing the ball and I missed but we paid an extra ticket to get her wet. Then there was folklorico dancers, and Ana wanted to dance with them, so she went right next to them to dance and Mr. Gerow told her to get out of their way. After a guy that worked there kicked Ana out and her mom got mad for her getting wet. We then went to the field where the sun was for Ana's clothes could get dry. We learned that we shouldn't go anywhere with Ana.



Leslie Marquina

On March 22 it was Hoosegow Day. Emily, Chelsea, Daylani and I met up at the blacktop. We looked around and saw a variety of activities and foods. We first went to get pizza and we sat down and talked. Then we got some lemonade and it spilled on me and I got mad. We got some samples for Chapstick and soap and we played around. We went to the field and talked, made Tik Toks (music videos), and we made jokes. Then all of us went to play a balloon popping game and a ring toss game. We walked into Hugo and Stone and their hair was blue and they had hearts painted on their faces, they then started dancing and I couldn't stop laughing, my stomach started hurting from laughing too much. We took a bunch of pictures and we played snake on our phones. Daylani and Emily then left so me and Chelsea went to get some cotton candy. My sister ate it all and I got mad at her. I was getting sick, so I then left and so did Chelsea. I learned that to never laugh too hard or you will get a stomachache.

Jamie Reyes



It was Hoosegow day and my friend Vanessa, and I stayed after school to help. We went to Mr. Gerow's class. In the class there was an eighth grader. And she said if we can help her make posters. So, we help her make three posters.

Then she told us to go in the front of the school and hold the posters. So, then she said that she would be back in five minutes. Then ten minutes pass by so Vanessa and I got tired of standing so we taped the poster up to a tree. And the eighth graders never showed up.

After that we went to the carnival to get food. Ana Banana and Juliana were dancing, and they threw a hat in my direction and the hat made my tamale fall on the ground. But I got ore food. And I got sugar cookies from the cake walk.

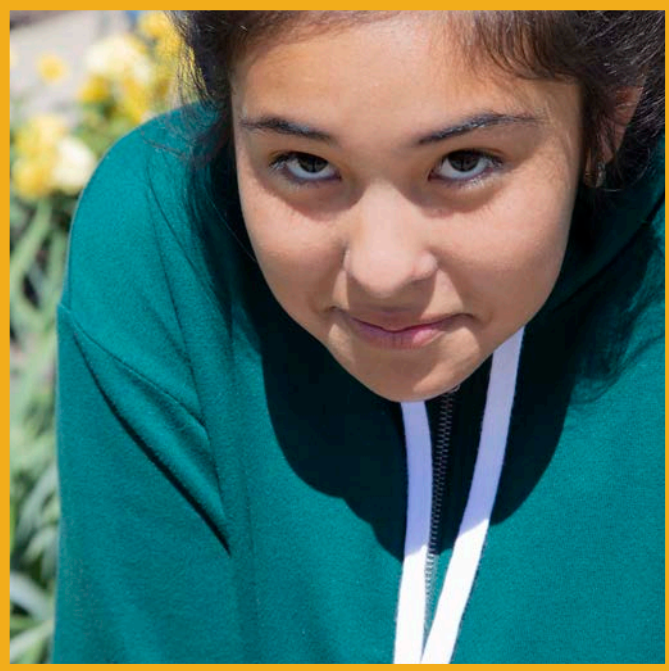
Then we went to the escape room. Ana, Vanessa, a little girl and I were waiting in line and some friends from fifth grade came out of the room and they told us the answer. When it was our turn, we pretended that we didn't know but after two minutes we told them the answer and the helper really surprised.

After that Vanessa and I took many photos and we ate a lot of food. Then we had so many tickets left we got a face paint. Vanessa got one in her face and it looked horrible. So, she went to the bathroom to wipe it off and her face. Her face was a purplish color. And that was a good day. Moral of the story don't trust eighth graders or Ana with a hat.



Valeria Solorio







It all began on a normal day when we were going on a field trip on April 17, 2019, to Cal Poly Pomona on the bus ride with Mia, Gali, Annabelle, and me. It was before school; Mia and I were at my locker putting our things away.

“Hey, guys,” said Gali when she arrived.

After we were done, we went back to Mr. Gerow’s room to get the day started. When it was time to leave Gali, Mia, Annabelle, and I went to get our stuff out of the lockers. We saw our first-period teacher and said goodbye.

“Bye Mr. Jimenez don’t miss us too much,” said Gali.

When we got on the bus I sat with Mia and Gali sat with Annabelle. Mia had some flashcards to write on. We gave a flashcard to Gali and Annabelle so they wouldn’t be bored. Mia suggested that we play hangman and it was fine by me. We played hangman for a little bit and we were talking to Gali and Annabelle when we were playing hangman.

“Hey, I have a great idea. Let’s see, whoever can start crying first wins” Mia suggested.

So, Annabelle, Mia, Gali, and I were all trying to make ourselves cry. Mia was so concentrated on making herself cry that I started laughing so hard that tears started forming in my eyes. I thought I was going to win but you had to have a physical tear running down your cheek, nobody won. We were all still dying of laughter when we stopped, and we all went back to playing hangman. I gave Mia the title of the book we were using, and she only got “The.”

“I have no idea what this word is. Why did you give me such a hard one?” Mia said.

“I did not it is like the easiest one. The word is The Giver” I told her.

“Oooooooh,” she said.

The moral of the story is that Mia can have some crazy ideas and the things that are most obvious can slip her mind.

Brianna Diaz

It was April 17, 2019, a great day to go on a field trip. I was so excited, but tired, so I fell asleep on the bus with Annabelle by my side, on our way to Cal Poly Pomona. “Finally, food” Mia said with excitement, as we all ran toward the food court with hunger. Mia and Brianna craved Taco Bell while Annabelle and I craved for Carl’s Jr. “They got my order wrong!” Brianna said with disappointment. Once we all finished our food it was time to head back to where Mr. Gerow was. “My legs hurt,” Annabelle said while we were walking to our next site to see. “Are we almost there?” I said. “Wait a second... are those horses!” Mia said with excitement while jumping in the air. “Horses!” I said while running toward these amazing animals. “Oh my gosh, they’re so cute,” we all said. For a while, we got to watch and take photos of the horses, but somebody’s voice said it was time to go back to school. “Let’s go, everyone, we have to get back so we could get to school on time,” Mr. Gerow said making us all disappointed. “That was the best field trip ever!” I said with a yawn. “Do you want to go back to sleep on the way back like we did on the way there?” Annabelle asked me. “Yeah I’m really tired from all that walking,” I said. So then once we knew it we were back at Marco Forster Middle School. I learned that I or any AVID student should never miss a field trip because you never know how exciting any place can be.

Galilea Pedraza





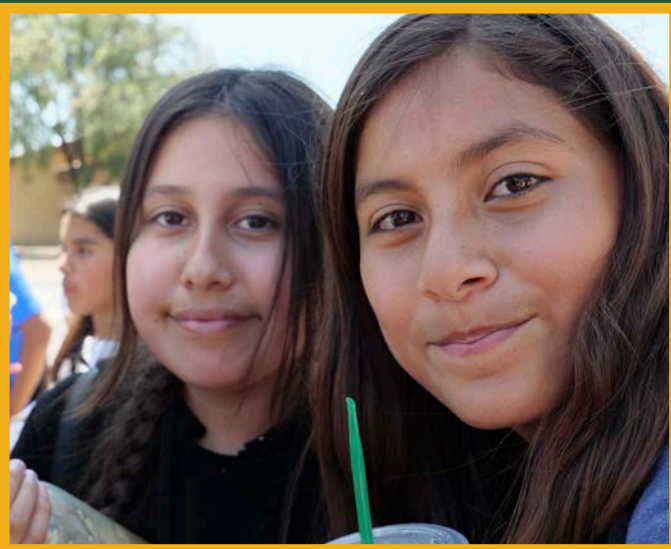




On April 17, 2019, first and zero periods hopped on a bus and were one hour away from Cal Poly from our school. It was the whole AVID class we had memories with. We hopped off the bus and went for a potty break. We then hung out outside for a good ten minutes while Rob was doing some stuff in something that looked like an office. Then we were headed to the greenhouse. We saw animals like alligators, catfish, a huge lizard, and a bull python, we next went to an organization called MASA. MASA stands for Mexican American Student Association. There were two guys teaching us history about Cal Poly Pomona. After that, we were going to be headed for food, but we found a hill. We ended up

rolling down the hill. We then found Mr. Gerow with zero period, and we tried to run and hide away from them. We then got caught but after we went to go eat. I ate Carl's Jr. as well as, well almost the entire class. We then went to other places. Then we had to leave. We were headed back to school and unfortunately, we returned to school early. But at the end of the day, I learned that it is more fun to be with the right friends to have a good time.

America Reyes



On April 17, 2019, first and zero period sixth-grade AVID went to Cal Poly Pomona. When we got on the bus it was an hour-long drive until we got onto their campus. First, we took a ten-minute walk and then we went to a greenhouse and saw many types of plants and animals. After a few stops to different places, we went to go have lunch. After lunch, we went to go see the horses. Some of the horses were friendly so we got to pet them. In the end, we got on the bus and drove back to school. The moral of the event is to have fun going to different stops about different subjects so that you can learn more about it.

Emerald Gomez







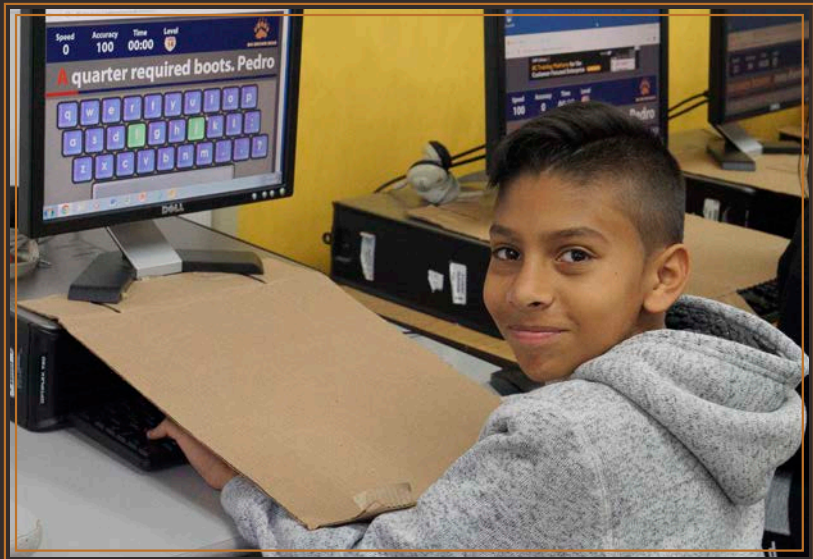
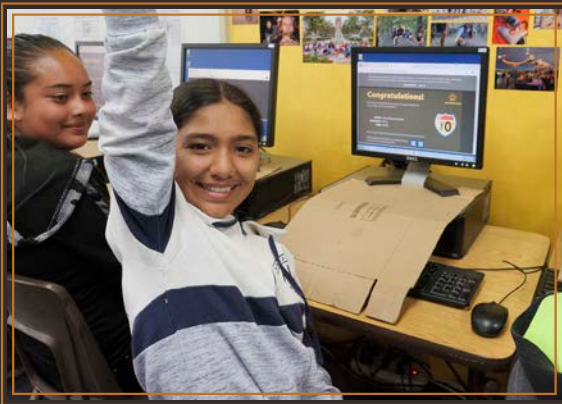
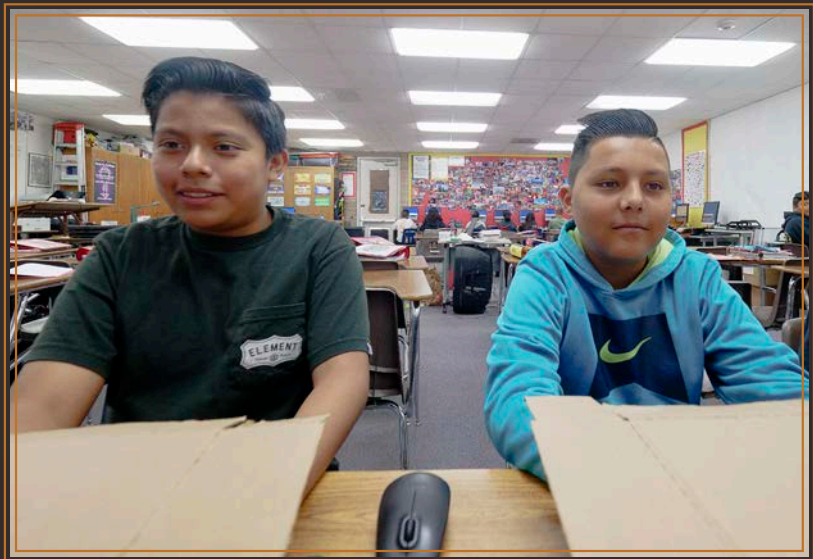
# Learn to Type



Choose an exercise to practice

Remember that the lessons are in order so only try the level once you have completed the earlier ones

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K E Y B O A R D I N G



It was May 20, 7:30 am, zero period had just begun, and we were going to take our typing test at 7:56. I had Dalila to my right and Galilea to my left. In the short period of time that we had, until we had to take the Level 12 keyboarding test, all three of us started to practice. Almost every time I practiced, I got a "Congratulations!" Galilea and I were racing while Dalila watched to see who would win. We all had a lot of fun. Then before I knew it, it was 7:56. All three of us were nervous but a bit confident in one another. Once the test started, we all began to type. The only sound in the room was the clicking of the keys when I finished, but I got a good try and so did Galilea.

After failing twice, I retook the typing test for the third and final time in which I barely passed with a ninety-one percent accuracy. Anything below ninety-one and I would have failed. The lesson learned was that I need to try and try again, and at one point I will succeed.

Azalea Ortiz

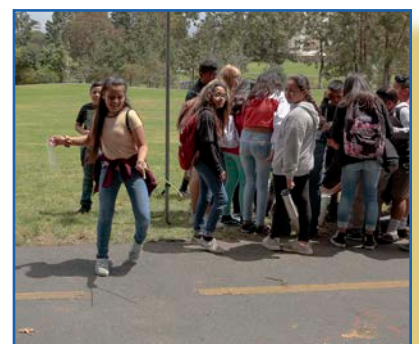
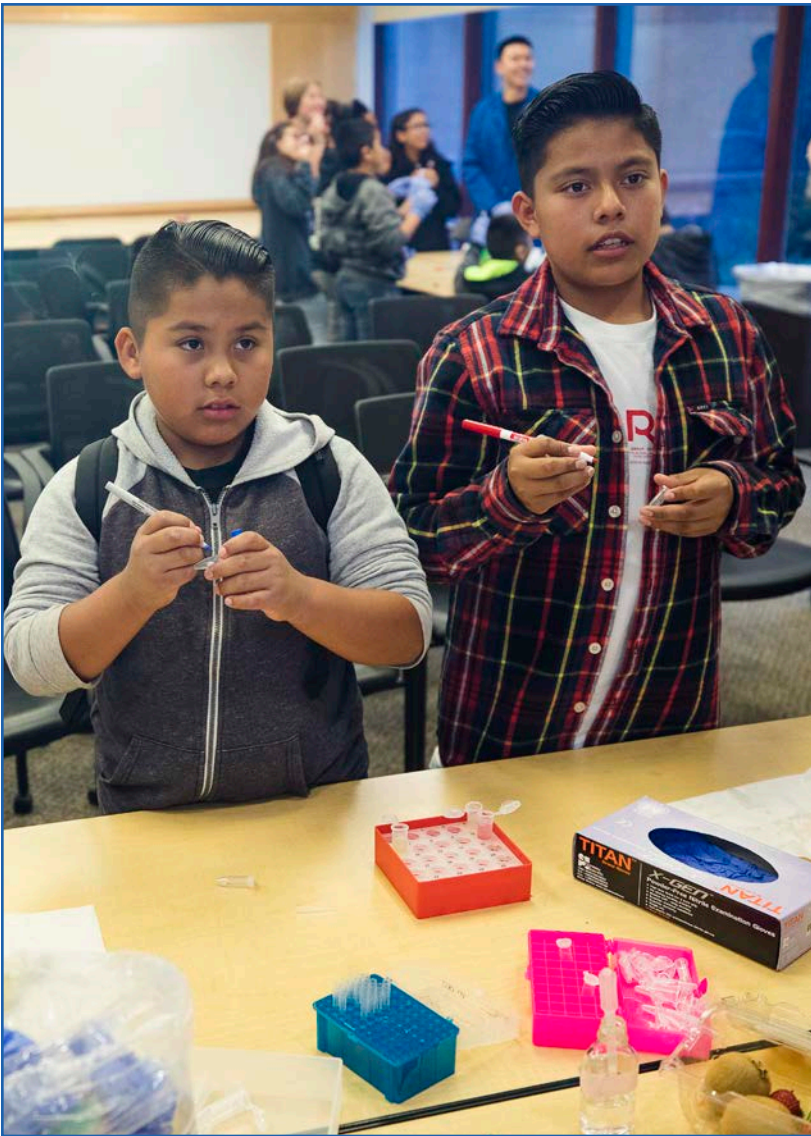












On May 21, 2019, our AVID class went on a field trip to UCI. First, we went to Mr. Gerow's class to eat breakfast. Then once everybody was in the class, we all headed to the front of the school for the bus. Beth, Marleen, America, Emely, and I planned to sit around each other on the bus, so we did.

Once we arrived, Randy, our main math CEO teacher, introduced us to the first class that we were heading to. We went to a "making drawings into sounds" class and we got a little snack from them. That class showed us how to export any kind of drawing and make it into music.

After that class, we went to our regular math CEO class. In there, we were learning about DNA and cells. We also got a chance to find out a strawberry's DNA. They made us get into separate groups with different teachers.

We then went for a walk around the UCI campus. We bumped into these three electricity groups and we got to learn about energy and heat. We also did three different projects including everything that we learned such as molecules.



