Alvin High School



Class of 2026

Haley Higginbotham

Valedictorian

Texas Tech University - Chemical Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Laura Hoffmann

9th grade APA English 1 and National Merit - Alvin High School

I have been unsure of my future for a large part of high school, and Ms. Hoffmann has always given me sound advice. She encouraged me in both my academic and personal goals in a practical way. Anything I was worried about, she gave me logical advice, while still taking my feelings into consideration, even when I was not her student. Her work ethic as National Honor Society sponsor and a freshman teacher, as well as having a life outside of work, has inspired me to know that I can have a successful career and be a good, fun person.

Jadyn Gomez

Salutatorian

University of Texas - Neuroscience



Most Influential Educator

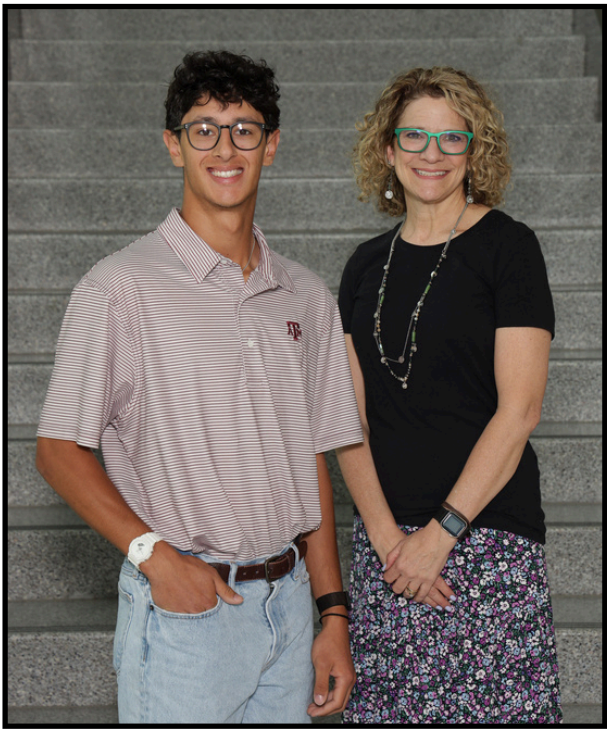
Paul Summa

11th grade U.S. History and 9th-12th grade Academic Decathlon

Since my freshman year, Mr. Summa has supported me in numerous endeavors, whether that be with Academic Decathlon or college recommendation letters. Mr. Summa has truly shown me nothing but support in my pursuit of higher education. His encouragement has helped me grow, come out of my shell, and be successful. Mr. Summa does not just teach the ins and outs of U.S. History, but the appreciation and joy of learning.

Braeden Shaw

Texas A&M University - Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Kelley Smith
10th grade English - Alvin High School

Mrs. Smith has shown me what it means to be a great educator. She showed deep care for her students and was compassionate and adamant about us working hard. She always pushed us to be our best and to give 100% effort in everything we do, whether in school or in our personal lives. There is no other like Mrs. Smith!

Cullen Jannise

University of Texas - Government



Most Influential Educator
John Anderson
9-12th grade Band- Alvin High School

Throughout my time in band there have been a lot of times where I have struggled, but all four years of band, Mr. Anderson constantly pushed and helped me to be better. One piece of advice he would always give, “the pain of discipline now or the pain of regret later,” always stuck with me. Without band or him I do not believe I would be the person I am today.

Laurali Hernandez

University of Texas - Psychology



Most Influential Educator
Chris McGilvray
11th grade AP Biology & TSA advisor - Alvin High School

Mr. McGilvray has been a source of joy for me since the start of my junior year. Even though I had not known him since freshman year like many of my peers, he never let that hinder the relationship he built with me. Whether we were getting off topic talking about Pokémon and Studio Ghibli, or he was helping me prepare for AP exams and writing recommendation letters, he has always been there for me.

Madison Crocker

Texas A&M University - Physics



Most Influential Educator
Maricela Barajas
Kindergarten - Bill Hasse Elementary

I chose Ms. Barajas because I adore her. When I went to receive my AP scholar award, she happened to be there and she recognized me. I did not remember much of my time with her because I had her as a kindergarten teacher, but I knew that I loved her because her coming to say hello to me made my day. I want to make her day just as much as she made my early elementary school days wonderful.

Koen Morris

Texas A&M University - Biomedical Sciences



Most Influential Educator
Andrew Landau
10th-12th grade Golf - Alvin High School

In all my years in Alvin ISD I have never had a teacher care as much as Coach Landau. On and off the course, no matter what my performance was, he always provided positive and encouraging affirmation. No matter if I needed help with golf or anything in my daily life, Coach Landau was there to help, no questions asked. Words cannot describe how grateful I am to Coach Landau.

