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## School notes

The following students were recipients of a \$500 academic achievement award from a recent Pan American Golf Association Golf Tournament: **Lauren N. Ledesma, Cameron Moreno, Nicholas J. Ramirez, Angelica J. Caceres, John L. Bronold, Crysta Moreno, Isabella Johnson, Miranda Lopez, Joshua Ficarro** and **Esmeralda Nataly Jimenez.**

SERCO of Texas Community Youth Development program participants from Carroll and Moody high schools helped other volunteers pass out thousands of trash bags before the May 4 Buccaneer Parade as part of the city of Corpus Christi's clean city efforts.

Six youths from the Coastal Bend received scholarships from the Nueces Electric Cooperative Ramiro De La Paz Scholarship Program. The 2013 top recipients were **Corey Wittig** and **Camille Reuter**, a 2013 Ray High School graduate, a is the daughter of Gregory Reuter and Birgitta Dalrymple. Wittig, a 2013 Calallen High School graduate, is the son of Stacy and Kathy Wittig. Both students will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. The 2013 alternates will each receive \$1,000 in scholarships: **Kaitlin Ruiz, Ashley Neely, Savannah Hostetter** and **Zoe Alaniz.**

Coastal Bend students attended the 33rd annual Texas History Day competition May 3-4 in Austin. Students presented their original research projects based on the National History Day theme, "Turning Points in History: Ideas, Events & People." First-place medalists will compete at the National History Day competition at College Park, Md., in June. Medalists and finalists included: **First:** National History Day Qualifier, Senior Historical Paper, **Kacey Manlove**, Rockport-Fulton High School, "Fire and Ice: How One Handshake Shifted Cold War Agendas From Competition to Cooperation"



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Staff Sergeant David Camarillo (centered) presented the United States of America, Department of the Army award for Academic and Athletic Excellence to Carroll High School seniors Kaitlyn Upton and Steven Harrison on May 8. The award was presented for the students' academic and athletic success during their high school years. Upton played tennis and Harrison played football for the Carroll Tigers.

**Winner: Outstanding Senior Entry, Coastal Bend Regional History Fair**

**First: National History Day Qualifier, Junior Historical Paper, Sheridan Steen, Incarnate Word Academy Middle Level, "The Annexation of Hawaii"**

**Finalist/Distinguished Achievement: Senior Historical Paper, Sara Surani, Carroll High School, "The Golden Age of Islam: An Intellectual Transformation of the Scientific Universe"**

**Winner: The University of Texas at Austin Liberal Arts Scholarship**

**Finalist/Distinguished Achievement: Senior Group Documentary, Sarita Damaraju, Frances Williamson, Robert Williamson and Dustin Tan, Ray High School, "Typhoon of Steel"**

**Third: Junior Individual Performance, Jake Manlove, Rockport-Fulton Middle School, "Jeep: The Army's Favorite Four Letter Word"**

**Finalist/Distinguished Achievement: Junior Individual Documentary, Julio Ramos, Incarnate Word Academy Middle Level, "The Internet"**

**Finalist/Distinguished Achievement: Junior Group Documentary, Kyle Bunger and Devyn Hamblin, Riviera Secondary/Kaufer High School, "The Boll Weevil: A Little Insect with a Big Impact"**

**Winner: Outstanding Junior Entry, Coastal Bend Regional History Fair**

The following cadets were recognized at NJROTC awards ceremonies this month:

Cadet Lcdr **John Nesmith**, Moody High School, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze  
Cadet Ltjg **Kayla Thomas**, Tuloso-Midway High School, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal  
Cadet Lcdr **Carlos Vasquez**, Tuloso-Midway High School, Corpus Christi Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution JROTC Scholarship

Author **Rene Perez**, a graduate of Moody High School, spoke to fourth- and fifth-graders at West Oso Elementary on May 13 about the importance of reading. Perez wrote a series of short stories titled "Along These Highways" and talked about growing up in Corpus Christi and how he was able to get his education, become a professor at The University of Houston-Victoria and pursue his dream of becoming an author.

**Trinity Lutheran Preschool** will host graduation ceremonies at 7 p.m. Friday in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church, between Baldwin Boulevard and 16th Street. Summer spots are available for 18 months through school age for full or half-days. Information: 884-6009.

