

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER RALPH DIAZ - WHS CAREER DAY 2017

Ralph Diaz attended College of the Sequoias for two years prior to joining the California Department of Corrections at the age of 21. He has been working in the California prison system for 26 years and during this time he became certified to teach and train at all of the department academy facilities. Ralph currently serves as a governor's appointee in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. His current position as Warden requires that he oversee an 11.4 billion dollar budget that serves 35 prisons, 2 parole regions, 3 Youth facilities and various other departmental services. His responsibilities include the day to day operations of an inmate population of 183,326 along with a staff of 32,300 Peace Officers and 29,500 support staff.

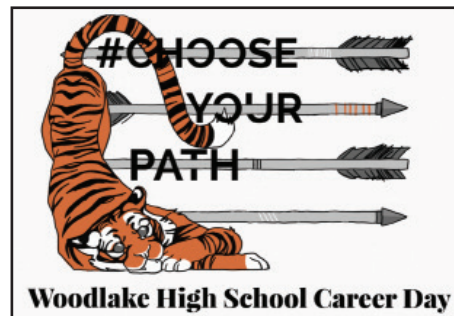


*Ralph Diaz graduated from Woodlake High School in 1987.*

Throughout all of Ralph's accomplishments he recognizes that his guiding principles and desire to learn were acquired while he was a student at Woodlake High School. He understands that people are more than their mistakes and credits Mr. Frank Ainley for teaching him this valuable lesson. Mr. Ainley had stood up for him after having made a poor choice that could have jeopardized his graduation. He will always remember Mr. Ainley's response after he asked him why he stood up for him. "Diaz, I knew you were better than that and I knew you were raised better and needed a break". He now applies that life lesson in his daily job when working with the men and women who have taken that poor path and trying to guide them to change their trajectory to a more positive outcome.

## WHS WILL BE HOSTING ITS 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CAREER DAY ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2017

Career Day is an opportunity to feature our alumni as distinguished presenters and share their career path and experiences. This event hosts approximately 100 to 150 presenters which consist primarily of WHS alumni but also very active community members that would like to promote their career sector to our youth. The day will start with a Keynote address by Ralph Diaz, class of 1987. After the Keynote address, students attend five different career presentations based on their registration requests. While the presentations are going on in classrooms we also hold a College/Career Fair in the Old Gym. The College/Career Fair hosts representatives from a variety of universities as well as local companies or organizations that provide employment opportunities for students. Career Day is also combined with our Homecoming Pep Rally. Presenters receive a free pass to the Homecoming



football game against Lindsay that evening.

This year's Career Day is organized by a student steering committee headed by Edlin Gonzalez & Jaime Navarro. The College Fair is put on by the AP Spanish Literature class which is taught by Mrs. Blanca Lucatero. These students work hard all year to make Career Day a great success. They are in charge of overseeing the rescheduling of the entire student body for one day, inviting presenters, and helping to organize seven student committees. They do an outstanding job coordinating this event through the planning process through the final thank you letters.

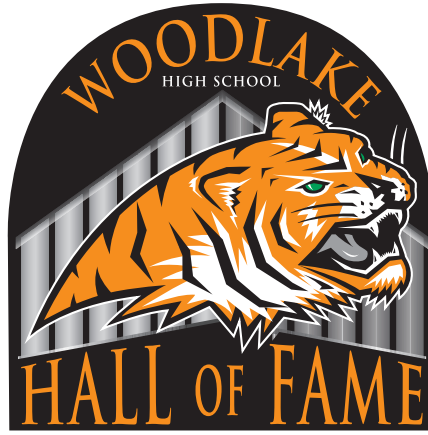
The financing for this event is made possible by generous donations from the Woodlake High School Foundation, Woodlake Kiwanis Club, and many local businesses. If you are interested in participating in Career Day, contact Carmita Pena at 559-564-3307 ext. 4301 or email her at [cpena@w-usd.org](mailto:cpena@w-usd.org).

## Have You Included the Woodlake High School Foundation in Your Will or Trust?

# WHS HALL OF FAME - CLASS OF 2018

The first group of Hall of Fame recipients were enshrined at the Spring Foundation dinner in 2017. Now it is time to add to the list with our second class of Hall of Fame inductees.

The WHS Foundation Spring dinner on April 20, 2018 will add selected individuals to the first class that included, Frank Ainley, Louise Achenbach, and Leo Robinson. We are looking for individuals who have served in many capacities such as student, teaching staff, clerical staff, board member, administrator, or district adminis-



trator. The goal is to induct people who have taken "Tiger Spirit" outside the walls of the school and have brought Woodlake High School notoriety, either from their exploits during their time in school or after in their careers.

The nomination form with criteria is attached to this newsletter; send it to the address listed. Nominations will close in mid-January in order for the committee to have time to meet and select the next deserving class!

*We look forward to seeing the nominations come in.*

## WHS FOUNDATION 2017 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

The Woodlake High School Foundation has established a Hall of Fame for its distinguished staff and alumni. The Foundation dinner on April 20th, 2018 will host the second induction class. Candidates are eligible based on their contributions in areas such as academics, the community, athletics, professional occupations, and the arts.

