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Natalia Maria Martin De Valmaseda is heading to the Universidad Francisco de Vitoria in Madrid, Spain, to study medicine. Her dream is to become a doctor in a specialty that will help others. She wants to be able to help those with little access to medical services by volunteering with organizations. In college, she’s looking forward to meeting new people and studying what she’s interested in. Her favorite moments from high school were being with her friends in class, and she particularly loved spending time with her friends during her senior trip.

Whitney Thode - Second Baptist School, Southwest Christian School (Fort Worth)
Whitney Thode is heading to Beloit College, and she’ll be part of the Business Fellows program, majoring in biology, Spanish and business in the pre-med track. Her dream job would be working in politics to combine her love for people, kids, science and service. “Being on Second Baptist Church’s JUMP Team the past four years, I’ve seen how the love for kids manifest and flourish, so I believe politics would be right up my alley,” she says. Her favorite high school memory was when she and her friends spent senior year Spring Break together on a cruise with their moms (specifically, Karaoke night on the cruise). If she could, she’d tell her kindergarten self “Whatever problems you may face, know that it will work!”

Mees Franssen - Puusan School (Malaysia), Dubai British School (Dubai), The British School
Mees McCoy Franssen is heading to the University of Toronto to study mechanical engineering. She’s looking forward to immersing herself in the university life — going to lectures, extracurriculars, and more. “I’ve been looking forward to university for as long as I can remember. I’m just thankful for the fact I get to study what I’ve always dreamed of,” she says. He’s passionate about sustainable agriculture, especially hydroponics, and hopes to help introduce ideas to sustainable farming in Africa to aid with the development of rural communities. Her favorite high school moment was when his grade took a trip to Tanzania and did volunteer work; it was “one that will stick with me for the rest of my life.” If he could, he’d tell his younger self “Manage your tasks. You can do it all but not at once.”

Eunie Conkright - Meadow Wood Elementary School, Spring Forest Middle School, Stratford High School
Eunie Conkright is headed to the Colorado School of Mines to study chemical engineering. She’s looking forward to focusing on subjects that interest her, plus gaining independence. Her dream job involves chemical engineering, business, traveling, and being the boss. Perhaps she creates a company that sells and transports LNG between countries,” she says. Reflecting on high school, she says, aside from school accomplishments and activities involved in the Academy of Science and Engineering, she loved all the school dances. If she could, she’d tell her kindergarten self to give everyone a chance.

Katherine Mannon - Walker Station Elementary, The Birnwood School
Katherine Mannon is headed to Texas Tech University. She’s undecided on her major, but her dream is to help save the planet from climate change and help others. She’s looking forward to gaining independence in college. One of her favorite high school moments was during the Egg Drop Project in physics. Her project ultimately went well, and “I felt like I conquered something and felt really proud about it,” she said. If she could, she’d tell her kindergarten self “Whatever problems you may face, know that it will work!”

Jordan Killinger - Epiphany Lutheran School, Lutheran High North
Jordan Killinger is heading to Rice University to study English and biology. She’s excited to be more new friends “or the next journey in my life.” She hopes to be a geneticist, specializing in research or gene therapy. Her ultimate goal would be to combat all genetic diseases. Her favorite memories from high school are from musical season at Lutheran High North. “If she could, she’d tell her younger self "just be your kind, happy, beautiful self! Always care for others, because you never know when someone could be hurting. Have fun and live your life in the moment, and don't forget to be loving, be your best self, and be a light for others!"

Fatema Alshebri - Alfaq School (Abu Dhabi), Al Reem School (Abu Dhabi), Alexander-Smith Academy
Fatema Alshebli is heading to American University of Sharjah in Dubai and will study architecture. She’s excited to take classes, gain new experiences, make new friends and visit old friends who she hasn't seen in four years. Since she was in elementary school, her dream has been to become an architect. Architecture isn’t a job of buildings and projects, she says, rather, it’s a lifestyle. “I enjoy designing solving problems that open my eyes and brain to be active,” she says. Her favorite high school memories include the “senior limbo” and funny moments with friends. If she could, she’d tell her kindergarten self that everything happens for a reason and to treat yourself.

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Susan Suh – Hunters Creek Elementary School, Spring Branch Middle School, Memorial High School

Susan Suh is heading to the University of Mississippi and will be part of the Honors College. She plans to major in international studies, business and Chinese. She's looking forward to meeting people from different backdrops in college. She dreams of working internationally one day, although she isn't sure yet how or where. Her favorite high school memory was during junior year, when "we used the tarp covering the softball field as a slip and slide. It was the perfect release after a day of multiple tests!"

Caroline Moseley – The Kinkaid School

Caroline Moseley is off to Northwestern University for theater and pre-med. She is excited to make new friends and is looking forward to gaining a new independence in college. Her dream job is to be a dermatologist or pediatrician. "I think the skills that theater teaches you – communicating ideas, empathy, conveying emotions and synthesizing ideas – are actually essential to being a good physician. One day I hope to apply my background to meeting people from different backdrops in college. She dreams of working internationally one day, although she isn't sure yet how or where. Her favorite high school memory was during junior year, when "we used the tarp covering the softball field as a slip and slide. It was the perfect release after a day of multiple tests!"

Isabel Vierra – Villanova University

Andrew "Gray" Campbell – Meadow Wood Elementary School, Spring Forest Middle School, Stratford High School

Andrew "Gray" Campbell is headed to Baylor University to study music composition. If he could, he'd tell his younger self: "Start theater sooner. It's most looking forward to studying music in college, and he dreams of performing on Broadway one day. His favorite moment from high school was performing "The World Will Know" from Neveries on closing night."

