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College notes

Travis Harrel received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics, land and finance on May 11 from Texas A&M University, College Station. Harrel is a 2004 graduate of Orange Grove High School and is the son of Barbara Sheeler and Terry Harrel, and the grandson of Ida Ball, of Riviera, and the late John Bell and Joyce Harrel, of Robstown, and the late C.H. Harrel.

Schreiner University welcomed **Lindsay Fox**, of Corpus Christi, into the Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society for mathematics on March 21. Kappa Mu Epsilon provides a society for the recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of mathematics at the undergraduate level.

Miranda M. Sanchez was placed on the 2012 honor roll at Texas Tech University. She is a 2011 graduate of Miller High School and is the daughter of Manuel Sanchez and Christie Leal-Sanchez, both of Corpus Christi.

Allen Reeves, of Ingleside, will pursue internal medicine-preliminary at Akron General Medical Center/NEOMED in Akron, Ohio, after graduation from Northeast Ohio Medical University this spring. Allen was one of 107 students from the College of Medicine's Class of 2013 who participated in national Match Day on March 15, where students from across the nation learned where they will continue their medical training in residency programs after graduation. Allen is a graduate of Ingleside High School and Southwest Texas State University.

The 12th annual Undergraduate Research

Symposium, sponsored by the College of Science and Engineering and the South Texas Chapter of Sigma Xi and its student affiliate members, was hosted March 2 at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Students had the opportunity to compete against their peers in one of two categories, either an oral or poster presentation. The symposium had 14 oral presentations and 23 poster presentations, awarding a first, second and third place in each category. Winners from the oral presentations were: First: **Julien Clifford**, geographic information science, (project with Conrad Blucher Institute, CBI) "Transit Time: Mobile Device Based Visualization and Prediction for Navigation" Second: **Joshua Newton**, "Fabrication of Solar Cells by Spray Coating" Third: **Marco Messina**, "Reversible Docking at the Micellar-Solvent Interface" Winners from the poster presentations were: First: **Christopher Hernandez**, "Thermodynamic Contributions to the Free Energy of Template-Directed Micellization" Second: **Aaron Beach**, (Del Mar College), "Isolation, Expression, and Purification of Recombinant Crotonamine in Comparison with Native Crotonamine" Third: **Valerie Ferdin**, "Polyethylene Terephthalate Surface Modification Using an Atmospheric Pressure Non-Thermal Plasma Jet" Honorable mentions include: **Cori Speights**, **Brady Kellog** and **Harris Weisz**. Two presenters received the "Most Innovative with the Greatest Potential for Impact" award, sponsored by the Honors Program. The



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State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte encouraged more than 200 students on March 22 at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy to be leaders in their practice by remaining involved in their professional organizations.

winners of this award were **Francesca Picarazzi** for her poster and **Julien Clifford** for his oral presentation.

Kevin Ramler, a graduate student in the master of fine arts program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, showcased his art exhibit "Play On" through March 29 at Lone Star College-Montgomery in The Mary Matteson-Parrish Art Gallery, The Woodlands. Ramler serves as student director-at-large on the board of directors for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. For more information about the exhibit, visit www.lonestar.edu/news/20768.htm.

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Ramler



Sheila Harris, assistant professor for the health and kinesiology department at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, has been named a "Bringer of Light" by the campus group Servants of Las Luminarias. As a spring honoree, Harris received a ceramic luminaria, an Easter lily and a framed certificate of recognition. May will mark 36 years Harris has taught at the university.

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School notes



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The 2013 Texas State Chess Scholastic Championships were March 23-24 in McAllen. Local participants included students from Texas Tech University Independent School District, Collegiate High School and Central Catholic School, Incarnate Word Academy and Corpus Christi Montessori School, among others. Pictured are Kieran Loftin (front row from left), Diego Roberts, Elizabeth Lea Schmidt (center), Joaquin Loftin, IWA coach Aldrin Arandela (center, back), Andy Kretzinger (back row from left), Rebeka Roberts, Cyan Sepulveda, Ryan Fernandez and Ana Kretzinger.

Carroll High School has been awarded a 2013 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils. To qualify for the award, a student council must demonstrate that it meets a variety of criteria. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, and a membership with the association, schools must demonstrate such things as leadership training for council members, teacher/staff appreciation activities, student recognition programs, school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning, and participation in state and national student council associations.

On March 23 the **Tuloso-Midway Middle School theater arts department** participated in the District 31-4A UIL One Act Play Competition and again was awarded first place. This is the second year in a row the group has won. Students also walked away with Best Actress and Best Actor awards, honorable mentions for acting, and were awarded All Star Cast by Shara Haghjoo, instructor of drama and costume designer with

Del Mar College, who judged the competition.

