

What's "News" in Alvord?

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25 Most Remarkable Teens

Mayor Ron Loveridge and the Riverside Youth Council presented the following Alvord teens as a part of Riverside's annual celebration of the *25 Most Remarkable Teens* at the City Council meeting of May 17, 2011.

Candidates for the *25 Most Remarkable Teens* recognition are nominated by their principals, educators, counselors and community leaders.



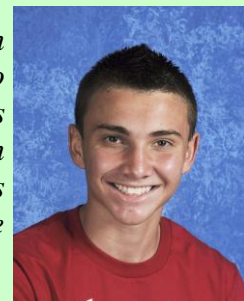
Valerie Ocampo is a 16 year old student at Norte Vista. She is recognized as the honoree in the category of Social Conscience. After overcoming severe health conditions that left her in a coma and paralyzed for two years, she has rebounded as an exemplary student. She is active in the Clean Air Organization, Hispanas Organizing for Political Equality (HOPE) and the AVID and IB programs.

Tiffany Vu is a senior at La Sierra High School and the honoree in the category of Music. Tiffany has an outstanding 4.2 GPA and success in her AP classes. Competing on La Sierra's Academic Decathlon Team, Tiffany specialized in the Music category. She has dedicated 18 hours a week for the last 10 years to playing the piano, and mastering its technique. Tiffany is graduating at the top of her class as an Advanced Honors Student of the Music Teachers' Association of California, which provided her with the opportunity to qualify for the 2009 and 2010 State convention. Tiffany has also dedicated countless hours to her local church. She serves as a Youth representative, a participant in the church choir, and a piano accompanist.



William White is a junior at La Sierra High School and the honoree in the category of Courage to Overcome. He has not let Autism and ADHD hold him back in what he does. William has a 3.63 Grade Point Average as well as perfect attendance. William is currently on the Varsity Baseball Team at La Sierra High School and is an active member of the school Choir. He is actively involved in his church group as well as his community through his work to help the PTA and Relay for Life.

Blake Moreno is 16 years old and a junior at La Sierra High School. He is the honoree in the category of Courage to Overcome - A Health Condition. At the age of nine, Blake was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Despite his severe health condition, Blake had maintained a high GPA, served his campus and community, and has been a valuable member of the varsity baseball team.

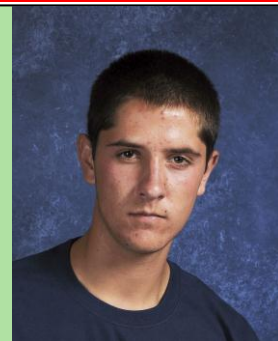


25 Most Remarkable Teens (continued)

Andrew Schwandt is 16 years old and a junior at La Sierra High School. He is the honoree in the category of Campus Leadership. Andrew is known as a 'renaissance man' to many of his peers. Aside from being in the top percentages of his class, Andrew is a model athlete, thespian, and campus contributor. He has served as the class vice-president for three years.



Brad Schwandt is a junior at La Sierra High School and has earned the distinction as the Most Promising Teen. Ranked 6th in his class, Brad is a star athlete, and scholar. In 2011, Brad played the leading role in Oliver while also balancing a multitude of campus clubs. He is active in his church and community.

First Norte Vista Seniors To Take Posse Scholarships!

The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits and trains high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential. These students receive four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships.

Melissa Acosta

Melissa is a Posse Scholarship Recipient for approximately \$176,000 to attend Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She has been an Upward Bound student for Norco College for the last four years. Melissa recently founded the NOVI College Club to motivate and guide more students from Norte Vista to pursue higher education. She also hopes to develop a foundation for children in need.

Stephanie Morales

Stephanie is a Posse Scholarship Recipient for approximately \$176,000 to attend Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. She has been an Upward Bound student for Norco College for the last four years. Aside from participating in Upward Bound, Stephanie is also involved in Volleyball, H.O.P.E. (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality), Mecha, IB, Link Crew and ESC (Engineering & Science Club). Stephanie will be majoring in Political Science and hopes to become a Supreme Court Judge.