Ella Nesline

Texas A&M University - Architecture



Most Influential Educator
Diane Peltier
K-2nd grade Principal - Alvin Primary

I chose Diane Peltier as my most influential teacher. She was my primary school principal, but we go WAY back She was literally there on day one! She has always encouraged me to be the best I can be in school and life and has been supportive when I want to try new opportunities and when things do not work out like I had hoped. I am thankful to her for being a lifelong role model to me.

Annabel Rueda

University of Houston - Digital Media



Most Influential Educator
Monique Rivera
11th-12th grade Graphic Design
JB Hensler College and Career Academy

Mrs. Rivera's classroom provided me with the supporting environment that allowed me to build my confidence. Her advice pushed me to become my best self and gave me the encouragement to fully pursue my passion. I would not be the person I am today, nor the person I know I can become, without Mrs. Rivera.

Hayden Holloway

Baton Rouge Community College - General Science



Most Influential Educator
Charles Ruff
11th and 12th Mathematics - Alvin High School

I chose Mr. Ruff because he made me really love math and is amazing at teaching and making everything easy to understand. Taking his class really opened my mind and helped me decide what to study in college.

Gordon Larson

University of Texas Arlington - Engineering



Most Influential Educator
John Kroesch
9th grade Algebra 1 - Alvin High School

Mr. Kroesch is my most influential teacher. He taught me to like and understand math in a way that helped me greatly. He was also the sponsor for our Christians in the Youth Club which I got to lead my senior year. I am so grateful for the amazing mentorship and impact Mr. Kroesch has had on me and I hope to honor his investment as I move forward.

Bethany Lozano

Benedictine College - Theology and Graphic Design



Most Influential Educator
Eva Cantu
11th and 12th grade Ready, Set, Teach Program
Alvin High School

I chose Mrs. Cantu because she has been influential in my decision to pursue a career in education. On top of that, she treats all her students like they were her own children. She is supportive in our journeys and always encourages us to do our best in everything we do. To me she is a mentor and a guide.

Hannah Garcia

Texas Women's University - Nursing



Most Influential Educator
Tanya Hardin
12th grade Certified Nursing Assistant Program
JB Hensler College and Career Academy

Ms. Hardin welcomed every student every day with a big smile and a positive attitude. She always put all her trust in all her students. I always felt like she believed in me and pushed me to work hard. I look forward to seeing her every day.

Elliott Jannise

University of Texas - Government

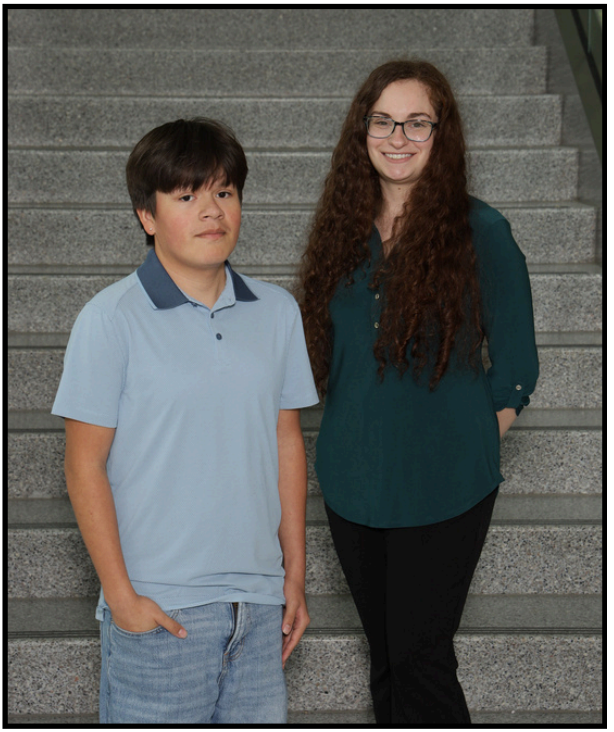


Most Influential Educator
Jessica Tompkins
9th-12th grade Newspaper - Alvin High School

Mrs. Tompkins encouraged my love of learning, especially writing. She pushed me to try hard and helped me become the person I am today. She is always so supportive, and kind and her classroom is one of my favorite places at the school. I would take her class a million times over.

