

# The Wolf Howl



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## Letter From the Editor

By Bella Dana, Editor-In-Chief



Throughout my high school experience, I have been with you all as we navigate this new era of our life. I have witnessed the wins and the losses. I have felt the love from our community. We have experienced the hardships together as a family and continue to grow from our past. I entered the Chandler High community as a stranger, but after finally making it through my senior year I realize how supportive we all were for each other. The support from the students, the faculty, the principal, and our parents have connected in ways that no other community can take pride in.

While the year is coming to an end and we are parting ways, we will always be intertwined with each other one way or another. Instead of remembering the homework that kept you up at night or the assignments you dreaded, think of the positive aspects of your high school experience. Remember the friends you made along the way, the events you attended with others, and the mistakes you embraced. You tried your hardest to earn that diploma, so feel pride within yourself, your community, and the entire senior class for achieving one of the greatest challenges we have conquered.

Although this may seem like a goodbye, I promise to each of you that we will meet one day to celebrate the days here at Chandler High. I want to thank you all for being positive, hard-working, and empathetic. Thank you for the times of laughter and hardship. Congratulations on this next step in life, seniors. Continue to be courageous, continue to fight for what you think is right, continue to be the best version of yourself there is. Go Wolves.



# 2025 Graduation Speakers

By Ava Peterson & Nick Hernandez Romero, Reporters

## Shae Laskowski-Trant: Ready to Motivate Chandler High Graduates



Photo courtesy of Shae Laskowski-Trant

As a passionate leader, athlete, and scholar, Shae Laskowski-Trant has spent her high school years working to shape both her community and her own future. Serving as IB Career Vice President and co-founding Human Kindness Club, which now boasts over 150 members, Shae embraced every opportunity to make an impact. Shae also excelled athletically, competing on the varsity track and field team for pole vault and the varsity swim and dive team.

Throughout her time at Chandler High School, Shae demonstrated strengths not only in academics (achieving an impressive 4.83 GPA), but also in developing

relationships with friends and mentors that shaped who she is today. Shae credits her friends and teachers like Mrs. Courtney Kemp and Ms. Tami Pantel with inspiring her to stay grounded, focused, and resilient.

Looking back, Shae describes her high school experience as full of opportunities and growth. Despite challenges like balancing her role as the oldest of five siblings with her academic and extracurricular commitments, Shae always found support in her community and pride in her perseverance.

Her advice to underclassmen and fellow seniors is to “enjoy the journey, don’t take everything too seriously, and trust that everything will work out the way it’s meant to.”

Shae learned that success is not about checking every box perfectly, but about finding happiness in where you are—even if life doesn’t go exactly as planned.

Shae’s dream of becoming a lawyer has remained steady since her freshman year. After graduation, she plans to double major in Mechanical Engineering and Economics at the University of California before pursuing law school.

As she graduates from Chandler High School, Shae Laskowski-Trant leaves behind a legacy of hard work, kindness, and the reminder that sometimes, the best way forward is simply to “ride the wave.”

## Andres Lara Treviño: Sharing His Experience at Chandler High School



Photo courtesy of Andres Lara Treviño

Andres Lara Treviño's Chandler High School journey started in the tenth grade, when he moved to Chandler from his hometown of Coatzacoalcos, Mexico.

Andres was still learning to speak English at the time, and he remembers that people would correct him a lot whenever he tried to speak. He had only himself and his brother to rely on. His brother was his “torch,” Andres explained.

Thankfully, Andres eventually found a “second home” at CHS and made friends that he would soon call family. Now he spends much of his time participating in his FIRST Robotics Competition team called Degrees of

Freedom #6413. There, Andres constructs and programs robots and competes with other teams from across the entire country.

Andres’ critical role on the robotics team is serving as programming lead. This role allowed him to develop both his coding and English language skills at the same time as he helped his teammates solve tricky coding problems.

Coding has become a major part of Andres’ life, and he plans to pursue his passion for coding full-time after high school.

Andres offered advice for students like him who find themselves taking high school classes and learning English at the same time: “Being involved in multiple things is the best way to learn English. To learn anything, you need a lot of people. If you can’t do it alone, there are always people there for you.”



