Manvel High School



Class of 2026

Blake Cheng

Valedictorian

Texas A&M University - Computer Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Dennis Pham

9th grade APA Algebra 2, 11th grade AP Calculus AB, 12th grade AP Calculus BC - Manvel High School

Mr. Pham is one of the most inspirational teachers I have ever had. I never wanted to avoid or skip his class because he always made math enjoyable, interactive, and easy to understand. His classroom has always been a positive environment and an absolute joy to be in. He has helped me solidify my passion in STEM and reinforced the idea that I can persevere through anything.

Nyomi Howe

Salutatorian

Princeton University - Electrical Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Jacob Smith

9th-12th grade TSA Club - Manvel High School

I chose Mr. Smith because he has always supported me through everything. Before I even came to Manvel, Mr Smith had urged my dad, who he went to high school with, to encourage me to join engineering. From then on Mr. Smith, has been the greatest TSA Sponsor ever, always making sure everyone is organized and doing well.

Chiduwem Nwakamma

Wheeling University- Nursing



Most Influential Educator
Erika Cruz
12th grade, AP Statistics - Manvel High School

When I walked into Ms. Cruz's class at the beginning of the year, meeting her seemingly for the first time, I knew I would enjoy taking her class. When I asked for help with statistical analysis for my AP Research project, she did not hesitate to help me better understand the subject matter and perform the correct calculations. One day, I walked into class, and Ms. Cruz randomly asked me what elementary school I went to. I told her the elementary school I attended, and that was when everything clicked. When Ms. Cruz was in high school, she volunteered at a summer program I participated in when I was in elementary school. All the memories I had of Ms. Cruz from that time flooded back, and in that moment, all I could do was hug her.

Eder Diaz

Undecided - Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Carrie Cross
10th-11th grade APA/AP Chemistry - Manvel High School

Ms. Cross is my most influential teacher because she changed the way I see my life. Once when I was stressed about a single point on my grade Ms. Cross took time to guide me with helpful advice. Grades are important but your wellbeing is too. When she told her story about changing careers after a tragic accident, it helped me realize that I need to slow down and value the present. Wherever I end up is what was meant to be. Thank you Ms. Cross.

Chloe Tran

Texas A&M University - Business Administration



Most Influential Educator
Cheri Van Sant
Speech and Debate - Manvel High School

I chose Ms. VanSant because she impacted me beyond my education. She was an amazing mentor and was always patient and kind. She was the one who always believed in me, even when I didn't believe in myself.

Mohammad Khan

University of Texas - Computer Science

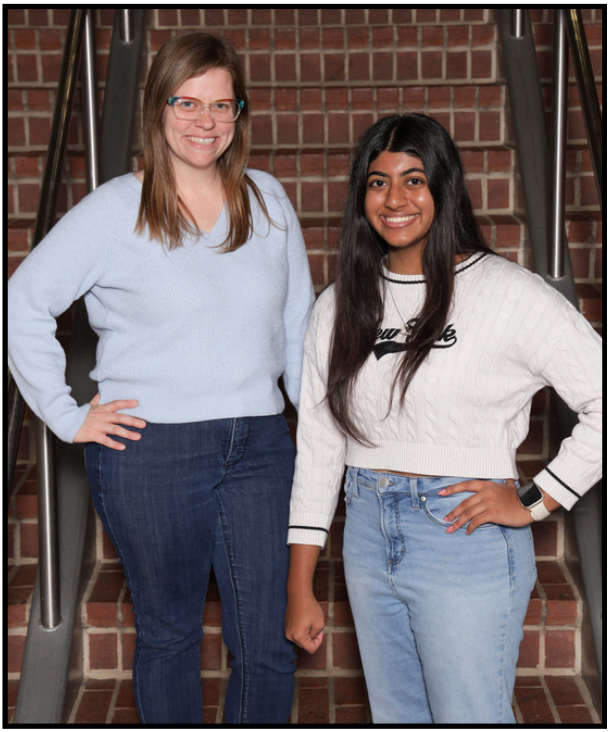


Most Influential Educator
Fernando Hinojosa
8th grade Integrated Physics and Chemistry

He was the first teacher that I had that made learning fun. We learned physics through Ruth Goldberg machines, and he made the whole gclass feel like family which allowed us to build the friendships that we still have today.

Asha Varghese

Texas A& M University - Business



Most Influential Educator
Blythe Hopson
9th -12th grade Choir - Manvel High School

I didn't understand the idea of a teacher being like a second parent until I met Ms. Hopson. She always ensures that everyone has someone to talk to, and that everyone gets at least one laugh in a day. Not a day has gone by that I'm not grateful for her presence in all of our lives. She is one of the biggest parts of what made my high school experience enjoyable!

Emerson Chang

St. Mary's University - Biology



Most Influential Educator
Renae Rives
1st - 5th grade Principal - Pomona Elementary

Ms. Rives was my elementary principal from 1st grade all the way up until 5th grade. Even moving from EC Mason to Pomona, she was the best principal. She created such a fun, engaging, and safe environment. I vividly remember her on the announcements everyday reminding us to "make it a great day today, the choice is yours." This quote has stuck with me, as a reminder to choose happiness and kindness through everything. Even after graduating from elementary, Ms. Rives has been a big supporter of mine, so I want to show her how much I appreciate her.

Avery Bagwell

Louisiana State University - Nursing



Most Influential Educator
Elaine White
9th-12th Dance - Manvel High School

I selected Mrs. White because she has guided me throughout all four years of high school. She has not only been an incredible coach, but a mentor as well. Mrs. White has encouraged me to gain confidence in every area of my life and pushed me past what I believed possible. She is a constant light, positive influence and the lessons she has taught me will forever leave an impact on my life.

