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Our Second Wave of Graduates

The photos below were submitted by the students themselves or their families. We asked them to send us a photo and a paragraph telling us something about their accomplishments and plans after graduation.

In this issue, we introduce you to 29 of our local scholars. You will be amazed at what they have achieved and where they are headed. They are listed in alphabetical order according to first name. Photos were resized to give more uniformity to the page.



Alexandra Thompson, is an honors graduate of Bridgeland High School, a founding member of the Bridgeland Photo Society, The Kodiak (yearbook staff) and the Varsity Tennis Team. Alexandra's passion is photography and she plans to attend Lone Star College in the fall to pursue her dream of becoming

a professional photographer. She volunteers her time to raise money for Texas Children's Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memory of her sister, Makayla.



Alexis Marburger a graduate of Bridgeland High School, was a member of the First Line of the Bridgeland Belles. After graduation she will be attending Lone Star College and then transferring to University of Texas of San Antonio to continue her degree in education.



Alyssa McMorris, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, is a member of the Varsity Volleyball Team, National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America, Health Science Clinical Rotations, Bridgeland's Claw Crew, and CUBS, a freshman mentor program. She is also a member of the National

Charity League, Cypress Pearls Chapter. Upon graduation, Alyssa will be attending Louisiana State University where she will major in nursing. After earning a bachelor of science in nursing, she plans to continue post-graduate studies and pursue a career as a neonatal nurse practitioner.



Baylee Osina a graduate of Bridgeland High, was a member of the Bridgeland Belles Drill Team where she served as their President for two years. She was also a member of the FFA program and raised four lambs for each of her projects. Baylee was inducted into National Honor Society her last

two years of high school. She will attend Texas A&M University next year and plans to major in finance.



Benjamin Knippers III, known by the name of Trey, is the 4th and final Knippers to graduate from Cypress Ranch High School. His interest is in aviation. Trey flew solo last year, has since received his private pilot license, and is now working on his instrument license. He will attend CTC-Texas A&M's professional aviation program in the fall. He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and become a Check Airman.



Brady Brechter is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. He plans to start school at Lonestar College and then continue the study of political science or pre-law at the University of Houston.



Brenna Richmond graduated from Bridgeland High School. She played tennis in Fairfield and in high school for several years, then decided to focus her time and efforts helping to lead the youth group at church, and work part-time at Kroger. Brenna enjoys spending time with friends and is looking forward to continuing her education as an Aggie in College Station in the fall.



Cody Gambrell, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, was a team captain of the Bridgeland Cross Country (District Champs) team for three years and also the captain for the Bridgeland Track Team that unfortunately did not get to finish their season. He is a proud member of the National Honor Society. Cody was accepted into the engineering program at Texas A&M Galveston and will be attending there this fall.



Corey Daves, a graduate of Bridgeland HS, was on the dive team for the last four years and also participated as a tenor in the choir the last five years. He was a member of the NSHSS, was on the honor roll all his years in high school, and graduated with honors. During all that time he also served as a lifeguard for CFISD and the Fairfield Athletic Club. He will be attending University of Houston and pursuing a biology/physics degree with a pre-med track.

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Daleyane Renee Ragas is a graduate of Bridgeland High School where she has spent three years in both Band and Color Guard. Daleyane has always had a love for animals and has volunteered her time at a horse rescue and rehabilitation group in Waller, TX. She will be attending Stephen F. Austin in the fall and will be

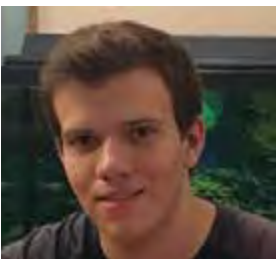
majoring in nursing.



Hunter Alejandro Hillman is a graduate of Bridgeland High School, interested in animation, art, and video games. A member of the Animation Club, he plans to pursue an Animation Associates and later an Animation and Entertainment Degree.



Jayln Haynes is a graduate of Bridgeland High School and plans on attending The University of North Texas for the next stage in the fall.



Jonathon Marshall graduated from Bridgeland High School. In 9th grade, at Cy-Ranch High School, he was a member of the choir. While at Bridgeland High School, he took a variety of elective classes and will be graduating with a multi-disciplinary endorsement. Jonathon has the honor roll throughout his high school

years. He was accepted at both Baylor University and Texas State University. He plans to major in Business.