Photo courtesy of Andres Lara Treviño

## Senior Spotlight: Kendall McCollum

By Ipshita Chowdhury, Reporter



Photo courtesy of Kendall McCollum

As the 2024–2025 school year comes to an end, certain students leave behind legacies that will echo through Chandler High long after they’ve walked the stage. One of those students is Kendall McCollum. Over the last four years, Kendall has worn many hats—Student Body Vice President, varsity athlete, IB Diploma student, and all-around go-getter.

A typical day in Kendall’s life is anything but typical. From zero hour IB History to Calc 3 (the highest math offered at CHS), her mornings are packed. Then it’s off to tennis practice, where she spends nearly five hours on the court. “It’s a lot,” she laughed, “but it’s what I love.”

While her schedule speaks volumes, it is her memories and impact that shine brightest. One of Kendall’s most cherished high school experiences? Her senior badminton season. “It was my best season. I had the most fun captaining, became close with the JV players, and just really enjoyed every part of it,” Kendall said.

Kendall credited her friends for keeping her grounded and motivated. “I’ve been with the same friend group since elementary school—we’ve really grown up together,” she said. “We’re all

really academically driven, and being surrounded by people who push themselves helped me do the same. It’s been a huge part of why I stayed so focused.”

Kendall also credited her freshman history teacher, Ms. Gloria Garza-Wells, for sparking her confidence: “She pushed me to enter a pageant that summer—I ended up winning! That moment changed everything. It made me more social and open.”

Throughout high school, Kendall was involved in more than just sports; she also participated in Student Council, DECA, and Wolf Crew. She said she will miss the people and the routine she spent four years building: “Now I have to start all over at a new school.”

That school will likely be Smith College in Massachusetts, where Kendall plans to study computer science.

When asked what advice she would give incoming students, Kendall didn’t hesitate: “Do everything. Even if you’re nervous or feel embarrassed—just go for it. I look back and think, I could’ve done even more. So take the chance. Be bold. High school goes faster than you think.”

## Senior Spotlight: Zariah Garcia

By Nick Hernandez Romero, Reporter



Photo courtesy of Zariah Garcia

The high school years are tough for everyone, but Zariah Garcia was able to persevere.

Zariah has a warm presence and a divine singing voice; it is not surprising that she has had dreams of being a singer since childhood. “I dream of it every night,” Zariah said, “Realistically though? It’s hard to get into the industry.” Outside of singing, Zariah is looking at an eventual career in marine biology.

Zariah was determined to take control of her high school experience, even if it wasn’t necessarily like how it looks in the movies. Her advice to underclassmen is to not worry too much about making friends and just let things happen naturally; other people’s opinions of you are “not going to matter” in the long run.

Zariah is excited to graduate and build the life she wants beyond high school. “I’m happy to go,” she said. “Live life while you can, and don’t be afraid to live your life as an outsider.”

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# To the Class of 2026: So, Now You're a Senior—What's Next?

By Hugo Ortega, Reporter, and Bella Dana, Editor-In-Chief



Photo by Bella Dana, Editor-In-Chief



Photo by Hugo Ortega, Reporter

**BELLA:**

When I was a freshman, I had no idea what was going to happen in my senior year. To be honest, I was barely getting started in thinking about college when I was a freshman. Learn from my mistakes and take my advice, future seniors. Start prepping for college as early as you can, even if that means prepping your freshman year.

Going to college is one of the best things a high schooler can do. The question is how to prepare for college, it's simple. In freshman and junior years, there is testing such as the practice ACT, AZSci, and the ACT. My recommendation is to set these tests as benchmarks for your high school progression into college. These tests will measure your potential as a student and can be seen in many college applications. One key point you will need to keep in mind, especially as a junior and incoming college freshman, is to ask for help. You will need to contact teachers, go to tutoring, and more. Utilize your resources! I struggled months leading up to the ACT in my junior year because I made the mistake of leaving my studies

behind to be “in the moment.”