Any person may nominate a candidate to the Woodlake High School Hall of Fame. Once a name has been placed in nomination, it will be kept on file to be considered in later years.

Former students with at least two years at Woodlake High School, former Woodlake High School staff members including teachers, administrators, counselors, high school support staff, past superintendents, and former board members, are all eligible for nomination. A student candidate is eligible once their graduating class is five years out of high school. Former staff members, board members, and administrators are eligible if they worked for Woodlake a minimum of 10 years and have been retired from Woodlake for at least four years.

### Nomination form: Deadline is January 15, 2018

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

I am nominating: \_\_\_\_\_ for induction into the Woodlake High School Hall of Fame.

Category (check one):  Alumni  Certificated  Classified  Administrator  Board member

I understand that only those nominations with supporting evidence will be considered. Examples of supporting evidence include any documentation from the above criteria including significant contributions to school and/or community. Applications without this evidence will not be considered.

***Send your nomination to: Tony Casares at 450 W. Sequoia Ave., Woodlake, CA 93286  
or to Woodlake High School Foundation, c/o Tony Casares: 300 W. Whitney, Woodlake, CA 93286.  
Email to: [tcasares@w-usd.org](mailto:tcasares@w-usd.org)***

**The following statement includes my reasons for nominating this outstanding candidate for induction into the Hall of Fame.**

*(Please Use This Form, or make a Copy - Please Attach additional pages if needed.)*

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# WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

November 1, 2017

**Dear Friend of Woodlake High School,**

Since 1990, the Woodlake High School Foundation has been working with committed community members to fund annual scholarships for hundreds of deserving Woodlake High School graduates who are going on to colleges and vocational schools across the country. This year finds us short of needed funds for these scholarships and we need your help.

We need your help in two ways. First, to help us fund this year's scholarships for our top students, and second, to help us reach our endowment goal of \$1 million, so we can continue to support our students for years to come.

The Foundation supports those students who receive limited financial aid from other sources to help fund their first year of college. Normally, the source of our annual foundation scholarships has been the income generated by our spring dinner. This year, that income is well short of our needs. At this point, many deserving, high achieving students will not receive the financial support they need to continue their education at the college level. We need your help to make our student's burdens become just a little bit lighter.

Any amount of a donation to either our annual scholarship fund or our permanent endowment fund will make a difference for many deserving Woodlake High School students. Oh, and just a side note, this year's average Senior class GPA is higher than it's ever been! So our desire to support these hard working students is greater than ever!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Woodlake High School Foundation.  
*Go Tigers!!*

Sincerely,

*Christine Burns*

President,  
Woodlake High School Foundation

*Sandy Owen*

Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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# ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE

Woodlake High School (WHS) is now in its third year of the Academy of Agriculture Program. We currently have three grade level cohorts; 9th, 10th, and 11th for a total of 80 students in the program. The Academy of Agriculture features the following two pathways:



- I. Plant Science Pathway-** Coursework with a focus placed on plant and soil science.
- II. Ag Mechanics Pathway-** Coursework with a focus placed on technical skills, welding, and engineering.

## *What is the difference for students who are in the Academy of Agriculture vs. the traditional agriculture pathway?*

WHS is implementing Linked Learning, which is an educational approach that combines career-themed courses, rigorous curriculum, work-based learning and personalized student support structures on a traditional high school campus.

Work-based learning opportunities occur in real work-places through job shadowing, internships, and professional skill-building events. Students are required to work with industry partners as they work through each grade level project.

Students are cohorted or grouped together by grade level into classes in order to collaborate and work on their Project Based Learning (PBL) assignment across content area curriculum.

**Project Based Learning (PBL):** All students are required to carry out a project which helps generate information or solve a real world issue or concern. Students are cohorted in English and Science courses allowing the teachers to collab-

orate on the PBL assignment while connecting their content area with the Agriculture Industry. Through linking these content areas and with a PBL assignment, students are able to make meaningful connections and understand the importance of how these content areas are later applied in a real work or world environment.

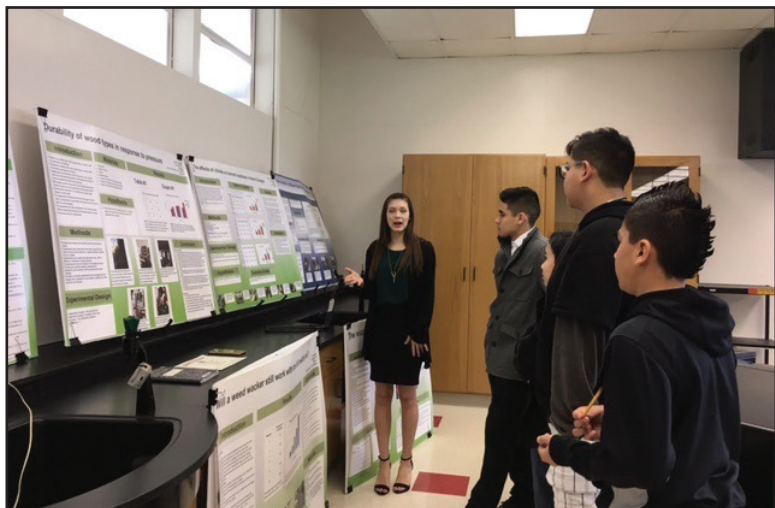
Our 9th graders are required to do an Agri-Science Project which involves conducting a science experiment that addresses agriculture-related issues. After a semester of testing and analysis, students present their experiment and results to a panel of industry partners for feedback. The top rated projects are then submitted to the state AgriScience competition. The class of 2020 had one student make it to the top ten and he will be competing at Nationals in October 2017.