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## College notes

More than 700 people attended "Cinderella," performed May 4 by the Corpus Christi Ballet at the A.C. Jones High School Auditorium. The event was a fundraiser for the Coastal Bend College Foundation, and \$20,500 was raised for student scholarships, innovative teaching grants and other opportunities for students.

**Lauralisa Martina "Lisa" Bonilla**, of Corpus Christi, graduated May 12 from Texas Woman's University-Houston and received her master's degree in Health Care Administration. Bonilla has been selected to be a Fellow at Lone Star Circle of Care in Georgetown. She is a 2005 Ray High School graduate and a 2009 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is the daughter of Dr. Rosalinda and Ruben Bonilla, of Corpus Christi.

**Daniel Joseph Swantner** graduated in May 2013 from the University of Texas at Austin with a master's degree in professional accounting and a bachelor's degree of business administration in accounting with honors. He will be employed in Houston by PricewaterhouseCoopers in the international tax department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Swantner, of Corpus Christi.

**Emma Donaldson**, of Corpus Christi, received the award for Academic All Conference from McMurry University.

Two Del Mar College biotechnology majors were recognized at the Texas Branch of the American Society for Microbiology Spring Meeting in New Braunfels. **M. Clayton Speed** took first place, and **Louisa Hughes** won an honorable mention in the undergraduate poster competition during the annual spring meeting last month. Speed, along with fellow DMC students **Desirey Flores** and **Molly Robertson**, will return to California in June for a 10-week internship. In all, 11 biotechnology students will serve as research interns this summer. The list includes: **Joseph Marin** and **Kourtney Cochran** at InCell, a biopharmaceutical firm in San Antonio. **Portia Hall** and **Amber Alaniz** at the National Natural Toxins Research Center at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. **Ashley Ganceres** at the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service's Arid-Land Agricultural Research Center in Arizona. **Aaron Beach** at the University of Texas-Dallas. **Brenda Calles** and **Tanzim Rahman** in Daisy Zhang's lab at Del Mar College.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville Health & Kinesiology Professor **Nestor Sherman** has been recognized by a pair of researchers as one of the top 20 most visible researchers in his field, according to a university news release. The researchers listed the top research contributors to the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance publications. Sherman published 36 times during a nine-year span, earning him a ranking of 15th on the list. Sherman's research covered five areas of specialization, including exercise physiology and fitness, health, measurement, psychology and sociocultural.

Two Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students tied for third place at the inaugural regional Javelina Research Symposium on April 18 at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. University students **Sarah Pons** and **Diane Willis** tied for third place in the undergraduate division at the research symposium. Presentations could reflect completed or ongoing research projects. University student **Elizabeth Grant** also participated in the symposium and gave the presentation "State and Trait Happiness as Predictors of Affective Choice Behavior."

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi recognized individuals from across campus May 7 who have made the success of the eLine Military Program possible. Eight plaques were given to those who helped launch the program. A special plaque also was presented to **Mary Jane Hamilton**, dean of that college, for her pioneering vision and inspirational leadership in guiding the success of the program, according to a university news release. Individuals who received awards were: **Paul Meyer, Michael Rendon, Rene Coronado, Rachel Kirk, Daryl Roberts, Lauren Cifuentes, Tiffany Dixon** and **College of Nursing and Health Sciences faculty and staff.** The White House also recognized the program, which allows those with military medical education and experience to challenge nursing courses, graduate sooner, and begin filling much-needed positions in the nursing profession.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi hosted the "Celebrating a Legacy: Honoring the Leaders of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences" reception May 6. The program marked the start of National Nurses Week and included a presentation that unveiled the portraits of each of the past and present leaders of the college. The honorees were: Dean Emeritus **Ruth M. Bakke** (1974-94), **Elizabeth A. Erkel** (1980-89), **Noreen C. O'Neill** (1989-95), **Susan A. Nelson** (1984-89), **Rebecca A. Jones** (1995-2002), and founding dean **Mary Jane Hamilton** (2002-present). Following the presentations, students led tours of the new, state-of-the-art nursing labs, according to a university news release.

**Hilbert Kopplin**, of Three Rivers, was placed on the 2013 spring semester's dean's list at Southern Arkansas University.