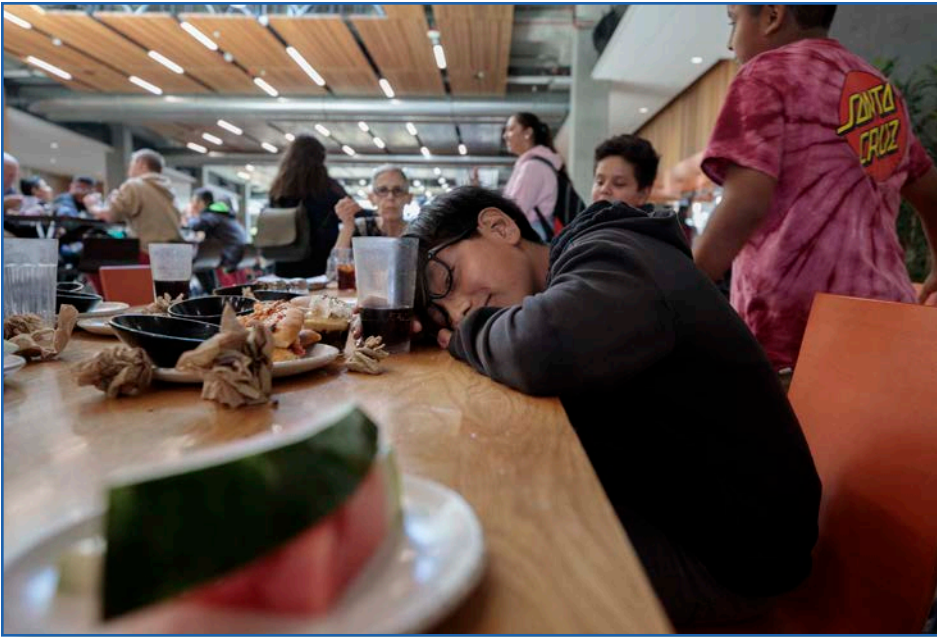
Everybody started getting hungry while we were doing our projects, so we headed to the Anteater, UCI's cafeteria. The whole class was confused and hesitating on what to get. Everybody was going to each station and grabbing everything that they saw. Beth, Marleen, America, and I were starving to death, so we got like two bowls of fries, pizza slices, and lemonade. We all finished our dishes and we were so full.

Since we all finished our buffet, we felt fat since we ate a lot. We then cleaned up our table and put it into this moving machine that cleans them and takes them away. After that, we all left the Anteater since it was time to go.

I learned so much on this field trip to UCI. The campus was really nice and beautiful. I really enjoyed the field trip. I learned so much about DNA, genes, cells, and how to turn drawings into sounds.

Michelle Melo





Everyone was hungry but luckily it was lunch time. We were all rushing to the front of the line to get to the Anteaterly first. Once we were outside the Anteaterly we all ran inside and me and my friends were all in the front. Once we all got checked in, we all rushed to the food court. I was behind all my friends so by the time I got to the pizza it was gone. Then instead I got a pot pie, fries, and a hamburger. When we were all done with our food Josue was still stuffing his face with pizza and fries. Once everyone was full (even Josue) lunch had ended. We all put our dirty plates away and out drinks then we left and went to learn.

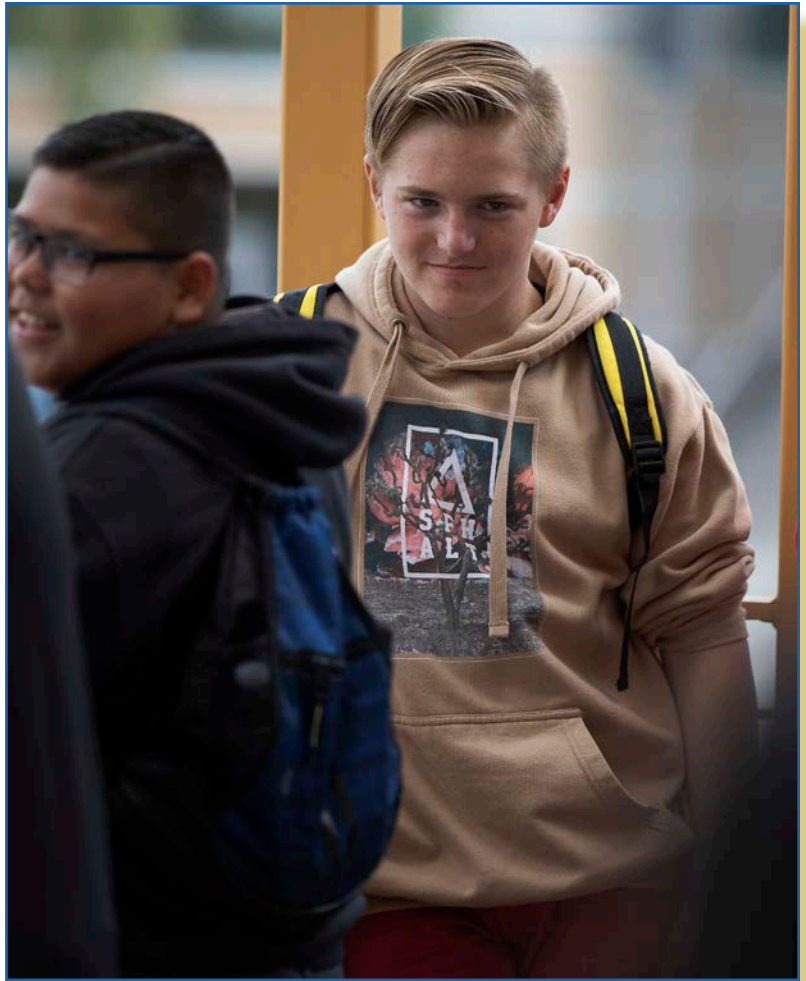
Joel Rodriguez











# BOOMERS!

June 1, 2018







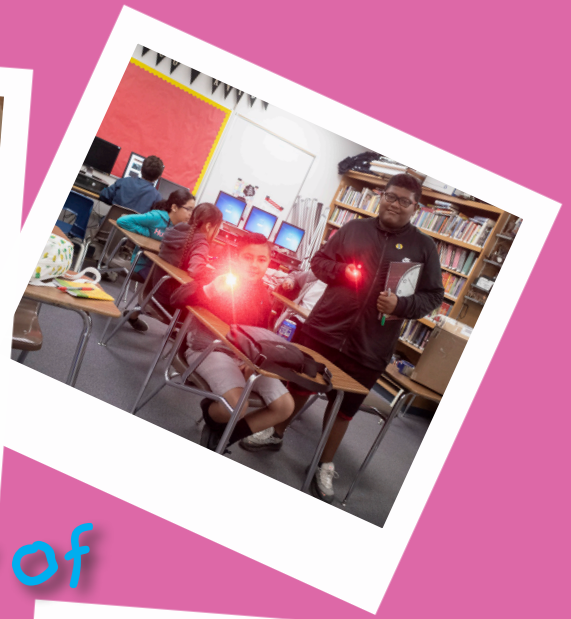


# Field Day

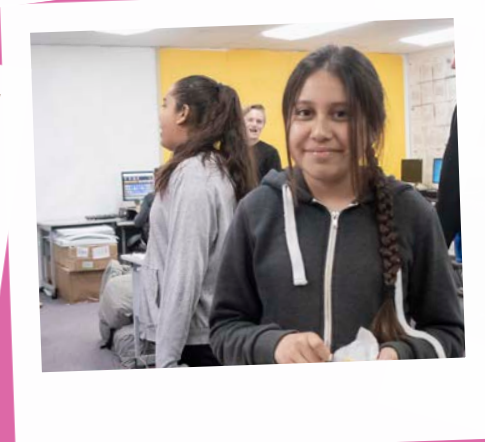
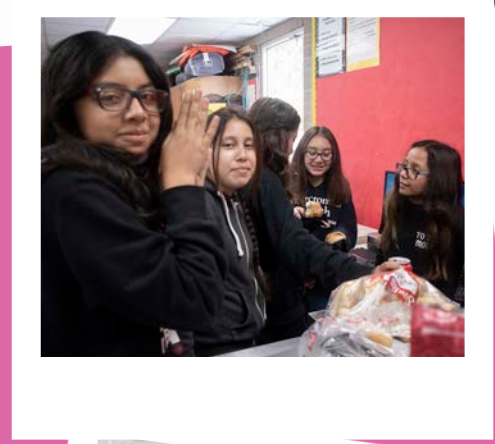
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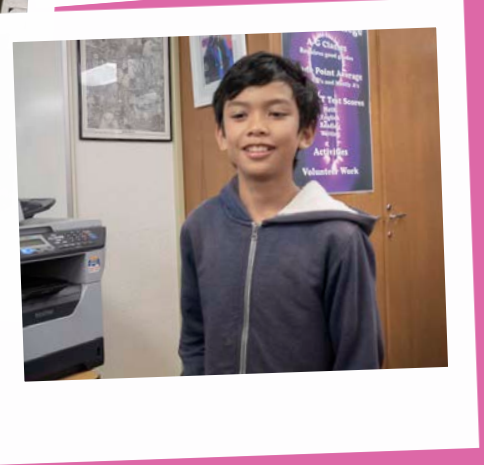




# The Last Day of 6th Grade June 6, 2019









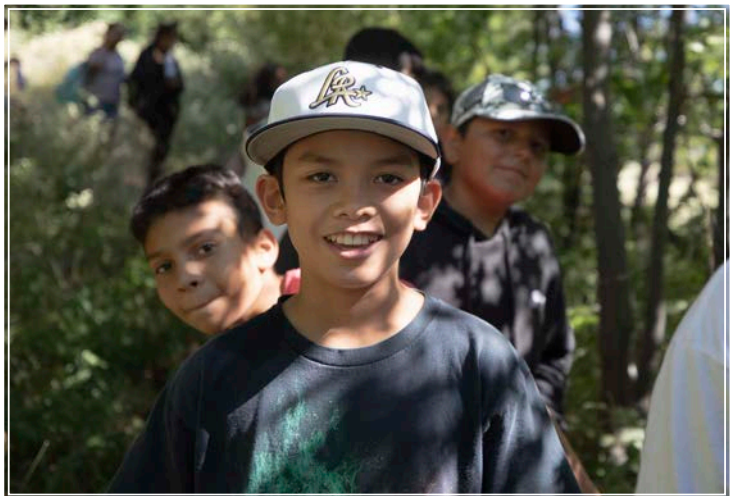
PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



It was August 12, 2019, 7 PM at Palomar Mountain. We were on a hike when Julie fell and twisted her ankle. She almost fell off the cliff. Julie kept laughing at herself for falling even though we were kind of worried because she could have fallen off the cliff, but yeah it was kind of funny. When we came back from the hike, we were eating dinner and playing games when Leslie said, "oh we should go sit over there by the log," so we all went to sit. While we were playing lemonade, Leslie was being followed by a bee because she had a sweet drink. So, Julie, Michelle, and I ran to our tent, and Leslie and Marlene ran to theirs. Then it started to get late, so we went to go take a shower. When everyone came back to the tent, we got bored then all of a sudden Michelle started humming the song "Nunca Es Suficiente" and next thing you know Michelle dancing in the tent pretending it was her Quinceañera while the rest of us are singing "Nunca Es Suficiente." It got kind of hot in the tent, so we went outside, and Julie and I went to go get water. While we were getting water, we heard something in the woods and Julie was like "Dios mío, es probable que El Cucuy" we started laughing, but we were scared so we ran back to our tent. Later around 10 pm we were supposed to be asleep, but we were not tired, so we started spilling tea. While we were spilling tea, someone came and pushed on our tent. We were all scared yet Natalie was sleeping soundly. Mia, Julie, Michelle, and I were about to go to sleep when Coco woke up nauseous. So, we called Mrs. Diaz and she took Coco on a walk. Then it was midnight, when we were all sleepy so we went to sleep, but then Julie's ankle started hurting again, and we told her "see that's why you should not have been doing twirls like a ballerina," she was laughing and then crying because her ankle hurt really bad. So, we called Mrs. Diaz again and she brought Julie ice. Mrs. Diaz was chilling with us in the tent when Marlene came crying because she had a panic attack. So, all of us were awake but Natalie. About 25 minutes later everyone felt better, so Marlene went back to her tent and we went back to sleep. But just when we thought everyone was fine Coco was nauseous again, so we had to get Mrs. Diaz again. Anyways it was fun.

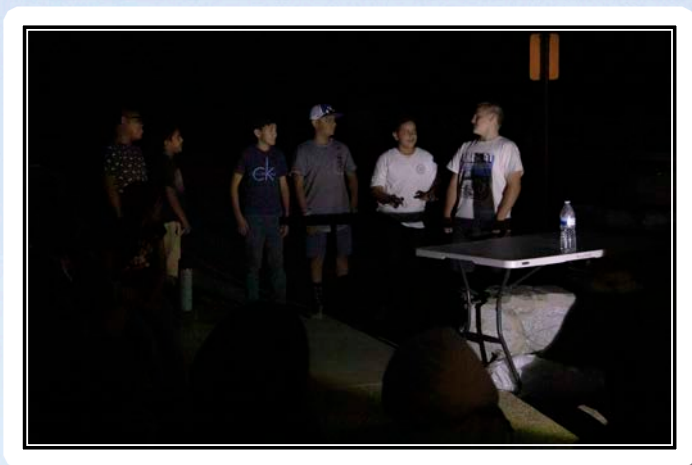
Daniella Lopez













On August 11, 2020 I went to Palomar Mountain for AVID camp. When we arrived at the campsite our first task was to set up our tent. It took a bit of time since we had never set up a tent before. Once we got the tent up, we put our sleeping bags and luggage inside. After a while of trying to make room we went to play volleyball for a while. Then Mr. Gerow announced that we were going on a hike. On the hike Julie fell multiple times. Not only did she fall but many others slipped on the rocks. But Julie fell most of the hike. The hike was about two hours long. After the hike we ate some food and hung out a bit. Then it was time to get ready for bed. Once everyone finished taking a shower and changed their clothes they went into their tent. About three hours after we were asleep, I woke up and saw Julie crying. I asked what was wrong and she said that her ankle hurt. Then Michelle and Mia woke up. After a while of telling Julie that we need to tell someone. While Mia and I went to go to Mrs. Diaz tent we also saw BD and she said that Marleen was having trouble breathing. We told Mrs. Diaz that Julie was hurt so she went to our tent and said that Julie's ankle was swollen. So, the moral of the story is if you go hiking expect to fall multiple times.

Gabriela Cruz-Hernandez







Joining AVID in seventh grade I did not know these AVID students like they knew each other. I was not prepared for what I would have to go through to get to know them better. The bus ride lasted about three hours. We arrived, exhausted from the long bus ride but excited to finally move our legs once at camp. Most students were very outgoing and welcomed me to AVID with open arms. Unprepared for the partner introduction presentation, I laughed very hard at Mia's many comments about our friendship each time I said she was my good friend and not my best friend. (She is one of my best friends). I enjoyed the hike and the company of my fellow AVID friends, the first day went rather well, although I ran into a couple of problems working the showers in which afterward, I decided not to shower until we got back. It was not until nightfall did the problems begin. I suffered from anxiety separation and even though I have it under control now, I did not know about it

very well back then. I was not ready and did not realize the anxiety building up over the few hours of the trip. I felt hurt, and I could not take the stabbing pain I felt in my chest. I could not breathe, and I wanted to throw up. I did not sleep well during the time at camp. The nights were cold, and the tents were cramped but through all the pain there was the enjoyment of having my friends around to talk to. Thanks to them and Mrs. Diaz I had a great time in AVID camp. I made it through the days learning math skills and key AVID lessons. I laughed and relaxed with my friends in the quiet forest campground, and I burned a lot of calories on the hikes. My friends helped me each night and there had always been Mrs. Diaz to calm me down after a panic attack. She had never left my side and neither did my friends, I do not know how I could ever repay them.

Coco Bush



It was August 11, 2019, and we were about to go on the bus and head out to Palomar Mountains where our journey was about to begin. "No!" I said as my friends and I got separated and could not be on the same bus due to having different class periods. As everyone got on the bus, Annabelle and I were together while Brianna, Mia, and Coco went on the other bus together. They were so far away from Annabelle and me, but we knew that we would see each other again once we arrived at . . . Palomar Mountains!

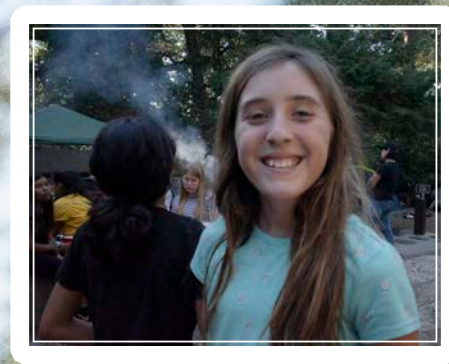
Once we arrived at Palomar Mountains Mr. Gerow separated my friends and me again! We had to build a tent with the people in our group. "Gali you're putting it in the wrong spot!" Valeria exclaimed as I moved away from the tent. This was a very challenging task but my group and I finally succeeded. After we built the tent, we had to make a handshake together to be allowed to get food. "We should start like this". Sheryn suggested. This was a very challenging task considering there were so many of us. But eventually, we succeeded but we were the last group to get food.

Finally, it was lunchtime! Everyone was so excited for food no one wanted to be last but of course, my group was last. "Food! Move out of the way!" Coco shouted as she pushed me aside. It was a great time, everyone talking while eating, smiles on everyone's face. The food was delicious, and everyone's stomach was full of tasty food.

"Everyone get ready we are going hiking!" Mr. Gerow said as he put on sunscreen and his hat. With excitement, everyone ran inside their tent and got their supplies that they needed to go hiking. While we were hiking Juliana twisted her ankle and fell to the floor. "Owww!" Juliana screamed as she collapsed to the floor. "Are you okay?" everyone asked. "No not really", Juliana said. Later Kiomy got stung by a bee. "Owww!" Kiomy exclaimed. Everyone was doing their best to comfort Juliana and Kiomy as they were injured.

It was August 13, 2019, and it was time to go back home. No one wanted to leave because we were having a really fun time together. We all got closer than we ever were. This trip to the Palomar Mountains changed everything for everyone. The theme of this story is to take every opportunity coming on one's way because a great story or adventure may be coming.

Galilea Pedraza- Payta





On the first day we got to the camp we got our groups. I was not really excited about my group because I saw the other crews and they were all close friends, I had not talked to any of the girls who were in my group in a fat minute so that got me low-key scared. The first thing we did was make a handshake, at that time I was not a people pleaser at all and I wanted everything my way so I got super annoyed when they were doing the handshake because I did not like it.

We did the handshake and we headed towards the campsite. When we built the tent everything got better and I started getting used to them, I started to communicate with them and we all had a good time. The girls were really nice and hilarious. After a while nighttime struck. We got ready for "bed" and at this point we were all comfortable with one another so we told some stories and we had a little tea time. Let us just say, we spilled all the tea.

At around 2 in the morning the girls woke up and needed to use the restroom. Annabelle said "Guys can you come with me?" and in my mind I was like "Girl I am in no way, shape, or form going to walk outside." I was paranoid of going out because it was so dark and I just always have a feeling that something was going to get me since I watch way too many scary movies. Sara went with her, then they came back and the other girls wanted to go, so we did.