Norma Gallardo

Norma is a Posse Scholarship Recipient for approximately \$60,000 to attend the University of California, Los Angeles. Norma was diagnosed with seizures in 2002 and went through brain surgery for removal of a tumor in 2006 and is still living with 20% of the tumor in her brain. Norma attends Norte Vista as an IB Diploma Candidate with a full schedule of IB classes and has an accumulative GPA of 4.17. Norma will major in Chemistry, with the goal of attending Pharmacy or Medical School and becoming a bilingual Pharmacist.



Outstanding Alvord Scholars!

Norte Vista High School scholars earned some outstanding scholarships this year! In addition to the three Posse Scholarships listed above, seniors earned:

✦ Allyson Bostrom	\$11,000	Vanguard University
✦ Denisse Felix	\$12,000	University of the Pacific
✦ Jennifer Vazquez	\$13,000	UC Riverside
✦ Rigoberto Giles	\$14,000	UC Riverside
✦ Melissa Calvert	\$14,000	University of Oklahoma
✦ Reyna Lanzas	\$14,000	Kettering University
✦ Matthew Allen	\$14,000	Kettering University
✦ Maribel Gutierrez	\$15,000	Holy Names University
✦ Marina Moreno	\$15,000	Art Institute of San Bernardino
✦ Pierre Garcia	\$27,000	Franklin College in Switzerland
✦ Amy Barrientos	\$23,000	St. Edwards University
✦ Lilia Lozada	\$32,000	Cal State Fullerton
✦ Elizabeth Beltran	\$42,000	Holy Names University
✦ Alejandra Cortez	\$68,000	University of New Haven

La Sierra High School scholars also earned outstanding scholarships this year! La Sierra seniors earned:

✦ Allison Lampers	\$10,000	UCR Chancellor's Scholarship
✦ James Newton	\$10,000	UC Berkeley Regents and Chancellor's Scholarship
✦ Kristopher Arrellano	\$10,064	UC San Diego Grant
✦ Jose Sahagun	\$12,000	HMC Health Academy Scholarship
✦ Alexa Diaz	\$14,400	UC Riverside Grant
✦ Jamie Huang	\$16,000	UCLA Scholarship Recognition Award
✦ Diana Ibarra	\$16,360	La Sierra University Performance Scholarship
✦ James Hill	\$18,000	Airforce Scholarship
✦ Diana Ibarra	\$19,792	UC Merced Bobcat Scholarship
✦ Katherine Lopez	\$19,792	UC Merced Bobcat Scholarship
✦ James Newton	\$20,000	UC Riverside Regents Scholarship
✦ Hollie Dunn	\$20,000	University of San Diego Torero Pride Scholarship
✦ Raul Garzon	\$20,000U	niversity of the Cumberlands Merit Scholarship
✦ Maria Cida	\$21,080	La Sierra University Performance Scholarship
✦ Lenice King	\$22,152	St. John's University Grant
✦ Allison Lamers	\$28,040	UC Riverside Grant
✦ Kelsey Wilson	\$28,400	Loyola Marymount University Achievement Award
✦ Maria Cida	\$29,480	La Sierra University Grant
✦ Zhane Herrera	\$30,000	NYU LSP Scholarship
✦ Omarsela Ruedas	\$32,000	Army Reserve Scholarship
✦ Itzel Payan-Caro	\$34,640	UC Riverside Grant
✦ Jamie Huang	\$36,800	UCLA Dream Fund Scholarship
✦ Stephanie Guizar	\$44,000	St. John's University Academic Achievement Scholarship
✦ Rebecca Sullivan	\$44,000	Loyola University, Chicago Grant
✦ Rebecca Sullivan	\$48,000	Loyola University, Chicago Scholarship
✦ Hollie Dunn	\$55,200	University of San Diego Grant
✦ Kelsey Wilson	\$56,000	California Lutheran University Provost Scholarship
✦ Lucy Bi	\$62,868	UCLA Scholarship Recognition Award
✦ Kim Allard	\$100,000	Cal Baptist University Soccer Scholarship
✦ James Hill	\$120,000	Post 9/11 Airforce G.I. Bill Award
✦ Omarsela Ruedas	\$120,000	Post 9/11 Army G.I. Bill
✦ Daniel Esparza	\$125,000	Post 9/11 Marines G.I. Bill Award
✦ Louis Oliveros	\$125,000	Post 9/11 Marines G.I. Bill Award
✦ Kyle Springer	\$125,000	Post 9/11 Marines G.I. Bill Award
✦ Corey Cadena	\$125,000	Post 9/11 Navy G.I. Bill Award
✦ Noelle Whitlock	\$200,000	Rice University Volleyball Scholarship
✦ Amy Cao	\$321,184	QuestBridge Scholarship
✦ Abigal Hinojo	\$310,000	Gates Millenium Scholar Finalist

Student of the Month:

Alvord High School is delighted to honor **Frank Villa** as the Alvord Unified School District Student of the Month for May 2011.

