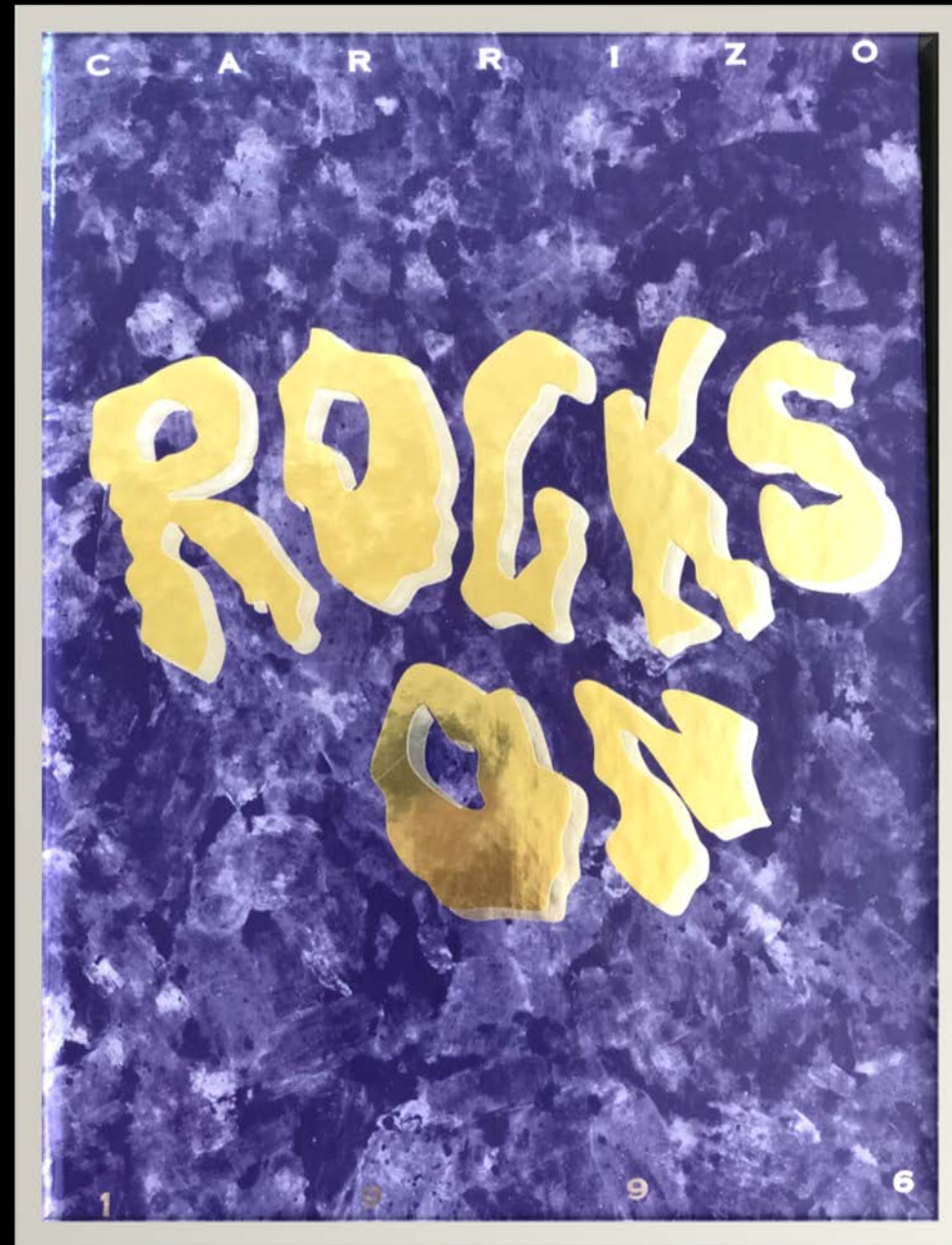




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# **Wildcat Yearbook**

Carrizo Springs CISD



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Dear Carrizo Springs High School Students:

When you look at this book in the years to come, you will re-live many memories. I hope that most of these memories will be happy ones, and that, from the perspective of time, you will be able to say that CSHS prepared you for the challenges of life. The years spent in high school may seem long at the time, but in reality they represent only about 5 % of the average life-span. That's not much time to prepare for the rest of your life, so don't waste a minute! Our goal is to help you be active - not passive - learners, to be creative problem-solvers, to be worthy and productive citizens. Dreams are realized by people who are self-disciplined and persistent, and who understand that most of what they achieve in the future is the product of today's effort.

