

Manvel High School

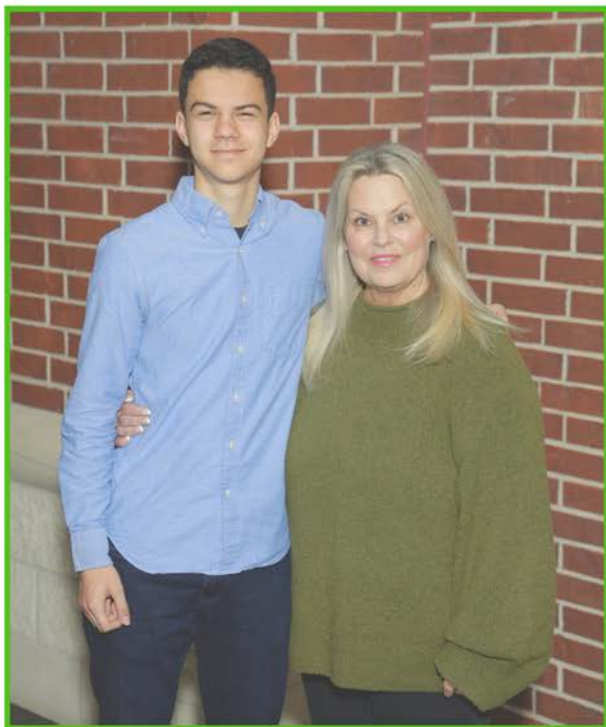


Class of 2025

Joaquim James

Valedictorian

University of Texas at Austin - Biochemistry



Most Influential Educator

Cheri VanZant - Manvel High School

Ms. Van Zant impacted me more than any teacher I've ever had. As my debate coach she taught me everything I know about speech and debate and guided me all the way to competing at the state level. She helped me get tons of much needed experience and get out of my comfort zone. She has always been available when I needed something, and her commitment to taking care of her students inspires me everyday.

Eliana Adrianne Mejia Almuete

Salutatorian

University of Texas – Civil Engineering



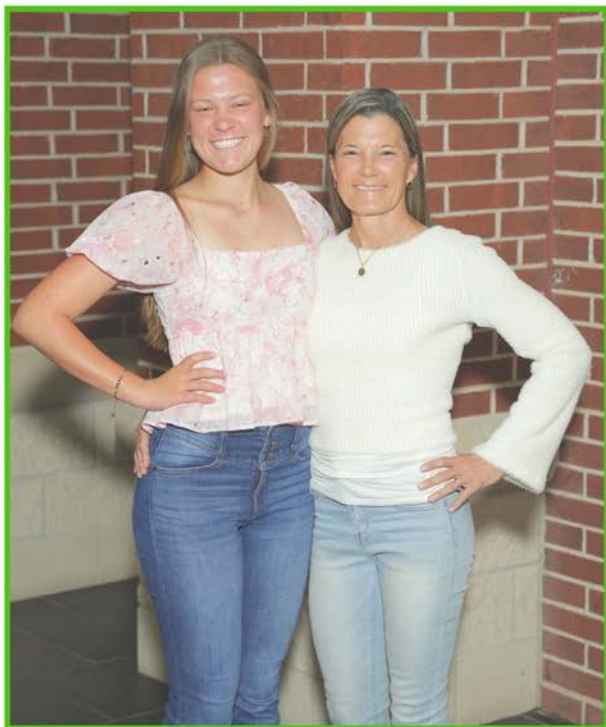
Most Influential Educator

Jacob Smith - Manvel High School

Mr. Smith's unwavering passion, humility, and commitment make him my most influential educator. I first met Mr. Smith my sophomore year in Intro to Engineering and from the beginning he made it clear to me that he was the type of teacher that would make an impact. His efforts do not go unnoticed whether it's through patient guidance or sacrificing weekends for field trips. He holds us to a high standard, yet leads by example. Without Mr. Smith, I truly would not be the student nor person I am today.

Chelsea Cross

Rice University - Architecture/Interior Design



Most Influential Educator

Carrie Cross - Manvel High School

Mrs. Cross is my mom and one of the kindest, most dedicated, and hardworking people I know, both inside and outside of the classroom. She has been an incredible mentor for me and inspires me to be my best everyday. She is extremely passionate in her teaching and a true role model in my life. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been in her class, and the time I am blessed to share with her!

Elizabeth Oketunmbi

University of Texas at Austin - Neuroscience



Most Influential Educator

Rhanjani Sheshadri - Manvel High School

I have known Ms. Sheshadri since my sophomore year. Having her for AP English Language and Research helped me develop my interest in humanities. She is the sweetest person who always does the best she can for her students. She was one of my most understanding and accommodating teachers. I would not have the passion I have right now without her influence and endless support.

Ella Pasquale

Sam Houston State University - Forensic Chemistry



Most Influential Educator

Stephanie Jacks-Richter - Nichols-Mock Elementary

What qualities make a great teacher? A positive personality, a kind smile, and a warm presence. While these would be enough to make a successful teacher, Ms. Jacks is so much more than that. Everyday when I walked into her classroom, I was greeted with her beautiful smile and matching personality. She is a very positive person and an amazing educator. She made me love learning and was always there to help me reach my goals.

Bailey Gardner

Texas A&M University - Galveston - Ocean Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Paige Sedillo - Manvel High School

Coach Sedillo has greatly influenced my life by always believing in me, especially when I'm down after a tough game. She never let me give up, reminding me of my strengths and potential. Her constant support, encouragement, and honest advice have helped me grow both as a player and person. I am really going to miss having her as my coach!