Incarnate Word Academy competed in the TAPPS Regional Music Competition held March 1. The IWA music department scored 530 points. The following received a First Division Rating: **IWA Medium Ensemble**, **IWA Jazz Band**, **IWA Large Concert Band**, **Sight Reading (Regional TAPPS Sweepstakes winner)**. **IWA SOLOISTS:** **Harmon Dobson** (trumpet), **Hank Carrillo** (piano), **Mamiko Hosoe** (flute), **Aaron Benavides** (alto saxophone), **Bo Gilmore**, **Jackie Salazar** and **Harmon Dobson** (trumpet trio), **Luz Fernandez**, **Mamiko Hosoe** and **Alexa Mendoza** (flute trio) and **Shelby Saenz** (clarinet). **CHOIR SOLOISTS:** **Kristian Lopez**, **Victoria Pena**, **Theresa Lopez**, **McKinna**

Gourley, Meri-Ashton Van Winkle and Ginger Villarreal.

The winners of the 2012-13 i-Achieve Partners in Education Awards luncheon was March 26. The following businesses, organizations and individuals received an award: **Stripes LLC:** Partnership of the Year Award **Farren Johnson** (King High School): CCISD Youth Leadership Award* **Joe Benavides:** Advocate for Partnerships Award **Leonard Rivera:** Role Model & Volunteerism Award **Citgo Corpus Christi Refinery:** Advocate for Higher Education Award **H-E-B:** Career Awareness & Promotion Award **Frost Bank:** Math Partnership & Awareness Award **Central Office Equipment:** Science Partnership &

Class reunions



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On March 20 the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi honored Moody High School March Student Achievers Yliana Salinas and Nathaniel Boatright. The two served as camp counselors at this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event at Camp Zephyr in January along with new RYLA attendees Michael Cantu and Luisandrea Diaz, also from Moody. The students were selected by school counselor Sandra Gonzalez. Pictured are Michael Cantu (from left), Yliana Salinas, Luisandrea "Lucy" Diaz and Nathaniel Boatright.

Awareness Award **Valero Bill Greehey Refinery:** Student Support for Achievement Award **Naval Air Station Corpus Christi:** Service Learning for Achievement Award **Cici's Pizza:** Academic Incentives for Achievement Award *The CCISD Youth Leadership Award is the only award presented to a Corpus Christi Independent School District student who is a partner for education through volunteering and otherwise supporting fellow students. Students from the following schools presented awards: **Joshua Guy-Williams**, Moody High School; **Jordyn Garcia**, Shaw Special Emphasis School; **Marissa Macias**, Martin Special Emphasis School; **Aaron Franco**, Moody High School; **Zakariah Chance Wheeler**, Mary

Grett School; **Priscilla Ibarra**, Miller High School; **Rebekah Grace Gomez**, Evans Special Emphasis School; **Chasity Bazaldua**, Gibson Elementary School; **Charles Everett Stewart**, Smith Elementary School; and Taylor **Reese Silvas**, Houston Elementary School. The award winners were nominated by district employees and students, and all nominations were scored by a district awards committee. The i-Achieve Partners in Education includes businesses, organizations and individuals who support the district through financial contributions and volunteerism, as well as gifts to enhance curriculum, provide new technology and programming, and positively impact the lives of CCISD students.

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Ray and King high schools Class of 1967 will celebrate a 45th reunion **Friday** and **Saturday** at Holiday Inn Marina and at Executive Surf Club. Information: www.ray-king67reunion.com.

Wynn Seale Jr. High School is planning a 2013 reunion in the spring for all classes. Information: Linda, 361-549-6206; Al, 361-549-8531; Joanne, 361-215-7560.

Ella Barnes Jr. High Class of 1956-1976. Original committee will hold the second reunion July 19 (social) and July 20 (formal dinner) at Holiday Inn Airport. Information: Rosalva Ortiz, 361-563-8693; John Richard G. Ortiz, 361-563-1378; Rosalinda Garcia, 904-2385.

Miller High School Class of 1963 will hold its 50th reunion Aug. 30-31 at Omni Hotel. The event is open to all Miller graduates. Information: Tony Torres, 331-4369; Minnie Sanchez, 945-0242; Kathy Freyer Kern, 832-723-4226; Joe Barrientes, 443-3266; or Josie Gomez, 563-4189.

Calallen High School graduating classes of 1943-1975 will hold a four-decade reunion Sept. 20-22 at Holiday Inn Emerald Beach. The event features a football game Sept. 20; dinner and dance, Sept. 21; and farewell breakfast, Sept. 22. Information: Brenda Roe Bonaventura, 832-326-0053, or email grandparents34@yahoo.com.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Equistar Chemicals, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 18358, which would authorize continued operation of the Cogeneration Unit located at 1501 McKinzie Road, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas 78410. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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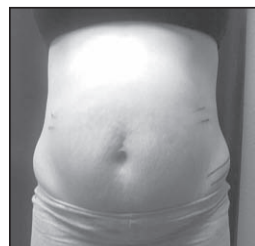
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