The 10th graders PBL assignment will help students utilize the school farm and determine ways to turn a farm resource into a marketable revenue building product. This cohort of students will focus on olive production items and developing products that are marketable.

The 11th and 12th graders will focus on job shadowing and internships opportunities that will provide professional and valuable hands-on industry experiences. The goal for the upperclassman cohorts is to carry out and implement their 10th grade project and gain industry internship experience.

Woodlake High School is also seeking potential business partners, advisory board members and support with resources. Anyone interested in learning more about the Academy of Agriculture Program or how they can support the program, please contact Carmita Peña at (559) 559-564-3307 Ext. 4301.



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - "CREATING PATHWAYS FOR SUCCESS"



*Rich Rodriquez - WHS Principal*

Woodlake High School (WHS) is very excited about the 2017-2018 school year. At WHS, the use of technology to enhance learning has been taken to a new level. All WHS students have been provided with a Chrome Book (laptop computer) to take home with the capability to access the school district's internet. With the ability to access educational resources, use various educational applications like Google Drive or collaborate on a project via cyberspace, the Chrome Book and access to the internet has provided a unique opportunity for expanded learning and increasing academic success.

WHS was awarded a \$250,000 per year grant to establish after school enrichment programs. Some of the planned activities include:

- **Academic Tutorials**-Homework support, college exam preparations
- **Life Skills**-Culinary arts, financial literacy, communication, leadership
- **Physical Fitness**-Health literacy, weight training, aerobics, Zumba
- **Hands-on S.T.E.M.**-Robotics, coding, science experiments, technology
- **Visual & Performing Arts**- Art, poetry, drama, music, dance

The goals of the after school enrichment programs are to enhance students' education, develop new skills and increase their preparedness for college or career opportunities.

Youth Service Learning (YSL) continues to be one of the most valuable educational experiences available at WHS. There are not very many high schools that provide students the opportunity to complete Community Service Projects or participate in Job Shadowing as a component of their diploma. Through YSL, students learn the value of giving back to their community, develop social skills and form partnerships with community members. Job Shadowing is highly encouraged as it offers students the unique ability to engage in real work experiences that connect to their career interests.

WHS is continually considering ways to develop the necessary skills in students to be successful scholars and future working professionals. If you would like more information about WHS's educational programs or would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact me at school at 559-564-3307.

## WHS WELCOMES EIGHT NEW TEACHERS

*The Woodlake community is proud to welcome new staff to Woodlake High School.*

*Below are the new staff members that have joined the WHS Team:*

### **Roy Guerra**

Health and Wellness Teacher,  
WHS Alumnus - Class of 1991, Soccer Coach

### **Donald Thornburg**

Agriculture Teacher,  
WHS Alumnus - Class of 1995,  
Believer of Hands on Experiences

### **Susan Moran**

Agriculture Teacher, Hanford Grad,  
Three Rivers Resident

### **Angel Hernandez**

Math Teacher, Porterville Grad,  
Computer Science Major

### **Katie Goodin**

Education Specialist, Golden West Grad,  
Enjoys Small Communities

### **Marina Ambriz**

Education Specialist,  
Tulare Union Grad, Has a Passion for Math

### **James Lynch**

Social Science, Bullard Grad,  
Looking Forward to Working with a  
diverse student population

### **Thomas Alcaraz**

Choir, Grew up in Arizona,  
Energetic Educator with a  
Variety of Music Experiences

### **Victor Castro**

Educational Technology, Tulare Western Grad,  
M.A. Information Technology

**The new Woodlake High School Foundation website is going live this month! Take a look at some of the new features:**

- **Meet Your 2017-18 WHSF Board.**
- **Learn about the many programs and events that the Foundation supports.**
- **Purchase tickets to WHSF events.**
- **Fill out nomination forms for scholarships, awards and registrations.**
- **Read the interactive current WHSF newsletter articles.**
- **Visit the archives to read past newsletters.**
- **Review the various ways you can support the Foundation including donations.**

**Enjoy pictures of the community, past WHSF events, and WHS alums.**

# WELCOME TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR OF TIGER ATHLETICS!

It has been a transition year for Tiger Football as first year Varsity Head Coach- Jeff Johnson has taken the helm. Coach Johnson and staff have installed a no-huddle, option style offense to keep the opposing teams on their toes.

The Tiger Volleyball teams have started their league play. Coaches: Varsity - Yvette Garcia WHS Class of 1998, JV - Pam Crabtree Castillo WHS class of 1989 and Freshman - Ashley Kambourian Class of 2012 are preparing our athletes for another competitive year.

