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## National FFA Convention By Garrix Bauer

y Garrix Bauer Senior Editor



On October 26th through the 29th members of the AHS FFA attended the 2022 National FFA Convention.

The National FFA Convention is the world's largest youth convention. Students learn about different careers in the agricultural industry. Students get the opportunity to talk to different colleges across the country, and they learn more about the National FFA Organization they are a part of.

The National Convention is held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Those that attended were advisors, Bruce Farquhar and Larkyn Seehafer, Luke Gallagher, Wyatt Jensen, Destiny Danner, Kayden Duncan, Carlee Miller, Montana Rivero, Kade Wiginton, Jeremiah Rice, and Emma Claire Gallagher.

The Altus FFA Chapter received the National 3 Star Chapter Award in 2021 and is eligible to apply for that award again in 2023.

The FFA students that attended got to listen to a multitude of speakers. The keynote speaker was a former WNBA player, Tamika Catchings. The students met and were able to talk to other FFA members from all over the country. They were able to learn about the different experiences they have in other places like Hawaii and Puerto Rico which is very different from the experiences they would get here in Oklahoma.

Montana Rivero and Kayden Duncan both said, "The National Convention was an eye-opening experience. We enjoyed getting to meet different people and learning more about FFA in other states."

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# Student Feature

By Kenli Greer Staff Writer

### Jordyn Baker



lordyn Baker is a sophomore here at AHS. She has attended Altus High School for 2 years.

Jordyn's mom is Meri Kayla Baker, who is 58 and works at Altus Christian Academy. Her dad is Kevin Baker, who is 60 and is the pastor of Martha Road Baptist Church. Jordyn has three siblings. Jennifer is 35 and married with 2 daughters, Caroline and Stella. Jonathan is 32 and is an accountant, and losh who is 22 is in the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy. She also has a wiener dog named Penny.

Jordyn is involved in numerous activities here at Altus High School including volleyball and track, running mid distance. She received Principal's Honor Roll her freshman vear.

lordyn's favorite things about Altus High School are spending time with her team, friends, and taking food from Coach Garrison's desk every day.

During her free time, she enjoys running, baking, and sleeping.

Something cool about Jordyn is that she is closer in age to her nieces than to her sister and older brother.

After high school, Jordyn plans to attend college. She's thinking about getting a degree in computer science, but she is still unsure.

Jordyn's family, friends, coaches, and God keep her motivated in life.

Jordyn's favorite quote is, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Isaiah 40:8

## Student Feature

By Taylor Johnson Senior Managing Editor

Jackson two years.

Jackson grew up here in Altus, Petty, and his older brother, Carson Brooks-Petty, who is a senior here at AHS.

Jackson states, "I have an awesome dad. He is super dependable, and I am grateful for that. He's always on me about school, and if it wasn't for that, I may not be passing in school."

lackson is involved in wrestling as a heavyweight wrestler and throws discus for AHS track and field.

Jackson received a letter for mouth. football and track his freshman year and is hoping to letter in wrestling this year.

lackson's favorite subject in

Brooks-Petty is a school is Spanish. His favorite thing sophomore here at Altus High about Altus High School is the School. He has attended AHS for classes they provide and all the opportunities.

In his spare time, Jackson likes to Oklahoma, with his dad, David hang out with his friends and likes to drive around when he isn't training for wrestling or doing something better for himself.

> Jackson's plans after high school are to attend the Southwest Technology Center to get a metal fabrication degree. He would also like to join the United States Air Force.

> Something cool about Jackson that Altus High School students may not know about him is that he can make car sounds with his

> Jackson is motivated in life by his will power. Jackson's favorite quote is, "Be thankful for what you have before it turns into what you had."

### **Jackson Books-Petty**



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# Staff Spotlight

By Greyson Woodward Staff Writer

Terry Lane is the Altus High School Library Assistant. He has been employed with Altus High School for two years.