During your first semester as a senior, it is important to start setting deadlines for college. Start filling out scholarships in September to get the fastest results. In my case, I started filling out scholarships in March, and as a result, I need to catch up quickly as graduation approaches. To get ahead of the curve for scholarships and FAFSA, start the applications in January or even sooner. Another key point in college to look out for is school life. The deadlines for housing applications, roommates, and meal plans arrive quicker than you think. You'd think the process of picking a roommate is easy, but it isn't. Once again, I would advise starting to search for a roommate as soon as the applications are available to gain the best experience in your freshman year in college.

One last piece of advice that I often forget about is to enjoy my high school experience. It might seem stressful preparing for college, but it is equally important to prioritize yourself. Take the time to indulge in your hobbies, take time hanging out with friends, and take time to enjoy your teenage years.

**HUGO:**

High school can be an interesting experience for many students whether we're navigating what classes one should enroll in, what extracurricular activities one shall participate in, and shaping our own academic career as we go but once a student enters their senior year that's when they have to make a plan for their future that just might affect their lives forever.

Senior year of high school can be one of the most challenging years that one might face because this is where it all ends after entering high school all those years ago as a freshmen. For many seniors, this might be their last chance to take advantage of their resources as I believe that the college & career center can be a perfect place to set them for a brighter future ahead of them whether it's going to college, attending a trade school, or enlisting in the military.

Wondering how you should prepare now for life after you graduate? My first recommendation would be to attend a two year college or a four year university because as crazy as it sounds you may never know on how much

scholarships you may qualify for maintaining a good GPA and this opens doors to many opportunities that you may have never imagined of before. My second recommendation is to attend a trade school as I personally believe that this is a really good alternative for anyone who doesn't want to attend college but still wants to have a career that they'll enjoy. My third piece of advice is to start planning your future early, because deadlines for FAFSA, scholarships, and college applications come quickly. You don't want to be one of those people who waits until the last minute, as that could put you at risk of missing out on some amazing opportunities. Those are my main three pieces of advice for anyone who wants to build a successful career and take full advantage of the resources their school has to offer.

One final piece of advice I'd like to share with you that's unrelated to academics is to enjoy your time in high school, because sometimes students including myself, get so focused on their studies that they forget to appreciate the overall high school experience.



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APAC performed the Improv Comedy Show on August 27, 2024



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The Class of 2025 at Senior Sunrise on July 26, 2024



Photo by Abby Ogles

On the week of September 16, 2024, the seniors rocked their school spirit and wore blue to follow the theme Color Wars

- *Arizona State University*
- *University of Arizona*
- *Grand Canyon University*
- *Northern Arizona University*

- *California State-Bakersfield*
- *Fresno State University*
- *San Diego State University*
- *Oregon State University*

## WHERE WILL YOU BE?



- *Willamette University*
- *University of Utah*
- *Western Oregon University*
- *University of Colorado-Boulder*
- *United States Marine Corps*
- *Hawaii Pacific University*

- *Trinity University*
- *University of Kansas*
- *University of Mississippi*
- *University of Alabama*
- *North Park College*