Kaileigh Duncan is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. She started playing soccer at age 4 in Fairfield. Kaileigh has played for the Dynamos Select Soccer Club for the past 9 years and had the opportunity to play in Nationals last year in Colorado. At Bridgeland, she was named MVP their first season and

has received Academic All District honors. Kaileigh's participation in Bridgeland's Hospital Rotation program helped develop her interest in nursing. Kaileigh plans to play soccer at The University of Mary Hardin Baylor and will pursue a BSN in nursing.



Kendall Hill is currently a senior at Cypress Ranch High School. She was a member of National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, National Charity League, swim and water polo. She will be graduating Summa Cum Laude and will be attending Texas Tech University in the Fall with a major in Retail Management and a minor in Business.



Kyle Petry, a Bridgeland graduate, has an amazing depth of knowledge about automobiles. When a car is not performing the way it should be, chances are Kyle can diagnose the problem and will work to get it running correctly. He received a scholarship to Universal Technical Institute, where he will become certified with a specialization in Ford Automobiles. From there, he would like to get additional training to work for Mercedes. For hobbies, Kyle works on his 1982 Acura Legend and plays in the Bridgeland HS band and designs and builds Lego cars.



Lexi Routh is a graduate of Bridgeland High School, an AP scholar with distinction, and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. She has been accepted to the Engineering Program at Texas A&M University where she will focus on civil engineering.



Madisun Rayne Vance is a graduating senior of Bridgeland High School. Currently Madisun is working on wrapping up her senior year. She is employed at Good Shepherd working with special needs children and is a Barista at Starbucks. Madisun is focused on becoming an RN and will be attending Lone Star for her first year of college with plans to transfer to Texas State the following year.



Matthew C. Barry is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Bridgeland High School Class of 2020. In the fall, he will attend Texas A&M University, where he has been accepted into the College of Engineering. He plans to study computer science.

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Matthew Smith attended Keith Elementary, Salyards Middle School, and then decided to be homeschooled for his high school years. He is currently enrolled at Lone Star for the upcoming fall semester and plans to transfer into Sam Houston to receive a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Since

the age of four, he played baseball, basketball, and soccer, with the Fairfield Sports Association and is currently a member of his homeschool soccer team the HCYA Hurricanes.



Maya Moher is a graduate of Bridgeland High School, with a passion for music, has been a senior choir member for six years. Maya will attend Blinn College this fall and is planning to transfer to Texas A&M College of Nursing in 2022.



Megan Davis graduated from Bridgeland High School. She was a member of Color-guard and Orchestra her Freshman (Cy-Ranch), Sophomore and Junior year. Megan was also member of HOSA and she was in Pharmacy Practicum her Senior year, working at

Fairfield Pharmacy. Megan will be attending Texas State University and plans to major in Fashion Merchandising.



Meredith Curtis is a graduate of Bridgeland High School she will be attending Sam Houston in the fall.



Guillermo Olvera is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. He will go to Texas State University next fall, majoring in Business and Marketing.



Taylor Graham, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, loves photography and helping lost animals. She will continue Track and Field at Harding University in the fall. Her career goal is psychology.



Tyler Keeton is graduating from Waller High School. He has played organized sports in school and in different clubs in baseball and football. Tyler enjoys weight training, snowboarding, surfing, gaming and traveling. He will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall majoring

in Construction Science with a masters degree in Real Estate Development.



Wyatt Webb, a 2020 graduate of Cypress Ranch High School, was on the football team for all 4 years. He was a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. He is heading to Texas A&M in the fall to study engineering.

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Coach Vaquez' Thoughts on Bridgeland's 2020 Track & Field Season

Mauricio Vazquez, Geometry K, Head Boys Track & Field, Asst. Football



Back in 2016, we had a unique opportunity to help open a school and build a program from the ground up. There is a lot that goes into that, but probably none more important than the culture and climate the team shares.

