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Altus High School's Homecoming Royalty selected

The members of Altus High School's Homecoming Royal Court have been named. Queen candidates are Rayven Boone, Lucely Pantoja, and Randi Ruiz. King candidates are Alejandro Lopez, Clint Lucas, and Cameron West.

The Altus High School Homecoming Queen and King will be crowned during half-time of Friday night's football game against Durant.

The Homecoming Royal Court will give their speeches at the AHS Homecoming Assembly Friday morning at 9 a.m. Later that afternoon, they will ride in the Homecoming Parade, which is slated to begin at 2 p.m. Homecoming festivities will continue with a pep rally on the Jackson County Courthouse steps, as well as a dance following the football game.

Altus High School's Homecoming Candidates have been named. They are, from left, Rayven Boone, Clint Lucas, Lucely Pantoja, Alejandro Lopez, Randi Ruiz, and Cameron West.

Queen candidate Rayven Boone is the daughter of Ray and Nancy Boone. A four-year cheerleader for AHS, she has been active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Competitive Theater, and Show Choir. She has also participated in all-school musical productions for four years.

Rayven was selected as a Link Crew leader, and she received Perfect Attendance Awards during her freshman and sophomore years. An Honor Roll student and an Academic Letterman, she was named an All-American Cheerleader at the 2010 OU Cheer Camp.

A member of the Elm & Hudson Church of Christ and Youth Group, she has attended Bible Camp for six years and was selected as "Miss BGMC" at Black Mesa Bible Camp.

Rayven has also been a dance student for 14 years, with 12 of those years being at Studio One in Altus.

She plans to attend college and major in Secondary Education and Communications.

Queen candidate Lucely Pantoja is the daughter of Flora Pantoja. A member of "That Altus Band," she plays percussion during marching season and bassoon during concert season. She is also involved in Leo Club, which she serves as treasurer, and she is a Link Crew Leader. She has also participated in the orchestra of three all-school productions.

A Top Dog at AHS, Lucely has been named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll and the Oklahoma Honor Society. She lettered in Band and Academics, and she has earned superior and excellent ratings in her solos and ensembles at district competitions.

Lucely won second place in General Biology and AP Chemistry at the Cameron Interscholastic Meet, and she received a &HUWLFDWH RI HFKRODUVKLS for her performance on the ACT PLAN Test.

An active volunteer, she has served as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and as a helper at the ASPIRE after-school program. She has also volunteered at Parent-Teacher Conferences and at All-Region Band tryouts. She is a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Lucely plans to attend WOSC following graduation, and then she will transfer to OU, where she hopes to earn her doctorate in Psychiatry.

Queen candidate Randi Ruiz is the daughter of Roland and Gracie Ruiz. She has participated in Basketball, Softball, Show Choir, Student Council, and KAY Club.

Randi received the Sportsmanship/Leadership Award for Basketball and has been the recipient of the Softball Sportsmanship/Leadership Award three times. She has also been listed on the Honor Roll.

She has participated in many community fundraisers through KAY Club.

Following her graduation from Altus High School, Randi hopes to attend college to become a dentist.

King candidate Alejandro Lopez is the son of Salomon and Maria Lopez. A member of the Altus High School Show Choir, he serves as vice president of the student body in Student Council. He is also historian of the National Honor Society and secretary of the Leo Club.

Selected as a Link Crew leader, Alejandro has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll throughout his high school years. He also lettered in Academics.

A member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Alejandro is also an active volunteer. He has helped with the OBI Blood Drive, Breast Cancer Awareness, Habitat Day, Harvest for the Hungry, Canned Food Drive, and as a Salvation Army bell ringer.

Alejandro plans to attend either OSU or OU and pursue a career as a psychiatrist.

King candidate Clint Lucas is the son of Ron and Julie Lucas and Greg and Monica Sexton.

A member of the Bulldog Football Team, he has also participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Clint is active in FFA, serving as Chapter treasurer and participating in national conventions and interscholastic competition.

An Honor Roll student, he has received the FFA Discovery, Greenhand, and Chapter Degrees, and he earned the Forage URGEWLRQ UREHQF Award.

Clint plans to attend Oklahoma State University, where he will major in Crop and Soil Science.

Cameron West is the son of Shawn Patrick West and Kelly Ann West.

He has been involved in the music program at AHS since his freshman year. A three-year member of the Show Choir, DQG UWHDU 9DUOLW Chorale member, he has been involved in four all-school musical productions.

Also a member of the AHS Tennis Team for four years, Cameron is new on the AHS Football Team, though he wishes he had started playing football earlier. He has been a member of the AHS Swim Team, as well.

A Link Crew leader, Cameron is also active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cameron sings in the Chancel Choir at First United Methodist Church with his father, and he volunteers during the summer at the Youth Center on base as a youth director to the preschool and day camp children.

Following his graduation from AHS, Cameron plans to move to Pensacola, FL, and attend the University of West Florida for two years, and then move on to the University of Florida to complete his degree. He hopes to major in Architecture. After he completes his degree, he may enlist in the United States Air Force as an RIFHU

Sunset honors Students of the Month

Selected as Sunset Elementary School's Students of the Month for September were (front row) Kevin Wu, Branson Ford, Addison Towe, McCall Stephens, Grace Furfey, Isabella Darby, Bailey McLeod, (back row, third from left) Tammy Dawod, Joey Wu, Cara Boyd, Lindi Brooking, Kyler Carter, Kreede Weldon, Victor Velazquez, and Jonelle Dunham. With them are teacher Jennie McLeod (left), library aide Nancy Price (second from left), and Kathy Holder of Stockmans Bank (right).

College Day held at Altus High School

On Monday, Altus High School's seniors had a chance to meet with representatives from numerous colleges, universities, and trade schools from around the state and nation at the annual College & Career Day. Above, students complete paperwork at on of the informational booths.