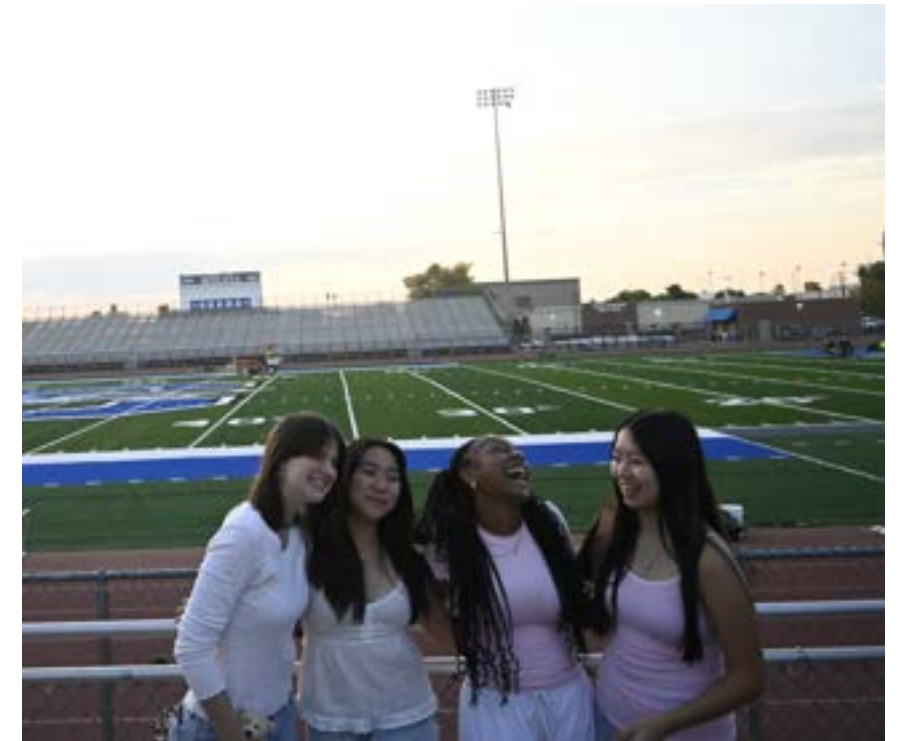


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Taryn Shupe, Emily Chao, Kendall McCollum, and Alina Nguyen at Senior Sunrise on July 25, 2024



Photo by Peyton Postovit

Lauren Shambre and Teagan Tollefson at the Chandler High vs. Mountain Ridge game on September 6, 2024



Photo by Kiley Jacobson

Shae Laskowski-Trant, Trenton Huynh, Augustine Simmala, and Brian Lin at the Chandler High vs. Cesar Chavez game on August 29, 2024.



## CHS Seniors share their 2024-2025 memories

By Roselyn Johnson, Melanie Harris, Ipshita Chowdhury, and Kenadie Chee, Reporters

Here at Chandler High School, many people and groups strive to make Senior Year special for our students. There are so many memorable senior-focused events for students to experience, starting with Senior Sunrise and ending with Prom and Graduation, which many students celebrate with friends they've made over the last four years and beyond. These Senior Year memories can stay with them for the rest of their lives, like going to senior prom with a special date (or an awesome group of friends) or taking a day off school to hang out at the lake with your friends.

Prom is one of those annual traditions that students often look forward for several years. There's just something about being able to dress up and dance the night away with all your best friends!

Taylor Dory, senior, said she had a great time at this year's prom, held at OdySea Aquarium in Scottsdale.

"It was so fun being able to see so many people who I've known all my life all dressed up and having a great time," Taylor said.

The highlight of the evening came when seniors Asianna O'Neil and Sean Perez were crowned Prom

Queen and King.

Tammy Tran, a senior, reflected on the night, calling it "a very bittersweet moment," but added that she's "excited to see what the future holds and just excited to enjoy this moment in the present."

Prom offered students one final moment to celebrate together: beneath the lights, above the ocean, and on the edge of new beginnings.

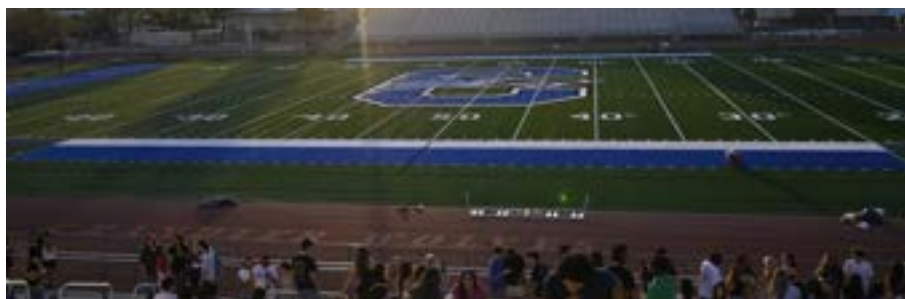


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## Senior Spotlight: Dominic D'Amico

By Ava Peterson, Reporter



Photo courtesy of Dominic D'Amico

Dominic D'Amico is a passionate and driven student who has left a lasting mark on Chandler High School through his outstanding commitment to the performing arts, leadership, and academic excellence. With a 4.53 weighted GPA and rigorous coursework, including AP Music Theory, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, Company Theater, and more, Dominic excelled both in and out of the classroom.

Dominic didn't just participate—he elevated everything he touched.