Our Senior class laid the foundation for the strong culture this program has today. Through their hard work, effort, and commitment, they helped lead us to where we are today. Something that often goes unnoticed is that these Seniors did not have anyone to “look up to” for the model on how to do things. They had to figure out how to lead and establish themselves as to what a Bear track and field athlete will look like for years to come. This class has set the bar, and their legacy will carry on through the quick maturation of this school.

This season took a heartbreaking turn of events. I really did feel that we were hitting our stride and setting some pretty competitive marks across the board. When you looked at district projections based on season bests, we were in serious contention for a District Championship. We had a unique blend of talent across several event groups.

Our distance squad, which has carried our varsity program for two years now, continued to excel and post aggressive times across all three events. Junior Randy Smith was ranked in the top 50 in Texas for the 1600m. Our sprint group was joining the mix in point contribution and was growing after a few call ups from our talented Junior varsity teams.

The relays were starting to gain some confidence in timing, as well as flexibility in lineups. Our field squad also proved challenging to the competition. Junior pole vaulter Robert Postell, finished the season ranked 5th in Texas and 8th nationally. Junior vaulter Jett Booker and Senior vaulter Sam Sanders both ranked 18th in Texas. With undefeated Freshman and JV Teams, there was a lot of promise to look forward to in early April. While it is easy to focus on what could have been, we have continuously reminded our guys to focus on what was. And “what was” is that

over the three seasons, a group of young men came together, took coaching, built something from the ground up, and established Bridgeland as a respected program within the sport of Track & Field.

Photos contributed by Chris Chambliss, he deserves the real photo credit.



Efforts On the Field Reap First Collegiate Signees

Tom Kennedy, PACE, and ACT/SAT Preparation Teacher, Head Coach Girls Cross Country, and Track & Field, Bridgeland High School



The premature end of the season is a disappointment to many as the Bridgeland track girls were primed to contend for the District 14-6A title. We were also trying to keep our streak alive of having an entry at the state track and field meet for every year of the school's existence.

The performances up to this point had been encouraging with a slew of strong individual marks and #2 in the 4x800 relay in Texas this year (and #1 all-time for CFISD) and a 4x400 relay that ended the year ranked #1 in region 2-6A.

We ended the season by hosting the JV Bridgeland Invitational on Wednesday March 4th and the Bridgeland Relays on Thursday March 5th. The JV girls won every meet this season and the varsity girls placed in the top 3 when we competed with a full squad.

Looking back, we could be disappointed about what didn't occur, but the silver lining is that we competed as a team more than most schools. In addition to our four regular season invitationals, we went to the A&M and UH indoor meets as a school and we also had two practice meets. The majority of our girls ended with 7-8 competition opportunities. While that portion of the schedule was very exhausting, I can look back now and say it was a very good thing we front loaded the schedule.

We also had our first collegiate signees, Taylor Graham will pole vault for Harding University and Haley Williams will run distance for St. Edwards University next year.

Now we'll celebrate the seniors and move on to 2020-21 where I think we have the pieces to contend for the district title again.

Below are some of our highlight performances this year (top 50 in state or better).

Photos contributed by Chris Chambliss, he deserves the real photo credit.



Event	Athlete(s)	State Rank	Mark
4x800-Meter Relay	Lake, Wilson, Graham, Reyna	2	9:29.81
400-Meter Dash	Eliana Lake	19	56.83
800-Meter Run	Eliana Lake	45	2:19.51
3200-Meter Run	Elisa Grillo	46	11:20.81
300-Meter Hurdles	Maddie Wilson	37	45.84
4x400-Meter Relay	Avant, Wilson, Cantu, Lake	15	3:56.67

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To our FIRST Senior class:
You have made yourself and this program into something truly special. Heartbroken for you seniors but thankful for the memories that were made the past 4 years! Just know that we love & appreciate you! You have big futures ahead!
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#9

Taylor White

Junior
Forward/Defender
District stats 2020: 8 Goals & 4 Assists
Season stats 2020: 9 Goals & 4 Assists
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 27 Goals & 9 Assists
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A



#22 Rylie Slusher

Junior
Midfielder
District stats 2020: 8 Goals & 10 Assists
Season stats 2020: 9 Goals & 11 Assists
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 20 Goals & 20 Assists
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A



#13 Natalie Mason

Junior
Forward/ Midfielder
District stats 2020: 12 Goals & 11 Assists
Season stats 2020: 13 Goals & 12 Assists
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 17 Goals & 21 Assists
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A