WHS Girls Tennis continues its impressive season under the direction of Head Coach Mike Judson and Assistant Coaches Anne Pfaff and Yolanda Parama Bolaños WHS Class of 1983. This past September 15-16, they competed in the Visalia Invitational where they won 1st place in the Division 2 team competition. WHS Senior, Katie Pfaff placed second in the Division 1 singles competition.

Our Cross Country Tigers under the direction of Head Coach Blanca Lucatero and JV Coach Jessie Ramirez have competed admirably this season. This team has been running through town at 5:30 a.m. while many residents are still asleep. Their training sessions consist of grueling 6 mile runs on a variety of terrains, including hills and mountain sides. In the afternoons you can find them in the weight room and then in the pool for their cross training sessions.

Winter Sports are around the corner and training sessions will begin mid-November.

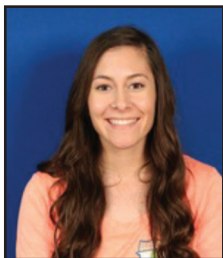
Stay updated on Tiger Athletics by visiting [whsathletics.org](http://whsathletics.org) or like us on Facebook- WUSD Athletics.

**Jose Alfredo Palomo**  
WHS Athletic Director

## WHS ALUMNI WHO HAVE RETURNED TO COACH OUR WOODLAKE TIGERS:

Thomas Navarro <i>Class of 2008</i> .....	Varsity Football	Sal Guerra <i>Class of 1992</i> .....	Varsity Girls Soccer
Juan Gamez <i>Class of 2000</i> .....	Varsity Football	Armando Villegas <i>Class of 1999</i> .....	JV Girls Soccer
Manny Martinez <i>Class of 1993</i> .....	Varsity Football	Philip Mesa <i>Class of 1986</i> .....	Wrestling
Abraham Rodriguez <i>Class of 2004</i> .....	Varsity Football	Tony Lopez <i>Class of 1996</i> .....	JV Boys Basketball
Gerry Alvarez <i>Class of 1993</i> .....	Varsity Football	Billy Lucero <i>Class of 2009</i> .....	JV Boys Basketball
Wesley Stevenson <i>Class of 2014</i> .....	Football Summer League	Eddie Magaña <i>Class of 1990</i> .....	Frosh Boys Basketball
Tony Lopez <i>Class of 1996</i> .....	JV Football	Lorenzo Piñón <i>Class of 2011</i> .....	Frosh Boys Basketball
Michael Standlee <i>Class of 2015</i> .....	JV Football	Jaykob Rodriguez <i>Class of 2015</i> .....	Frosh Boys Basketball
Yvette Garcia <i>Class of 1998</i> .....	Varsity Volleyball	Ashley Kambourian <i>Class of 2012</i> .....	Frosh Girls Basketball
Pam Crabtree-Castillo <i>Class of 1989</i> .....	JV Volleyball	Suzi Rivas <i>Class of 1985</i> .....	Swimming
Ashely Kambourian <i>Class of 2012</i> .....	Frosh Volleyball	Angelica Preciado <i>Class of 2014</i> .....	Swimming
Yolanda Bolaños <i>Class of 1983</i> .....	JV Girls Tennis	Sofie Nuñez <i>Class of 1988</i> .....	JV Softball
José A. Palomo <i>Class of 1991</i> .....	Varsity Boys Soccer	Karina Rodriguez <i>Class of 2013</i> .....	JV Softball
Jose Gonzalez <i>Class of 2001</i> .....	Varsity Boys Soccer	Pete Rodriguez <i>Class of 1988</i> .....	JV Softball
Cesar Hernandez <i>Class of 2002</i> .....	JV Boys Soccer	Eddie Peña <i>Class of 1996</i> .....	Varsity Baseball
Gerardo Perez <i>Class of 2014</i> .....	JV Boys Soccer	Heather Wood-Sullenger <i>Class of 2009</i> .....	Boys Tennis
Javier Ceballos <i>Class of 2006</i> .....	JV Boys Soccer	Aaron Canizalez <i>Class of 2014</i> .....	Track
Roy Guerra <i>Class of 1991</i> .....	Varsity Girls Soccer	Delilah Diaz-Martinez <i>Class of 1991</i> .....	Cheer

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Brooke Rivas-Renteria**  
WHS class of 2017  
College of the Sequoias, CA  
Sport- Soccer  
Major- N/A



**Joana Guerra**  
WHS class of 2017  
College of the Sequoias, CA  
Sport-Soccer  
Major-Education



**Hannah Sherwood**  
WHS class of 2018  
College of the Sequoias, CA  
Sport-Soccer  
Major- N/A



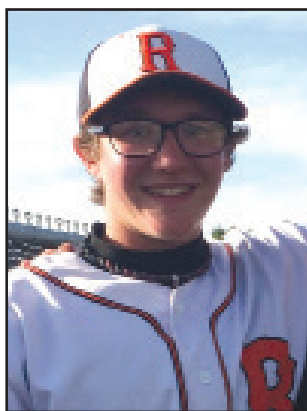
**Nataly Sanchez**  
WHS Class of 2017  
Clovis Community College, CA  
Sport-Soccer  
Major- N/A