Throughout his four years at Chandler, Dominic has been a leader both on stage and behind the scenes. As Section Leader and Vice President of the Choir Program, President of the Theater Program, and a key contributor to the Mental Health Matters club, Dominic has inspired those around him with his talent, work ethic, and genuine spirit. Whether he's portraying Oberon in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* or leading open mic days and theater outreach programs, Dominic uses his voice to bring stories to life and uplift others.

Dominic's musical achievements are nothing short of exceptional. He is a five-time featured soloist in the Chamber Choir, a member of the Regional and All-State Honors Choirs, and a standout performer in the Concert and Men's Choir. He has taken home top honors, including:

- Superior Score and Featured Soloist at the Festival Disney Competition (2024)
- Gold Awards at the Cal State Fullerton Concert Choir and Jazz Band Competitions (2022, 2023)
- Best Musical Awards for *Anastasia* (2023) and *Legally Blonde* (2022)
- Arizona State Gammage Musical Theater Finalist for three consecutive years, most recently as Reverend Shaw Moore in *Footloose* (2024)
- Superior One-Act Awards at the International Thespian Society Festival in 2022, 2023, and 2024

Outside the arts, Dominic is an entrepreneur and community builder. He founded Dom's Delicious Desserts in 2020, sharing homemade baked goods across Phoenix. He's also worked at Jamba and Pacific Sunwear, showcasing his adaptability and commitment to service.

Dominic earned the Presidential Scholarship (\$9,000) and the Living and Learning Scholarship (\$3,000) from Arizona State University, where he will continue to grow his musical and academic journey.

## Graduating Seniors offer advice to future CHS students

By Seth Welch and Emiliano Mejia, Reporters

As we steer towards the end of the school year and into another, new students from middle school will be entering the next great chapter of their lives: high school. Two CHS seniors offered their hard-earned wisdom for these students just beginning these exciting four years.

Clover Files had crucial advice for incoming and promoting students: "Make sure you're always trying new things!" Clover said. "You can discover so much about yourself by either joining a club or even trying a new elective."

Clover explained how the critical year for her was junior year, testing her stamina and pushing her into learning new ways of studying, managing time, and planning for the future all at once.

One thing Clover wished she had done differently was focusing more on her grades as an underclassman. "It paves the stones for the rest of your high school career," Clover explained.

Jaden McBean, another soon-to-be graduate, explained that freshman year can set the tone for your whole high school experience. "Live in the moment," Jaden suggested, and don't allow yourself to get too stressed out, even in your first year. McBean explained that senior year was the most important to him, as it is the year he will remember the most. Jaden also suggests dropping poor habits that might have developed in middle school like procrastination, as high school grades are much more permanent and scrutinized.

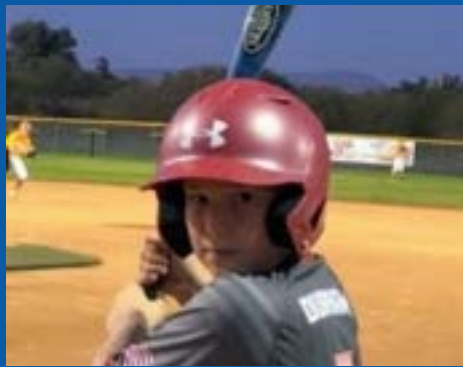
Jaden wished he had focused on making more memories, since, if you let it, high school can feel like it goes faster and faster without time to stop and take a break.



Photo courtesy of Clover Files

## Senior Spotlight: Jackson Durham

By Sergio Patron, Reporter



Photos courtesy of Jackson Durham

Jackson Durham deserves to be proud of his accomplishments during his time at Chandler High School.

"I've really enjoyed my time here," Jackson said. "I played on the baseball team all four years and went through the multimedia and news class as well. I've met a lot of people in classes and at school over the years who really connected with me."

Jackson has demonstrated his

dedication to our school's baseball team, putting in a lot of time and effort to get where he is now. He said that being part of the team has opened his mind to many opportunities for his future, and he looks forward to where they will take him.

Jackson is grateful for the people he has met and relationships he has developed at Chandler, which have taught him the dedication he

needed to excel in school and life.

As he leaves Chandler High School in the coming weeks, Jackson offered encouragement for future CHS students: "Do what you love, and put that love into work. Stay committed and work hard!"