Look to your families for your roots and wings; look to your education for your foundation and aspirations.

Best wishes to each of you,

*Dee Carter*

Dee Carter  
Superintendent of Schools



Left to right: Tim Hasten, Joe Martinez, Mike Blake, President Noe Rodriguez, Bruce Frasier, Secretary James Gonzalez. (Not Pictured: Vice-President Alfredo Casteneda)

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Mr. Colosimo, Senator Judith Zaffirini & Superintendent Carter



"Come on, Blast'um, Blast'um!"



"Catching up on her beauty sleep."



"I didn't eat it all- I promise."



"There has to be a solution!"



"Don't you try to bribe Me- Mister."



"Where's the beach?"

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# Freshmen Action



1995-96 Class Officers: Hist.-Felipe Cervantez, Treas.-Deepa Varshney, Pres.-Amanda Estrada & Sec.-Giovanni Gonzales (not pictured-Vice-Pres.-Amanda Murray)



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## Freshmen



Acosta, Sergio  
Alaniz, Debra  
Alexander, Jake  
Alvarado, Ruth  
Andrade, Josie

Arcaya, Hunter  
Ayala, Lisa  
Barton, Laura  
Becerra, Roxana  
Benavides, Amanda

Betancourt, Stephanie  
Briscoe, Dolph  
Brown, Jassy  
Buentello, Carlos  
Cadena, Chucky

Cardona, Prissy  
Cavasos, Michael  
Cervantes, Felipe  
Cruz, Citlaly  
Davis, Michael

De La Fuente, Alex  
De Luna, Raul  
Devilbiss, Shaina  
Diaz, Luis  
Diaz, Priscilla

Dominguez, Anthony  
Dotson, Mark  
Estrada, Amanda  
Flores, Armando  
Franco, Leslie

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## Freshmen

Galan, Oneida  
Garcia, Beth  
Garcia, Buffie  
Garcia, Eric  
Garcia, Jason



Garcia, Rachel  
Garza, Carlos  
Garza, Cesar  
Garza, Delilah  
Garza, Tiffani



Garza, Yahaira  
Gloria, Adalia  
Gonzales, Michael  
Gonzalez, Connie  
Gonzalez, Ida



Gonzalez, Giovanni  
Gomez, Isabel  
Gomez, Mary  
Grissom, Jeffrey  
Guajardo, Jesse



Guerra, Miguel  
Guerra, Rolando  
Guerrero, Edward  
Hasten, Jessica  
Hernandez, David



Isquierdo, Jason  
Ivy, Elizabeth  
Jimenez, Julio  
Lira, Carlos  
Lira, Marcos



## Freshmen



Little, Jon  
Lopez, John  
Marburger, Gary  
Martinez, Ana Lisa  
Martinez, Angelica



Martinez, Bobby  
Martinez, Claudine  
Martinez, Evelyn  
Martinez, Lizette  
Martinez, Monica



Martinez, Vennette  
Masar, Samantha  
Mascorro, Oscar  
Medina, Domingo  
Medina, Jessica



Menchaca, Juan  
Mitchell, Farrel  
Montemayor, Armando  
Montes, Laura  
Munoz, Alyssa



Munoz, Eli  
Murray, Amanda  
Nance, Julie  
Nandin, Jerry  
Ojeda, Adrianna



Orosco, Juan  
Ortiz, Rocky  
Padron, Angelica  
Parker, Barbara  
Perez, Amy



## Freshmen

Perez, Ryan  
Perez, San Juan  
Persons, Rachael  
Ponce, Juan  
Ponce, Marlene



Puente, Noemi  
Ramos, Orlando  
Ramos, Pedro  
Reyes, Rosie  
Reyna, Cristina



Riojas, Danny  
Risner, Michael  
Rivera, Ricky  
Robledo, Reynaldo  
Robledo, Ricardo