# WOODLAKE ATHLETES MOVE-ON TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES



**Elijah Cunningham**  
WHS class of 2014. Six days following graduation, he moved to Santa Barbara area, and was working out for the summer with the Santa Barbara

City College Football team (where his two uncles and father attended). He decided to 'red-shirt' (practice w/team, but not to play) his first season. The second year, on the second game of the year - he broke a SBCC school record with 106 yard kick return for a TD. He had a phenomenal year 2015, and became the league's #1 Kick Returner in CA. He was named All American in 2016. Following SBCC graduation, he was recruited and accepted a full-ride scholarship from Missouri Western State University in Saint Joseph, MO. He is one of their wide-receivers for the Griffons. Elijah is the son of of Cathey Crumly Elizaldi WHS Class of 1978.



**Spencer Jones**  
WHS class of 2015, attended and played baseball for the Reedley College Tigers for two years. An All-American for Reedley College as a pitcher, Spencer

was on the first two Reedley College teams to advance to the playoffs in over 4 decades. Spencer is on his way to York College in Nebraska (NAIA) with an academic and athletic scholarship. Spencer had three older siblings that are WHS graduates.



**Ruth Galvan**  
WHS class of 2014. Ruth played girls soccer for four years in high school. Ruth was a Tulare-Kings All-Star Game selection. After graduating

from Woodlake HS, she played women's soccer for Fresno City College. Ruth now plays soccer for Palm Beach Atlantic University, which is a Division II NCAA program.

**KiAnna Cunningham**  
WHS class of 2015. KiAnna decided to go to the College of Sequoias for one year, and see if she could get recruited. She played COS Women's Volleyball,



and earned First Team Honors. She also competed in Track and Field Spring of 2016, earning 3rd place in the State Finals. KiAnna received a full-ride scholarship in Track from Cal State Northridge in 2016. Due to an injury, she was unable to compete in 2016/2017, but now is ready to compete this season in the long jump, the 100M and 200M individual races, and relays. Kianna is the daughter of Cathey Crumly Elizaldi WHS Class of 1978.

**Eddie Peña**

WHS class of 2015. Eddie attended and played baseball for two years at Fresno City College. Eddie was a 2 time All - C o n -



ference selection as a utility player. He played a number of infield and outfield positions for the Rams. For the 2017 season Eddie batted an impressive .320 average with an OPS of .843. This great season launched Eddie to the Division I Fresno State baseball team and a promising future with the Bulldogs this spring. He is the son of Eddie and Carmita Rodriguez Pena WHS Class of 1996.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Javier Cortez**  
WHS class of 2017  
College of the Sequoias, CA  
Sport-Soccer Major-Nursing



**Joel Vasquez**  
WHS class of 2016  
College of the Sequoias, CA  
Sport-Soccer Major- N/A



**Wesley Stevenson**

WHS class of 1014, is in his senior year at McPherson College in Kansas. Wesley started attending McPherson on a football scholarship in 2016, after attending and playing football for COS for two years. Wesley is an offensive lineman for his team in McPherson and was chosen to play in the D2/NAIA All-Star game on December 17 in Myrtle Beach, SC. His major is sociology, criminal justice. While at WHS, Wesley played football, basketball, and baseball all four years. His parents are Scott and Debbie (Robinson) Stevenson WHS Class of 1988.

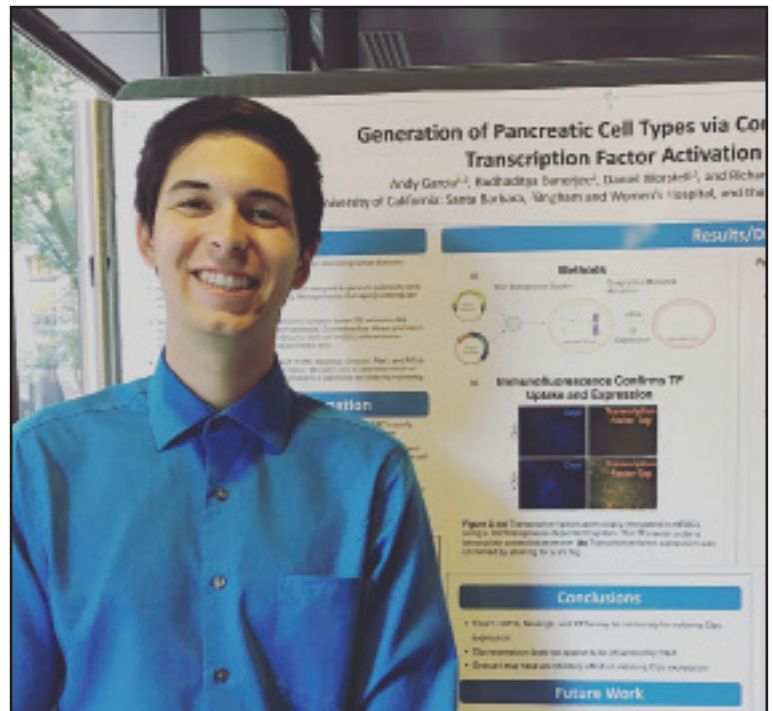
# WHS GRADS SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