# Senior Spotlight: Ben Cluff

By Hugo Ortega, Reporter



Photo courtesy of Ben Cluff

During Ben Cluff's four years in high school, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to his academic achievements and personal growth, excelling in rigorous classes while participating in hands-on extracurricular activities that shaped his future goals.

Choosing a favorite class in high school can be hard, especially when Chandler High offers several unique courses and electives to enroll in, but Ben was pretty confident about his own favorite.

"My favorite class would probably have to be Culinary," said Cluff.

Ben stated that out of all the classes he took during his high school career, Culinary was hands down his favorite. When it came to extracurriculars during high school, Ben did join a few clubs on campus that he liked, but the main one that caught his attention was robotics.

"Yeah, I did robotics from my sophomore to my senior year," Cluff mentioned when he said he wasn't involved in many extracurriculars during his first year.

When he learned about the robotics club, Ben assumed that he would only join it temporarily, but he actually ended up sticking with robotics until his senior year of high school.

Ben has many fascinating high school achievements to point out, but he points to his 4.27 weighted GPA as his most significant academic accomplishment. Ben gave some of the credit to his teachers, saying that Ms. Sheridan (English) and Mr. Patton (Culinary) significantly impacted him during his time at CHS.

Ben mentioned that "having fun" was the one piece of advice that he would give to someone starting their high school career.

After graduation, Ben plans to attend ASU Polytechnic to study electrical systems.

# Words of Wisdom From Our Senior Wolves

**Jaeda Bonwell:** "Keep showing up, even when it's hard. Growth comes from the moments no one sees—so make them count. To the ones behind me: your story is just getting started, and it's worth telling."

**Angel Sanchez:** "Enjoy teenage and high school life while it lasts."

**Devin Manasan:** "Just try to do everything you can to have fun through high school because this will be an experience you never want to leave from."

**Mark Kyle Bautista:** "The first step to starting anything is hard, all it takes is a leap of faith."

**Ximena Ruiz Guzman:** "Never break a pinky promise."

**Ray Lugan:** "Always trust your gut instinct and follow what YOU want to do."

**Alejandra Valenzuela:** "While it's great to focus on your grades, do not forget that it is okay to have fun and make new friends throughout your high school journey."

**Gunnar Hedelius:** "Take the paved path instead of making your own."

**Adam Sillas:** "There is only you now and ever, so make the most out of everything while the flowers bloom and the sun rises bright every morning to start a new beginning."

**Sandra Sanchez:** "Always keep a positive mindset of yourself, don't let anyone tell you otherwise!"

**Dylan Ulloa:** "When you're lost in the dark, always look for the light."

**Daisy Morales:** "Take things slowly day by day."

**Cleoff Lear:** "Don't take High School for granted, because later it would never matter after Graduation. And never listen to the people that will try to bring you down. High School will have ups and downs, but that's all part of the Experience. From the start till the end be consistent and get good grades and don't be a teacher's pet. Always ask questions even if it sounds dumb."

**Annalise Escobedo:** "The life you live is the life you chose to live. If you don't like something, change it. Even if it means taking a risk."

**Tobias Guisto:** "Try new things. Take that art class even though you think you can't draw. Talk to that person with the cool outfit. Just do something more than just going to school because you have to."

**Kannon Kelly:** "Don't wait until the last minute."

**Anthony Hernandez:** "Go to all the school events."

**Nyla Cole:** "Seize the opportunity that is presented in front of you. Knowledge is power and something no one can ever take away from you. So although school may not be for everyone, try your best to find the positive in your experience here. It truly does go by so fast, so be present and intentional in everything you do!! Chandler High is more than just a school, it's a community, a family and place that breeds greatness and will push you to become the best version of yourself. So keep pushing, stay focused and dominate every aspect of your life!!!"



# Senior Spotlight: Teagan Tollefson

By Abby Ogles, Reporter

Teagan Tollefson, a senior at Chandler High School, has made a significant mark on the Wolves' varsity girls tennis team. As the No. 2 singles player, she boasts an impressive undefeated record of 4-0 in singles matches and 4-0 in doubles, partnering with junior Abby Ogles at the No. 3 doubles position.