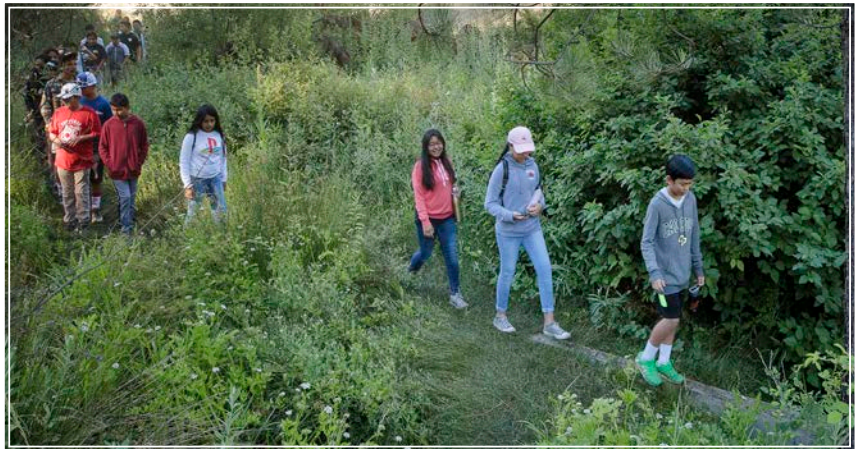
We went outside, went to the bathroom and when we walked out we saw Marleen crying and I was like girl what is going on. We all started freaking out because I wanted to scare the girls but then I ended up freaking myself out. We got back to the tent and Sara and Brianna C were playing this weird marble game that I didn't understand like it was so confusing. I said "y'all where is the bop it?" and so we played Bop it because we could not sleep at all.

We went to bed after Karina started telling us to be quiet because we didn't want to disturb her. I got up at 4 am and it was freezing, why was that? Annabelle had stolen my blanket and I couldn't wake her up so I just had to sleep like that. Morning arrived and we all talked about what happened, it was like a little reflection. We sadly packed up and it was time to head home. On the bus ride back, me and Annabelle talked and spilled the tea. The trip was sadly over but I enjoyed it.

In the end, I came to realize to not throw a fit if I get something that I am not too excited about. Everything happens for a reason and I am glad Mr Gerow put me in the group that I got. The girls were amazing and AVID Camp was a trip to remember.

Jamie Reyes







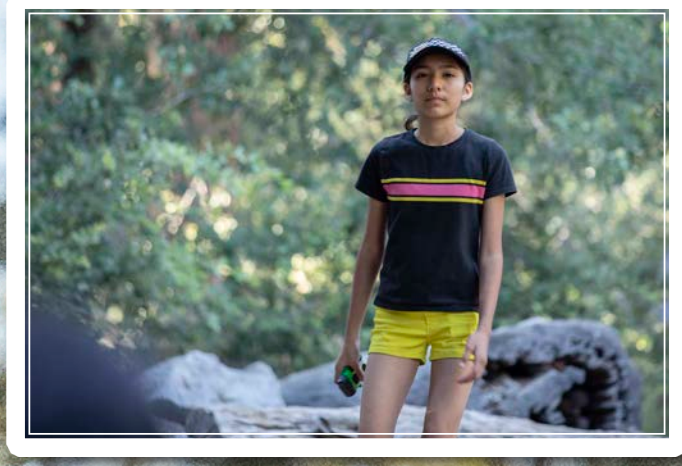
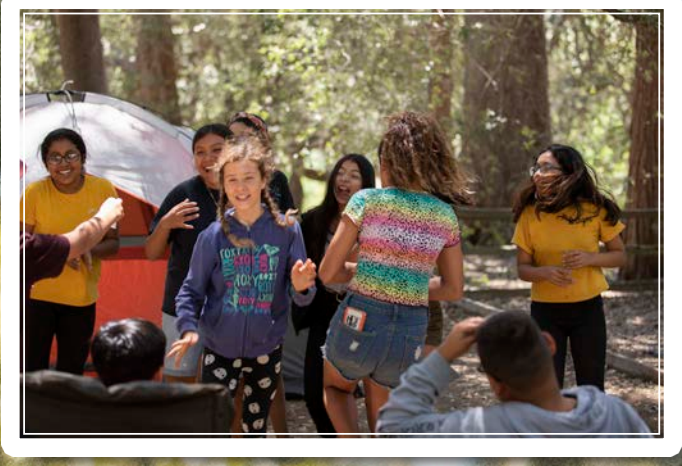


We arrived at Palomar Mountain a couple hours ago and time went by so quickly that it was nighttime already. I was getting ready to sleep after that day. When I was in the tent with everyone, we were trying to figure out how to sleep since we were the largest tent there. After that was taken care of, I had another problem which was a rock. I was trying to sleep but this rock was poking me, and it was annoying, but I forced myself to go to sleep. I was sleeping but someone got up and went to the restroom with someone else which woke me up because they made noise. Then when they came back, I went back to sleep. After a while I woke up because there was talking and laughter coming from one tent. I was awake but had nothing to do but, Josue and Brian got up so, we started to talk to pass time. Brian handed us a bar, which was good and, continued to talk. After an hour of

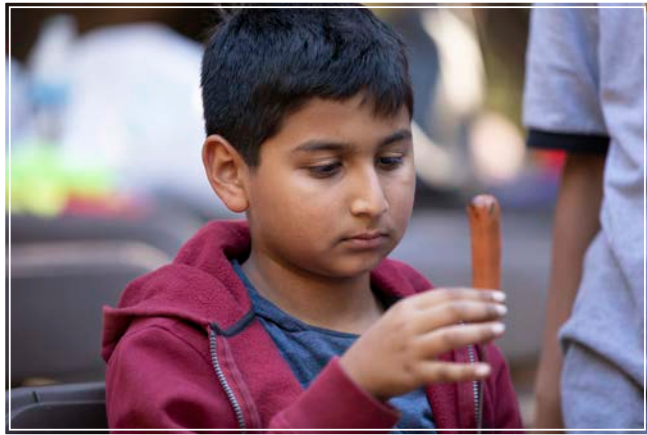
talking I went back to sleep quickly. For the rest of the night I heard nothing. I woke up thinking it was going to be nighttime, but it was morning and in my tent some people were still sleeping. The moral of this story is that a bar makes you go to sleep quicker.

Matthew Cortes











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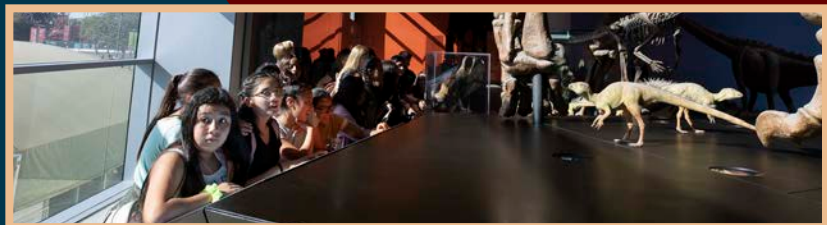






# Natural History Museum

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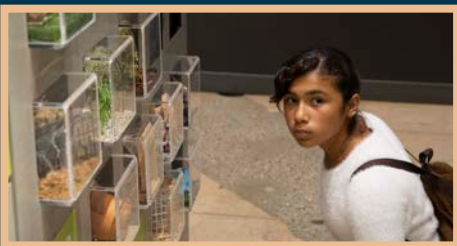


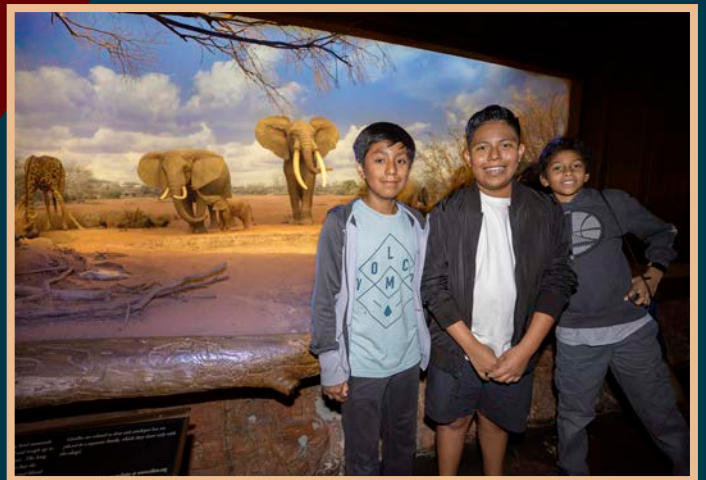
When I got up on Saturday to go to the Natural History Museum and Santa Monica Pier, I was very excited to go. I quickly got dressed and ate my breakfast, and then my mom drove my twin Dalila and me to Marco Forster Middle School. We said goodbye to our mom, and then I got in Mr. Gerow's car. Pretty soon, we were in Mr. Gerow's car. To keep us occupied, Brandon told us some funny jokes and riddles on his phone. Pretty soon, we went to the Natural History Museum. It was so epic. I learned about different historical stuff. We got to learn about dinosaurs, animals, plants, and even rocks! Pretty soon, we made our way to the Santa Monica Pier. We went to Santa Monica, and then we just sat there waiting for everybody else to come. Finally, everyone made it and then with my friends, we went to some cool rides. Later I had to help Rob take care of his granddaughter. She was adorable! We had a fun time together. I mostly went on the roller coaster, but then I got lost. I had no idea where my friends were, but then I found them on the go-carts. We went with Alezza, Manny, Javier, Dalila, Lizeth, and Brandon to the go-carts while Mr. Gerow took pictures. After that, we went back to the car. Then, Brandon and all of us told a story of fighting zombies. It was enjoyable and hilarious.

Karina Hutchinson











# PACIFIC PARK

SANTA MONICA PIER

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By Nelson Lecona







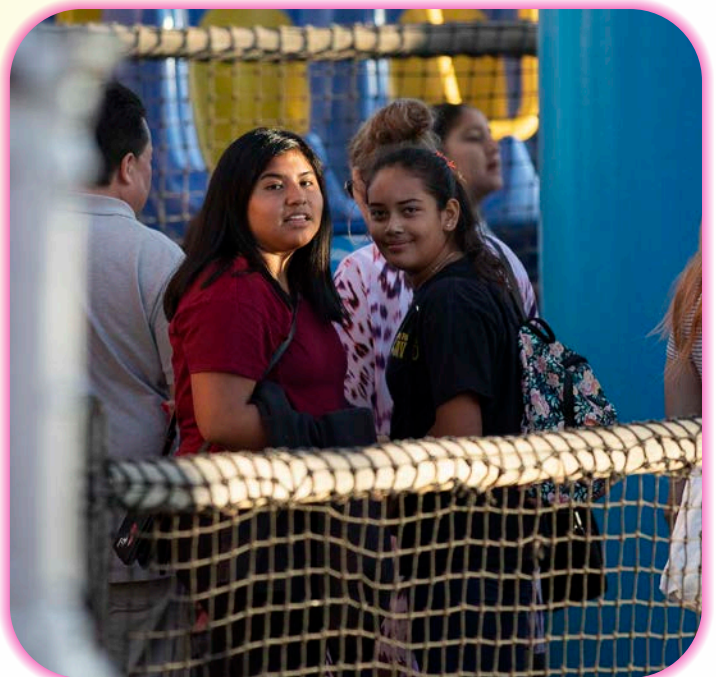


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By Nelson Lecona









My favorite event in seventh grade was going to the Natural History Museum and the Santa Monica Pier. It took place on November ninth, two thousand and twenty. The people who were part of this story were Brianna, Leslie, Marleen, Emely, Gaby, America, Karina, Julie, and Ana. It all started as getting into Rob's Van with Brianna, Leslie, Marleen, Emely, Gaby, America, Julie, Ana, and Rob's granddaughter Brookie. While we were on the way to the museum, we started to get bored. So, we turned on the radio and started singing and doing karaoke along the way, and we were spamming our phones with pictures and videos of ourselves. It felt like a party bus in Rob's Van.

Then, we finally arrived at the museum, and it was so hot outside. We all could not stand staying outside for long, but then we finally went inside, and it felt so refreshing. We took a lot of pictures at the museum as well. It was a fun experience seeing many fossils and animal structures. We then left the museum and headed to Santa Monica Pier, which was the most exciting part of the trip. We were starting to get hungry on the freeway, but good thing we had some snacks in our small backpacks, so we ate those on the way. We then arrived, and we did not know whether to either eat or go on the rides.

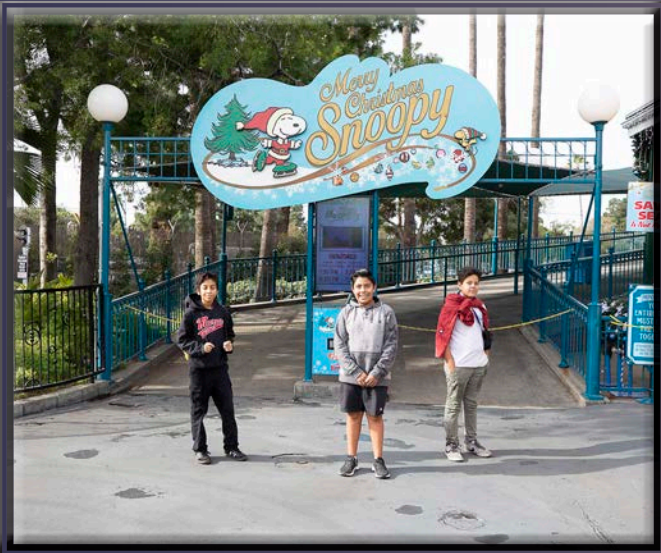
We decided that we should go on the rides and play first. We luckily went on the roller coaster first, which was nerve-racking for me since I have never gone on a roller coaster before. Then, we got on the roller coaster with Gaby, and I was sweating because of how bad I was scared to go on it. Everybody kept on persuading me to go on the roller coaster. I then decided to go on it, and Gaby and I went in line. It then was our turn to get on, and I was already scared, just buckling up. We dropped down, and I could not breathe the entire ride, and Gaby told me to hold my breath, so I do not feel much adrenaline. It surprisingly actually worked for me! I honestly liked the rest of the roller coaster, and then I went on it again, but this time with Karina. Then we went to the arcade with the whole van group, and we had such a great time. We then got hungry and went in line to order food, and we got chicken strips with French fries, which tasted so good. We then left to go back to school in Rob's Van. I also learned that roller coasters are scary but a fun experience once you get on it.

Michelle Melo









**Knott's**  
BERRY FARM

**December 21, 2019**



I remember December 21, 2019 like it was yesterday, the day we went on our Knott's Berry Farm field trip. I was so excited on the morning of our field trip, mainly because Mia's birthday was the next day. Although we had so much fun throughout the day, the highlight of our day happened towards the end. We met up with some of the chaperoning teachers because Annabelle had already left. It was just Mia and me. We decided to go find our teacher chaperoned, including my mom. We found her with Mr. Martinez and Ms. Ortega, who were standing by the ride Supreme Scream.

"Hey, can you take me to the bathroom so I can change my shorts?" asked Mia.

"Sure," I replied.

We had gone on a water ride before meeting up with my mom and the rest of the teachers, and we were soaked from head to toe. After Mia finished changing out of her wet clothes, we decided to sit down and relax. The teachers asked us questions about how school was going, if we liked all of our classes, and other questions. Mia and I got thirsty, so we went to a stand that sold sodas and waters. When we returned, the conversations continued.

"Have you guys rode on Supreme Scream yet?" asked Mr. Martinez.

"No, but I want to," I replied.

"Same," said Mia.

"We should go ride it!" I exclaimed.

Mia was skeptical at first, but then she agreed to go with me. We got in line, and it was not long at all. As we got closer and closer to the front, I got nervous. We got to the front of the line, and now Mia was nervous. It was our turn to wait on one of the numbers.

"I am so scared," I said.

"It will be fine," Mia said with a nervous tone.

We got on the ride, and it started to go up. I closed my eyes and rested my head on the side of the metal bars, and held on tight. We were slowly rising to the top.



"Brianna, Brianna, Brianna, Brianna," Mia repeated. I said nothing while smiling and still in the same position.

"OMG, OMG, OMG," screamed Mia.

I still said nothing. We got to the top, and I was so scared of the drop. My heart was pounding in my ears so loud, I was actually more nervous than I thought I would be. Fog shot out of the ride's top, and three seconds later, we heard a hissing sound, and we dropped. I opened my eyes and could hear Mia screaming at the top of her lungs, and I laughed. The ride shot us back up again for another drop.

"That was actually not that bad," said Mia.

I continued to laugh, and the ride slowly started going down. The rest of the day, I was so happy that I went on that ride without regrets. I was pleased to conquer something I was scared of at first.

By Brianna Diaz





This story takes place at Knotts Berry Farm on December 20, 2019, at 10 AM. The characters in this story are Jose, Jorkaeff (Tato), Javier, Me (Anthony), and Brandon J. Beck. Now we meet some of the boys talking to each other.

“Hey guys, how are you,” said Jose.

“I’m excited about this, how about you guys,” exclaimed Tato. Tato was excited because some of his friends never went to Knotts and wanted he to show them some of the rides. Anthony came up to the group.

“What are you guys talking about?” said Anthony. Anthony barely arrived and wanted to know some things that would happen on the trip.

“Hey, we are just talking about how excited we are for this field trip,” Responded Tato.

“Oh, you guys want to stick as a group because it is more fun,” answered Anthony. Everybody in the group agreed, and they went on the bus. The boys went to sit down and talked to each other. Some of them went to their phones and others listened to music, because it was a very long bus drive. The students arrived at Knotts, and they said a gigantic line. They followed directions from the teacher and waited to get checked by security. When they were finished, the students waited around to receive their tickets. Anthony wanted to know more about Knotts, so he asked a question.

“What rides are in there, and where should we go first?”

asked Anthony. Tato was thinking because he had been here before, so had Brandon.

“I do not know, maybe we should just walk around and see where we should go,” responded Tato. The teachers then gave out tickets to the students. We see the boys lose Jose.

“Where is Jose?” asked Javier.

“He probably ditched us like at the pier,” said Brandon J. Beck. The boys see Jose and regroup. After ten minutes, the boys got into the Knotts and were looking for a ride.

“Look at that. It’s so big and fast!” said Javier

“Maybe we should go there,” answered Jose. Jose pointed at the ride, and everybody except for Brandon was scared to see that. The boys were still walking around talking. They found a place to eat for later in the day, and finally, they found the first ride they took as a group.

“That does not look scary. We should go there,” said Tato

“We should let’s get in line,” exclaimed Anthony. The boys got into line, and it was a short line. They got onto the ride and sat down. The ride started, and it started slow.