Rodriguez, Elone  
Rodriguez, Marisa  
Rodriguez, Pamela  
Romo, Denise  
Romo, Kimberlee



Salinas, Sammy  
Samaniego, Joe  
Samaniego, Rolando  
Sanchez, Danny  
Sanchez, Linda



Sanchez, Mary Liz  
Schell, Scotty  
Sevilla, Kelly  
Sierra, Ofelia  
Silos, Joe



## Freshmen



Stephenson, Angela  
Stewart, Erica  
Terrazas, Arnold  
Tollett, Stanley  
Tollett, Tracy



Trevino, Laura  
Valdez, Eva  
Varshney, Deepa  
Villarreal, Adrian  
Vasquez, Albert



Vera, Nerissa  
Waggoner, Jason  
Ward, La Tanya  
Willburn, Richard  
Ybarra, Jennifer



Zarate, Elvia  
Zarate, Mario  
Zubia, Joe





# Sophomore Action

1995-96 Class Officers: President-Corina Zepeda, Vice-President-Erik Rodriguez,  
Secretary-Jamie Bradshaw & Treasurer-Jessie Parsons



## Sophomores



Alaniz, Diego  
Allen, M. Clayann  
Alvarado, Albert  
Alvarado, Noe  
Avila, Jason



Briseno, Luis  
Buentello, Adam  
Burgos, Mayra  
Cabello, Irene  
Cadena, Gisela



Camacho, Joe  
Cardenas, Pedro  
Cardenas, Liza  
Carmona, Albert  
Cazares, Nancy



Cervantez, Jason  
Costilla, Ernest  
Criel, Willie  
Davis, Clay  
Diaz, Yvonne



Dominguez, Yesenia  
Escamilla, Maria  
Escobedo, Jessica  
Flores, Alex  
Garcia, Criselda



Garcia, Eric

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## Sophomores

Garcia, Jorge  
Garcia, Laura  
Garcia, Angie  
Gift, Neil  
Gonzalez, Juan



Gordon, Kenzie  
Guzman, Nadia  
Hale, Tasha  
Hartung, Jack  
Herrera, Roxanna



Hernandez, Sammy  
Huvar, Jeffrey  
Isaac, Jameira  
Ibarra, Leslie  
Iturbe, Esperanza



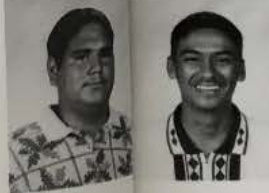
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Jasso, Ismael  
Lira, Manuel  
Long, Jim  
Lopez, Elias



Lopez, Jason  
Lopez, Jimmie  
Maciel, Albert  
Martinez, Ana Laura  
Martinez, Gabriel



Martinez, Joseph



## Sophomores

Martinez, Laura  
Medina, Joey  
Medina, Marisa  
Medina, Mary Lou  
Mendoza, Barbara



Montes, Peggy  
Moreno, Tommy  
Nandin, Omar  
Nelson, David  
Olvera, Nelda



Ortiz, Deanira  
Ortiz, Gloria  
Parsons, Bryan  
Parsons, Jessie  
Ponce, Leera



Perez, Judy  
Quintanilla, Mayra  
Rincon, Kelly  
Renfro, Cody  
Rodriguez, Alejandro



Rodriguez, Armando  
Rodriguez, Jacob  
Rodriguez, John  
Rodriguez, Laura  
Rodriguez, Michael



Robles, Russell





## Sophomores

Suarez, Edna  
Salgado, Vanessa  
Salinas, Chris  
Sanchez, Jessica  
Sanchez, Abel



Santoya, Carlos  
Segura, Alfredo  
Serrano, Andre  
Sierra, Simon  
Silos, Juan



Smith, Manuel  
Sonora, Arturo  
Terrazas, Marcos  
Tobias, Marisa  
Trevino, Benito



Trevino, Jesse  
Trevino, Juan  
Valasques, Guadalupe  
Valerio, Norma  
Vargas, Lorena