Teagan's journey in tennis has been one of dedication and growth. Looking back to her sophomore year, she held a 6-6 singles record, showcasing her resilience and commitment to improvement. Her progression to an undefeated senior season is a testament to her hard work and passion for the

sport.

Beyond the court, Teagan has her sights set on a future in sports marketing. She plans to attend Arizona State University (ASU) to pursue this passion, aiming to combine her love for athletics with a career in the dynamic world of sports business.

Teagan's dedication to tennis and her academic aspirations exemplify the qualities of a true student-athlete. Her achievements serve as an inspiration to her peers, highlighting the rewards of perseverance and ambition.

As she prepares to embark on her next chapter at ASU, the Chandler High community celebrates Teagan's

accomplishments and looks forward to her continued success in the realm of sports marketing.



Photo courtesy of Teagan Tollefson

# Senior Spotlight: Samantha Webb

By Seth Welch, Reporter



Photo courtesy of Samantha Webb

In a world that is getting darker and darker, Samantha Webb has always been able to see the brighter side of life.

As Sam graduates this May after four years at Chandler High School, we asked her to reflect on her experiences, core memories, and friendships she made along the way.

Sam's most treasured memories go all the way back to her freshman year,

when she was just getting to know the friends she would make and keep for the next four years. "I actually have been friends with a bunch of my friends since freshman year," Sam explained, naming Aleana Samaniego, Kevin Daulton, Kelly Johnson, Bethany DuBose, and Ashley Lagunes as people she remembers from that time and is still close today. Sam said she hopes these friendships will stay close even after they graduate and leave Chandler High School.

Samantha also has many fond memories in the classroom. Her favorite class at CHS was Mrs. Bond's Anatomy and Physiology class because it was so fun. Although math wasn't her strongest subject, two of her math teachers, Mrs. Graybill and Ms. Matheson, are also among her favorite teachers. Sam said Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Graybill, and Ms. Matheson really understood her. "I've learned that it's better to almost fail a class than to fully fail it," Sam explained.

Life is full of both good and bad experiences, and Sam has both positive and negative memories of her time at CHS, including losing a close friend after freshman year. Devastating as it was, Samantha believes it made her into the woman she is today.

Besides the serious memories, Sam also saw some pretty unusual things throughout her time at CHS. One memorably weird moment was seeing a dinosaur roaming across campus during Spirit Week.

"I'm going to miss high school. It's going to be weird not going to school every day... [It] went by so fast. I don't even know how I got to senior year," Sam said.



# Senior Spotlight: Brett Culver

By Peyton Postovit, Reporter

With a 3.75 GPA, years of dedication on the baseball field, and a bright future ahead, Brett Culver is wrapping up his time at CHS with pride and excitement.

A committed student-athlete, Brett has been a key part of the varsity baseball team, standing out in left field and the corners with confidence. One of his favorite high school memories is from freshman year, when CHS pulled off a thrilling series win over powerhouse Hamilton—capped by a teammate's walk-off home run that still gets talked about today.

Outside of school and sports, Brett is a proud fan of the Boston Red

Sox and carries that same passion and loyalty into everything he does.

After graduation, Brett will be heading to Arizona State University to study accounting, with plans to pursue a career as an accountant. His drive both in the classroom and on the field has set him up for success, and there is no doubt he'll thrive at ASU and beyond.

When asked what advice he'd give to the next class of seniors, Brett kept it simple and real. "Just have fun," Brett said. "It's your last year. This has been my most monumental year school-wise, and you can make it the same."



Photo by Peyton Postovit



## Senior Staff Spotlight: Bella Dana

By Kiley Jacobson, Editor



Photo courtesy of Bella Dana

Bella Dana has dedicated the past two years to refining her skills as a reporter, editor, and leader within the staff of *The Wolf Howl*. Her journey began during her junior year when she joined the publication with no prior experience. Despite this, Bella quickly immersed herself in her new role, demonstrating a remarkable determination to learn and grow. Over time, she has transformed into an invaluable asset to the team,

contributing significantly to the evolution and success of *The Wolf Howl*.