**Margaret "Maggie" Bains**, a former lab assistant at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, has been recognized for her years of dedication to marine science with the establishment of an endowed scholarship in her name, according to a university news release. Bains, who worked in the benthic lab studying samples of animals and plants living at the bottom of seas and lakes, found her second career with the institute after more than 30 years of teaching in Texas public schools. Beginning in fall 2014, the Margaret "Maggie" Bains Scholarship will be awarded annually to an institute

marine science graduate student continuing their studies. Chapel in the Hills Interdenominational Church in Wimberley, where Bains has been a member for more than 30 years, collected \$7,000 to establish the scholarship as a 90th birthday present to her. The institute is contributing an additional \$3,000 to create the endowment.

The following students received degrees May 12 from McMurry University: **CORPUS CHRISTI Cory Foust**, bachelor's degree in all level physical education **MATHIS Brianna Requenez**, bachelor's degree in exercise science and human performance

More than 40 awards were presented to students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members during Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's inaugural School of Arts, Media, & Communication Awards, "A Night of Celebration and Performance," held April 28. Faculty and staff of each department honored as many as 10 students for their distinguished contribution to the university.

**MUSIC** Excellence in Scholarship: **Royal Brett Bernhard** and **Paul Garza**; Excellence in Performance: **Rex Delgado II, Anna Evon** and **Juan Vargas III**; Outstanding Service: **Sabrina Vanderburg** and **Heather Beltz.** **COMMUNICATION** Top Documentary Film: **Megan Bercau**; Top Narrative Film: **Jordan Essary**; Scholar in Communication Studies: **Tim Beard**; Scholar in Media Studies: **Brett Mauser**; Top Public Relations Project: **Joel Barba, Marina Cantu, Yvette Garcia, Teresa Guajardo** and **Brandon Tianyer**; Student Leadership Award: **Lucy Barajas**; Teaching Assistant Award: **Carlos Garanzuay**; Graduate Scholar Award: **Tiara Jefferson.**

**ART** Outstanding Student in Ceramics: **Kevin Ramler**; Outstanding Student in Drawing: **Loring Baker**; Outstanding Student in Graphic Design: **Jessica Block**; Outstanding Student in Art History: **Sarah Pons**; Outstanding Student in Painting: **Martin Molina**; Outstanding Student in Photography: **Bill Barber**; Outstanding Student in Printmaking: **Ana Cortes**; Outstanding Student in Sculpture: **Sebastian J. Stoddart.** **THEATRE & DANCE** Outstanding Dance Performer: **Sarah Gonzalez**; Outstanding Choreographer: **Lauren Gutierrez**; Outstanding Theatre Freshman: **Emily Roeder**; Outstanding Theatre Sophomore: **Aaron Arroyo**; Outstanding Theatre Junior: **Grace Tezzo**; Outstanding Theatre Senior: **Ian Williams**; Outstanding Theatre Designer: **Rainy Edwards**; Outstanding Theatre Director: **Rafael Juarez.** **ALUMNI & COMMUNITY** Outstanding Theatre Alumni Award: Charlotte Brown; Outstanding Art Alumni Award: **Lynda Jones**, Caller-Times columnist; Outstanding Communication Alumni Award: **Rhonda Wilson Williamson**; Outstanding Music Alumni Award: **David Hiser**; Outstanding Community Member: **Casey Lain.** Compiled by Tina Vasquez



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## Reunions

**Aransas Pass High School** will host an all school reunion for all graduates from 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. June 29 at the Aransas Pass Civic Center. Day visitation and class pictures begin at 2 p.m. with light refreshments. Cost: \$3/person; \$5/couple. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$10 paid in advance). A dance begins at 8 p.m. Cost: \$10 at the door. Information: Facebook page Aransas Pass High School Alumni or contact Mary Ellen Smithey (1972) at smitheythree@aol.com, 361-758-3856 or Susan Dromgoole (1983) at glsdgg@yahoo.com or 361-215-5959 or by mail: APHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1814, Aransas Pass, TX 78335-1814. **Wynn Seale Junior 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 Junior High** Class of 1956-76's 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; or Rosalinda Garcia, 904-2385. **Miller High School** Class of 1963 will host 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. **King High School** Class of 1973 will celebrate its

40th reunion Sept. 20-21 at the Seashell Village Resort, Port Aransas. Information: email Steve.Luker1@gmail.com, 361-877-4111; email DHTullos@hotmail.com, 813-7777; email JMRobo55@yahoo.com, 361-442-5063, search Facebook for "King High School CC 1973" or visit Classmates.com. **Calallen High School** graduating classes of 1943-75 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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