Dylan Lemond

Spelman College - Computer Science



Most Influential Educator

Leslie Forte - Manvel High School

Ms. Forte has always been a constant source of support, honesty, and encouragement throughout my high school journey. She's consistently stood by me through every challenge, every email from my mom, and every moment I needed guidance. Ms. Forte has truly advocated for me and believed in me. I'm so grateful for her presence in my life and glad to know that I'm the best and last Lemond she'll have!

Angeline Cardenas

University of Houston - Accounting



Most Influential Educator

Javier Mendoza - Don Jeter Elementary

The lessons from my early years in elementary school are those that I say are incredibly significant and continue to shape who I am. As my first grade teacher, Mr. Mendoza provided immense support and instruction that genuinely motivated me to always strive for excellence. My excitement each morning as I went to his class became the foundation of my determination for years to come. I am extremely grateful for Mr. Mendoza's dedication and hard work as a teacher.

Kalea Long

University of Houston - Computer Science



Most Influential Educator

Theresa Lewis - Manvel High School

Ms. Lewis has been an amazing teacher for the past three years. She has constantly encouraged me to continue to work hard and pursue my passion for computer science. By providing the steps and input needed, she has not only supplied me with more knowledge but also more ideas of how I can improve my work. Both within the classroom and TSA, Ms. Lewis has been essential in my success now and will be in the future.

Alysa Angeles

Undecided - Nursing



Most Influential Educator

Amy Williams - Manvel High School

Mrs. Williams was not only an amazing teacher with a passion for health science but also someone who has truly been a role model to me. Outside of the classroom, she always took time to support me by attending dance events. She gave the best advice in times when I doubted myself. I will forever be grateful for everything she has done for me and the positive impact she has had on my life.

Jaelan Kimble-Fontenot

University of Southern California - Political Science



Most Influential Educator

John May - Manvel High School

Mr. May helped shape me into the strong writer I am today. He never let me settle for mediocrity, constantly pushing my thinking through thought provoking discussions and high expectations. By challenging my perspectives he strengthened my mindset. His passion for literature and belief in my writing has increased my love for learning and literature.

Itzel Silva

University of Houston - Art History



Most Influential Educator

Daniela Medeiros Koontz - Manvel High School

Mrs. Koontz was the first teacher I've truly connected with. I'm a big introvert and finding someone who genuinely cared about what I thought was the most outstanding thing that I've ever experienced. With her help, I've grown so much in expressing myself. Her humor and vast art brain make me want to be like her when I grow up.

Chloe Kerlin

Undecided - Painting



Most Influential Educator

Victoria Satterwhite - Manvel High School

Mrs. Satterwhite has been my art teacher for four years. She is always so positive and patient with her students, especially me! Phrases like "Are you okay?" and "How can I help?" are common in her class. Without Mrs Satterwhite I doubt I would be pursuing art in college. She has encouraged me since the beginning of high school to not only get better but also to make sure I love what I'm doing. Thank you Mrs Satterwhite! You are the best teacher I could have ever asked for.

Sophie Brodil

University of Texas at Austin - Biology



Most Influential Educator Elaine White - Manvel High School

Mrs. White has been a constant source of support and guidance over the past four years. Though she was my dance teacher, she inspired me to excel academically and shaped my character beyond dance. Her belief in me built my confidence, passion, and resilience. The life lessons she taught me will carry into every chapter of life ahead. I wouldn't be the focused, driven young woman I am today without her influence.

McKinley Smith

Xavier University - Biology/Pre-Med



Most Influential Educator

Kelley Lee - Manvel High School

In the short time that I have known her, Coach Lee has been a shoulder to cry on, a person to go to for advice, and an encouraging voice. When I transferred to Manvel, he welcomed me into her room before she even knew my name. I know that regardless of where life takes me, Coach Lee will be supporting me. I am forever grateful that God brought her into my life.

Jianna Ricci Ferrer

University of Texas at Austin - Pharmacy



Most Influential Educator

Rachel Little - Manvel High School

Mrs. Little taught me more than AP US History; she taught me that I am capable of pushing myself further. She has not only been helpful for Girl Up, but for so many other clubs in Manvel. She is an amazing mentor that pushed me to be the best that I can be. Thank you Mrs. Little.

Gracelyn Varghese

University of Houston - Architecture



Most Influential Educator

Dennis Pham - Manvel High School

When I transferred to Manvel High School Mr. Pham was welcoming and friendly, always with a smile on his face. His energy was contagious to his students. When I was dealing with decisions about colleges and majors, he was a great listener and gave insightful advice. Though his classes are rigorous, Mr. Pham always does all he can for his students.

Hailey Renae Crume

Louisiana State University - Mechanical Engineering



Most Influential Educator

Leticia Gibbons - Don Jeter Elementary

Mrs. Gibbons saw potential in me before I saw it in myself. Since fourth grade, she has always been in my corner, cheering me on through every milestone, no matter how big or small. Her influence extends far beyond the classroom, and her unwavering belief in me, along with her genuine dedication to her students has had a lasting impact on both my academic journey and personal growth.

Joseph Barrera

University of Texas at Austin - Undeclared Liberal Arts



Most Influential Educator

Benjamin Webb - Manvel High School

Mr. Webb's support in the classroom helped foster my personal growth. His open communication and willingness to engage with students created a safe and comfortable learning environment. This experience cultivated my love of learning and helped me earn my confidence. His impact on my education is invaluable!

Aleisha Sampson

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi– Biomedical Science



Most Influential Educator

Jaycee Thompson - JB Hensler College & Career Academy

Ms. Thompson has an unwavering commitment to her students' success. When I was starting my clinicals and working towards gaining my certification, she took time to ask how I was doing at my clinic and helped me keep track with my hours. Her dedication to helping every student reach their goals made a lasting impact. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn from her and for the encouragement she gave me throughout this year.