Yebra, Richard  
Zepeda, Corina  
Zepeda, Maricela



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## Juniors

Aguirre, Fernando  
Alcazar, Frances  
Aleman, Noelia  
Arambula, Eddie  
Arrendondo, Pete



Avila, Azalea  
Betancourt, Erica  
Betancourt, Julio  
Betancourt, Tanya  
Boling, Joy



Botello, Marisa  
Cardenas, Pete  
Cardona, John  
Cardona, Percy  
Castilleja, Willie



Contreras, Alma  
Contreras, Christina  
Criel, Bernice  
Criel, Oscar  
De Leon, Daniel



De Luna, Nora  
Dennis, Lisa  
Escamilla, Velda  
Espinosa, Robert  
Esquivel, Marcos



## Juniors

Estrada, Antonia  
Estrada, Edica  
Flores, Albert  
Flores, Cid  
Galvan, Angelica



Garcia, Deanira  
Garza, David  
Garza, Ernesto  
Garza, Laura  
Gift, Latoria



Gonzales, Victor  
Jaime, Manuel  
Laxson, Jason  
Longoria, Angela  
Lopez, Lori



Lopez, Homer  
Martinez, Dulce  
Martinez, Rachel  
Menchaca, Elizabeth  
Michalski, Amy



Montes, Jerry  
Moreton, Jennifer  
Munoz, Jimmy  
Ochoa, Monica  
Ortiz, Cristi



## Juniors

Ortiz, Valerie  
Padilla, Christina  
Perez, Aaron  
Perez, Melissa  
Pichardo, Amy



Quintanilla, Fernando  
Ricord, Amanda  
Rios, Freddy  
Rodriguez, Armando  
Rodriguez, Susan



Romo, Tina  
Rosas, Laura  
Ross, Trisha  
Ruiz, Jose  
Saenz, Ramon



Saldana, Melissa  
Sanchez, Elizabeth  
Sanchez, John Paul  
Schell, John  
Sierra, Aide



Silva, Jose  
Spalding, Lisa  
Strait, Yancey  
Sweeten, Clifton  
Talamantes, Eliseo



## Juniors

Torres, Enrique  
Torres, Lisandro  
Trevino, Ginger  
Vargas, Rebecca  
Willmon, Stacey



Wise, Mitzie  
Zambrano, Lesley





## "It's All Coming Back To



## Me..." Now and Then





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## "Hey Macarena..." Spanish Club

Bottom to top, L to R- Sergeant at Arms- Christina Contreras, Treasurer- Edna Saenz, President- Velda Escamilla, Vice-President- Tanya Betancourt, Jessica Garcia, Alty Puente, Sammy Salinas, Erica Stewart, Marisa Rodriguez, Roxanne Becerra, Jerry Montes, Jessica Hasten, Albert Carmona, Esperanza Iturbe, Stanley Tollett, Susan Rodriguez, Nancy Cazarres, Laura Martinez Enrique Torres, Roxanna Herrera, Aide Sierra, Esmeralda Vargas, Veronica Rodriguez, & Sponsor- Mrs. Hernandez

Not Pictured- Secretary- Cristilina Molina



District U.I.L. Spanish Teams



Club Visits Nursing Home for the Christmas Season.



Members Playing "Cupid" on Valentine's Day.

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In its first year at CSHS, the Spanish Club became one of the most active organizations on campus. The club's goal was to promote Hispanic heritage to the student body, the faculty, and the general public. The members set out to achieve this aim through many activities.

In September, the club decorated the school cafeteria and hallways with posters and pictures of Hispanic heroes. As a fundraiser, members sold Mexican candy. On November 1 & 2, the Spanish Club observed, "El Dia De Los Muertos," The Day of the Dead, in remembrance of the deceased. In December, the club visited the nursing home, bringing residents homemade cards and ornaments. Members sang Spanish Christmas carols for their enjoyment. Other holiday activities included bringing donations for the battered women's shelter and gifts for the "Toys for Tots" program. In February, members of the Spanish club visited the nursing home once again for Valentine's Day. In May, Spanish Club members showed their thanks to Carrizo Springs High School teachers by giving them sugar cookies and mint candies during Teacher Appreciation Week.