## **Andrew Garcia** - *WHS Class of 2016*

*Internship at Harvard Stem Cell Institute Internship Program*

This summer I packed up my dorm and left my home university, UC Santa Barbara, to participate in an internship at Harvard University. This program, known as the Harvard Stem Cell Institute Internship Program (or HIP for short), placed 35 out of the 800 college students who applied into cutting edge research laboratories throughout the Boston area where we worked alongside world-renown scientists on individual stem cell oriented projects for 10 weeks. I was placed in the Richard Sherwood Laboratory at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

My own research project explored a new, more expedient and efficient way of developing pancreatic cells from stem cells. Typical protocols for making pancreatic cells take many months to complete; however, in theory, the method my lab is developing may take only a few weeks to produce these cells. This is important because pancreatic cells are involved in many debilitating human diseases such as diabetes and pancreatic cancer. The cells we produce could be used for research on these diseases and possibly one day as therapeutics. This internship was an invaluable experience – I left Harvard with new friendships that will



last a lifetime, great mentors who taught me to think like a scientist, and with a new-found confidence, knowledge, and expertise that will serve me well as I continue on my journey in science.

## **Erica Diaz** - *WHS Class of 2016*

*Internship at Assemblyman Devon Mathis's Office / ACT for Women and Girls*

After coming back home from a busy spring semester at San Jose State, summer followed with the same excitement. Over the course of a short two and a half months, I worked at two different internships. My mornings were dedicated to working at the office of Assemblyman Devon Mathis. Once I clocked out there, I walked down Main Street in Visalia to head towards the ACT office where I also served as both graphic design and voter engagement intern.

My time at the Assemblymen's office was allotted to policy analysis projects, extensive data research, capitol institute trainings, and community events. Given that my academic focus is in politics, this experience allowed me to receive a small peek into the nature of the day-to-day activities and inner workings of a potential career. My time at ACT also heavily involved working in politics, however, in a different light. My tasks consisted of communicating ACT's message through graphic design to reach audiences indirectly. I was primarily in charge of designing campaign flyers and postcards to send out to the community. My other tasks were more focused on a voter engagement campaign where I was involved in canvassing on foot and phone banking around the community. So, in a way, I was getting two different approaches to the political system.



Through my work, I was given the honor to receive the "Emerging Leader" award presented by ACT.



# WHS GRAD SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

**Jessica Reynoso** - WHS Class of 2016  
 Fellowship at ACT for Women and Girls in Visalia, CA

I am a rising sophomore at Stanford University. Before summer, a peer advisor who lived in my dorm was telling us about fellowship opportunities. The Haas Center at Stanford offers various fellowships, meaning that students can choose where they want to intern and are provided funds from Stanford. I decided to apply for the Advancing Gender Equity Fellowship, and I received an email telling me that I was a finalist. Then, I was interviewed by two ladies who determine the recipients of the fellowship as there are limited funds. Many people applied, I was honored to be selected, along with two other students. This fellowship opportunity allowed me to save funds while also partnering with an organization dear to my heart. This summer, I was a fellow at ACT for Women and Girls in Visalia, CA, for nine weeks.

During my fellowship, I researched policy in Nebraska regarding time off from high school for teen parents. I put together 900 signed petitions from people in the Central Valley to be delivered to local legislators. I took part in ACT's Voter Engagement Campaign, making calls to about 32,000 people. Most importantly, I worked alongside other activists who deeply care about advancing all people in the Central Valley. As someone who plans to run for office



in the Central Valley, it is essential for me to make connections with grassroots organizations. Through this fellowship, I made those connections. I am currently in the process of completing an application that will give me a Cardinal Service Notation on my transcript, indicating that I completed a fellowship through Stanford.



WHS Theatre Arts Presents...

## A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Show Begins at 7:00 p.m.**

at the WHS Performing Arts Building, 411 West Whitney, Woodlake.

Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Sr. Citizens and Military, \$1.00 for students and children.

This classic story was first published in 1843 and has been adapted for the stage by many different playwrights.

It is set in Victorian London during the industrial revolution, where many have been drawn for work.

It's a difficult life for the working class and many children as young as five years old are working to help support their families with long hours in polluted factories, much sickness and little education.

Enter Ebenezer Scrooge, a greedy, heartless man, representing the wealthy of the day. He has many opportunities to do good to those around him, yet his selfishness keeps him from it. One Christmas Eve, he is visited by three ghostly callers who show him his past, present and future.

He has a choice to make: continue this path and remain a lonely old man, or open his heart and be full of charity and joy.

*We Hope That This Production Will Help Set You on Your Way to a Very Merry Christmas Season... Full of Charity, Joy, Kindness and Love!*

We also feature the WHS Choir, conducted by Thomas Alcantar and a Technical Crew led by Richard McCue, WHS Band Director. Interpreting for the deaf will be performed by Kristen Ruby, WVMS Band Director and her nieces.