Frank Villa is an excellent 12th grade student who has attended Alvord schools since 8th grade. Frank is an active member of ASB and is always willing to help out with any and all activities both before and after school. Frank is also a student representative on the School Site Council. This year Frank has achieved perfect attendance and is one of the Singh Chevrolet finalists. Following graduation Frank plans on attending Riverside Community College and is looking forward to a career in health services. He is an outstanding student and works hard to do his best. Frank has been a true asset to Alvord High School this year.



It is a great pleasure to honor **Frank Villa** as the Alvord Unified School District Student of the Month for May 2011.

Certificated Employee of the Month:

Alvord High School is proud to recognize **David Huxley** as the Alvord Unified School District Certificated Employee of the Month for May 2011.



David Huxley has taught in the Alvord District for 11 years including the last five years at Alvord High School. Mr. Huxley teaches interactive Biology and Earth Science classes. Mr. Huxley is an outstanding representative for the entire District with his many activities related to preservation of our environment and the cultivation of community pride including having his student recycle and compost for Alvord High School. Currently Mr. Huxley's students are also active in Adopt-A-Street and Keep Riverside Beautiful Ward cleanups for the community. Mr. Huxley's students excel at the annual Science Fair at both the local and regional levels.

It is a great pleasure to honor **David Huxley** as the Alvord Unified School District Certificated Employee of the Month for May 2011.

Classified Employee of the Month:



Alvord High School is proud to recognize **Debbie Moon** as the Alvord Unified School District Classified Employee of the Month for May 2011.

Alvord High School's campus is known throughout the community as one of the most beautiful and well maintained schools in Riverside. The superwoman who plays a big role in continuing that reputation is Debbie Moon, who has been the Head Custodian for the past eight years and a member of the District for the past 22 years. Debbie anticipates maintenance needs and puts her full energy into the appearance and cleanliness of the entire site. She has an excellent working relationship with the staff, many of whom are new and who frequently comment on how nice it is to work in a clean and well-kept environment. For students, Debbie is every bit the teacher through the example of her tireless work ethic and exuberant attitude.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Debbie Moon** as the Alvord Unified School District Classified Employee of the Month for May 2011.

Congratulations

Alvord High School



Alvord Site Teachers of the Year

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| Joseph Amador | Arlanza Elementary | Kristin Calidonna | Collett Elementary |
| Marina Williamson | Foothill Elementary | Wendy Lopez | La Granada Elementary |
| Sue Adams | Lake Hills Elementary | Kellie Mascis | McAuliffe Elementary |
| Sandra Romo | Myra Linn Elementary | David Strother | Orrenmaa Elementary |
| Glenna Guthrey | Promenade Elementary | Jennifer D'Antonio | Rosemary Kennedy Elementary |
| Madrienne Johnson | Stokoe Elementary | Lance Paddock | Terrace Elementary |
| Jason Lattig | Twinhill Elementary | Andrea Coons | Valley View Elementary |
| Rosalva Velardez | Arizona Middle | Tracy Lech | Loma Vista Middle |
| Brian Falck | Villegas Middle | Alanna Kolonics | Wells Middle |
| David Huxley | Alvord High | Theresa McFarland | La Sierra High |
| Keala Hughes | Norte Vista High | | |



Wendy Lopez from La Granada and Kellie Mascis from McAuliffe were selected to represent Alvord as District Teachers of the Year for 2012.

**Schemuel
Martinez**

Schemuel, a student at Stokoe Elementary won first place at the County level in the 3rd to 5th grade category

of the Carol Addiss Poster Contest. His winning poster will be published in next year's County Mental Health calendar that is distributed throughout the County of Riverside.