Terry's favorite part of his job is the interactions with Altus High School's friendly students and staff.

Terry was born in Mangum, Oklahoma, and attended Mangum Public Schools.

Before joining Altus High School's staff, Terry worked in the natural gas industry as an area manager. In 2021, he retired after 38 and 1/2 years in the business. He soon found out retired life was not for him, so that is when he decided to join our bulldog family and came to work for Altus Public Schools.

Outside of his work life, he

enjoys spending time with his two wonderful grandchildren, Landri and Lane. Terry also enjoys the company of his lovely wife, Melody Lane, who teaches fourth grade at Altus Elementary School. This is her 20th year in education. Terry and Melody have three children.

Terry's hobbies include enjoying nature and understanding the perception of reality of others.

Something Altus High School students and staff may not know about Terry is that reading books is what led him to become one of the founding members of the Gonzales County Texas Buffalo Soldier Association.

Terry isn't quick to judge

### **Terry Lane**



anyone, and he believes everyone deserves an opportunity to improve.

His favorite quote is, "Be silent or speak something worth hearing."

# **Bulldog Bites**

By Elizabeth Risinger Staff Writer

# If you could have anyone in the world to be your teacher, who would it be and why?



Freshman Alex Lopez states, "Mr. Clothier because he has the best jokes."



Sophomore Jenna Blackford states, "Steve Harvey because who wouldn't want to be in class with him teaching."



Junior Conner Nunez states, "Conor McGregor."



Senior Jaycee Foster states, "Nick and Matt Sturniolo."

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# Bulldog Clubs

#### By Dominic Rodriguez **Staff Writer**

### **HOSA**



HOSA is a club offered here at Altus High School.

HOSA stands for Health Occupation Students of through America and is focused on introducing students to

HOSA's mission empowering HOSA-Future

Health Professionals to become leaders in the global health community education, collaboration, and experience.

HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in

the health industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

by Stacy Davis. She is the science teacher and athletic trainer for Altus High School.

HOSA is open to all students. Students who would like to join just need to attend meeting. The meetings the third are on each Wednesday of month. Listen to announcements for changes to the schedule.

Students will have the opportunity to engage in community service as well as Fall Leadership

and State Leadership Conferences. At the State Leadership Conference, students will compete in The organization is led an area of interest from many opportunities offered through HOSA.

> Two of our bulldogs were recently elected as HOSA State Officers. Abbey Marple was elected as the Chaplain for Oklahoma HOSA, and Wyatt Jensen was elected as the Parliamentarian for Oklahoma HOSA.

Wyatt states, "HOSA makes a difference in the lives of students developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, education in healthcare."

## Senior Night

By Trina Patel **Staff Writer** 

November 3, 2022 was Senior and Military Appreciation Night at Altus High School.

Senior softball and crosscountry athletes were recognized at Friday's pep assembly. Before the game, the football players, cheerleaders, athletic trainers, pom squad, and cross-country teams were recognized. During halftime of the game, band was recognized. They were each given a rose to honor their parent and/or guardians.

The senior football players include Tucker Taft, Erick Kirby, Nathan De Los Hunter Meyers, Santos, Chance Cusher, Tyler Saxon, Robert Duhon, Todd Duncan, Cole Kuhn, and

Alan Chavez.

The cheerleaders that recognized were, Madelyn Falon, Abi Beane, Gaby Cantu, Nyla Ball, and Grace Humble.

The athletic trainers were Celeste lenks, Cecelia McCabe, and Kyleigh McGough.

The seniors from the cross-country team were Nick Borghini, Carson Brooks-Petty, and Hannah Bearden.

Finally, Hannah Gilstad from the pom squad was recognized.

During halftime, the senior band members that were recognized included Lexie Scott, Samuel Hall, Jenny Phan, Aubrey Coffman, Allison Howard,



Garrix Bauer, Tyler Bartholomew, **Emmett** Stinnett, Lilly Rhodes, Kyleigh McGough, Jewlie Brzozowski, Samantha Martinez, Cecelia McCabe, Jaycee Foster, Zao Avila, and Ashlyn Garcia.