At the end of the year, for all their hard work and dedication, the Spanish Club and their sponsor were rewarded with a trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas!

## "Careless Whisper..." Library Science



1st Pd.: Karla Aguirre, Viole Martinez, Edica Estrada, Rachel Martinez, Susan Hassan, Carlos Rodriguez & Eloy Gonzales



5th Pd.: Carolina Criel, Dennee Schell, Aidan Alvarado & Adrian Olvera



6th Pd.: Laura Garza, Ami De La Fuente, Pete Diaz, Jerry Montes & Marcos Esquivel



7th Pd.: Jose Ruiz, Daniel DeLeon, Esme Vargas, Andrea Perez, Fernando Quintanilla, Chad Kerr, Bryan Zarate, Zeke Alvarado & Efrain Garza

The library science students for the 1995-96 school year were given many responsibilities in order to keep our library functioning properly. Students were required to clean the shelves, work the front desk, learn computer programs, organize the books, and all other sections of the library. Students learned to manage their time, so their "chores" would be completed before the weekend.

This year Mr. Perez required all library aides to prepare for the SAT exam during class time. He hoped to increase the scores of CSHS students. The results of his persistence and dedication were remarkable, and helpful to his student's futures.

Much gratitude is extended to all library aides for keeping our library a pleasant place to work and study.

Library Aides not pictured: Marisa Botello, Elizabeth Contreras, Carla Gonzalez, Monica Ochoa, Adrian Perez & Allison Wagner.



"Way to go guys!"



"This is the last time I'm going to show you."



"Don't touch those shelves MAN!"



"What are you looking at me for?"



Karla and Carlos getting their morning coffee.

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## "She Works Hard For Her Money..." H.E.C.E. Co-Op



Bottom to Top, L to R: Gloria Quintanilla, Jennifer Zepeda, Kari Lubbok, Minerva Saenz, Amanda Dominy, Elia Lopez, Lisa Mendoza, Lisa Flores Contreras & Vanessa Resendez

### H.E.R.O. Officers



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Laura Mendoza



Parliamentarian  
Elia Lopez



A small group of hard working ladies made up the H.E.C.E. / H.E.R.O. chapter this year. Home Economics Cooperative Education / Home Economics Related Occupations students had a first period class time, and then were off to work. Students worked in teacher aide positions at both North and Central Elementary. These young ladies were required to work a three hour day, a fifteen hour work week. In addition to regular class work, members were also a part of the HERO club. Meetings were held after school and different activities were planned with the FHA club for the student body at CSHS. Mrs. Dominy was once again sponsor for this organization. The skills these ladies learned in responsibility, communications, leadership, and business will remain with them always and has better prepared them for their futures.

## "Working 9 to 5..." V.O.E. Co-Op



First Period: Mrs. Pacheco, Alena Ordenes, Leah Diaz, Charree Dotson, Jason Merrit, Eve Mendoza, Eddie Nieto, Clara Benavides, Carlos Rodriguez, Mark Flores, Jeffery Ortiz, Jason Deming, Teresa Ojeda, Dina Ojeda, JoAnne Garza, Debbie Pichardo, Vidal Rodriguez, Ruby Diaz, Leo Juarez & Allison Wagner.

The 1995-96 Vocational Office Education Co-Op program was one of the largest groups ever. The cooperative learning program (Co-Op), is designed to allow high school seniors to gain valuable work experience and business skills while still being enrolled in high school. Students enrolled in this program must complete a minimum of 525 working hours and pass employee evaluations. Students are also required to take an office administration course with Mrs. Pacheco, in which she teaches business skills ranging from correct phone answering and message taking to balancing check and record books.

Students were placed in various local business, schools, ranches and offices. They performed many tasks, including making copies, answering phones, filling out reports, handling animals, taking care of children, and working with the general public. These students are to be commended for all their hard work, effort, and dedication as students and as role models. Good luck in your future careers!



Emi- caught in the act!



Gossiping in the library.



Fernando hard at work!