#14 Rebecca Grady

Junior
Defender
District stats 2020: 1 Goals & 8 Assists
Season stats 2020: 1 Goals & 9 Assists
Steals 2020: 96
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 2 Goals & 11 Assists & 117 Steals
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A
Was selected Defender of the Year for District 14-6A



#0 Cassidy Baehren

Sophomore
Goalkeeper
District stats 2020: 59 saves out of 75 shots
Season stats 2020: 100 saves out of 123 shots
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 162 saves out of 209 shots
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A
Was selected Goalkeeper of the Year for District 14-6A



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FAIRFIELD CAR PARADES

Contributed by Sue Page



One month ago, we became members of the Fairfield Car Parade, a group formed by Leslie Feld, to celebrate the birthdays of kids in Fairfield during the Corona Virus Pandemic quarantine.

Within the first three weeks, there were over 800 members of the group, and today, May 6, 2020, there are 988 participants.

Almost every night, we meet at a local school parking lot and drive the route that Leslie has mapped out. Vehicles run the gamut from regular sedans and SUVs to jeeps, classic cars, trucks, and convertibles. One evening, we even had a fire truck and three other emergency vehicles participate.

Leslie Feld, a five-year resident of Fairfield, manager of community relations and wellness services of the Wellness Team at UT Physicians, leads almost every parade with her son, Cole, in his Red Miata convertible.

Leslie has touched the hearts of many Fairfield families. She has led over 100 parades and there is already a full calendar for May! In the description of the Fairfield Car Parade Facebook group, Leslie says, "Everyone needs a little joy during these tough times."

Staying in touch, during isolation and social distancing can be hard on families, but when we drive past the home of a child celebrating his or her birthday, and see the smiles and laughter, and often tears of joy, our hearts overflow with happiness.

April 30, our granddaughter Gracie celebrated her 12th birthday, and we were able to experience the joy of friends, family, and strangers driving by blowing horns and waving.

Like her mother, Erin Page said on Facebook, "So many parades have made us smile, but being on the other side, made me feel even more blessed. Thank you, Leslie Cope Feld, for making it happen and thank you to our neighbors who made our Gracie smile from ear to ear. You are the best!"

I'm confident, ours were sentiments echoed time and time again by the other families on Facebook who were recipients of the parades.

Not only did we see happy birthday families, but with our beautiful April weather, one night, I counted over 100 walkers, joggers, neighbors in their front yard and doorways, smiling and waving. The Fairfield Car Parade continues to touch the hearts of Fairfield with parades scheduled during May.

The Fairfield Women's Club has asked Leslie to be our Community Hero for our annual July 4th Parade. We are all hoping that HOA lifts social distancing restrictions on gatherings by then, so many of our HEROES can be recognized this year.

Our 12-year-old granddaughter, Gracie Page, wrote about her experience being a participant and a recipient of the Fairfield Car Parades. Coming from the perspective of a child, I think you might enjoy reading her thoughts.



"ALONE, WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH" HELEN KELLER

Contributed by Gracie Page

At home, during quarantine, sadly, we can't really do anything. But the community, coming together as one family, can accomplish anything we put our hearts to do. Anyone can make a difference, but I think some people are too scared because of Corona. We were stuck in our homes, but YOU make a difference. If you believe it, you can achieve it.

I met someone who changed our community, and I think she has changed every person who has helped or contributed to it.

Leslie Feld is the Director of the Fairfield Car Parade. This parade goes from neighborhood to neighborhood, car bumper to car bumper, driving 5-10 miles per hour. We yell Happy Birthday, wave, honk, and play Happy Birthday music.

These parades started April 8, 2020, and have been going strong ever since. But, you see, there are two different sides to this story, there are the people in the cars driving by a house spreading joy. And, the people are standing outside their homes, receiving birthday wishes.

Luckily, I've had the chance to be on both sides. On April 30, Leslie hosted a parade in my honor for my birthday. It was such a cool experience having my family outside enjoying the moment with me. I loved getting to see all my friends passing by our house, and I started crying because of how happy I was. So, if you're reading this, you should get into your car and come to the next parade.