“Wow, I can not believe this is the fastest it can go!” said Jose

“Maybe it will go faster,” answered Javier. Javier was right; the ride did get faster, and then they saw their worst enemy. The camera from one of the teachers.

“Guys, Mr. Gerow is here to take pictures,” exclaimed Anthony

“Why did this happen to us?” said Tato

“We should just smile, so we do not show what we are feeling,” said Tato. The boys smiled, so they did not look scared, and then the ride finished.

“That was so fun we should go on it again later, and I am dizzy,” said Brandon J. Beck. The boys went to look for another ride, and they were having a good time.

By Anthony Gallo

December 21, 2019, is one of those days I will never forget, the day we went to Knotts Berry Farm field trip. That day I woke up in such an excited mood because that day I was going to spend the day with my friends and the next day I got to see them again because we were going to celebrate my birthday. Even though Gali could not make it, we promised to have fun for her. Anna, Bee, and I had just gotten out of the line to enter Knotts, and somehow Anna had already convinced Bee and me to go onto Silver Bullet. Both Bee and I looked at each other with a concerned face, and Anna noticed but reassured us that it was not as bad as it looked. Bee and I were still a little suspicious but went with it anyway. It was finally our turn, and we got on, and I looked at Bee and Anna with a face full of fear. We all laughed, and then the ride started. I could not help but scream the entire ride while Anna and Bee were more laughing than screaming.

“Hey, that wasn’t so bad,” I said.

“Yeah, it wasn’t,” said both Anna and Bee.

All three of us burst out laughing because we all knew we were scared while riding the roller coaster. After going on a couple more rides by ourselves, we decided to meet up with Mrs. Diaz on Ghost rider, and there we saw Gabi, Alezza, Carla, and Sally. We talked with them while we waited our turn to get on. Since Anna, Bee, and I were getting a bit tired, we decided to meet up with Mrs. Josie and Jasmine and get some food.

“Hey, umm so Jasmine and I want to go ride Jaguar, do you guys wanna come?” asked Anna.

Bee and I did not want to ride Jaguar, so we decided to go on a water ride we saw on the way to where we were eating and then meet up with them later. We met up after our rides and went on a couple more before Anna, Jasmine, and Mrs. Josie had to go. We said our goodbyes, and we meet up with Mrs. Diaz, Mrs. Ortega, and Mr. Martinez. I was getting cold because my clothes were soaked, so I asked Bee if she would come with me to change. She agreed, and we went. We came back and talked to the teachers for a while about how school was going.

“Have you guys rode supreme scream yet?” asked Mr. Martinez.

“No, but I was thinking about it,” said Brianna.

I agreed with her and decided to ride it because we knew that we would regret it later if we did not. We were in line rambling about how scared we were, and before we knew it, we got called to our numbers. We got on, and Bee and I looked at each other with pure terror in our eyes. More in mine than hers.

“BRIANNA, BRIANNA, BRIANNA,” I exclaimed while the ride started moving upwards.

I waited for a response but heard nothing. I looked over and saw Bee just frozen yet smiling. I was so scared of the drop. I opened my eyes while we were at the top, and the view was amazing. But before I knew it, the ride dropped.

“OMG, OMG,” I screamed.

I was screaming while slightly laughing while Brianna was just full-on laughing. We got off the ride, and I looked at Brianna.

“It wasn’t as bad as I thought,” I said.

We burst out laughing and head back to where the teachers were. The rest of the day went by fast, we rode some rides with the teachers, and Bee and I shared a funnel cake. I am glad that I took a risk because it turned into one of my best memories.



On December 20, 2019, our AVID class went to Knotts Berry Farm. First, Jorkaeff, Javi, Anthony, and I were waiting for our tickets. It took a while, but when we got them, we ran straight in. After, we went to the gift shop to look at things, but it was too expensive, so we did not get anything. Next, we started to roam around and looking for rides that we wanted to go on. We wanted to go on the Timber Mountain Log Ride, but it was a 30-minute wait. We thought that that would be a waste of time, so we ignored the cool ride. Instead, we went on rides with short lines. A little later in the afternoon, we wanted to go on the Timber Mountain Log Ride, but the line was super long. We wanted to go on so badly that we waited in line for an hour and 30 minutes. We learned that there are fewer people in the morning, so you should go on the most popular rides first because it gets packed in the afternoon.

By Jose Del La Puente



My story takes place at Knotts Berry Farm, December 20, 2019, at 12:00. The people in my story are Karina H. Delila H., Lizeth B. Emerald, and me, Kiomy C. We were heading toward our first ride of the day, and we chose silver bullet, the second-largest ride at Knotts Berry Farm. We were all nervous and anxious, but most of all, excited. While we were in line, we played games to keep us entertained and talked about our plan for the day. Once we got closer to getting on the ride, Delilah, Karina, and Lizeth were having second thoughts, but I wasn't scared because I love big roller coasters. Once we were three people away from getting on the ride, we all had butterflies in our stomachs and were stress eating, but eventually, we were sitting on the ride, and Delilah was holding on for her life. When we were at the top of the ride, ready to drop down, all I could hear was screaming bloody murder from behind me. When it was time to go upside down, I heard Lizeth start praying behind me and more screaming from Delilah and Karina. Once the ride came to a stop, Lizeth was thrilled that she didn't decide to go on it because she had a great time, and she even wanted to go on it a second time. So, this story's moral is take a risk because you will regret it if you don't, like Lizeth would have regretted it if she didn't get on the ride.

By Kiomy Caneda

“Finally!” I screamed, “We got our tickets.”

It was December 20, 2019, a Saturday morning, and we arrived at Knotts Berry Farm. Jose, Javier, Anthony, and I got our tickets. We entered the park, and we got that smell of popcorn and food. It was deafening because we were around a silver bullet, a roller coaster that many people scream. We decided to go to the bathroom.

“So where are we heading to, boys?” I questioned.

We grabbed a map, and we started to figure out where we were going.

“I say we go to that rollercoaster,” answered Jose.

“Ok, let’s go,” agreed Anthony.

We started to walk to the rollercoaster, but we got lost.

“Wait, wasn’t that way, Tato?” questioned Jose.

“No, I remember it being on the left side,” I answered.

“How about we recheck the map?” questioned Javier.

“Ok, we are in front of the statue, oh so we have to go to the right side,” I answered.

Well, that day, we learned how actually to use a map. And we learned that landmarks are handy. And to this day, we never got lost again.



By Jorkaeff Galeana





It all started when my whole class met up at Marco early in the morning. It was December 21, 2019, and we were all ready for Knott's and Christmas. When we first arrived at Knott's Berry Farm, we needed to stretch because the ride was around an hour. After I stretched, I met up with all my friends. In the group, it was me, Josue, Ozzy, and John. We all went to get in line; then we noticed how huge the lines were, so we waited around thirty or forty minutes until we got in. Once we were in, we walked around the rides, just admiring the view.

We started small to warm up, so we got on the less extreme roller coaster, then we went up in size. Around 2 or 3, we all went to eat at this place that sold ribs and wings. When we got our food it looked good, but then we tried it, and it tasted alright. We regretted not getting burgers. After we finished eating, we went on the log ride about twenty times since it was right in front. Once we got over the log ride, we went to try some new ones. The rides we got on were Jaguar, Sierra Sidewinder, and other rides like that. It was getting pretty late, and we were getting pretty hungry, so we went to that burger place we wanted to go. We all had run out of money pretty much, so I just bought some fries. We were pretty bored, so we went on this ride that looked like a UFO.

When we were looking at it, it did not look like it was spinning too fast. Once we got on, we had found out that we were wrong. It turned so quickly that it pushed us against our seats, and we were frozen, and we could not move. We went on that ride about thirty times before we went on our final ride. It was named Calico Rapids, and it was a water ride. It was pretty much a raft going down a river that got you wet. We went on it around ten times. We all agreed that we had to leave after the last ride, so while we were on the ride, I decided to check my phone and noticed there was like five minutes before we were going to leave. We rushed back to the front entrance, but Ozzy forgot his sweater, so while John and I went ahead, Josue and Ozzy went back. When they got the sweater, we all went to the bathroom to dry up because we were wet and freezing cold. We ended up making it in time and left safe and happy.

By Joel Rodriguez



Karina, Kiomy, Emerald, Emely, Alezza, Rossivel and I walked towards the line, all excited. When we were mid-way through the line, there was a tall ride in the distance. Kiomy asked if I wanted to go on that later, and I said no. When we finally reached the end of the line, we hopped on, and my stomach was filled with butterflies. As the cart pulled up, I realized that there was no bottom, and we would be dangling from our seats. I sat next to Emerald and Emely, and we were all terrified. The rest of them were sitting in front of us, and the bravest one was Kiomy. As we slowly were moving up towards the drop, I started to panic. I immediately knew that this was a huge mistake going onto the ride. Then we sped down the track, and I was screaming like crazy. It was turning and swerving at like 70 miles per hour. My friends, who I was dangling next to, were also screaming and panicking in horror as we slowly were midway through. Towards the very last loopy-loop, I felt dead. Then the ride suddenly came to a halt. We all looked at Kiomy, who had insisted we go on the ride. "I AM NEVER GOING ON THIS RIDE AGAIN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE," I said, still a little sick from the ride. "Never again." That ride ruined my entire experience of Knott's Berry Farm. What I learned from this experience is don't judge a book by its cover, even if it looks good or fun.

By Dalila Hutchinson













My story is about the LA trip on January 18, 2020. The people in the story are America, Karina, Lizeth, Rossivel, Melissa, Rob, Emely, Gabby, and Mr. Gerow. First, I got to school. Then Mr. Gerow counted all of us. Then we got into our cars. I was in a car with America, Karina, Lizeth, Rossivel, Melissa, and Rob. Then we drove to LA. Then we got to La Brea Tar Pits. We looked around and then we went to look at the museum. Then we went to the gift shop. Then we went to Pink's Hot Dogs. The line was very long. I ordered a hot dog, french fries, and a soda. I sat with Rossivel, Melissa, Emely, and Gaby. We ate our food. After that, we went for a walk around LA. We went to different places as we passed by this huge mall. We also went to a huge gift shop. We were not there for a very long time, and it was crowded. After that, we went to the Griffith Observatory. We had to hike up this weird way America took us. Then when we got there, my stomach started to hurt. Melissa went to the restroom with me. All of a sudden, I started throwing up, but there was a line for the bathroom. Luckily I was standing right next to a trash can. Most of my throw up made it into the trash can. Mr. Gerow told us to go outside with Rob. Then he took us to the cafeteria. Then I ran into the restroom in the cafeteria. There was only one restroom left, and a lady was waiting, but I ran in. She started yelling at me but stopped when she heard I was throwing up. After we hiked back down and I threw up again. Then Rob drove us to get pizza. I did not eat, but I did play some arcade games. Then we drove back. The whole back, Rob was talking about how he's never seen a person throw up so many times in the last 1 hour. I learned what I should and should not eat. I also learned it in public.

Brianna Carvajal





















We were at Pink's Hot Dogs eating our food, and so far, it has been a good day. We finished eating and were so full, and Brianna's stomach was hurting, and I said it's probably just because we just had food. We got in the car and drove to the museum, and her stomach was still hurting. We got to the museum and hiked up the hill, and when we got to the top, she felt like throwing up a little. So I went into the museum, and Brianna was drinking her Starbucks drink, but she was lactose intolerant, and she had two of those drinks. We asked to go to the bathroom because she did not feel right. There was a long line, so we waited, and not even near the front of the line, Brianna started throwing up. We were near the trash but so how she ends up throwing up on my shoe and all around the trash can. We finally made it to the bathroom, and I was waiting for her because I did not need to go, and a pregnant woman was telling me that she did not find that gross and that it happens, and she gave me water for Brianna, but I left it in the bathroom. We went to the cafeteria with Rob and got cold water, and Brianna did not stop throwing up. Then Brianna was getting made fun of by an old Mexican woman. We waited there until it was time to go, but yet again, going downhill, she would not stop throwing up, and at the end of the day, my shoes smell like coffee. The moral of the story do not drink dairy if you are lactose intolerant on a long trip.

Melissa Ruiz

We all arrived at Pinks Hot Dogs. I have never been there before, so it would be a treat to see what it was. There was not much of a line as we arrived, so we just stood there waiting for our turn. It turns out the longer you wait, the longer the line gets, so it was long. When everyone else arrived, that is when the line got long; no one could see the end. The line was so long it was turning the corner of the restaurant. When we finally got to the front of the line, we ordered our food and found a table. Once we ate. We played a game of Mafia. As it was nearing my turn, Eduardo shuffled the deck as Niko passed out the cards. I was the killer. My job was to kill everyone without them knowing I was the killer. When it was time to vote, we all voted Matthew. He got mad, but it was just a game. Sonny was the healer, and Kingston was the detective. After everyone ate and when it was getting darker. We went to the Griffith Observatory. Even the way up was an adventure we hiked. I want to say about a mile up. I walked it all with Eduardo. We were cracking jokes, and we just forgot we were hiking. When we finally arrived, we waited a while for the other groups to show. The final group to show was the Jorkaeff group because they decided to take the bus. It turns out the bus took a while to get up, so we all got tired of waiting, and we just went inside. Yes, we could have waited a bit longer for them to show up, but we were curious about what was in there. I learned a lot about all the suns and planets. It was about half an hour after we got in before they should be up. When they finally showed up, we stayed for about an hour or more when the sun went down. What we could see was amazing. Everything was light; it was life; it was beautiful. Everything was shining like the light of Hollywood. It was amazing, but we could see this magnificent sight. What was so important about this event was that it taught me so much about how the suns are so big and how they could explode. And how the earth is just a dying rock just floating endlessly in space. And that space never stops expanding.

Gael Galeana



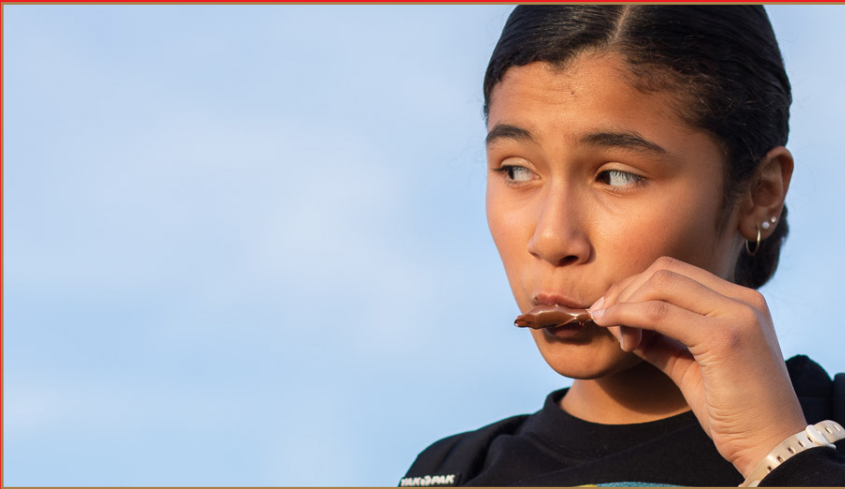












We were on the way to the top of the hill of the Griffith observatory. This was going to be our second to last stop after a long day in Los Angeles. We went to the La Brea Tar Pits, Pinks Hotdogs, and the stars on Hollywood Boulevard. When we made it up the hill, we parked on a field where the people who come to see the observatory park. We parked pretty far from the sidewalk, where it would be easier to walk up. There was a shortcut where it would take us half the time to make it up, so we took the shortcut. The shortcut was a steep, narrow trail that everybody uses to get up. Many people were waiting to go up this way, so if we were going to go up, we would have to go fast. We walked fast at first, but when we started to approach the top, Matthew stopped in the middle of the trail and started laughing for no reason and would not stop for like two minutes. Once we made it to the top, we walked the rest of the way on the sidewalk and made it to the observatory. We had to wait there for thirty minutes, so the rest of the groups would not get lost. While we were there, we learned a lot of cool things about other planets, stars, and the sun. After exploring around the observatory for about forty-five minutes, we went to the observatory roof and got to see Los Angeles bright and under the stars. After seeing the city, we started to head back down to the parking lot to go to Shakey's Pizza to have dinner. It began to get very loud when we got there, and everyone began to eat and have fun playing arcade games. If there is one thing that I learned from this experience is that educational experiences can be fun and help build memories.

Roberto Mendez











Mr. Gerow's AVID classes were going to the Griffith Observatory. My friends and I were in a dirt field; Brandon's dad had parked there, so we were following him. We had to go up a decently steep hill, but Matthew was making many people wait because he laughed and stopped. After getting to the observatory, we had to wait for some people who got lost. We missed a short movie waiting for the people, but everyone talked to their friends or played games in the meantime. After entering the observatory, we saw many fascinating things, such as a Foucault pendulum. We also saw what our weight would be on other planets. We had a fun time checking out the observatory. At night, we went outside, and the view was incredible. After a few hours of talking and walking, people were getting hungry and bored. Mr. Gerow said a few words, and shortly after, everyone's face changed expression, and they were incredibly excited. The words themselves were not memorable, but Mr. Gerow said something about leaving and going to Shakey's, a pizza restaurant. Everyone had a lovely meal or maybe multiple. There were people at the arcade, wasting money for a few minutes of playing and experiencing disappointing losses. After eating and wasting money, it was time to go. Everyone said goodbye to their friends and got into the car they chose before the trip. Everyone went to school and got picked up after a long day in Los Angeles. Although it was only twelve hours, new memories that will be remembered for years were created.

Sergio Grajales









It was January 14, about 8 p.m, and all of the AVID students were going to Shakey's after a fantastic day in LA. AVID went to see so much fun stuff all around, and it was a fantastic day. We were driving to Shakey's after we had visited the Griffith Observatory. We were all tired but could not wait to eat. After we parked, we walked in and saw people already running to the arcade pumped with energy even though it was about eight o'clock. Mr.Gerow ordered the pizza, and we were all ready to dig in. Our table had our own pizza, and we ate so much of it. We took a pizza slice, but it was way too hot to eat, so we waited a while. I wondered why Brianna was not taking a slice and kept asking her if she wanted a slice. Then, she finally said, "Oh, I'm going to have a salad but thanks!" We thought it was funny since we were all having pizza, but she was having a salad. She thought it was funny too, and we all started to crack up. Even though it was not the funniest thing ever, we still found it hilarious. Then Brianna took a piece of her salad and put it in Gali's drink. After that, Gali put a piece of pepperoni in Mia's glass. And then finally, Mia put a piece of her pizza in my drink. Then we all started going back and forth, putting all sorts of things in each other's drinks and foods. After that, Brianna got some toppings for her salad. She had grabbed some tangerine and dried bananas. After that, it went completely wild, and we could not hold in our laughter. Then we heard Mr.Gerow telling all the tables to clean up because we were going to head home. We all looked at each other and started scrambling to clean up what we had done. We had eaten almost all the bananas, tangerines, and all the other food so as not to waste. We felt terrible for the employees, so we cleaned up by throwing out trash and making the table look neat. After that, we were giggling and remembering what an awesome time we had just had. Even though it was just dinner after a long day, we made it so much fun just for the four of us. And, it was an amazing way to finish off the night, with all of AVID and an amazing day.

