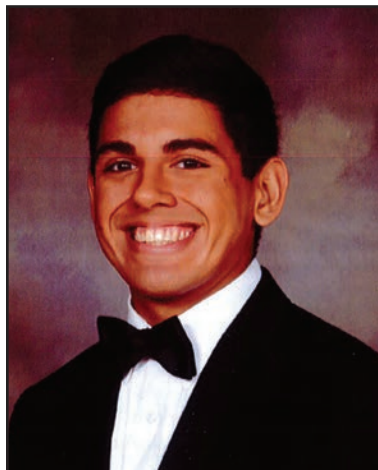


Scholastic Achievement Awards



Samuel Rocha

Lyford High School

E.C. Lerma Memorial Award

Samuel Rocha is a 2017 graduate of Lyford High School, where he was the valedictorian of the class of 114 students.

He was the Vice President of the Senior Class, Student Council and National Honor Society. He was also the Huddle Leader for the LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a Student Ambassador with RGV Lead, and a student volunteer with Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, the Willacy County Feast of Sharing, and the Gaby Rivera Memorial Clean-up. He was also a member of Texas Boys' State, and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. He competed in the Bulldogs' football, basketball, track and baseball and was named to the Academic All-State team.

Samuel plans to attend Texas State University and major in Biology. He plans to become a Physician Assistant.

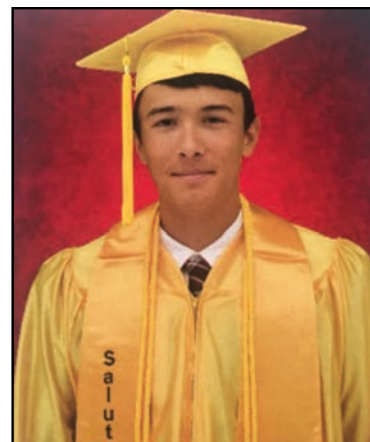
Scholastic Achievement Award

Sponsored by Dr. Celestino Avila

Forrest Jones is a 2017 graduate of Donna High School, where he was the salutatorian of the class of 411 students.

He was the Secretary of the Senior Class, and was a student ambassador for two years. He was a youth representative on the First Presbyterian Church of Weslaco governing board, and participated on a youth mission trip. His academic honors include department awards in English III, Spanish III and U.S. History. He was a member of the Redskin football and baseball teams.

Forrest plans to attend Baylor University and major in Biology. He plans to go to medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon.



Forrest Jones

Donna High School

Scholastic Achievement Awards

Sponsored by Forest Hood and Dr. Kenneth White



Edgar A. Garza Jr.

Mission High School

Edgar Garza is a 2017 graduate of Mission High School, where he was the valedictorian of the class of 405 students.

He was involved in numerous school activities, including the UIL Team, UT Outreach, National Honor Society, UTRGV Talent Search, Junior Class, Medical Ed Program

of South Texas UT Health Science Center-San Antonio, and Mission CISD Pharmacy Club. His honors and awards include UIL Math events, National Merit commended student, and AP Scholar with Distinction. He was involved with Texas Tech University Camp LEAD, Texas Boys' State, Hopkins Overnight Multicultural Experience and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Youth Group. He was also a member of the Eagles' baseball team.

Edgar plans to attend The University of Texas at San Antonio and major in Kinesiology Pre-Med. His plans include going to medical school and becoming a Sports Medicine surgeon.



Maria Gonzalez

Mission Veterans Memorial High School

Maria Gonzalez is a 2017 graduate of Mission Veterans Memorial School.

She volunteered at VMHS Fall Festival booths,

MCISD Back-to-School Backpack Bash, and organized by the Halloween Carnival for VMHS Special Education Department. She was a volunteer at the Church of Christ in Mission and Alton toy drives. She was a member of cross country and track and field teams, and received the school's Tom Landry Award.

Maria plans to attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and major in Education. She plans to work in Education and Human Development.



RGVSHOF Scholarship

Stephanie Flores

PSJA Memorial High School

Stephanie Flores is a 2017 graduate of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Memorial High School, where she ranked fourth in a class of 419 students, and graduated as a Texas Scholar under the Distinguished Achievement Plan. She also received her Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree from South Texas College in May.

She was a member of the Go Team, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, UT Outreach and GROWL Book Club. He also participated in the Vacation Bible School at Templo Emanuel. She was a member of the Lady Patriot soccer, volleyball and basketball teams.

Stephanie plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Forensic Investigative Science. Her ultimate goal is to work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.