### The Cast Includes:

Rogelio Chavez  
 Elian Andrade  
 Juan Sandoval  
 Carlos Lucatero  
 Claudia Zaccarias  
 Lucia Gonzalez

Julia Irvin  
 Alexis Morales  
 Freddy Estrada  
 Aruzhan Rakhimova  
 Julian Duran  
 Mariza Murriett

Andrew Lopez  
 Monica Reynaga  
 Nikole Kimble  
 Alexander Parriera  
 Pia Martinez  
 Charlotte Lira

Elie Haro  
 Michael Macias  
 Lizbet Alvarado,  
 Vanessa Meza  
 Genesis Gonzalez  
 Gabriela Aguilar

Erik Gonzalez  
 Christopher Gonzalez  
 Adriana Rodriguez  
 Amarys Gonzales

Directed By: Barbara Hallmeyer

# SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT AWARDS A TOTAL OF \$531,427

Woodlake High School holds an annual Senior Scholarship Night to recognize all the students who will be receiving a scholarship. The Class of 2017 Senior Scholarship Night was held on May 26th, 2017 in the Student Event Center. Every class strives to surpass the previous year's total in scholarships awarded. The class of 2017 grand total awarded in scholarships was \$531,427.00. The grand total consisted of local scholarships, institutional scholarships, private sector scholarships, and some GI Bills also awarded. Scholarship night is one of the most memorable evenings for many of our graduates. The students leave with some financial assistance but most importantly they are all leaving with the message that we believe in them enough to invest in the next phase of their educational careers.

All of the recognition is made possible by our Woodlake

High School Foundation Scholarship Committee members who dedicate many volunteer hours in order to ensure that our students are able to continue their education after Woodlake High School. The Woodlake High School Foundation holds an annual Spring dinner which allows the organization to issue out scholarships to students who submit a completed application and meet the application requirements. In order to qualify for a scholarship the student must have a 2.5 GPA, have all 85 hours of community service turned in, and submit a completed application by the deadline, which typically falls in February. Anyone interested in awarding a scholarship may contact the Woodlake High School Counseling office and speak to Aurora Medina (559) 564-3308 ext. 4402. All scholarship donors are invited to present their scholarship at our annual Senior Scholarship evening event.

Name	University	Name	University	Name	University
Aguilar, Carlos	UCSC	Juvera, Joshua	UCSC	Rojas, Anayeli H	CSU Fresno
Blanke, Charles "Tell"	Cal Poly SLO	Lopez Perez, Maria	CSU Fresno	Salazar, Vanessa	CSU Stanford
Castillo-Alvarez, Lizette	CSU Fresno	Martinez, Manuel	CSU Sacramento	Smith, Mason	Cal Lutheran
Cervantes, Cassandra	CSU Fresno	Ortiz, Austin	CSU Stanford	Soto Olivera, Jazmin	CSU Fresno
Cisneros-Salazar, Brenda	CSU Stanford	Pena, Juan Carlos	Moorpark College	Sweeney, Zoe M	UC Berkeley
Espinoza Garcia, Alejandra	CSU Fresno	Ramirez-Gomez, Melissa	CSU Fresno	Thanvir Hossain, Sakawat	UC Merced
Esquivel, Iris	CSU Stanford	Renteria, Daniella Nicole	CSU Fresno	Thorn, Alijah	UC Davis
Garcia, Ayanna	CSU Sacramento	Robinson, Misty	Fresno Pacific University	Vazquez, Evelyn	CSU Sacramento
Gonzalez, Juana	CSU Stanford	Rodriguez, Nathaniel, Cole	CSU Fresno		
Haro, Diyana	Fresno Pacific University	Rodriguez, Paola	UC Davis		

*Many where awarded scholarships to Junior Colleges as well - not listed here*

## A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

District-wide High Speed Internet Access and 1:1 Chromebooks. The Woodlake Unified School District is one of only a handful of districts across California and the US that is providing high speed Internet access to all of its students. In addition, each student is able to check out a Chromebook for personal usage that they keep with them, just as they would a textbook.



*Drew Sorensen - Superintendent*

By the time you read this, all students except K-1 will have devices that they take home. First graders will be working on Chromebooks in class, and Kindergartners will be working on tablets in class.

The Board of Trustees approved the spending of approximately \$800,000 to make this happen using one-time dollars that were received two years ago when the state made good on money that was owed to WUSD. It has been a labor of love for Glen Billington, our Assistant Superintendent, as there were definitely some bumps in the road. But these were not insurmountable, and the ability that our students now have to access the world in a myriad of ways is just what we think will help our teachers and students prepare better for college and career opportunities that were not as easily accessible before. Our teachers are very excited about the limitless possibilities that high speed Internet provides from a lesson standpoint, and our students are equally excited about the engaging opportunities now in front of them 24/7. Take a look at pictures of our four towers in and around WUSD.