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Annabelle Ixtacuy

















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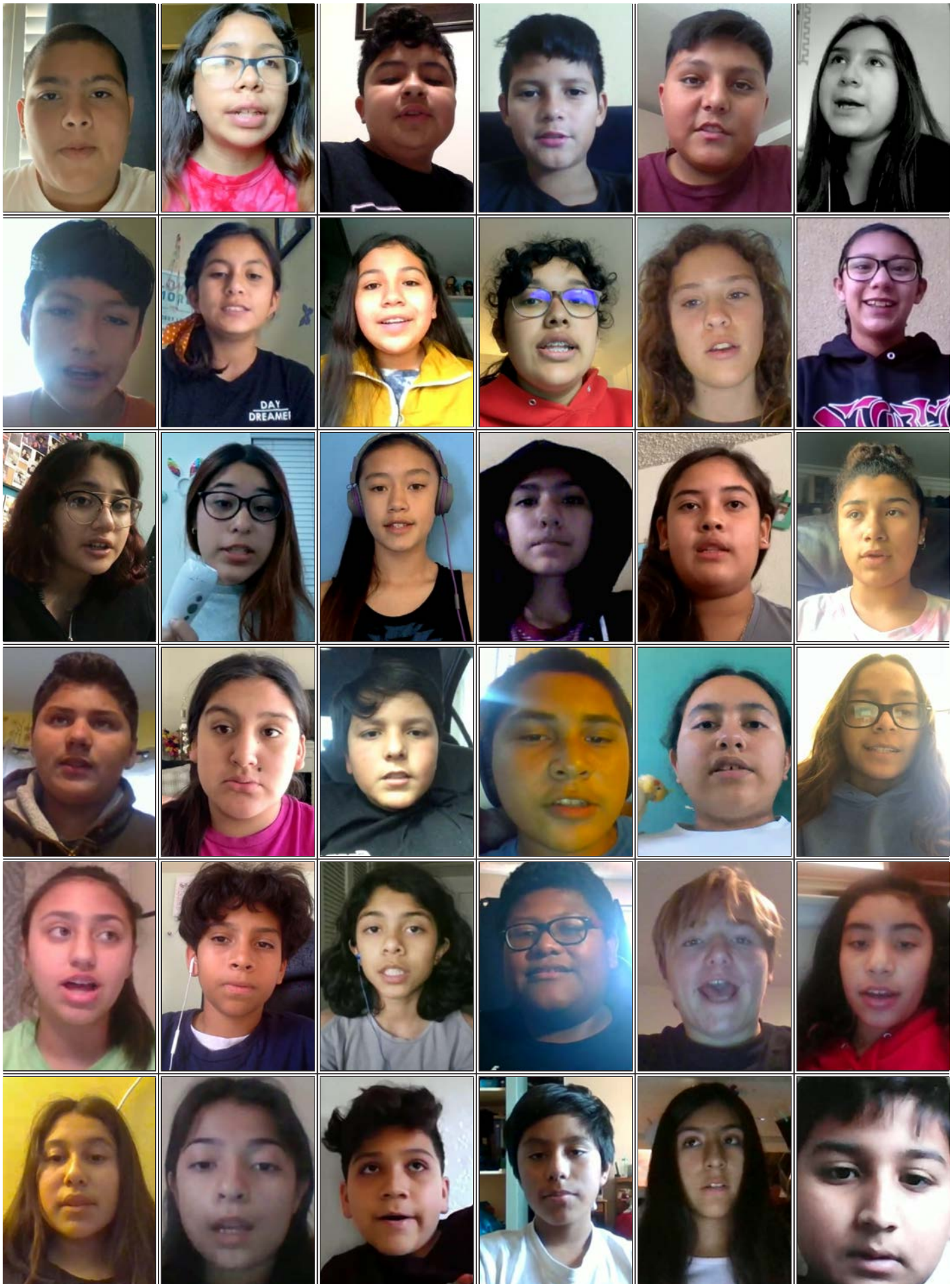
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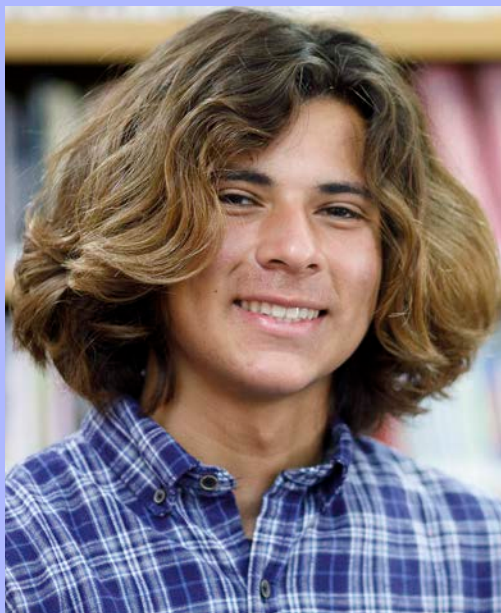




## Ana Avelino

Ana Marlen Avelino is a fourteen-year-old Marco AVID student who was born on February 17, 2007. Ana has four other siblings. In her free time, she enjoys making edits for fun. Ana's favorite AVID memory is going to Knott's Berry Farm because she enjoyed going on the rides and hanging out with her friends. After Ana finishes middle school, she will be attending Dana Hills High School, and she is hoping to attend UCLA to become a nurse.

By Leslie Marquina



## Baron Banuelos

On August 28, 2006, the world was gifted an athletic, intelligent, and consistent man named Baron Diezel Banuelos. Baron is one of the most positive and energetic people one could ever meet. Just at the age of two, Baron started to surf. His transition from elementary school to middle school, Baron, started to take surfing very seriously. On March 6 through the 8, 2020, and at the age of thirteen, Baron tied for first place in the NSSA surf championship. Baron attended Malcolm elementary school. During his three years spent at Marco Forster Middle School, Baron achieved straight A's. Once Baron graduates from Marco Forster, he will attend Dana Hills High School and plans to take surf classes all four years. Baron's favorite subject is math. Baron's dream school is UCSB. He wants to major in something to do with science and math. As a career, he would like to do something in the math field. Baron's favorite AVID memory is when he went to Knott's Berry Farm. He enjoyed it because of the rides and because he got to spend a lot of time with his friends.

By Josue Heredia



## Lizeth Barrera

Lizeth Barrera is a thirteen-year-old girl, and she was born on September 22, 2007. Her hobbies are painting, talking to her friends, making outfits, and creatively expressing herself. She has been in AVID for three years. Her favorite AVID memory is seventh-grade AVID camp. Seventh-grade AVID camp is her favorite memory because she enjoyed participating in activities with our class and she made new friends, and she loved exploring nature. She went to Kinoshita elementary school from kindergarten to fifth grade. For high school, she is going to San Juan Hills. She is a shy person at first, but once she trusts you as a friend, she is very outgoing, fun, and open. She enjoys making her friends happy, and she likes making them laugh. When she grows up, she wants to be a psychiatrist. She wants to live in a different place other than where she grew up. She is going to work very hard to become a psychiatrist.

By Karina Hutchinson

# Brandon Beck

Brandon Beck was born on December 17, 2006. He attended Ambuehl Elementary and went on to Marco Forster Middle School to become part of Mr. Gerow's AVID class for all three years. In those three years, Brandon made many fond memories with his classmates and friends. His most memorable memory is when the class went to the San Diego Zoo in 7th grade. He got to spend quality time with his friends and was able to make stronger bonds and friendships. Brandon will attend his first year of high school at San Juan Hills. From there, he plans to go to Cal State Fullerton and study to be a prosthetic technician.

By Joel Rodriguez



# Coco Bush

Coco Bush is a 14-year-old girl born on October 16, 2006, at Mission Viejo hospital in California. She likes reading, snorkeling, soccer, tennis, swimming, and going to the beach. Her favorite memory of AVID is when she went to the Natural History Museum and the Santa Monica Pier. Coco was able to learn and spend time with her friends. One of the essential lessons Coco learned from AVID was to seek happiness before fun. She learned to be more determined, and it made her think of the future and her plans. Coco plans to attend San Clemente High School. She has been in the Dual Immersion program since the beginning of her education, and she is starting to learn Thai. Her goal is to become a lawyer once she graduates from college. She is a blessing to everyone she meets, and Coco can do anything she wants if she is determined enough to complete her goals.

By Annabelle Ixtacuy



# Kiomy Cadena

Kiomy Cadena, also known as "Kio," was born on September 15, 2007, in Laguna Beach. She has an older brother and an older sister. Kiomy went to Hidden Hills Elementary for kindergarten through the half of second grade, when she then transferred to Ambuehl Elementary for her second half of second grade through fifth grade. She is hilarious and easy to talk to. She spends her time watching her favorite streamers known as CaptainPuffy and FoolishGamers. An all-time favorite show of hers would have to be Grey's Anatomy. Her favorite AVID memory was Seventh-Grade AVID Camp because she found it funny watching people struggle to set up their tents and when a skunk managed to get into a tent, causing everyone to freak out. She plans to attend and graduate from Dana Hills High School and work her way to attend one of the following, NYU Med School, Stanford School of Medicine, University of San Francisco, Harvard Med School to become a heart surgeon.

By Vanessa Garcia Torres





## John Canseco

John Canseco was born on January 25, 2007. John is a scholar on his way to UCI, and his odds are pretty good because he is intelligent and athletic. In John's free time, he enjoys going to the beach and skating with his friends. He also loves his family and enjoys spending time with them too. He is indeed living life to the fullest, and he plans and on having good grades and succeeding in life. John is funny, and he is intelligent, two things that cannot be found just anywhere. AVID has changed John in many ways, including helping him in his future life and making closer relationships with the friends he made in this class. His favorite memory was the college trips because "it was nice to see the place I'm going to be in." John is a straight-up guy, and when he says something, he usually means it. It will show when he goes to high school. He is going to prove himself right. He is going to San Juan Hill and is planning on getting into AP and honors classes. He is going to major in the medical field because he wants to make his parents proud. In the end, John Canseco is a winner, and he plans to keep on winning in school, with friends, and in life.

By Eduardo Cervantes



## Brianna Carbajal

Brianna Marie Carbajal was born on May 25, 2007, at Saddleback Hospital. Briana is a responsible, intelligent, and organized student who has grown up with an older sister and a younger brother. Briana has also been in AVID and PAL for all three years of middle school. Once she graduates from San Juan Hills High School, she plans to pursue a career in science. Brianna's favorite AVID memory is when she went to Knott's Berry Farm because of all the different rides she could go on. Brianna spends most of her time either talking with friends or watching her favorite TV show Grey's Anatomy. Brianna's favorite food is chicken nuggets from McDonald's.

By Gabriela Cruz-Hernandez



## Carla Castillo

Carla Elizabeth Castillo is a Marco AVID student. Carla is currently fourteen years old, and this is her last year of Marco Forster. She is going to San Juan Hills High School through 2021-2025 and will graduate in 2025. Carla also hopes to go to a university one day, but she is still discovering what university she wants to attend and what career she wants to take. Her most favorite memories are the memories she and others made in AVID, and school includes being able to be herself without being judged and making new friends that helped her during rough times. One memory Carla favored more than others was when she went to the seventh-grade AVID camp. She liked that she made many friends and people she could connect with, Carla also liked that the people in her tent group did many fun activities along with others. Some of her favorite activities she did with her tent group include talking about favorite shows and even trying to watch some of their favorite shows with almost no Internet, singing their favorite songs, telling horror stories, and playing games. To this day, she feels very happy, glad, and lucky to have met all these amazing people of all sorts and building long-term friends during her time in AVID and Marco Forster.

By Isabella Pedraza



# Eduardo Cervantes

Eduardo Cervantes is a scholar in AVID and has been in Mr. Gerow's class all through middle school. He is a very smart and nice person. During his free time, he likes going to the beach and spending time outdoors. He also enjoys spending time with his family and friends. Eduardo's favorite memory in AVID was AVID Camp in seventh grade. He enjoyed AVID Camp because he got to know his friends better and spend time with them. He made several memories in camp, such as the time when everyone thought there was a ghost. Joining AVID has changed Eduardo for the better. He is now a responsible and trustworthy person. He usually gets good grades and is always on task. Eduardo is going to high school at San Juan Hills. He is going to challenge himself and take Honors and AP level classes. His favorite subjects are math and history. In the future, Eduardo plans on majoring in either economics or engineering at either UCI or San Marcos. Eduardo has a good chance of getting accepted into those schools. Eduardo is an incredible student who wants to graduate college and make his family and friends proud of him.

By John Canseco



# Matthew Cortes

Matthew Cortes was born on December 29, 2006, at Mission Viejo Hospital. Matthew is fourteen years old. He has a pet fish that has been living for thirteen years. He is the youngest one in his family and has two older brothers. In Matthew's free time, he likes watching YouTube, playing outside, and playing video games. He plays the violin and has Participated in Breakthrough. Before coming to Marco Forster Middle School, Matthew went to Kinoshita Elementary School. His favorite AVID memory is going to Santa Monica because he was surrounded by good friends and enjoyed his time being there. Matthew will be attending San Juan High School for his freshman year during the upcoming school year. After high school, Matthew wants to attend UCLA and become an Aerospace Engineer when he grows up.

By Omar Alexander Hernandez



# Gabriela Cruz-Hernandez

Gabriela Cruz Hernandez was born October 9, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. Gabriela is caring, determined, and intelligent. She has been in AVID for all three years of middle school. In those three years, her favorite memory was the Santa Monica Pier field trip because Gaby had fun and could be interactive. For the next four years, she will be attending Dana Hills High School. After high school, Gabriela is undecided on which college to attend, but she knows she wants to go somewhere close. She does know she wants to work in the field of forensics.

By Brianna Carbajal





## Jose De La Puente

On September 24, 2007, Jose De La Puente Martinez was born. Jose was raised in Dana Point and liked to play soccer with his neighbors. Jose is a very outgoing person and likes to make people laugh. Jose likes to play video games with his friends. Jose is a brilliant person and likes to help other people with their assignments. Jose is shy when you first meet him, but he is not shy and is a very talkative person when you get to know him better. Jose's favorite memory was AVID camp seventh grade. He got to know the people more and become better friends with them and got to make friends with other groups. Jose's favorite moment from AVID camp seventh grade is when he got to sit around a campfire and make s'mores with his friends. Jose is going to San Juan Hills High School. Jose's dream college is UCI. Jose does not know what he wants to do when he gets older.

By Anthony Gallo



## Brianna Diaz

Brianna Marie Diaz, born on October 19, 2007, is a straight-A student. She is an insanely loyal and optimistic person whose best memories are made with friends. One of her favorite memories, made during an AVID field trip to Knott's Berry Farm, was during the Supreme Scream ride with Mia Garcia, who was screaming her head off while Brianna stayed eerily silent. Her most preferred TV show is The Regular Show, and her most beloved music artists are Conan Gray and the Green Day band. She enjoys reading her favorite book, This Savage Song, and loves reading exciting books with a twist of sad romance and is a major bookworm. She is a fantastic artist with the most beautiful paintings and is currently learning the ukulele. After competing in cheer as well as ballet, she decided to pursue her sport in tumbling. Living with her older brother, and parents she is going to attend San Clemente High School. She plans to be accepted into a college that will help with her future career as a BAU or FBI agent, a trauma surgeon, or a pediatric surgeon. One of her most used quotes that has changed her perspective on life for the better is, "Who your friends are today is who you are tomorrow."

By Coco Bush



## Javier Espinoza

On March 29, 2007, in Laguna Beach, the kindest, most helpful, intelligent, and funniest boy was born, and his name is Javier Espinoza. Javier has three siblings; two of them are girls, and one is a boy. Javier is older than his brother and sister. Javier is younger than his older sister. Javier helps his two younger siblings with their homework. Javier has been playing soccer for five years. Javier's hobbies are playing soccer and the violin. Javier started elementary school at RH Dana Elementary School. In fifth grade, Javier planned to join AVID for three years because he wanted to be responsible, hardworking, and wanted to go to a university. Javier's favorite subject is Math because it involves numbers and thinking. Javier plans to go to Dana Hills High School. To later become an Engineer. Javier's favorite AVID memory is seventh-grade AVID camp because he met new people and was able to do fun new activities.

By Jorkaeff Galeana

## Gael Galeana

Gael Galeana was born on February 14, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital. He has a dog named Bandit and a snake named Fluffy. He attended Kinoshita Elementary and has two siblings, an older brother and a younger sister. In his free time, he likes to mountain bike and play baseball. His favorite TV shows include Brooklyn 99, The Office, and Naruto. Gael's favorite AVID memory is the sixth and seventh-grade AVID camps. He likes the sixth-grade AVID camp because he was given the opportunity to meet many new kids from different elementary schools and learn new things about them. He likes the seventh-grade camp because it allowed him to strengthen the bond he had with his friends. He also got to camp out with his friends, which he never really does. Gael plans on going to San Juan Hills High School and being a part of their baseball team. After high school, Gael plans to go to UCLA and hopes he will continue playing baseball there. Currently, he plans on being a doctor or a cop living in LA.

By Nelson Lecona



## Jorkaeff Galeana

On September 1, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital, a very generous, hardworking, and intelligent boy named Jorkaeff Galeana was born. Jorkaeff joined the AVID program because he read about it and decided that he wanted to go to a university and be more responsible and organized. One of his favorite things to do as a hobby is Karate. He has been doing Karate for six years now. He loves Karate because he learns how to defend himself against others and can someday protect his mom from any harm. He enjoys reading history books. Some of his favorite history books are World Wars and Unsolved Crimes. Jorkaeff started his adventure at Kinoshita Elementary School and will be spending three years of his life at San Margaret's Episcopal School. Jorkaeff is a brilliant student. His favorite school subject is Science because he likes learning about forces and things still left to question. Jorkaeff will graduate high school with a 4.0 or higher and graduate from a university so that he can get a high-earning job. Jorkaeff's favorite AVID memory was when he went to Knott's Berry Farm because he met new friends and bonded with people.