Seventh Period: Debbie Garcia, Karla Aguirre, Michelle Stone, Susan Hassan, Nellie O. Sonora, Fernando Mata, Elizabeth Longoria, Denese Schell, Cindy Guzman, Mrs. Pacheco, Emi Vargaz, Ruby Tristan, Carolina Criel, Martha C. Garcia & Suzanne Martinez



Thank you Mrs. Ernestina Pacheco, for heading such a wonderful program.



## "Hero..." C.A.T.S. Tutors

Children Are Truly Special (C.A.T.S.) is a cross-age tutoring program in which secondary students who are at risk of dropping out of school or are active in athletics, U.I.L. band, or choir tutor young elementary school students.

Youngsters who are tutored experience learning in a comfortable and non-threatening environment. These one-on-one sessions often allow students to develop strong bonds with their tutors.

One of the special activities for this year was a Christmas party in which tutors and their students made ornaments and decorated a friendship tree displayed at Middle Elementary. There were also other various rewards for the students including an end-of-the-year party.

Powerful benefits can occur when students are placed in responsible roles and supported for their efforts!



"Children Are Truly Special!"

34 C.A.T.S.



Bottom to Top (L to R): Nelda Olvera, Ginger Trevino, Aidan Alvarado, Lesley Zambrana, Sandra Uriegas, Mitzie Wise, Alma Contreras, Carolina Criel, Efrain Garza, Lorena Vargas, Azelea Avila, Shey McCulloch, Amy Pichardo, Julio Betancourt, Chris Ralston, Pete Diaz, Chris Garcia, Jerry Montes, Lizette Cadena, Jeffrey Ortiz, Travis Nance.



Travis helping a Middle Elementary student.



Jeffrey and Aidan with their students.



The Friendship Tree. Mentors and their students made ornaments and decorated this tree.

## "Take a Bow ..." One-Act Play



Bottom row (L to R): Veronica Rodriguez, Ami De La Fuente, Denese Schell, Michelle Findling, Laura Haley, Esperanza Iturbe. Top row (L to R): Ricardo Vargas, Carolina Criel, Aidan Alvarado, Clara Benavides, Travis Nance, Carlos Rodriguez, Brandi Nelson, Albert Alvarado, Karl Lubbock, Jamie Bradshaw, Clayann Allen, Scott Ray.

Audiences viewed a "different" approach to death through this year's One-Act Play production of "Limbo," written by Jerome McDonough. "Limbo" was the time given to the "time-warp" that the characters, with exception to the groundskeepers, found themselves in. It was a place of purgatory where people go when they are no longer living, but not entirely dead. "Limbo" had no measure of time, but the clock was quickly ticking away as the on-stage characters desperately tried to escape. The groundskeepers, the off-stage characters, were the play's only tie to reality.

The production of this play was a long and hard task that never could have been accomplished without such dedicated directors, cast, and crew. Head director was Ms. Michelle Findling, and Assistant Director was Mrs. Beth Granberry. Cast members were: Karl Lubbock - "Min," a bag lady; Clayann Allen - "Denise," a real estate agent; Jamie Bradshaw - "Gail," a housewife; Scott Ray - "Brice," a former singer/songwriter; Clara Benavides - "Suzanne," a take-charge domestic; Carlos Rodriguez - "Hal," Suzanne's husband, a business exec.; Travis Nance - "Trenton," a philosopher; Albert Alvarado - "Shad," an ex-convict; Denese Schell - "Flora," head supervisor of groundskeepers; Ami De La Fuente - "Cassidy," assistant supervisor; Veronica Rodriguez - "Spray," groundskeeper; Esperanza Iturbe - "Marker," groundskeeper; and Laura Haley - "Stone," groundskeeper. The crew was: Carolina Criel - student assistant; Aidan Alvarado - lights; Brandi Nelson - spotlight; Ricardo Vargas - backstage manager. Also contributing to the play were John Cardona, Albert Carmona, Alty Puente, and Felicia Smith - cast alternates.

The play was a great accomplishment and success, and was performed for the community and at the U.I.L. District Competition in Jourdan. For the portrayal of their characters, Jamie Bradshaw was named to the All-Star Cast and Clara Benavides received an Honorable Mention Award. The One-Act Play production of "Limbo" also played its role in the CSHS U.I.L. District Runner-Up Title. To the cast and crew - Congratulations and good job in representing CSHS so well!