Abel Herrera

University of Texas El Paso - Mechanical Engineering

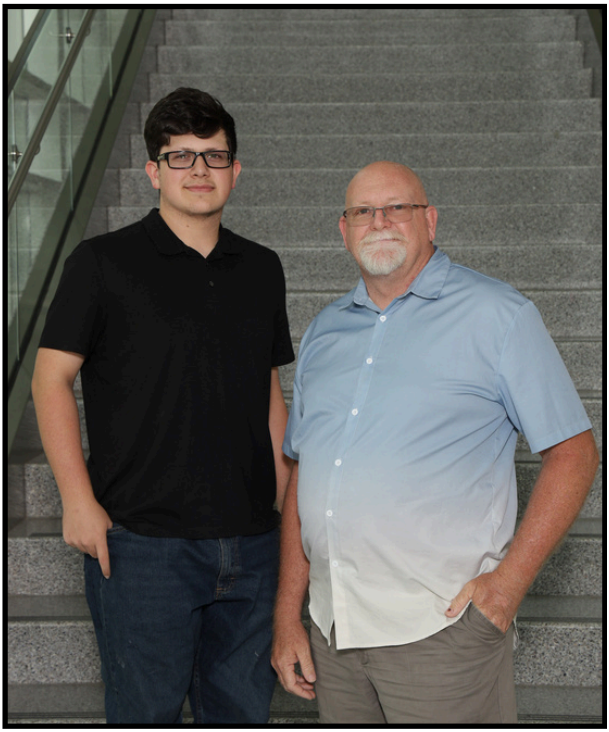


Most Influential Educator
Kiley Trahan
12th grade AP Environmental Science - Alvin High School

Ms. Trahan and I share a lot of the same interests, which made connecting with her easy. Her commitment to the Earth is something I value from her (although she drives a car to work every day.) She has taught me the value of work and how I can achieve a lot. She has helped me realize that caring for the world is pretty cool, and I have learned to value our planet a lot more because of her.

Adrian Nitschmann

University of Houston Clear Lake - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Mark Maulding
10th - 12th gradeTechnology - Manvel High School

I chose Mr. Maulding because of how he has shaped me in school. He taught me work ethic, allowed me to develop academically, and gave me opportunities to explore my passions. I would like to thank him for all he has done for me in the past and the present.

Jake Jannise

Texas A&M University - Biochemistry



Most Influential Educator
Levi Duncan
9th-12th grade Choir - Alvin High School

Mr. Duncan is an amazing teacher who goes above and beyond for his students. I have loved having him these past four years. He has helped me grow into who I am today, and I am forever thankful for that.

Flor Garcia

University of Houston - Mechanical Engineering

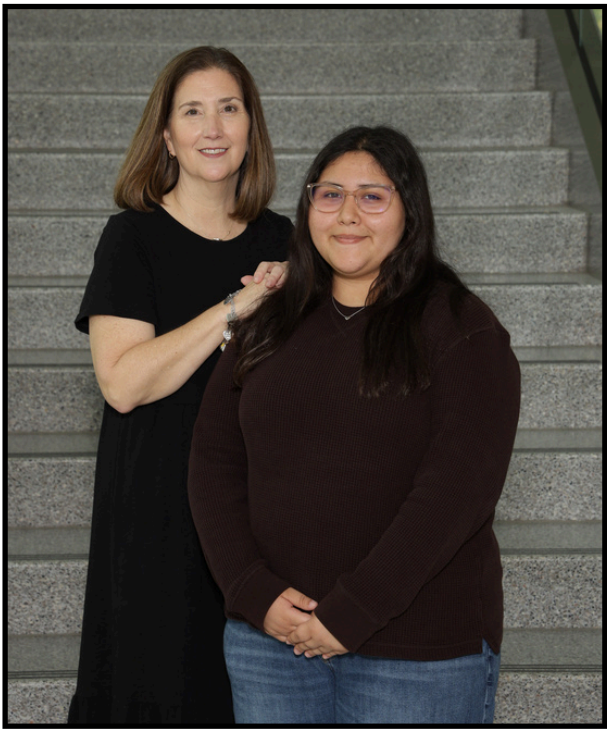


Most Influential Educator
Veronica Gonzalez
9th grade Intro to Engineering Design - Alvin High School

Since the start of my high school years, Mrs. Gonzalez has been a true inspiration. She encouraged and guided me into the engineering pathway, becoming a pivotal figure in my career. She cares about her students and uplifts them to be a better person every day. She taught me responsibility, determination, and patience. I am to be her student because she has helped me be the person I am today

Malarie Ramos

University of Texas - Geosciences



Most Influential Educator
Mary Stillwell
Kindergarten - Passmore Elementary

Kindergarten was a very important time in my life. It is when I was just old enough to start really taking in the world around me. During that time, I was so proud to have a teacher like Mrs. Stilwell. She made learning so much fun. Every day, I was excited to see what she would teach next. A large part of my curiosity that has driven me to be the best I can be during my school career was cultivated during my time in her class and I cannot thank her enough!

Callie Mercer

Sam Houston State University - Business



Most Influential Educator
Abigail Vackar
10th grade Algebra 2 - Manvel High School

I chose Mrs. Vackar because she was constantly there for me through everything. Not only was she there when I could not understand the unit, but she was also there for me when I needed someone to talk to. She was the absolute best.