Thank you,

Grace Page, 6th grader at Salyards Middle School

To learn more about the Fairfield Car Parades visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/146732950105284/>.

A Mother's Thoughts on The Effects of the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place

Contributed by Robyn Graham

Robyn Graham is the mother of Bridgeland Senior Taylor Graham, a hard worker and record holder who will vault at Harding University next year!

For many young people, sheltering at home means missing milestones and public recognition of their achievements. This is especially true for seniors graduating from Bridgeland High School. They are suffering from missing out on experiences and opportunities for connecting with their peers at critical transitions into adulthood. They are mourning the loss of important developmental milestones they were supposed to be enjoying at this time in their lives.

Parents have been affected, as well. For example, at the Graham house, a myriad of emotions have surfaced over losses due to COVID-19. Sad to say with respect to our photographer and her Stylist Make-up/Artist team, I'm pretty sure Taylor's senior pictures will be canceled again due to the recent changes with the shelter in place. Honestly, the whole situation is surreal.

As a parent, other emotions I share from the Graham house

involve loss.

We lament the loss of:

- the last opportunity for Districts, Area, Region, and possibly State recognition after many years, many extra hours of hard work put forth toward the track.
- a season being off the radar for visibility to college coaches.
- sharing the emotions with teammates at that "last high school meet."
- senior night on the football field with parents, friends and family in the stands.
- the "last track banquet" with "senior recognition" typically including a slide show with four years of fun memories
- the last time to watch my kiddo walk off the field after her last HS track event.

Unfortunately, these kids also experienced Harvey and lost a good bit of cross country season that year as well as tremendous obstacles & life lessons for kids.

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However, throughout this journey, I've gained insight to appreciate opportunities stemming from and the adversity of COVID-19. For example, enjoying:

- and celebrating Senior Light Up Night at home with cars driving by in celebration and neighbors showing support.
- the Track & Field twitter Bridgeland senior track spotlight.
- the Track & Field twitter announcement and virtual support of continuing pole vault at Harding.
- the mock signing at Mac Vault Academy that was very special. At the same time, feeling bittersweet without celebrating at school with coaches, teammates, and friends.
- the kindness from strangers.
- my kids' realization that they appreciate school, their teachers, classroom structure, their coaches, their teammates, and Ms. English, Principal Smith! As I preach to them often, "tomorrow should never be taken for granted."

Along with our children, I grieve for the lost senior moments of emotion for the first Bridgeland graduating class and their graduation ceremonies, rescheduled for Saturday, June 6th, without guarantees. The same with prom, senior high breakfast, senior skip day, prom weekend, car parades, and graduation



parties with friends.




Understandably, they feel robbed of that final walk down the hallways on the last day at school, saying their high school goodbyes.

Sadly, as a parent, I didn't get to watch her walk out the front door that last day of high school with pride, tears of joy, and emotions shared on that special day.

That said, I want seniors throughout the nation and around the world to embrace the thought, "This is your time, the universe awaits your unique and very special arrival—you matter!"

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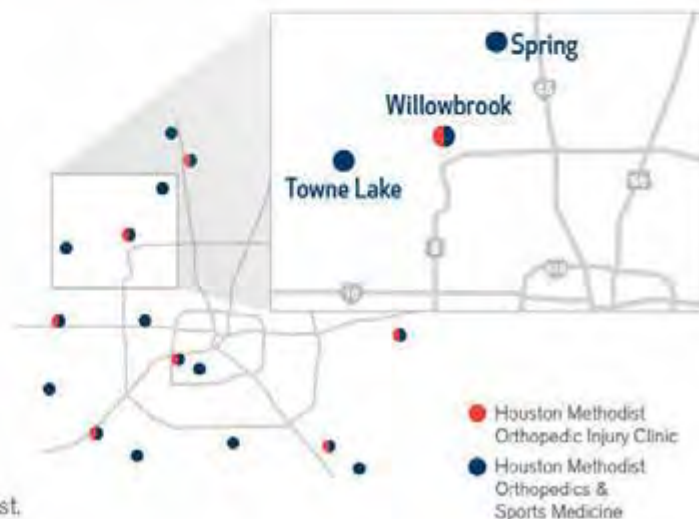


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