By Javier Espinoza



## Anthony Gallo

Anthony Gallo was born on June 4, 2007. His favorite sport is soccer/football. He loves playing video games. He is very talkative when you get to know him. He also loves playing video games with his friends. He is very smart and outgoing. One of his favorite AVID memories is when he went to Knott's Berry Farm. He loved that experience so much because he got to spend almost a whole day with some of his friends before middle school and some of his friends now. His favorite memory from knots was when he went on the Big Foot ride, and one of his friends got soaked with water. His future high school is St. Margaret's. He does not have a dream college yet. So far, Anthony does not know what he is going to pursue in college.

By Jose De La Puente





## Vanessa Garcia Torres

Vanessa Garcia Torres is a very kind and funny person and can make anyone smile. She was born on December 27, 2006, at Irvine Medical Center. Her favorite pastime activity is scrolling through Tiktok and watching her favorite streamers Quackityhq and Tommy Innit. She also wants to start doing origami. She attended Annelise Elementary from Kindergarten through third grade; then she transferred to Ambuehl Elementary school for fourth and fifth grade. She has two younger siblings, a brother and a sister. Her favorite Telenovela/TV show is El Final Del Paraíso. Her favorite AVID memory is the Santa Monica Pier because she almost threw up on someone's wedding dress and because we got to take fun photos in the photo booth together. She is going to attend and graduate from Lakeside High school in Lake Elsinore. She does not know where she wants to go to college or what she wants to do when she is older, but she knows that she will be successful.

By Kiomy Cadena



## Mia Garcia

Mia Garcia was born December 22, 2006, in Irvine, California. Mia is fourteen years old and is the oldest to a younger brother. She is intelligent and kind. Mia likes to paint and sketch in her free time, along with listening to her music. She also enjoys hanging out with friends and family. She will go to San Juan Hills High School, although she is unsure which university she should go to. When she gets into a university, she plans to study dermatology or possibly become an FBI agent, but it may change in the future. She would like to visit beautiful Paris and Greece in the future. Her favorite AVID memory was when she was a tour guide at the Haunted Hall because she liked how it was decorated, and she loved seeing the reaction on people's faces when they entered the Haunted Hall.

By Dalila Hutchinson



## Emerald Gomez

Emerald Gomez Hernandez is a student attending Marco Forster Middle School. She was born on October 11, 2007, in Anaheim, and she is thirteen years old. Emerald has many dreams and aspirations, ranging from all levels of difficulty and intensity to accomplish. She enjoys playing volleyball, hanging out with friends, and going on shopping trips. One of her hobbies is visiting new places and adventuring in them. She is also a part of the AVID program at her school, and her favorite memory of the program is visiting Knott's Berry Farm, a well-known theme park; she liked Knott's because the attractions were fun, and she got to meet new people. Emerald joined AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, because she wants to go to USC, a prestigious university located in Southern California. Emerald enjoys traveling, and one of the places she would like to visit is Japan. With many achievements ahead of her, Emerald ultimately desires to graduate and get the job she would enjoy while living a life full of nothing but happiness.

By Sergio Grajales

# Briana Gonzalez

Briana Mikalea Gonzalez has been an outstanding AVID student since sixth grade. She is thirteen years old and will be attending San Juan Hills High School next year. Her life began on August 1, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital. She was born the oldest out of three siblings. Briana, also known as "BG," likes to draw, box, watch movies, and play with her dog. Briana is a kind, weird, and funny person who can make anyone smile. She does not really like school except for math and AVID classes. Her favorite AVID memory was the camping trip to Palomar Mountain. It was her favorite because she met new people and did fun activities like trying to build a human pyramid. When she is older, she would like to travel to Japan, Hawaii, or Russia to get new experiences around the world. She still has not decided what university or career she wants, but she wants to figure it out in high school.

By Marleen Lopez



# Sergio Grajales

Sergio Grajales is fourteen years old and was born on March 14th, 2007, in Mission Viejo. He is a student at Marco Forster Middle School and has been a part of the AVID program for three years. His favorite AVID memory is visiting the Griffith Observatory because he enjoys looking at nice sceneries. This year he hopes to accomplish getting at least an A- in his algebra class so he can get into geometry next year. Some of Sergio's hobbies are fishing, going on bike rides around the city, and looking at nice sceneries such as lakes and forests. Sergio's goal is to go to USC, a private research university in Los Angeles so that he can stay close to his family and live a happy life with a career he can be proud of.

By Emerald Gomez Hernandez



# Josue Heredia

Josue Emmanuel Heredia was born September 18, 2007, in Mission Viejo Hospital and is the youngest in his family. He graduated fifth grade from Kinoshita Elementary School and has maintained mostly A's throughout middle school. Josue's favorite subject is math, and he hopes to attend Harvard University when he grows up. Once Josue has graduated from Marco, he will attend Capo Valley High School and take their prestigious A.T.M.S. (Academy of Technology, Math and Science) courses. However, Josue is not all academics; he excels in soccer as well. Since he was four years old, he has been playing soccer and will play soccer for Capo Valley in high school. Josue is one of the most easy-going people a person could ever meet. His relaxed personality contributes to his ability to stay calm under pressure. According to Josue, his favorite AVID memory was going to Knott's berry farm because he got to have a good time with his friends.

By Baron Banelos





## Melvin Hernandez Martinez

Melvin Hernandez Martinez went to Kinoshita Elementary School and is planning to go to UCI to study engineering. His best AVID memory was going to Knott's because he could be with friends from other AVID classes, and he was able to get closer to his friends. He also likes to play soccer. He plays midfielder or defender. He also has two dogs, one named Toby and the other Leo, and his favorite animal is a dog. He plays video games in his free time. His favorite food is chicken tenders from Canes. His worst fear is drowning. He wants to visit the Bahamas with his family. He is planning to go to Capo Valley High School. He was born in the Mission Viejo Hospital. His birthday is on birthday is March 23, 2007.

By Angel Lara



## Omar Hernandez

Omar Alexander Hernandez was born on September 8, 2007, in Mission Viejo Hospital. Omar is currently thirteen years old and is the oldest child in his family. He has two younger siblings in his family. Omar is Hispanic and has two English bulldogs that he likes very much. One of his English bulldogs is a boy, and the other is a girl. In his free time, he likes to play basketball with friends and enjoys playing video games. He watches Netflix and YouTube for entertainment whenever he feels bored. Before attending Marco Forster, Omar attended Kinoshita Elementary School. His favorite memory of the AVID program is when he went to the Avid 7th-grade camp at Palomar Mountain because he met new people and enjoyed doing fun activities like hiking and hanging around the campfire. This upcoming school year, Omar will be going to San Juan Hills High School. After he graduates from high school, he wants to attend the University of Irvine to become a doctor or surgeon when he grows up.

By Matthew Cortes



## Dalila Hutchinson

On the beautiful day of December 3, 2006, in Laguna Hills, Dalila Blanca Hutchinson was born. She is currently fourteen years old with an aspiration for playing golf, watching MARVEL, eating grandma's cooking, and astronomy. Dalila will be attending San Clemente High School and hopes one day she gets to experience the glorious sunsets in Alaska with her family. Her favorite AVID field trip that she got to experience was the Santa Monica pier. Dalila loved hanging out with her friends and riding all the rollercoasters while screaming her head off. One day she hopes to attend Yale and study something in astronomy.

By Mia Garcia

# Karina Hutchinson

Karina Hutchinson is a fourteen-year-old girl who was born on December 3, 2006. She is an admirable tennis player who enjoys traveling, hanging out with family and friends, and watching action superhero movies such as Star Wars and Avatar. Karina has been in AVID at Marco Forster for three years! Her favorite AVID memory is Seventh-Grade AVID Camp. She was able to bond more with her friends and meet some of her current best friends. She also liked the zoo trip, excited to be looking at animals while having fun. Karina went to Las Palmas Elementary school from kindergarten to fifth grade, and she will be going to San Clemente High school this coming year. She is going to the University of Texas at Austin, planning to be a hard-working actor. Although she is wacky and stubborn, she is very outgoing and funny. Karina is an overall very excited and happy person. She is lots of fun to be around.

By Lizeth Barrera



# Annabelle Ixtacuy

On June 14, 2007, Annabelle Jean Ixtacuy was born in Salem, Oregon. She lived there with her mom, dad, and older sister Jasmine. At the age of three, she moved with her family to Guatemala, her dad's home country. However, shortly after that, she moved to California at the age of seven, where she attended Vista Del Mar and then attended San Juan Elementary School. After middle school, Annabelle wants to attend San Juan Hills High School. As a young girl, she did a lot of motocross races in Guatemala with her family. Annabelle continues to race mainly with her sister here in California. Other sports that she loves participating in are cheer and tumbling. She also enjoys having movie nights with her friends and family on Friday nights. Annabelle also enjoys the comfort of reading during her free time. She enjoyed her time in AVID, her second home. One of her favorite memories of being in AVID was seventh-grade camp when everyone was afraid of a non-existent ghost haunting the campgrounds. She aspires to be a psychologist or an environmental lawyer. Her dream college is any college that is the best for her and what she wants to study. She is a very calm and caring person who loves to have a good time with friends or family.

By Brianna Diaz



# Angel Lara

Angel Lara was born on February 26, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital and is currently fourteen years old. He went to Kinoshita Elementary and is currently in Marco Forster Middle School. He is planning on going to UC Davis to prepare to become a veterinarian. One of his favorite memories that he has had in AVID these past years was attending a sixth-grade AVID camp. This is because he was able to make a new friend who was Javier. Angel likes to play soccer as a goalkeeper and likes to play rocket league on his PS4 in his free time. His favorite animal is a Lion, and he has two dogs in Mexico. Coffy, and Bonbon. Angel's favorite food is orange chicken from Panda Express, and his worst fear is being in tight spaces. One thing that Angel always has wanted to do was visit Cancun with his mom and brother.

By Melvin Hernandez Martinez





## Nelson Lecona

Nelson Lecona was born on June 24, 2007. He has a dog named Ozzy and a cat named Peter. He attended R.H. Dana for elementary and has three siblings, one older brother, one older sister, and a younger sister. He did Jiu-Jitsu and karate ever since he was young, but now he only does Jiu-Jitsu. He likes to play basketball with friends in his free time, go to the beach, and watch television. His favorite AVID memory is going to the Santa Monica pier. The reason he loves this trip so much is because he got to spend time with his friends. He got to go on many rides with his friends and loved the feeling of excitement when he ran around looking for fun things to do, one after another. After middle school, Nelson will attend Dana Hills High School and plans to be part of the wrestling team. He is not sure which college he will attend and is also unsure what he wants to do as a career.

By Gael Galeana



## Marleen Lopez

Marleen Giselle Lopez was born on April 11, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital and will be attending San Juan Hill High School next year. She is a fantastic AVID student and is the oldest out of her two siblings. She likes to draw, go on walks, go out with friends, and likes to sleep in her spare time. Marleen is a kind, understanding, and trustworthy person. Marleen's favorite AVID memory was going to Palomar Mountain. It was her favorite memory because she got to go on hikes and got closer with people she did not know that well. Marleen wants to go to Oxford University in London to get a degree in law because she wants to be a lawyer in the future.

By Briana Gonzalez



## Manuel Maganda

Manuel Maganda Alvarado was born in Mission Viejo, California on August 26th, 2007. Manuel goes by Manny and plays soccer. In soccer, he plays midfielder and striker. During Manny's free time, he practices his soccer skills and plays video games. Manny lives in San Juan Capistrano, California. He also has three brothers and can speak English and Spanish. Manny's favorite memory of AVID is when we did the study groups for Biology earlier this year. This was his favorite memory because the quizzes were fun. Next school year Manny will attend San Juan Hills High School. When Manny graduates in 2025, he hopes to attend either Cal State Fullerton or UCLA. Manny will major in classes that will lead him to his future which is a doctor in the medical field.

By Roberto Mendez



## Leslie Marquina Perez

Leslie Marquina is a thirteen-year-old Marco AVID student with the dream of going to college. She was born on June 18, 2007 and is the youngest of two siblings. Her favorite Marco AVID memory is AVID camp because she enjoyed going on hikes along with making new friends. And in her free time, she likes to watch Disney Plus while eating her favorite food, hot Cheetos. She plans on going to Dana Hills High School and hopes to end up at Oxford University to become a lawyer.

By Ana Avelino



## Hector Martinez Belmant

Hector Martinez was born on October 30th, 2007, in Mission Viejo Hospital. He has two siblings and one girl and one boy. Hector has two dogs and three birds. He is thirteen years old. In his free time, Hector plays video games. He likes playing soccer and playing with his dogs. His favorite food is hamburgers. His favorite AVID memory was when we went on a field trip at UCI. Hector is 5'3". His favorite snack is chips. Hector is going to San Juan Hills High School. When he is older, he wants to be an engineer.

By Bethzaida Martinez



## Bethzaida Martinez

Bethzaida Martinez was born on January 17, 2007, in Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach. She has two siblings that are boys. Beth has two turtles, a ton of fish, and a cat. Beth is fourteen years old, and in her free time, she watches movies and shows. One of her hobbies is painting. Her favorite food is Mexican. Her favorite snacks are gummy bears. Her height is 5'2". Bethzaida's favorite AVID memory was when we went to UCI on Tuesday. Beth is going to Dana Hills High School, and when she grows up, she wants to be a nurse.

By Hector Martinez Belmant





## Niko Matienzo

Niko Roan Matienzo was born on June 27, 2007, in an Irvine hospital. He lives in a house with his two sisters and his parents. He is a hyper-intelligent academic wizard who likes flexing his superior IQ to others. His interests and hobbies include speedrunning assignments, quizzes, sports, engineering, and video games. His favorite AVID memory is during seventh-grade AVID camp in Palomar Mountain during one of the fun activities where people had to sit on top of each other. Niko especially liked this activity because it showed he was asserting his high position among his peers. In his future, Niko plans to go to San Juan Hills High School, where he will join the baseball team and get higher than a 4.0 GPA. Then he plans to go to Berkeley or Stanford, where he will major in engineering. Although his future career is still yet to be determined, Niko will do great things in engineering and make a positive impact on the world.

By Kingston Nash



## Michelle Melo

Michelle Melo was born on July 1, 2007. Her favorite AVID memory is bowling in the seventh grade because it was fun. She has one sibling and is the youngest. She enjoys listening to Mexican music. During her free time, she enjoys playing soccer. In the future, she will go to St Margaret's Episcopal School for high school. Subsequent to high school, she would like to go to the University of California Irvine to earn a medical degree.

By Stefany Vazquez



## Jatziri Mendez

Jatziri Valeria Mendez is a kind and caring person. She is very responsible and always looks out for others. Jatziri likes to swim, paint; she also loves to spend time with her friends and family. She likes to be outdoors and explore new things. Her favorite AVID memory was when she went to the San Diego Zoo because she enjoyed the rain and she got to spend time with her friends. Jatziri is planning to go to San Juan Hills and then UCI for college. She plans to study to become a nurse or a lawyer.

By Rossivel Sanchez

## Roberto Mendez

Roberto Sonny Mendez is a boy that usually goes by the nickname "Sonny." He was born on January 24, 2007, in Irvine, California. He enjoys playing baseball, playing video games, or reading during his free time. The position he plays in baseball is first base. Roberto and his family live in San Juan Capistrano, California, and he is currently attending Marco Forster Middle School. Roberto enjoys music and plays the clarinet for the Marco Forster Wind Ensemble. Roberto's favorite AVID memory is when he and his AVID class went to USC in seventh grade because it was a very nice school, and he had always wanted to go there. Roberto will be attending St. Margaret's Episcopal School next year for high school. When Sonny graduates in 2025, he plans to attend UCLA or UCI to major in becoming a possible scientist.

By Manuel Maganda



## Kingston Nash

Kingston Nash was born on May 14, 2007 in Laguna Hills, California. He grew up in San Juan Capistrano with his parents, his two sisters and a cat. Kingston joined AVID when he was in sixth grade. Although he can be annoying at times, he is smart, funny and an overall great person. People can always count on him to lighten up the mood with one of his jokes. Kingston is also an athletic person who was able to earn the No Speed Limit shirt. He plans to go to Samueli Academy for high school. Once he graduates, he would like to attend a college. The college he would like to go to is undetermined, but he would like to major in computer science or engineering. Kingston's dream is to become a programmer or a game developer. His favorite AVID memory was when we went to Palomar Mountain for AVID 7 Camp. There he enjoyed throwing random things into the campfire and eating s'mores. With his hard work and determination, Kingston will do great things in life.

By Niko Matienzo



## Sara Navarro

Sara P. Navarro was born on December 14, 2006, in Mission Viejo Hospital. At a young age, Sara always liked to draw and paint. Now Sara is a wonderful, intelligent, and funny person. She is smart, but she is good at math and currently in Algebra. Sara's favorite AVID memory is when she went to Knotts Berry Farm and overcame her fear of heights on the Supreme Scream and Super Bullet. Sara will be attending San Juan Hills High School and dreams of going to Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Currently, Sara does not know what career she wants to take, but soon she will find something she loves to do. Lastly, Sara P. Navarro loves and appreciates her family a lot and likes to put a smile on her classmates' faces.

By Wendy Rodriguez





## Osvaldo Ortega

Osvaldo Ortega is currently fourteen years old and around five feet tall. What motivates Osvaldo to do well in school is his parents because his parents did a lot for him to be successful. Osvaldo will go to San Juan High School, and he will be sad to see some of his friends go. During his free time, he likes to watch television. His favorite show is Regular Show, and his favorite movie is Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle 2017. He plays video games, and Osvaldo prefers playing Minecraft. He also likes to skate. Osvaldo's favorite memory while being in AVID is 7th-grade camp because he got to know the people in his tent very well. The most useful thing he learned in AVID was typing because it can help now and possibly future. He joined AVID because he knew it would benefit him in the future.

By Emmanuel Ramos



## Azalea Ortiz Rodriguez

Azalea Ortiz was born on March 4, 2007, to a loving family. She is the youngest in her family. She loves to hang out with her friends, draw, and listen to music. One of her favorite artists is Girl in Red. She loves to listen to her music on repeat. She would like to go to college out of state or country. She would like to visit New York one day. When she is older, she would like to be a psychologist because it seems like a way that she can help others in need. Her favorite person in the world is her oldest brother Popeye. Azalea likes to keep to herself, but she is an amazing, nice, caring person when one gets to know her. She will always look up to her brother's legacy, and she will always persevere.