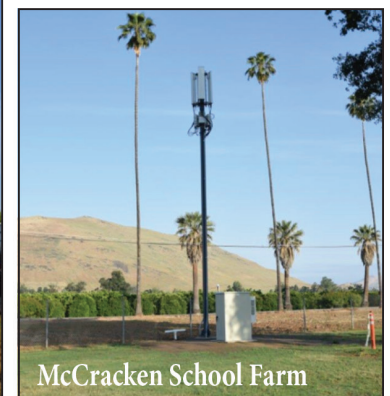
**PAB  
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Industrial Park**



**McCracken School Farm**

# STAN & TONI SANCHEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## Stan and Toni Sanchez - *True Tigers*

Stan and Toni Sanchez attended and graduated from Woodlake High School, walking down the hallowed halls hand in hand, Toni proudly wearing Stan's class sweater. Stan was one of the Woodlake Tigers' outstanding athletes during his four years playing football, basketball and baseball where he was the youngest member of the varsity 1940 baseball team. Stan entered the Navy one month after graduation. Toni went to work at the Woodlake Hardware store until Stan returned. They were married in 1946, and they made their home for the next 65 years raising a family of eight children: Elaine, Stanley Jr., Jan and Ann, Mark, Monica, Francine, and Leah.

Stan was the original custodian for the Woodlake Memorial Building from 1955-1961. He was employed by the Woodlake Post office as one of the first city mail carriers in 1961-1988. Toni worked at Sierra Drug Store for many years, and also at Woodlake High School in the attendance office.

Both Stan and Toni continued their love of sports long after graduation. Starting in 1947, Stan spent 12 years pitching for the Woodlake City league team. Stan was known for and feared as a championship fast softball pitcher. Toni played softball for the Lindsay Queens as catcher and left fielder. She was tough, fast and competitive. In her last game, she slid into home base, and of course scored the winning run. Since she had just found out she was pregnant with twins, Stan and Toni decided it was time that she hang up her cleats. In the years that followed, she proudly attended every one of her children's football, baseball/basketball/tennis games, rain or shine, home or away. Sometimes she was the only one in the stands!

Stan and Toni loved being active in their community. He served on the Memorial Board, Recreation Board and the Cemetery Board, and was a founding board member of the WUHS Foundation. He helped organize the leagues and coach the Woodlake Pop Warner Football, Little League and Pony Baseball teams. Both Stan and Toni were Woodlake High School Booster members and charter members of the Dawn Breakers Woodlake Kiwanis Club. Stan served as President and Lieutenant Governor for Division 18. He was also a charter member of the local VFW



and served as Commander. Both he and Toni were active parishioners of St Francis Cabrini Catholic Church. Stan was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus where he served as Grand Knight.

Stan and Toni valued education and learning of any kind. Their motto for their eight children was, "It is not if you go to college but when you go to college." After graduating from WHS all eight children took these words of advice to heart and all have attended college. The Sanchez children have established a scholarship with WHS Foundation under the name Stan & Toni Memorial Scholarship Fund.

At Stan's memorial reception, legendary Tiger coach Frank Ainley looked on with an approving smile as all eight children gathered in a circle with hands joined in the middle and chanted a tribute to their special parents one last time, "*Once a Tiger always a Tiger!*"

**To Donate to the Stan & Tony Sanchez Scholarship Fund  
Please Visit: [www.WoodlakeFoundation.org](http://www.WoodlakeFoundation.org)**

## VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY COMES BACK TO WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

**Friday, November 17, 2017**

The doors of the Woodlake Veterans Memorial Building will be open  
at 8:00 a.m. for veterans to set up their displays.

Students will begin arriving to tour & visit with veterans from 9:00 am-12:30 pm

***Lunch will be provided at no charge to all veterans who attend.***

We are hoping to have veterans from all eras, hosting tables and showcasing their military experiences with the students. We would like to have all veterans bring pictures, mementos from their time served, as well as medals and certificates they have received.

***If you are a Veteran from any branch of the U.S. Armed Services and are interested in sharing a piece of history with WHS students,***

***Please contact Regina Sanchez at 564-3307***



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## OUR FOUNDATION GOALS

The purpose of our foundation is to generate significant financial support for projects which otherwise would not be possible within the budget of our district.

Individuals or businesses interested in contributing to the WHS Foundation are encouraged to contact any of the members of the board or

Call WHS at (559)-564-3307

## SAVE THE DATE

November 7.....Choir Concert PAB  
November 17 ..... Veterans Honor Day  
November 116th - 18th ...A Christmas Carol - Play  
Nov. 27 .....Band Visalia Candy Cane Lane Parade  
December 9 ..... Band Woodlake Christmas Parade  
December 11 ..... Band Concert  
February 23 .....Scholarship Deadline  
April 20 and 27 ..... Senior Exit Interviews  
April 20 ..... WHS Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner  
May 21 .....Scholarship Night PAB  
June 15 .....WHS Graduation

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## ADVERTISE YOUR CLASS REUNIONS

If you would like to have your reunion advertised in the newsletter, please contact Sally Pace at 559 805-3975 or email: [runningp64@gmail.com](mailto:runningp64@gmail.com)

Visit the WHS Website - [www.woodlakefoundation.org](http://www.woodlakefoundation.org)

Know a "Tiger" or "Tiger Family" we should feature. - Please Call Sally Pace at 559.805.3975