"All the world's a stage..." - William Shakespeare



Ms. Findling's final pep talk before the BIG performance.



Onstage cast battling it out in "LIMBO"



Jamie in her award-winning role of "Gail."



Getting into their character!



The Gravediggers working

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# "If I Could Reach - Higher ..."

## U.I.L. Coaches



U.I.L. Director  
Hector Escamilla



Spelling/Literary Criticism  
Marcela Escamilla



Prose/Ready Writing  
Ruben Escamilla



Calculator/Number Sense/  
Mathematics  
Saul Esquivel



CSHS Wildcat U.I.L. Team - 1996 District Runner-Up Champs

Once again, the 1995-96 Wildcat U.I.L. team made its mark for CSHS in the district, region, and state. Dedicated and determined students and their coaches stayed long hours after school to prepare for the road to victory! Beginning in the fall, the team attended several invitational meets throughout South Texas. These Saturday meets brought many personal awards and team trophies for CSHS. Much experience and strategy was gained from these practice meets which prepared the team for the District Literary Meet in the spring.

This year the District Meet was held over a two day period in Crystal City. The Wildcat U.I.L. Team brought home numerous medals and the District Runner-Up title. In April, an eighteen member team, consisting of: Stephanie Cardona- Accounting; Ami De La Fuente- Mathematics & Number Sense; Velda Escamilla- Spelling & Vocabulary; Eloy Gonzales- Current Events & Issues; Jessica Hasten- Ready Writing; Violi Martinez- Calculators; Mathematics, Number Sense & Science; Leera Ponce- Calculator; Scott Ray- Ready Writing; Armando Rodriguez- Accounting; John Rodriguez- Science; Dennee Schell- Editorial, Feature & News Writing; Enrique Torres- Accounting; Pooja Varshney- Calculator, Mathematics, Number Sense & Science; Tanya Betancourt, Efrain Garza, Travis Nance & James Villarreal- Alternates; traveled in the intense South Texas heat to the Regional Meet held at Texas A & M University in Kingsville. After two days of strenuous competition in eleven events, Carrizo Springs returned home with ten medals- seven gold, two silver and one bronze!

Thus, Ami De La Fuente, Jessica Hasten, Violi Martinez, Leera Ponce and Pooja Varshney, "The All-Girl Team" were on their way to the State Meet held May 2-4, at the University of Texas in Austin. Saul Esquivel continued his winning tradition and sixteen year streak, while Ruben Escamilla made his first appearance at this meet with freshmen ready writer, Jessica Hasten. These students represented CSHS well and put the Carrizo Springs Wildcats on the state map once again!

Congratulations to all the 1995-96 U.I.L. competitors and coaches for all their hard work, time and dedication. You represented CSHS well -Great job!



CX-LD Debate/  
One-Act Play  
Michelle Findling



Journalism/ One-Act Play  
Beth Granberry



Info/Persuasive Speaking/  
Current Events/ Poetry  
Louise Horton

## Wildcat U. I. L. Team



"The All Girl State Team"- Leera Ponce, Pooja Varshney, Jessica Hasten, Violi Martinez & Ami De La Fuente.



The Knights of the Round Table.



"Run, Sammy- Esquivel isn't looking!"



Just can't get Oscar away from his TEEN magazine!



"What's that SMELL?"

## 29 AAA District Participants

Clayann Allen  
Aidan Alvarado  
Albert Alvarado  
Noe Alvarado  
Ruth Alvarado  
Zeke Alvarado  
Clara Benavides  
Tanya Betancourt  
Jamie Bradshaw  
Joe Camacho  
Stephanie Cardona  
Willie Castelleja  
Nancy Cazares  
Carolina Criel  
Ami De La Fuente  
Yvonne Diaz  
Velda Escamilla  
Efrain Garza  
Laura Haley  
Jessica Hasten  
Amy Huovinen  
Esperanza Iturbide  
Kari Lubbock  
Laura Martinez  
Violi Martinez  
Cristalina Molina  
Alyssa Munoz  
Brandi Nelson  
Lory Padron  
Adrian Perez  
Leera Ponce  
Jose Rangel  
Scott Ray  
Armando Rodriguez  
Carlos Rodriguez  
John Rodriguez  
Veronica Rodriguez  
Dennee Schell  
Vanessa Selgado  
Aide Sierra  
Enrique Torres  
Jesse Trevino  
Esme Vargas  
Ricardo Vargas  
Deepa Varshney  
Pooja Varshney  
James Villarreal  
Bryan Zarate  
Joe Zubia



