

Alvin High School



Class of 2025

Gavin Page

Valedictorian

University of Texas Austin - Neuroscience



Most Influential Educator

Dr. Donna Pauley - Alvin High School

Dr. Pauley is a wonderful teacher who always made English class enjoyable. She also created an extremely welcoming classroom environment that I looked forward to going to every day. I genuinely appreciate the effort she puts into the classroom and the good vibes she brings with her. She always made bad days good for me and my peers. Thank you Dr. Pauley!

Bryant Nesrsta

Salutatorian

Texas A&M University- Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Chris McGilvary - Alvin High School

Mr. McGilvary has been a huge supporter throughout my high school career. From my freshman AP Biology class, to my AP Research project, and letters of recommendation for colleges, Mr. McGilvary has always been there to aid me with anything in school and beyond. I would not have been able to achieve the success I now have without the support of teachers, and chief among those is Mr. McGilvary.

Clara Turner

University of Houston - Mathematics Education



Most Influential Educator

Gwyn Bray - Walt Disney Elementary

Ms. Bray always promoted a love for all things science, including frogs. She also encouraged our class to slow down and read the available information and to avoid standing up in a silent room to do the macarena. She offered pieces of life advice that I still keep with me. Ms. Bray influenced me to not only pursue STEM, but to also be a more patient and conscientious person.

Rebekah Guerrero

Stephen F Austin University - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Chad McWhirter - Alvin High School

Mr. McWhirter has been an endless inspiration. He is incredibly funny and always brightens my day. I entered his classroom shy, but I left confident, with the knowledge that he would always have my back. He's been supportive in all my endeavors and reassures me when I have doubts. He's written many recommendation letters, for which I am so grateful. Thank you for always being there for me, Mr. McWhirter.

Rylyn Hobbs

Oklahoma State University - Architectural Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Charles Eric Ruff - Alvin High School

Mr. Ruff taught me how to solve what I thought were unsolvable problems. He encouraged me to work tirelessly to learn about the unknown. His true dedication to providing his students with the best possible foundation to take beyond high school is incredibly inspirational. It is because of him that I have been able to recognize that I not only have the desire to pursue a degree in engineering but also that I have the ability to be successful.

Michelle Morales

University of Texas at Austin - Chemical Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Jeremy Kitchens - Alvin High School

Since joining the band program, Mr. Kitchens has always been a source of support and growth for me. He has seen it all - ranging from my first notes on the flute to being in his junior high band and then as his student again in high school. He has seen the pretty, the ugly and the passion that I have put into my musical journey that has helped make me who I am today.

Natalie Horton

Stephen F. Austin University - Communications



Most Influential Educator

Jessica Tompkins - Alvin High School

Mrs. Tompkins is a kind, caring, and inspirational teacher to all students interested in journalism. I have always been able to talk to her and ask for her advice regarding any issue I may have. She has been supportive of all my endeavors throughout high school and has helped me become the aspiring journalist I am today.

Alessandra Guerrero

University of Texas at Austin - Business



Most Influential Educator

Lacey Stewart - Alvin High School

Since freshman year, Mrs. Stewart has been incredibly supportive of me and my goals. Her empowering mentorship helped me decide to major in and pursue a career in business. She has gone out of her way to provide resources for me and is always willing to help me whenever I need it. Thanks to her guidance and teaching, I've gained the confidence to pursue my dreams of becoming an analyst.

Eunice Garcia

Alvin Community College/University of Houston - Biology



Most Influential Educator

Lorena Towne - Alvin Elementary

Mrs. Towne is the epitome of kindness and attentiveness. She always went above and beyond, ensuring we had what we needed. Even after Pre-K, she stayed in touch, sending a letter (which I still have) before middle school and an email before high school. She encouraged me to be true to myself and always express how proud she was of me. I'm forever grateful to her and will always remember how she helped shape who I am today.

Leilani De La Cruz

University of Texas at Austin - Neuroscience



Most Influential Educator

Tiffany Marchand - Alvin High School

Ms. Marchand has always been kind and supportive. She has continued to give advice beyond the year that I had her as a teacher, and through her teaching, she's opened so many doors in regards to science. She's even been an influence leading to my decision to be a STEM major. Ms. Marchand's mentorship, knowledge and skills have always been an inspiration to me.

Bianca Cervantez

University of Texas at Austin - Biology



Most Influential Educator

Paula Tafelski - Alvin High School

Coach T always believed in me from the moment I stepped on the softball field my freshman year. She always pushed me to do my best on and off the field and always cracked a joke to cheer me up. I can always be myself around her and have fun too. Coach T has always been there for me and I will forever be grateful to have had her as my coach.

