

LOCAL NEWS



Courtesy of Trinidad High School

Trinidad Prom Royalty 2009

Our court begins with attendant Janelle Marie Gonzales. Janelle is the 18-year-old daughter of Tracy and Kelly Rael. During her time at Trinidad High School, Janelle has been active in National Honor Society where she has served as vice president, in student government where she has served as class president for two years, and in band council.

Outside of the classroom, Janelle has participated in a number of activities. She has played volleyball for four years, basketball for two years, color guard for one year, and cheerleading for one year.

Janelle has been active in many different activities and has received multiple honors including an Edward Jones Service Award, an All American Cheerleader award, and listings on both the THS Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

In her free time Janelle enjoys spending time with her friends and boyfriend, reading, playing playstation with her brother K.J., playing volleyball with her younger sisters Vanessa and Katy Rae, coaching city league volleyball with her mom, and having good conversations about life with her dad.

After graduation, Janelle plans to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins where she will major in pre-med. Ultimately she wants to become a pediatrician.

Escorting Janelle is Bryton Mangino. Bryton is the 18-year-old son of Tim and Lavana Mangino. During his time at Trinidad High School, Bryton has pursued a college preparatory course of study preparing himself for post-secondary pursuits. As a result of this hard work Bryton has received numerous academic honors.

Bryton has also been very active in several of our Miner activities. Over the past four years Bryton has participated in football, where he lettered all four years, in weightlifting where he is a member of the prestigious 1000 lb. club, and in speed training where he has earned two silver bullets.

In his free time, Bryton enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting, and fishing. After graduation, Bryton plans to attend college to study Heavy Equipment operations and eventually work in the field of energy exploration.

The court's next attendant is Cherrie Liu. Cherrie is the 18-year-old daughter of David and Sui Liu. During her time at Trinidad High School, Cherrie has pursued the College Preparatory course of study, earning a place on the honor roll, an Edward Jones Academic Award, and a listing with Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside of class Cherrie has been active in a number of activities including Student Council and Future Business Leaders of America.

Athletically, Cherrie has been a standout at our school, especially in the area of basketball where she has participated for four years, all as a varsity player.

In her free time, Cherrie enjoys playing basketball, spending time with family and friends, traveling and being outdoors.

After graduation, Cherrie plans to attend CU in Colorado Springs or Denver to pursue a career in the medical field and eventually become a doctor.

Escorting Cherrie is Kyle Maniscalco. Kyle is the 17-year-old son of Janet and Kevin Maniscalco. Kyle is proud of his academic accomplishments, his hard work in maintaining his GPA, and the many challenging classes he takes. As a result of this hard work Kyle is the salutatorian of this year's graduating class. He's also received many academic honors including a listing with Who's Who Among American High School Students, The National Honor Roll, the United States Achievement Academy, the National Student Leadership Foundation, and the National Honors Convocation. In addition, Kyle is a member of the National Honor Society, where he serves as treasurer, the Lead America Program, the Junior Statesman Program, and the Cambridge College Programme.

Outside of the classroom setting, Kyle is extremely proud of his athletic accomplishments. Kyle is a four-year participant in football, where he was selected this year to participate in the Down Under Bowl. In addition to his football accomplishments Kyle has also participated in basketball and weightlifting where he is a member of the 1000 lb club.

In Kyle's spare time, he enjoys participating in many athletic activities and spending time with his 2-year-old niece Arianna, playing x-box with his brothers, and working with Majestic Fencing and Landscaping where he's been an employee for six years.

Upon graduation, Kyle plans to attend the University of Denver or CU in Colorado Springs where he will major in law.

The court's next attendant is Chelsea Jo Ringo. Chelsea is the 18-year-old daughter of James and Laura Ringo. During her time at Trinidad High School, Chelsea has pursued the College Preparatory course of study, earning a place on the honor roll, the national honor society, a George Leone Business Award, a listing with Who's Who Among American High School Students for both academics and athletics, and many other academic awards receiving a varsity letter in academics.

Outside of class Chelsea has been active in a number of activities including Band and cheerleading both which she has received varsity letters.

Chelsea has been active in cheerleading since her sophomore year. She currently serves as captain of her squad and was a co-captain as a junior.

In her free time, Chelsea enjoys spending time with family, especially spaghetti Sunday at her Nana and Papa's house, driving around with her sister, texting, shopping, fishing, sleeping, and spending time with her boyfriend.

After graduation, Chelsea plans to attend CSU in Pueblo and major in accounting.

Escorting Chelsea is Luis Ochoa. Luis is the 17-year-old son of Luis and Teresa Ochoa. Luis is proud of his academic accomplishments his hard work in his courses his outstanding GPA and his Edward Jones Award for Academics.

Outside of the classroom setting, Luis is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Miner Band, a participant in jazz band, and a member of the Auto Mechanics Program here at THS.

In addition, to his academic accomplishments Luis has been active in the letterman's club and has participated in both football and track earning letters in both sports.

In Luis' spare time, he enjoys participating in many athletic activities like football,

soccer, and basketball with his friends as well as playing the saxophone.

Upon graduation, Luis plans to become an Air Traffic Controller.

Our crown bearer this evening is Deviana Liu, the 4-year-old daughter of Sam and Joey Chavez. Deviana enjoys playing outside, putting makeup on, going to grandma's, shopping with her aunts, coloring, and playing with dogs. She received a being good on the bus and a super student award.

In the future, Deviana plans to become a make-up artist.

Escorting Deviana is K.J. Rael. K.J. is the 6 year old son of Kelly and Tracy Rael. In school K.J. is in the 4th list of his sight words and is also at a 1st grade reading level.