By Alezza Pineda



## Isabella Pedraza

Isabella is a thirteen-year-old AVID student who enjoys tons of activities. One of her favorite activities is watching anime. She enjoys being in a small group of friends, being able to feel more comfortable. Isabella is of a kind nature, always willing to help others. She has proved her determination multiple times, never giving up. Isabella's favorite AVID memory was the seventh-grade camp, where she met many new friends and people. She recalled feeling tired, unable to sleep when some classmates ended up being scared about a ghost. In the end, once everyone was able to go back to their tents with their group, she had fallen asleep. It was hard though because she had woken up and heard laughing and noises from the other tents. She recalled singing and yelling with her friends in the tent, all of them laughing and having the time of their life. Interestingly, they had been singing Miraculous Ladybug, even making some of the protagonist's moves. Along with the singing, they had yelled back and forth with some other girls in a different tent, the song being in Spanish. Overall, she had fun and made new friends. Moving on to another part of her life, she plans to go to San Juan Hills High School. After those four years, she had stated how she is unsure of where she wants to study. Isabella expressed how she had yet to decide on what career path to take, which is fine. She will do fantastic in whatever she chooses. Overall, Isabella Pedraza is an intelligent, understanding, and determined girl.

By Carla Castillo

# Galilea Pedraza-Payta

Galilea Pedraza-Payta was born February 2, 2007, at the Mission Viejo hospital. She is the second oldest of four with one older sister, one younger brother, and one younger sister. Galilea's favorite animal is a fox because, as she says, it is mysterious, mischievous, and "super swaggy." Her favorite song is "The Day" by Natewantstobattle because, in her eyes, it is inspiring, and it also makes her smile. Galilea's hobbies are playing softball, doing outdoor activities with her neighbors, and watching anime. Her favorite AVID memory is going to the 7th-grade AVID summer camp because she made new friends, had fun on hikes, knocked over Jenga, and made many unforgettable memories. Galilea's plans are to go move to Mexico and work for her uncle. She wants to hopefully make it into Cal State Fullerton and continue to have a successful future. Galilea is an intelligent, hard worker that can accomplish anything if she puts enough effort into it.

By Azalea Ortiz



# Emely Perez

On May 9, 2007, Emely Lisey Perez was born. She is the youngest out of her two brothers and one sister. Her favorite music artists are BTS, Harry Styles, Billie Eilish, and Bad Bunny. She loves running, drawing, and math. Once she joined a talent show and fell off the stage. After middle school, she is planning on going to Dana Hill High School. She wants to go to UCLA or Cal State Fullerton, and she would like to be an engineer or be in the medical field. Her favorite AVID memory was Seventh Grade AVID Camp when everyone thought there was a ghost in the woods.

By Melissa Ruiz



# Alezza Pineda

Alezza Lucia Pineda was born on December 28, 2006, in the Mission Viejo Hospital. Her two parents and older sister joyfully welcomed her into their lives with warm smiles on their faces. Now 14, Alezza enjoys watching Minecraft streamers and enjoys listening to music. Her favorite music artist is One Direction. Alezza also owns a dog named Lily. Lily receives lots of love from the family, and in return, Lilly comforts Alezza and makes her family happy. Alezza has been in AVID for two years and has created many beautiful memories. Her favorite memory that she made being in AVID was going to the Knotts Berry Farm field trip. Alezza enjoyed going down the water ride repeatedly with her friends. During the field trip, Alezza laughed and enjoyed herself, making that memory her favorite. Being a kind and hardworking girl, Alezza wants to create a bright future for herself by getting into a college out of the country or state. Alezza intends to continue speaking Spanish because it will help her meet new people and have many more opportunities. She will do the best she can to turn her dreams into a reality.

By Galilea Pedraza- Payta





## Emmanuel Ramos

Emmanuel Ramos is currently thirteen years old. He was born on August 7, 2007. He joined AVID because his brother joined AVID. He likes drawing, playing video games and watching YouTube in his free time. Emmanuel is motivated by his parents because they have sacrificed a lot so he could succeed. Emmanuel wants to go to San Juan High school and wants to go to UCLA. His favorite AVID memory is going to Santa Monica Pier because he was able to overcome his fear of the *Scrabbler*.

By Osvaldo Ortega



## Jamie Reyes Gonzales

Jamie M. Reyes Gonzales was born on September 18, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital. She lives in San Juan Capistrano with four of her siblings and both of her parents. Jamie will be attending San Juan Hills High School after middle school. Career-wise, she is still undecided, but she would like to be a part of the fashion industry. Jamie enjoys watching anime, reading Mangas, and sketching. Her favorite band is BTS, and her idols are Anna Wintour, Grace Elizabeth, and Sora Choi. She is a Virgo, and her spirit animal is a crow. She is funny, competitive, optimistic, and an introverted extrovert. Her personal motto is, "If you're gonna hit it, hit it till it breaks." Jamie's favorite AVID memory was going to Boomers because she hung out with her friends; she also enjoyed the go-karts and the ICEE's.

By Juliana Reyes



## America Reyes Mendoza

On October 4, 2007 America Daniella Reyes Mendoza was born in the Mission Viejo Hospital. She is the oldest of three and lives in a family of five. Next year she is going to Saint Margaret's Episcopal School. And in the future, she would like to go to UCLA. And for her future job, she would like to do something with medicine or something with business. She is a very kind person and quiet at first, but she shows who she really is over time. Another thing is that she is a hard worker and works to achieve her goal. Also, America and her sister always fight, but it is what it is. Some of her interests are watching funny videos on YouTube about BTS, TXT, Stray Kids, etc. Also watching anime, movies, and TV shows. And her favorite KPOP artists are enhypen, BTS, txt, loona & a few more. Some inside jokes that America and her friends have are "Mr. Highlighter" and "S.T.O.B IT!" Some people who inspire America are RM, Suga, and V. They inspire America because they say many encouraging things that inspire her, and they also worked really hard to be where they are now. And they also inspire America because they came from poor, unsupportive families but still got to be where they are today by working hard. Some common words American uses are sweg/ swag and swaggers. Also, America has a lot of nicknames like USA, and Ame. And America's favorite AVID memory is when we went to the La Brea Tar Pits because she remembers that Mr. Gerow carried her so he can throw her into the tar pit.

By Valeria Solorio

# Juliana Reyes

Juliana Reyes (aka Julie) was born on December 21, 2006, in Mission Viejo Hospital. She lives in Dana Point with her parents and sister. Julie will be attending Dana Hills High School and wants to be an interior designer. She enjoys drawing, playing Minecraft, and baking. Her favorite artists are Harry Styles, SZA, and Kali Uchis. Julie is a funny, honest, outgoing, and daring Sagittarius. Her closest AVID friends are Ana, Emely, Jamie, and Leslie. Julie's favorite AVID memories were going to AVID 7 CAMP and Knott's Berry Farm. She enjoyed going to Knott's because she could spend time with her friends, and she also got to ride roller coasters. During AVID 7 Camp, she enjoyed her and her friends telling each other jokes in their tent until Mr. Gerow got them in trouble.

By Jamie Reyes Gonzalez



# Joel Rodriguez

Joel Rodriguez was born on January 27, 2007. After spending his last year at Ambuehl elementary, he attended Marco Forster middle school. Throughout middle school, Joel was a part of Mr. Gerow's AVID class. Over the years of being an AVID student, he gained many friends and memories. One adventure he takes to heart is when his seventh-grade class went on a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm. He found that it was a fantastic way to spend time with his friends during the trip and made unforgettable memories. He will be attending his freshman year at San Juan Hills High School; he plans to get into UCI to help reach his ambition of becoming a professional architect.

By Brandon Beck



# Wendy Rodriguez

Wendy Rodriguez was born on March 29, 2007, in Mission Viejo Hospital. When Wendy was younger, she liked to play with her childhood friends outside. Now that Wendy is older, when she has free time, she likes to play Roblox. She also read books, because she has to. Wendy's favorite memory of AVID is seventh-grade AVID Camp. Her favorite part of the 7th-Grade AVID Camp was when we had to go to sleep and stayed up late talking and laughing with each other. Wendy is going to San Juan Hills High School and going to the University of Santa Cruz in San Jose. Wendy is going to the University of Santa Cruz to major in music production to become a music producer.

By Sara Navarro





## Melissa Ruiz

On May 31, 2007, around 8:42 pm, Melissa Ruiz was brought into this world. She is sweet, caring, respectful, and hilarious. She has an older sister and two lovely parents. On her off days, she reads and does her homework. Her favorite school subject is English. She will be attending San Juan High School next year. Her dream colleges are Fullerton, UC Berkeley, and UCLA. When she grows up, she would like to become a lawyer or an English teacher. Her favorite AVID memory was when we went camping because she enjoyed her cramped slanted tent with the group of girls that were in there with her. She enjoyed laughing, storytimes, and having a fun time there with her friends and new friends.

By Emely Perez



## Rossivel Sanchez

Rossivel Sanchez is a smart shy, but outgoing, girl who joined AVID in 6th grade. Since then, she has made many fun memories. One of her favorite memories is when we went to AVID camp in seventh grade because Rossivel made many new friends, which is why she loves hanging out with her family and friends. She also likes listening to music, and her favorite subject is Science. In the future, she will be attending San Juan Hills High School and is still not sure what college she is going to, but she knows that she wants to be a nurse when she is older.

By Jatziri Mendez



# Valeria Solorio

A very amiable angel named Valeria Alexandra Solorio was born at Laguna Beach Hospital on May 1st, 2007. She is the oldest sibling in the family. She is also very responsible and caring towards others. This amazing and patient human is very outgoing and friendly towards friends. She also has many inside jokes with her friends from AVID, such as “S.T.O.B. I.T.” & “yellow highlighter.” A very easy-going and full-of-laughter friend also laughs a lot at the dumbest things that she hears. Valeria has many memories with her friends in AVID and especially loved when she went to the Los Angeles County Museum because she saw many interesting artifacts. During the field trip, she also got to strengthen her friendships with others. If you ever meet a friend like Valeria, you should cherish and keep that friendship together. Valeria enjoys listening to various Kpop artists (especially BTS, Stray Kids, TXT, etc.), Korean dramas, and anime. She also shares a lot of these interests with her friends. Besides her interests and her social life, Valeria is a goal-oriented student and hopes to achieve her goal of attending USC or UCI after earning A’s and B’s and mostly A’s at San Juan Hills High School. In the future, she hopes to become a lawyer or a doctor. Valeria needs motivation to get through her school day, and BTS’ Namjoon, V, and Jungkook do just that. The positivity & motivational words such as “Study or I’ll shave your eyebrows off” inspire Valeria to stay determined in her schoolwork. From being a great friend to being a great student, Valeria Solorio is a very warm-hearted person, and no one should ever let go of a person like her.

By America Reyes Mendoza



# Stefany Vazquez

Stefany Vasquez was born on September 20, 2007, at Mission Viejo Hospital. She also loves to play soccer and is on a team. She has an enormous sense of humor too. She likes some types of Mexican food, such as tacos. Stefany has two brothers, but she is the oldest. She also likes being on TikTok or any type of social media just to be entertained. Her favorite AVID memory was attending Sixth-Grade AVID Camp because that is where it all started basically, and we all created a lot of fun memories and new experiences. In the future, she is going to attend St. Margaret’s for high school, wants to go to USC for college, and wants to become something related to the business industry for her career.

By Michelle Melo





Most likely to become a comedian: Juliana Reyes  
Most likely to ask a 'what if' question: Kingston Nash  
Most likely to start singing out of nowhere: Karina Hutchinson  
Most likely to start a clothing line: Annabelle Ixtacuy  
Most likely to get accepted into Harvard: Niko Matienzo  
Most likely to become an actress: Leslie Marquina  
Most likely to cut their own hair: Brianna Diaz  
Most likely to get straight A+'s through high school: Niko Matienzo  
Most likely to go live in Mexico when they are older: Mia Garcia  
Most likely to live in the Alaskan wilderness when they are older: Hutchinson Twins  
Most likely to become a famous YouTuber: Kiomy Cadena and Jorkaeff Galeana  
**Most likely to fall on a field trip: Julie Reyes**  
Most likely to break a funny world record: Brandon Beck  
Most likely to organize their backpack then have it be a total mess the next day: Leslie Marquina  
Most likely to be addicted to social media: Julie Reyes and Jorkaeff Galeana  
Most likely to hide from the camera: Leslie Marquina  
Most likely to become a pro: Baron Banuelos  
Most likely to become Tik Tok famous: Annabelle Ixtacuy  
Most likely to ask too many questions: Kingston Nash and Karina Hutchinson  
Most likely to become president: Matthew Cortes and Brianna Diaz  
Most likely to become an artist: Mia Garcia  
Most likely to get an A+ without studying: Nico Matienzo and Coco Bush  
Most likely to die first in a Zombie Apocalypse: Brianna Diaz and Coco Bush  
Most likely to stay close friends: Alezza Pineda and Azalea Ortiz  
Most likely to always be smiling: America Reyes  
Most likely to turn in their homework the day its due: Brianna Diaz  
Most likely to accept anyone as a friend: Brianna Carbajal  
Most likely to attend Harvard: Josue Heredia and Kingston Nash  
Most likely to win a karate competition: Jorkaeff Galeana  
Most likely to become a professional soccer player: Javier Espinoza  
Most likely to become a professional baseball player: Gael Galeana  
Most likely to win money in video games: Omar Hernandez  
Most likely to find a cure for COVID: Niko Matienzo  
Most likely to become a doctor: Wendy Rodriguez and Galilea Pedraza  
Most likely to earn a million dollars: Niko Matienzo and Kingston Nash  
Most likely to become famous: Manuel Maganda and America Reyes  
Most likely to win the lottery: Omar Hernandez  
Most likely to become the next Albert Einstein: Matthew Cortes  
Most likely to survive being stranded in the desert: Brandon Beck  
Most likely to become a lawyer: Galileo Pedraza  
Most likely to be an engineer: Mathew Cortes  
Most likely to become a teacher: Gabriela Cruz Hernandez  
Most likely to become a famous game show host: Baron Banuelos and Brandon Beck  
Most likely to become a Famous Athlete: Baron Banuelos, Gael Galeana, and Gallilea Pedraza  
Most likely to Win a Talent Show: Jorkaeff Galeana and Leslie Marquina  
Most likely to survive two weeks in the Wilderness: Karina Hutchinson and Baron Banuelos  
Most likely to attend UCLA: Matthew Cortes and, Josue Heredia  
Most likely to be a computer expert: Anthony Gallo and Sergio Grajales

Nicknames  
**Sally**  
**Kari/Karini**  
**Annabellio**  
**Jose De La PP**  
**Galileo/Gali**  
**Gaby**  
**Manny**  
**Neny**  
**Memy**  
**Grajalez/Sergi**  
**Kio**  
**Marshmallow/Michi**  
**KJ**

Nicknames  
**Sonny**  
**Julianai/Julie**  
**Manny**  
**Ozzy**  
**U.S.A./Ame**  
**Daliah**  
**Eli/CC**  
**BD**  
**Marleeni**  
**BG/Beej**  
**Jat-Z**  
**Matthew Corts**  
**Wendy Wonderful**

What was your favorite AVID year and why?

**Vanessa Garcia Torres**-probably 2019 as in the last half of 6th grade and the first half of 7th grade because the field trips were fun and there were more fun memories and cause there was no covid

**Emely Perez**-6th grade year because we got to go to UCI and bus liked to come late sometimes.

**Baron Banuelos**-my favorite AVID year was 7th grade because the was the year where we go to do the most fun stuff before covid screwed everything up

**Nelson Lecona**-I really enjoyed 7th grade because we were already given 6th grade to get to know each other and become friends. No one was shy to talk because they were already friends with everyone in AVID.

**Eduardo Cervantes**-Gonna go with 6th grade year, common now. That was the best Avid year no doubt.

**Gael Galeana**-7th grade even though it was cut short because we still did a lot of fun stuff and caught to go to the La Brea Tar Pits.

**Anthony Gallo**- My favorite AVID year is 6th grade because I got the chance to learn new things and create friendships with random students that have the same goal as I do.



Dear AVID Class,

The past three years have been filled with amazing memories. I am very grateful that I got the opportunity to meet so many amazing people who are all aiming towards the same goal. Middle school is coming to an end. We will all be going separate ways, and I am thankful for all of you. You are all smart, determined, and talented. Wishing you the best of luck in whatever you chose to do.

Brianna Carbajal

Dear AVID Class,

These past three years have been filled with many good memories. I am very grateful that I was able to meet many of you throughout the years. It is hard to believe that many of us went from being strangers to being best friends through AVID. I will always remember all those college field trips and us racing to the food courts. Sadly, we were not able to do many activities and field trips these past two years, but I will treasure the things that we did do. Although many of us will be separating when we go to high school, we will all remember all the fun memories that we made. I wish you all the best in high school.

Gaby Cruz

Dear AVID Family,

I have made mistakes, caused problems, and lived through many embarrassing moments, but I am glad that all of this happened with you. I am so grateful that I joined AVID, and I want to thank all of you for making my seventh and eighth grade years memorable and full of adventure. You have all brightened up my life for the better and I could not be happier to have met you all. I did not get to go on many field trips, however the few that I was able to go to were awesome. I enjoyed myself to the fullest when I was with everyone and I made so many memories as well as new friends. Being with you all has shaped me into the person I am today, and I could not have been happier. I know that everyone here will live vibrant lives with many twists and turns and I could only hope that you will use the lessons Mr. Gerow has taught us. I am going to miss you all when high school comes along, and I will not ever forget the advice Mr. Gerow has given us.