Throughout this past year, *The Wolf Howl* has greatly benefited from Bella's exceptional leadership. Her ability to inspire her peers and foster a collaborative environment has made such a difference within our team. Bella not only leads by example, but she also encourages her fellow staff members to push their boundaries and explore their creative potential. With her keen eye for detail and commitment to journalistic integrity, she has ensured that our content meets high standards and resonates with the student body.

Looking ahead, Bella has a promising future to look forward to. She has plans to study marketing at Northern Arizona University, where she intends to dig deeper into branding and communications. Her enthusiasm for this field has only grown during her time at *The Wolf Howl*, where she has developed her branding skills and learned the importance of effective messaging. This collection of experiences has laid a strong foundation for her future career.

In addition to her work with *The Wolf Howl*, Bella is actively involved in

several clubs on campus, demonstrating her commitment to her education and her peers. She holds memberships in the National Honor Society, where she exemplifies academic excellence and leadership; participates in Advanced Pantomime and Characterization (APAC), furthering her passion for the arts; engages with the International Thespian Society (ITS) to nurture her love for theater; and has contributed to DECA, where she honed her business and entrepreneurial skills. Her ability to balance these commitments is a testament to her work ethic and time management skills.

The entire *Wolf Howl* staff extends their gratitude to Bella for her many contributions in making *The Wolf Howl* what it is today. Her hard work, dedication, and passion have left an indescribable mark on the publication, inspiring her peers and uplifting the overall quality of the work produced. As Bella embarks on this exciting new chapter of her life, we wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors. We have no doubt that she will continue to excel and make a significant impact wherever she goes.

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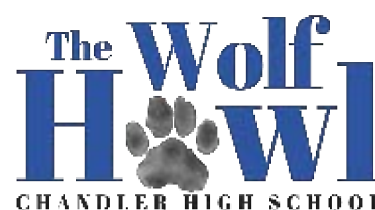
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## Senior Staff Spotlight: Hugo Ortega

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Hugo Ortega joined the *Wolf Howl* Staff as a reporter in Fall 2024, and we are incredibly grateful to have him on board. He chose to join our team during his senior year because he wanted to be part of a group that collaborates and feels connected to something greater. From the moment he stepped into this role, it was clear that Hugo was passionate about journalism and storytelling. His enthusiasm has been contagious, inspiring

our staff to elevate their own work and find new ways to engage with our audience.

Hugo has dedicated countless hours to enhancing his photography, reporting, and interviewing skills. He immerses himself in every assignment, ensuring that he captures not only the essence of events but also the stories that lie beneath the surface. His commitment to excellence is evident in every article he produces, and he has shown remarkable adaptability in a fast-paced environment. He is always the first to volunteer for opportunities to cover events, actively seeking out ways to contribute and make a positive impact. Whether it's a school or a community event, Hugo approaches each opportunity with enthusiasm, ready to unpack the important moments that might otherwise go unnoticed.

What sets Hugo apart is not just his skill, but also his openness to giving and receiving constructive criticism. He understands that feedback is essential for growth and improvement. His willingness to learn and adapt has made him a respected member of our team, and he makes it known that his peers can seek him out for advice and support.

In addition to his work with *The Wolf Howl*, Hugo has been actively involved on our campus in various roles. As the president of the Chandler Cross Gaming Club, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and a skill for bringing people together over shared interests. His ability to create a welcoming and inclusive environment has allowed the club to flourish, fostering friendships among its members. Additionally, as a member of the eSports team, he has not only honed his competitive skills, but has also shown that teamwork and sportsmanship are crucial in both gaming and journalism.

After graduating high school, Hugo plans to study business in the technology industry at Arizona State University. His aspirations to bridge the worlds of business and technology reflect his forward-thinking mindset and ambition. We are confident that he will thrive in this new chapter, leveraging the skills he has developed during his time with us to tackle the challenges ahead.

Hugo's vibrant personality has added something truly special to our staff. He brings a unique energy and enthusiasm that is both refreshing and inspiring.

Whether it's through his engaging stories, his warm smile, or his infectious laughter, he has left a true impact on all of us. While we are sad to see him go, we are excited to watch him pursue his dreams and achieve extraordinary things after graduation. His presence will be missed, but we look forward to cheering him on as he embarks on this new adventure.



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