Mackenzie Kim – Veritas Christian Academy, Second Baptist School

Mackenzie Kim is off to Baylor University to study business. She's most looking forward to meeting new people and transitioning into a new atmosphere. She would like to work in business one day and make an impact on the lives of those in her community. Her favorite moments from high school were cheering at the football games on Friday nights. If she could, she'd tell her kindergarten self: "Keep on dreaming and thinking big."

Lila Gutman – The Briarwood School

Lila Gutman is heading to Arizona State University to study nursing. She's looking forward to expanding her knowledge and exploring the careers of nursing. Her dream is to work in a hospital as an ER nurse. "I want to be there when the action is. I want to save lives and help people who are in need. I want to help people who have no idea what injury or illness they have," she says. Her favorite high school memory was being part of the girls' relay team that made it to state, setting the school record. If she could, she'd advise her kindergarten self: "Keep on dreaming and thinking big."

Megan Hale – homeschool

Megan Hale is heading to Baylor University. She's pushing the pre-med path with a major in health science studies and is looking forward to being near her brother, who will be a junior at Baylor. She can't wait to run the Baylor Line at football games. If she could, she'd tell her kindergarten self: "Play with your dolls, run through the sprinklers, pick pretty flowers, laugh at every joke, and smile every day. Life is simple when you are young, and it doesn't last forever. Take advantage of the now and love those around you the best way you can." Her dream is to become a cardiologist. Her favorite memory from high school was traveling...

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Justin Clark - Horn Elementary School and Crosswinds School, Cremona St. Pius X High School

Justin Clark is heading to Texas Tech University and will major in history with an emphasis in military history. He's looking forward to the independence he'll have in college. His dream job would be to become a curator at a world-renowned museum. If he could, he'd tell his kindergartner self, "Keep your love ones close to you." His favorite part of high school has been the friends he's made.

Jared Clark - Horn Elementary School, Pin Oak Middle School, Bellaire High School

Jared Clark is headed to Texas A&M University and will major in business. He's looking forward to getting more independence in college. His dream would be to become a pilot in the U.S. Navy one day. Reflecting on high school, his favorite memory was camping with the high school mountain bike team. If he could, he'd tell his kindergartner self, "Try that thing called a triathlon, it's pretty fun..."

Mahtini Ragusa - Condit Elementary School, The Village School

Mahtini Ragusa is headed to Baylor University's honors program to study pre-med/biology. She's looking forward to exploring a new place and meeting new people. Her dream job is to become a physician/doctor and make an impact on people's lives. Her favorite moment from high school was waking up in the morning during their Big Dip ski trip and seeing that their tent had blown away. If she could, she'd tell her kindergartner self, "Enjoy every moment."

Alison Parcell - Condit Elementary School, Pin Oak Middle School, Carnegie Vanguard High School

Alison Parcell is headed to The University of Texas at Austin, where she will be part of the Plan II major and also study biology. She's excited to broaden her horizons in college in both social and educational aspects. Her dream would be to direct the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease. If she could, she'd tell her kindergartner self, "Take advantage of nap time while you can...you'll miss it in high school."

Parker Sissonore - Horn Elementary School, Pin Oak Middle School, Bellaire High School

Parker Sissonore is heading to The University of Texas at San Antonio to study mechanical science. He's looking forward to studying what the future brings in a new environment. Her dream would be to start her own health food brand or work for Nike. During high school, she was involved in the Bellanest cheer program for all four years, "an amazing experience," she says. One of her most memorable high school experiences has been cheerleading at the football games. If she could, she'd advise her younger self not to worry so much about what other kids say. "Always go for your dreams because they can easily become your reality with enough work," she would say.

Celia Houston - St. Thomas Episcopal School

Celia Houston is headed to the United States Coast Guard Academy to study marine engineering and naval architecture. She says, "I have gone to a very tight and small-town school my whole life. For better or for worse, we know everything about each other. I am going to miss everyone, but I am very excited to make new friends and live outside of Houston." Her dream would be to go to sea on a Coast Guard cutter or work search and rescue in the Northeast. She hopes to help make the maritime industry more eco-friendly and eco-effective. Her favorite high school moment was when the girl's cross-country team missed its start at state and ended up beating multiple teams. If she could, she'd advise her kindergartner self to take as many naps as possible.

Alison Parcell - The University of Texas at Austin

Pin Oak Middle School, St. Thomas High School

Alison Clark is off to The University of Mississippi and will major in either philosophy or biology. He's excited to experience new things and meet new people in Ole Miss. His dream would be to become a doctor, specifically a plastic surgeon. Reflecting on high school, he says, "Freshman year at St. Thomas was a lot of fun, and that's where I learned what the brotherhood was all about." If he could, he'd tell his kindergartner self, "Don't be so hard on yourself."

Connor McGovern - St. Martha Catholic School, St. Thomas High School

Connor McGovern is heading to the University of Missouri to study journalism. He's looking forward to getting involved in multiple student media organizations and hopes to become MVP of several intramural sports teams. His dream job is being an editor for one of the biggest print publications in the country. His favorite moment from high school was seeing his first article published on the front page of the school newspaper. If he could, he'd tell his kindergartner self, "Don't be afraid to embarrass yourself."

Kelly Thomas - Northwestern University

Kelly Thomas - Vettas Christian Academy, St. Agnes Academy

Kelly Thomas is heading to Northwestern University to study journalism. She's looking forward to exploring her interests in a new environment and the opportunity to grow as a person. "My dream job is to be a gourmet food journalist, documenting the..." (continued on page 35)