K.J. enjoys baseball, football, and basketball, playing playstation with his sisters, hunting with his dad, doing homework with his mom, playing his PSP, reading, and watching NASCAR. When K.J. grows up he wants to be a NASCAR driver like Tony Stewart.

Our 2009 Trinidad High School Prom Queen is Tracy Marie Barela. Tracy is the 18-year-old daughter of Bernadine Barela and Floyd Barela, Jr. Throughout her time at Trinidad High School, Tracy has pursued a college preparatory course of study having been listed on the honor roll for four years and with Who's Who Among America's High School Students.

Outside of class Tracy has participated in Student Council for four years, this year serving as president; Miner Band for four years, this year as section leader for the drumline; basketball for three years where she lettered twice; volleyball for three years and golf for one year. For her hard work and participation, Tracy has received numerous awards including the Edward Jones Community Service Award and a naming to the CSU Honor Band.

In her free time, Tracy enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, camping, shopping, playing sports outside of school, and coaching little league basketball and volleyball.

After graduation, Tracy plans to attend CSU Pueblo where she will major in Kinesiology to become a physical therapist.

Escorting Tracy is Trinidad High School's 2009 Prom King Abe Guevara.

Abe is the 18-year-old son of Heather Bentley. During his time at THS, Abe has been a standout student pursuing a challenging course of study and participating in numerous activities, including Upward Bound, Knowledge Bowl, Art Club, and Band Crew.

Outside of class, Abe has been active in the sports of football for two years, track for three years and powerlifting for four years. For these activities Abe has received several honors including Bench Press Champion at the Hoehne competition and a 2nd place in the Halo Tournament in Reno, Nevada. In addition Abe considers himself the funniest person you've ever met.

In his free time Abe enjoys martial arts, beat boxing, numchucks, comic books, x-box, acting, comedy, and generally just being looking good.

After graduation, Abe plans to attend college for criminal justice or communications. Hopefully, his dynamic personality will result in his ability to entertain others.



Photos by David Santistevan Jr.

Local high school students sit and listen to a motivational speech given by Felix Lopez, who will become the in term President at TSJC in July. This was just the beginning for students who had a full day of activities as part of TSJC Career Day on Wednesday at the campus.

TSJC career day

Special to The Chronicle-News

"Lights, Camera, Action - Focus on Your Future" - The 2009 Trinidad State Junior College Career Fair was held on the campus of TSJC on April 15, 2009. Ron Barros, JJ Noel and Charlene Duran, organizers of the event, estimate that 250-450 local high school and current TSJC students were on hand to visit booths of over 60 participating businesses and organiza-

tions. "We are happy to report that, in this tough economy, more businesses are participating this year than last" said Barros.

Various TSJC educational programs visited with students giving them a better idea of the variety of opportunities available to them. Southern Colorado Line Tech students were on hand to provide pole climbing demonstrations and Massage Therapy students showcased their talents



A cosmetology student is lifted up in the air and saw what a possible career change might be like if she were to become a line-man. Both programs were an integrate part of Career Day at TSJC.

by providing messages.

High school seniors attending the event were given \$500 Red Carpet Scholarships to attend TSJC this fall. In addition, several businesses donated funds to be used for \$100 scholarships, \$50 scholarships and \$25 gift certificates for the TSJC Bookstore. A complete list of businesses/organizations who attended the Fair and sponsored scholarships will be posted on the TSJC website at www.trinidadstate.edu.

For further information, please contact TSJC at 719-846-5011 or 1-800-621-8752.

First National Healthcare Decisions Day celebrated

Courtesy of Mt. San Rafael Hospital

Special to The Chronicle-News

A grassroots effort to promote advance care planning and healthcare decision making has exceeded all expectations with more than 450 participating organizations in all 50 states. The first National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), which was conceived less than a year ago and implemented with no budget or full-time staff, has generated tremendous PR and attention.

"I am blown away by the response to our grassroots effort," said Nathan A. Kottkamp, chair of the National Healthcare Decision Day initiative. "National, state and community organizations have embraced this call to action to help Americans understand the importance of making and documenting healthcare decisions."

Joining the 75 national organizations participating in National Healthcare Decisions Day are more than 370 state and community organizations, including healthcare providers, aging service organizations, attorneys, financial planners and other service organizations.

"We are blown away by the number of organizations participating and the amount of attention they have generated leading up to yesterday's event," remarked Kathy Brandt, vice president of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and a member of the NHDD executive committee. "The response demonstrates that even three years after Terri

Schiavo's death, Americans are still struggling with advance care planning."

National Healthcare Decisions Day is an initiative to encourage patients to express their wishes regarding healthcare through conversations and the completion of advance directives. NHDD is also working with providers and facilities to ensure that individual wishes are respected, whatever they may be.

The NHDD coalition includes more than 75 national organizations as well as 375 state and community organizations in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and at

international U.S. Military bases.

Organizations and individuals interested in learning more about the first National Healthcare Decisions Day can do so on the Web site, www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org, which contains free outreach tools, a listing of national, state and community participants and information about advance care planning. Information is also available via email nhdd@nhpco.org, or by calling 800/658-8898 or locally by calling Mt. San Rafael Hospital at 719-846-8053 to schedule a community presentation.



Happy 90th birthday

On March 6, 2009, Lucella Dochterman celebrated her 90th birthday. Family and friends gathered at the home of her daughter, Vicki, to celebrate the occasion. Five generations were there to honor her. Front row left to right: Raymond Rienks (great grandson), Lucella Dochterman, Sunnah Yoon (great granddaughter) and Tanaya Hurtado (great-great granddaughter). Back row left to right are: Mariah Hurtado (great-great granddaughter), Michelle Rienks (great granddaughter), Frances Dochterman, Shauna Rienks (granddaughter), Soojin Yoon (great granddaughter) and Vicki Rienks (daughter).



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