Kaylee Elsner

Alvin Community College -Nursing



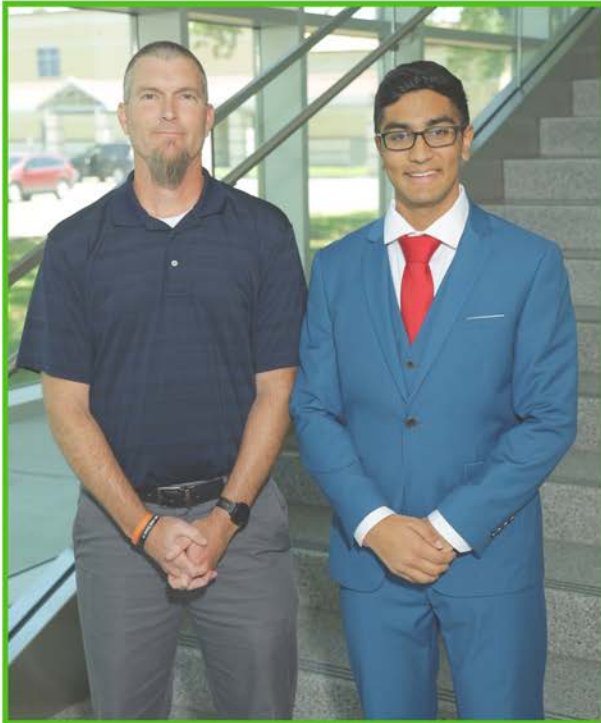
Most Influential Educator

Courtney Webb - Alvin High School

Mrs. Webb is not just an educator, but a true friend. Her kindness, guidance, and advice have shaped me since I was eight years old. She's always there with support, encouragement, and wisdom. The bond we share goes beyond the classroom, and I look forward to seeing her even after high school. I'm incredibly thankful that FFA introduced me to this amazing advisor.

Vishaan Bhakta

University of Texas at Austin - Petroleum Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Paul Summa - Alvin High School

Since my first encounter with Mr. Summa, his funny and personable demeanor stuck with me, and I knew I'd enjoy learning from him. His extensive knowledge of US history made class engaging every day. He encouraged me to join Academic Decathlon in my senior year, and it was a fantastic experience. Mr. Summa is a teacher who knows how to bring the best out in his students.

Alaina Jett

Sam Houston State University - Criminal Justice



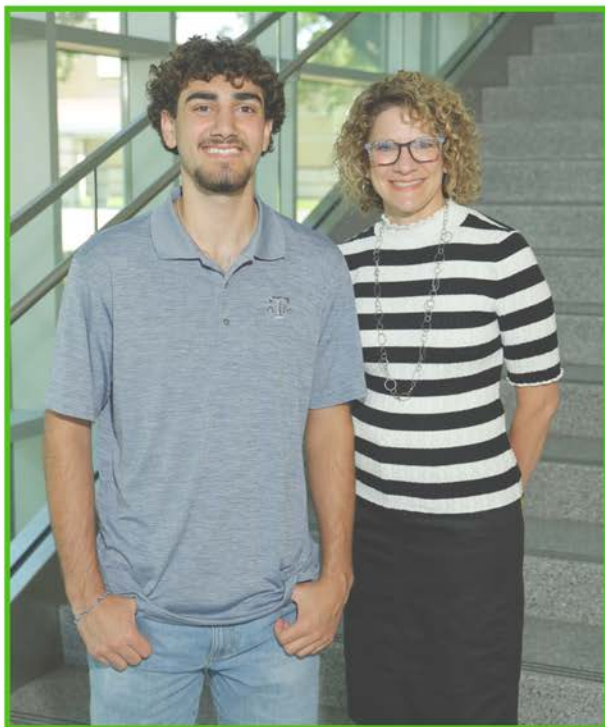
Most Influential Educator

Kenneth Wilson - Manvel High School

Coach Wilson took time during practice to help me towards my goal of reaching my best personal record at the district meet and more. He helped me progress more in three weeks than I have all year and has impacted me in a way I haven't felt in four years. I am eternally grateful for his support, honesty, and faith in me. It will carry me through life. I appreciate his knowledge, teaching skills and personality that made his class enjoyable.

Caden Joseph

Texas A&M University - Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Kelley Smith - Alvin High School

Mrs. Smith was my English teacher my sophomore year. I have always been a math guy but she got me to enjoy coming to her class. I had her again my junior year for AP seminar and she was always so nice and friendly and treated everyone like her own child. She taught me more than literature. She taught me to be kind and help others like she always helped me.

Brooklynn Morris

Graceland University - Medical



Most Influential Educator

Madison Cabler (Butcher) - Alvin High School

Coach Cab has been a constant source of strength and guidance throughout high school. In both soccer and volleyball, she's seen the best in me, even when I couldn't see it myself. She has taught me that failures turn into growth and has pushed me every step. Her guidance has shaped my mindset, and her character has shown me the power of kindness. Coach Cab is more than a coach, she's a true friend.

Kaylee Thomas

East Texas Baptist - Nursing



Most Influential Educator

Michelle Harrold - Alvin High School

Mrs. Harrold has been one of the biggest blessings in my last two years of high school. She is like no other teacher. She goes above and beyond to teach her students, and we are not only her students but her family. Not to mention she is hilarious and such a joy to be around. I appreciate her more than she knows. Thank you for everything you do.

Drew Bingham

Lamar University - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Veronica Gonzalez - JB Hensler College & Career Academy

During the years I had her as a teacher, Ms. Gonzalez was a great teacher and role model. She not only cared about the schoolwork that she was giving but she cared about her students as if they were her own kids. She would help without hesitation with anything that I needed, and I am extremely grateful for her.

Courtney Kimble

University of Texas at Austin - Anthropology



Most Influential Educator

Morlyce Alexander - Alvin High School

Ms. Alexander truly embodies what it means to be an exceptional educator —passionate, empathetic, and intelligent. She has sparked in me a deep appreciation for civic responsibility and created an environment that fosters academic curiosity. Ms. Alexander teaches with a passion you would have to experience to understand. Having had that privilege, I can confidently say I will take her knowledge with me throughout life and I am beyond thankful for her impact.

Emilie Jones

Texas A&M University - Health Science



Most Influential Educator

August Lee - Alvin High School

Some mentors come into our lives gradually, and others appear precisely when we need them most. Ms. Lee arrived in my life this year, and though our time together has been brief, her impact has been immeasurable. She has an innate ability to recognize potential in others before they recognize it in themselves, and she uses that gift to empower and uplift. She understands that success is not just about knowledge but about confidence, resilience, and self-assurance.