Special guest and alumni of AHS, Tech. Sgt. Robert Wolfe, served as drum major for the night and

performed the national anthem.

During half-time, the band seniors put on a special show and played the Alma Mater and fight song one last time.

It was also military appreciation night. All U.S. veterans military were granted free admission to watch our final home game.

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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS



## BIANCA GRIFFIN By Lexie Scott Senior Managing Editor

This issue's "Senior Spotlight," Bianca Griffin, was born and raised in Oklahoma City.

She has only been attending Altus Public Schools for 3 short years but is involved in so much. Bianca is a basketball manager, a leader in Link Crew, and a member of KAY Klub.

Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, finding new shows and movies to watch, reading, and shopping. Bianca doesn't get to bake and cook often, but she is pretty decent as she's been practicing in the kitchen since she was in elementary school.

Bianca's immediate family is relatively small, but they still mean a lot to her: her mom, her stepdad, and her 8-year-old little sister.

Her favorite things about Altus High School are how kind the teachers have been to her and the diversity of the school. After graduating here, she plans on attending college to be in the medical field.

Something you may not know about Bianca is that she loves collecting shoes, and she's personally met 3 different players from the Oklahoma City Thunder Basketball Team.

Bianca's mom motivates her most in life, and her favorite quote is, "What you think, you become. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you create."

#### **NOAH ENNIS**

By Zoe Monterrubio Staff Writer

Noah Ennis is a senior here at Altus High School. He was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado then lived in Altus until he was 10 years old. Later on, he moved to Moore, OK, and came back to Altus at the end of his junior year.

His mom and dad are Kurt and Rowena Ennis, and they both served in the military for 20 years. His little sister Marley is in the 8th grade in Moore, OK.

Noah is a part of the boy's basketball team and helps the team by being the shooting guard.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends, golfing for fun, and playing basketball.

Noah's favorite things about AHS are the relationships he has been able to continue with friends he grew up with and the new relationships he has started from meeting new people since he moved here.

After graduating high school, he plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and pursue a business degree and also get into real estate.

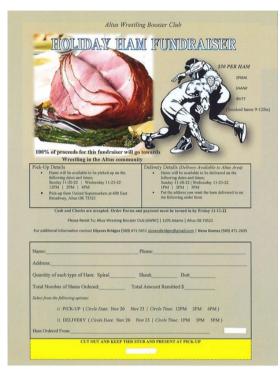
Noah's favorite verse is, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"- Romans 8:31.



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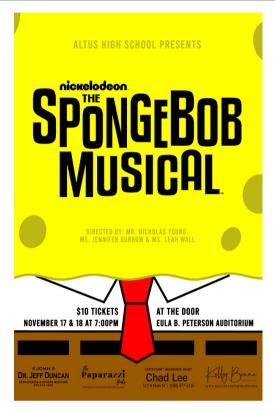
## **ALTUS HIGH ADVERTISEMENTS**

By Aubree VonDohlen Staff Writer



The **Altus** Wrestling Booster Club is having a Holiday Ham Fundraiser. These 9-12 are lbs. smoked hams for \$50 each! Contact **Ulysees** Bridges, Neno Gomez, or a wrestler for more information.







Purchase a raffle ticket from a member of the AHS Swim Team. 1 ticket is \$20 or buy 6 tickets for \$100. Drawings will be during swim meets starting in November!

This year Altus High School is showcasing **SpongeBob** The Musical. The plav starts on November 17th and 18th at 7 P.M. Tickets are \$10 at door. the See theater students or Mr. Young for shirt orders or more information.

# SPONGEBOB MUSICAL SHIRT ORDERS!!

T-shirts \$16 Long Sleeve \$20 Hoodie \$40