Fatima Dorado Escobedo

Undecided - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Sunny Vargas
4th- grade Reading - Pomona Elementary

Throughout my high school years, Ms. Vargas' advice made me want to pursue my education and give school my best. Her spirit and belief in me pushed me to be better, not only academically, but as a person as well. I'm grateful for the confidence that she gave me and the fire that she ignited in me during my 4th grade year.

Emma Nguyen

Southwestern University - Biochemistry



Most Influential Educator
Liz Stevens
3rd grade Science - Mary Burks Marek Elementary

I selected Ms.Stevens because she was my first teacher when I moved to public school. She introduced me to the class and pushed me academically. She encouraged me to be the best student I can be, and always made learning fun. She was strict, but just enough to make me the best student I could be. She has shaped me to be the student I am today.

Eric George

Texas A&M University - Electrical Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Veena Menezes
8th grade Geometry - Rodeo Palms Jr. High

Veena Menezes made sure to put a smile on everyone's faces, including the students that didn't want to be there or were failing her class. While we laughed and cheered during her 6th grade math class, she instilled a love for learning that I still carry today.

Bryce Rivas

Texas A&M University - Mechanical Engineering

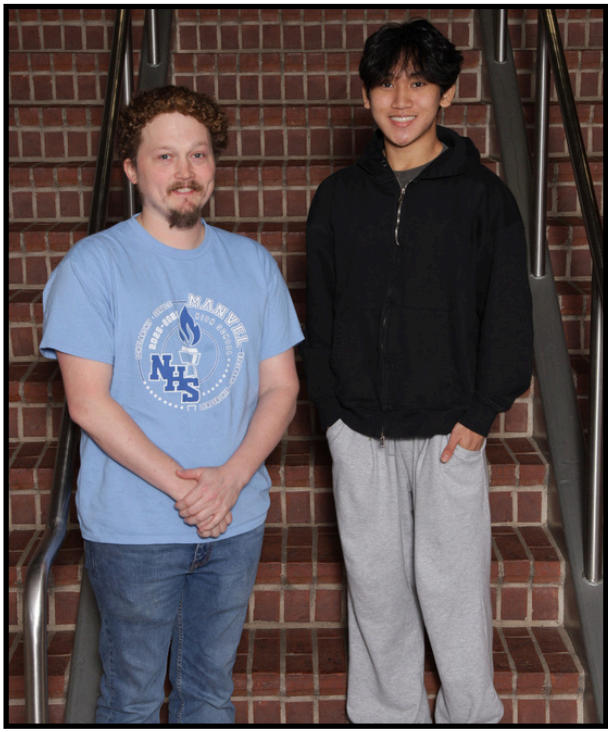


Most Influential Educator
Marie Meng
9th-12th grade Cross Country - Manvel High School

I chose Coach Meng because she coached me all four years of high school. She taught me very valuable lessons, like never giving up and always pushing beyond your limits in order to grow. Without her, I wouldn't have realized my love for running and I wouldn't have gotten to be a part of such a connected and devoted team.

Vakanak Pho

University of Houston - Finance



Most Influential Educator
Matt Morris
11th -12th grade AP Pre Cal/AP Cal AB - Manvel High School

Out of all the teachers I had, Mr. Morris was one of those who really inspired me to do better. His impact has significantly pushed me to go the extra mile, and I'm thankful he was my math teacher for two years in a row.

Kayleon Hyder

Prairie View A&M University - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Theron Tindall
11th- grade Engineering Science

Mr. Tindall has been increasingly supportive of my endeavors as a student engineer. Ever since the first day of my Engineering Science class in 11th grade, he always pushed me to improve

Brayden McClanahan

Abilene Christian University - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Jason McLean
9th - 12th grade Soccer and Football - Manvel High School

I chose Coach McLean because he has been significantly influential in my personal life for all four years of high school. Being my coach for both football and soccer, he has taught me hard work, discipline, and what it means to have a good work ethic. Coach McLean is a strong man of faith. He has poured into me in an impactful way that I can carry with me after high school.

Avery Hutson

Texas A&M University - Accounting



Most Influential Educator
Nathan Pair
9th -12th grade Band - Manvel High School

I selected Mr. Pair because he has been with me for four years, and has made a big impact on my life. Even though the band practiced in awful heat every day for a semester, it was so fun to be a part of the band.

Eleanor Kasprzyk

Texas A&M University - Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Dr. Eric Carr
Speech and Debate - Manvel High School

Coach Carr is my most influential educator because of the impact he had on my middle school experience and future career path. His class sparked my passion for STEM and inspired me to go into Engineering. Coach Carr always found ways to make his class engaging which is why I believe many of his students have been so academically successful. He was so encouraging and always found ways to honor our achievements.

Julian Harris

Texas A&M University - Aerospace Engineering



Most Influential Educator
Y-Vi Tran
12th grade AP Physics C: Mechanics - Manvel High School

I selected Ms. Tran because even though I only had her as a teacher for one year, she is genuinely a friend. Throughout this entire year, I've always felt like I could rely on her for help with anything related to Physics. I am grateful to call Ms. Tran my teacher.

Jason Chee

Texas A&M University - Chemistry



Most Influential Educator
Darla Richardson
Kindergarten

Ms. Richardson was my first and most influential educator because she fostered my love for learning and my compassionate nature. She taught me right from wrong and laid the foundation for who I am today. Without her, my life would be drastically different than what it is now.