Coco Bush

Dear AVID class,

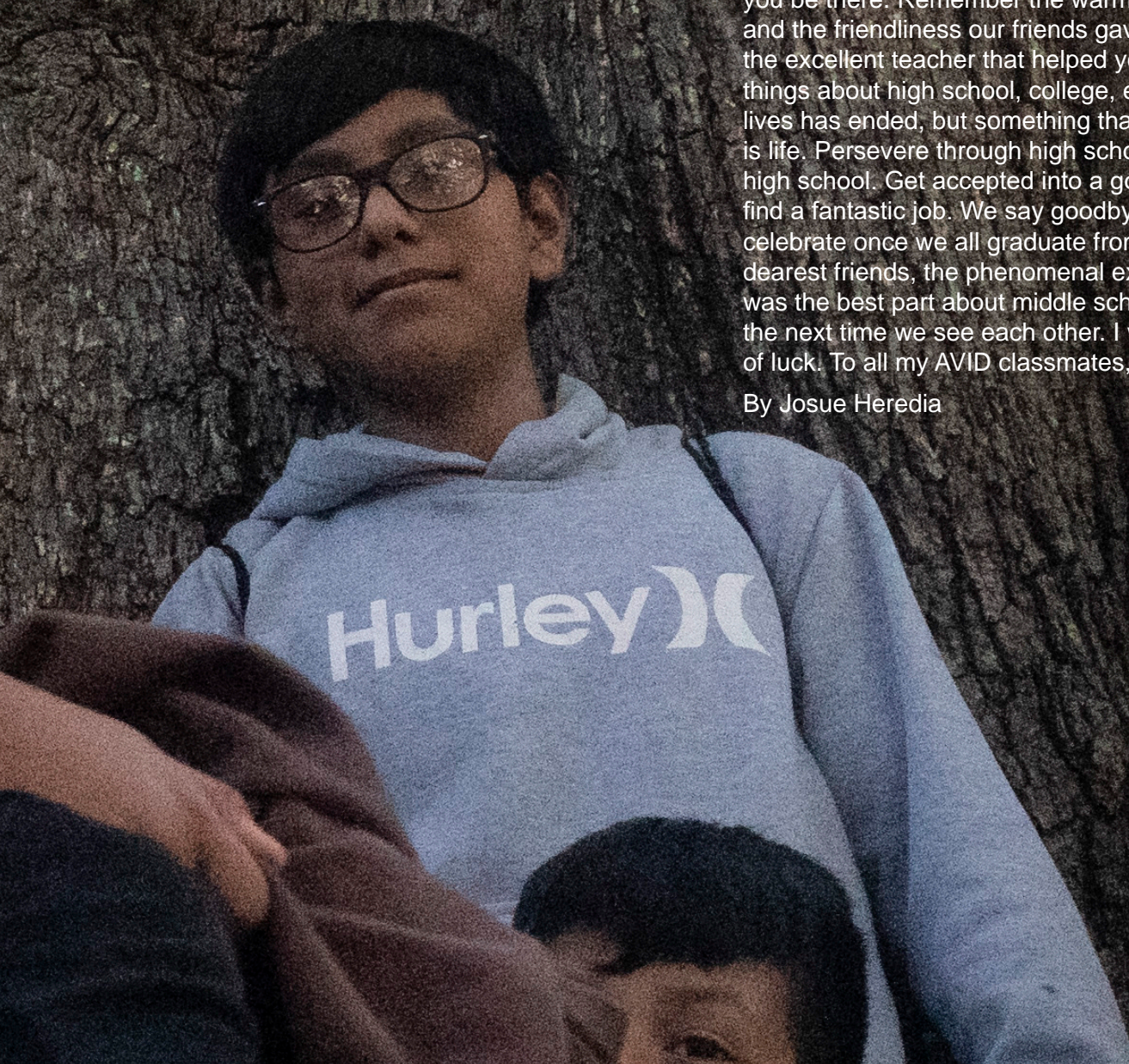
The past two years that I have been in AVID have been amazing with you guys. You guys always offered support and were always willing to lend a helping hand. We have faced many challenging obstacles throughout the years, but we all overcame them together. We will always remember when Mr. Gerow yelled at us for thinking that there were ghosts up on Palomar Mountain, well mainly the girls but that is beside the point. Also, when Ana started crying because she missed her family. No offense to you Ana, we all love you. When we leave this school, we will be leaving behind our second family and some of us may never see each other again, but we will always remember the fun we had and the friends we made in classroom 314. We will all one day achieve our dreams and become the person we have always wanted to be and one day meet each other again at a rich people golf club. But until then, farewell fellow classmates.

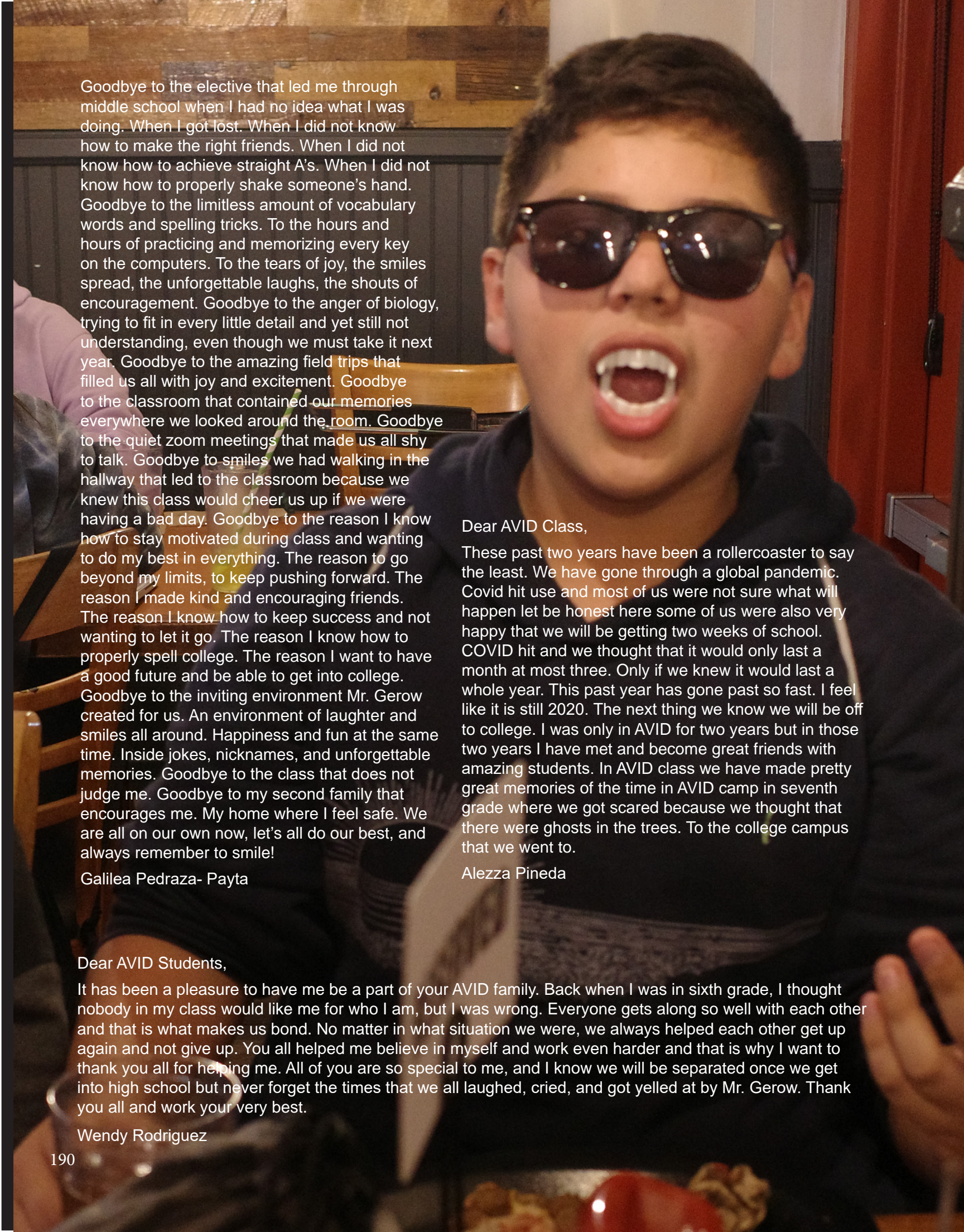
Kiomy Cadena

Dear AVID class,

We did it! We finished middle school. Throughout the past three years, we saw each other have fun, struggle, be happy, and grow. Though our last year has been half online and half in person, the memories we made together are what made us move forward. When it comes to field trips, schoolwork, homework, anything, we were always there for each other. Through the hardest of times when we wanted to give up, we said to each other, "we can do this." Most of us will be going to different schools, but if you ever feel like giving up, remember why you are there, what makes you be there. Remember the warmth, the courage, and the friendliness our friends gave you. Remember the excellent teacher that helped you understand things about high school, college, etc. A chapter of our lives has ended, but something that has not ended is life. Persevere through high school. Succeed in high school. Get accepted into a good college and find a fantastic job. We say goodbye now, but we will celebrate once we all graduate from high school. My dearest friends, the phenomenal experience of AVID was the best part about middle school. I look forward to the next time we see each other. I wish you all the best of luck. To all my AVID classmates, goodbye for now.

By Josue Heredia





Goodbye to the elective that led me through middle school when I had no idea what I was doing. When I got lost. When I did not know how to make the right friends. When I did not know how to achieve straight A's. When I did not know how to properly shake someone's hand. Goodbye to the limitless amount of vocabulary words and spelling tricks. To the hours and hours of practicing and memorizing every key on the computers. To the tears of joy, the smiles spread, the unforgettable laughs, the shouts of encouragement. Goodbye to the anger of biology, trying to fit in every little detail and yet still not understanding, even though we must take it next year. Goodbye to the amazing field trips that filled us all with joy and excitement. Goodbye to the classroom that contained our memories everywhere we looked around the room. Goodbye to the quiet zoom meetings that made us all shy to talk. Goodbye to smiles we had walking in the hallway that led to the classroom because we knew this class would cheer us up if we were having a bad day. Goodbye to the reason I know how to stay motivated during class and wanting to do my best in everything. The reason to go beyond my limits, to keep pushing forward. The reason I made kind and encouraging friends. The reason I know how to keep success and not wanting to let it go. The reason I know how to properly spell college. The reason I want to have a good future and be able to get into college. Goodbye to the inviting environment Mr. Gerow created for us. An environment of laughter and smiles all around. Happiness and fun at the same time. Inside jokes, nicknames, and unforgettable memories. Goodbye to the class that does not judge me. Goodbye to my second family that encourages me. My home where I feel safe. We are all on our own now, let's all do our best, and always remember to smile!

Galilea Pedraza- Payta

Dear AVID Class,

These past two years have been a rollercoaster to say the least. We have gone through a global pandemic. Covid hit us and most of us were not sure what will happen let be honest here some of us were also very happy that we will be getting two weeks of school. COVID hit and we thought that it would only last a month at most three. Only if we knew it would last a whole year. This past year has gone past so fast. I feel like it is still 2020. The next thing we know we will be off to college. I was only in AVID for two years but in those two years I have met and become great friends with amazing students. In AVID class we have made pretty great memories of the time in AVID camp in seventh grade where we got scared because we thought that there were ghosts in the trees. To the college campus that we went to.

Alezza Pineda

Dear AVID Students,

It has been a pleasure to have me be a part of your AVID family. Back when I was in sixth grade, I thought nobody in my class would like me for who I am, but I was wrong. Everyone gets along so well with each other and that is what makes us bond. No matter in what situation we were, we always helped each other get up again and not give up. You all helped me believe in myself and work even harder and that is why I want to thank you all for helping me. All of you are so special to me, and I know we will be separated once we get into high school but never forget the times that we all laughed, cried, and got yelled at by Mr. Gerow. Thank you all and work your very best.

Wendy Rodriguez

Dear Classmates,

This is my final goodbye before taking my first few steps to high school. I have made many fond memories with many of you, and I hope to make many more in the final four years of school. AVID was my favorite class because it felt like a family. We would all work together and help each other out if needed. AVID pushed me to strive for good grades and educated me about not just about college but spelling tricks, typing, math, biology, and many more exciting topics. I am glad that I was able to be part of such a fun and welcoming class in my three years at Marco. AVID helped me make lots of new friends and I became more open minded and less shy. It saddens me that the journey of middle school is almost coming to an end. Even though some of my classmates are going to different schools I still feel excited to become a freshman at San Juan Hills. It is like starting a new adventure. I hope to get along with everyone and I will push myself to get straight A's and no B's.

Joel Rodriguez

Dear Michelle, Brianna, Gaby, and Leslie,

Thank you for all the great memories we have made these past three years. From waking up Brianna at three in the morning to go to the bathroom, yelling at Leslie, watching Michelle dance, and studying with Gaby. Both good and bad they are all memories to remember. I wish you all the best in high school and hopefully the group chat stays alive.

Melissa Ruiz

Dear Stefany, Valeria, and Kiomy,

These past years with you all will be something I will always remember. Stefany, I am so glad that we got into some of the same classes during sixth grade because we probably would not have become friends. Valeria, these past five years of being your friend have been the best. Even after this whole pandemic and not being able to see each other until recently, we can still talk to each other like normal. Kiomy, I am very glad that I got to spend eighth grade with you because we have become closer friends. You three have been there for me and I cannot thank you enough. Breakthrough and AVID with Stefany and Valeria was the best and we got to make so many memories together. Middle school has been so much fun with all of you, and I really hope we keep in touch during high school. I am going to miss you all very much.

Vanessa Garcia Torres

Dear AVID Class,

Thank you for making these past years the best. This is one of the hardest goodbyes after being together for the past three years. I will truly miss everyone and will always remember the amazing memories we made together. Thank you all for making AVID so unforgettable. AVID camp was a lot of fun since I got to get closer with people I did not talk as much with. I wish everyone the best of luck for high school and hope that everyone stays tenacious and determined. AVID has taught me so much and I also want to thank Mr. Gerow, he has taught me so much and I am grateful that I had an opportunity to be in AVID. Thank you for helping me with the easiest thing in life that I did not know about, I have learned so much throughout these three years and it has really helped me. Without AVID I would not be where I am today. Middle school has been the best years of my life and even though some of us will be going to different high schools. I know everyone has a bright future ahead of them and will do great things in life. Also thank you to my closest friends, they made these past years incredible, without any of them I would not be where I am today. If anyone ever needs anything you can always count on me.

Rossivel Sanchez





Dear AVID class,

Thank you for these awesome three years. I have met many people because of AVID. Thank you for the fun times. Thank you for teaching me new vocabulary words and writing techniques. Thank you for supporting me in math with a math tutorial. Thank you for showing me what is right and wrong thing to do. Thank you for showing me how to write an application. Thank you for my nickname. Thank you for motivating me to work hard. I believe everyone is capable of changing the world. Thank you for the laughs. Though we had downs like the pandemic, learning how to type fast, writing a five-paragraph essay, and Biology. But those downs made us stronger. I am thankful and proud to be part of the AVID family.

Jorkaeff/Tato Galeana

Dear Gabby, Leslie, Michelle, and Melissa

I am glad that I got the chance to be friends with people like you. The last three years have been filled with happiness, laughter, crying, and excitement. Good or bad we have been through it together. Thank you for all the memories from 6th grade AVID camp to going bowling. You are all amazing, smart, determined, and talented. Wishing you all the best in high school. No matter what you end up doing you will always do your best.

Brianna Carbajal

Dear AVID students,

These past three years have been amazing even though we did not get to do anything this year. Not only were the field trips with all of you fun but so was class. I admired how we could all be goofy one moment and then serious the next. The memories I made with all of you will always remain in my heart. I remember going to 6th grade and hearing that the people I meet here would feel like a family but did not believe it. Now here I am in 8th grade sad that I am going to be separated from most of you, but I am forever grateful that I got to know all of you. All of you are hard-working and talented and I wish all of you the best in anything you want to do in the future. Thank you all for the best memories.

Leslie Marquina

Final Goodbyes:

Omar Hernandez is the first person I would like to say my final goodbye to because he has always been a good friend, and he never gives up no matter what circumstances he is in.

Josue Hereridia is the second person I want to say my final goodbye to because he is going to Capo Valley High School, and I assume that we will not see each other again. He is a really nice, smart, and attentive student always ready to help others.

I would also like to say goodbye to Brandon Beck because he is smart, funny, and very intelligent. He always likes to make a joke about something even when times are tough, so I would like to say goodbye to him.

Sergio Grajales has always been a good friend, so I would like to say goodbye to him. For this reason, being stated a reason is he always has a good attitude in class and with his classmates.

I would like to say my final goodbye to Karina Hutchinson because she is a wonderful friend that is always sticking with you no matter what is happening with your life. She is willing to sit down with you, like if she was an adult, and talk with you. Even when she is having a tough time she still smiles and enjoys spending time with people.

Javier Espinoza

Dear AVID family,

We have had three wonderful years together. There were good and bad times, but we got through it all together over the years. We have all grown into the people we are today. I am glad to have joined AVID even though it can be frustrating sometimes we got the opportunity to grow and become better people. Many of us are going to different high schools but I am grateful to have made so many amazing memories. I wish everyone the best for the future.

Marleen Lopez

Dear AVID family,

I am glad I got very close to most of you guys. It's sad how fast these three years passed by but I am for sure grateful for these past three years and how much fun we all made together. AVID made me get out of my comfort zone even though at first, I did not want to as much, but I am happy I got to do that. I feel like it made me show who I really was. I still remember the first day of sixth-grade AVID camp. I did not even want to go because I knew I obviously did not know anybody there. AVID is where I met who are now my best and closest friends. I literally consider you guys as a second family, not going to lie. It is going to hurt saying my last goodbyes to you all because sadly we are not going to the same high school. I want to really thank my closest friends, Brianna C, Leslie M, Melissa R, Juliana R, Emely P, and several others for a lot of unforgettable memories. We had our ups and downs but here we are once again, and I really wish you all the best. Middle school was honestly one of my most favorite and best experiences, although in seventh grade it got messed up. I felt like I took some time for granted which I should not have because we are only about two months away from graduating from middle school and now heading our separate routes to high school. Also, I want to really thank Mr. Gerow for everything he has done for us because if it were not for him, none of this would have happened. He pushed us to the maximum at times but now that I look back, I am grateful for that. I know everybody in this class is going to be something great in the future and I wish you all nothing but the best, take care and I am here for every single one of you if you ever need anything.

Michelle Melo

When I was in fifth grade, I heard about this class called AVID. My friends said that the class would help you get into college and I was down to join. When I first walked into class, I saw some friend and some new people that I have never met before they did seem smart at first, but later, I realized that these new people are way smarter than me and I respected every single one of them they all gave their hardest and never gave up they deserve to go to the college they choose. When I met the teacher Mr. Gerow I kind of had a good feeling about my choice to join AVID, and I would not regret it for any reason. AVID taught me things that I never could learn about in other classes and it also helped every AVID student. AVID is my favorite class for all my middle school years, it is just nice on how a class could get many kids to bond with each other and it will always be in my memories.

Eduard Cervantes



Dear AVID Class,

These past three years have been an absolute rollercoaster of great adventures, experiences, and emotions. The way that we have all grown throughout these years have filled me up with joy. From not knowing many others from different schools to laughing and making jokes with them. It is amazing to see everyone grow without really noticing because of those happy memories. I am forever grateful for the friends I have made and for the lessons that were taught to me. I will miss Mr. Gerow's informative and serious talks during class that have taught me well. I will miss the AVID family that we have constructed throughout these years of growth. I will miss those times where we would not stop laughing because of a simple joke that someone had made. All these memories and little moments have contributed to who I am now. However, it was not always about memories and jokes. It was often about schoolwork and lessons. But, even in those serious moments of teaching and learning, I have learned many things that have made me realize that I have to work hard to seek happiness before fun. From not believing in a second family, AVID has taught me otherwise. Thank you, Mr. Gerow, for providing me with this happiness.

America Reyes