Spanish  
Lilia Hernandez



Accounting/  
Computer Applications  
Ninfa Pichardo



Computer Science/ Science  
Marcos Valerio



## "Return to Innocence . . ."



First row: Maria Escamilla, Leah Diaz, Leslie Ibarra, Kenzie Gordon, Prissy Cardona, Brien Wylie & Gracie Martinez. Second row: Barbara Mendoza, Dene'e Schell, Albert Carmona, Rose Lee Pichardo, Liza Cardenas, Maria Medina, Josie Tijerina & Isabel Gomez. Third row: Joey Medina, Albert Maciel, Jessica Zubia, Criselda Garcia, Amanda Ricard, Veronica Rodriguez, Elizabeth Ivy, Barbara Parker & Lisa Demus.



1995-96 Choir Officers: President-Dene'e Schell, Vice-Presidents-Albert Carmona & Leah Diaz, Fundraising Chairman- Kenzie Gordon, Fundraising Assistant- Amanda Ricard, Librarian- Leslie Ibarra, Library Assistant- Rose Lee Pichardo. (Not pictured: Secretary- Trisha Ross)

38 Choir

The 1995-96 Carrizo Springs High School Wildcat Choir made up of about thirty members, was taken over this year by director James Bates. Being his first year at CSHS, the choir had to learn new methods of teaching, singing, practicing, and performing. The choir participated in its traditional concert and contests, but also introduced a few new ideas. This year in addition to full-choir performances, Mr. Bates auditioned members for solo parts and membership in the small ensemble called "The Golden Voices."

Practice began in early Fall for Albert Carmona, Leah Diaz, Kenzie Gordon, Rose Lee Pichardo and Dene'e Schell, who competed in the District TMEA competition. To prepare for this competition these students worked on numerous pieces of music in various languages to compete against 3A, 4A & 5A schools. All this hard work paid off for Albert & Dene'e when they earned places in the top half of their competition and became District TMEA Choir members. In February, seven Wildcat Choir members, Albert Carmona, Leah Diaz, Kenzie Gordon, Gracie Martinez, Veronica Rodriguez and Dene'e Schell tried out for the Regional Solo & Ensemble contest. Five of these seven, Albert Carmona, Leah Diaz, Kenzie Gordon, Elizabeth Ivy and Dene'e Schell, received a division one rating and advanced to the State Solo & Ensemble contest in San Marcos.

Though in the beginning there were many rough spots and battles to overcome, throughout the year the choir showed improvement in both sound and stage performance. As a reward to the students and Mr. Bates for a successful year the choir went on a fun-filled trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas!

"Love...Devotion...Feelings...Emotions..." - CSHS Choir

## 1995-96 Wildcat Choir



District TMEA Contestants: Leah Diaz, Kenzie Gordon, Dene'e Schell, Albert Carmona & Rose Lee Pichardo

...At Her Fair Hands...Schicksaslied...Soon-Ah Will Be Done...Laudi Alla Vergine Maria...Stabat Mater...Te Deum...I Shall Not Die Without A Hope...Unto You This Night...On A Starlight Night...The Little Drummer Boy...Our Gift For You...Do You Hear What I Hear...Total Eclipse of the Heart...Return to Innocence...Because the Night...Caribbean Blue...Dreams... You Made the See...Dreams Danza, Danza, Per La Gloria... Glorificamus Te...Festival Sanctus...If I Can't Love Her...If I Never Knew You...You Are Not Alone...You'll Never Walk Alone...Hero...Angels Among Us...Let Us Walk In Peace...Wherever You Go...Voices of America...Friends...Class of '96...



State Solo & Ensemble Contestants: Kenzie Gordon, Albert Carmona, Elizabeth Ivy, Dene'e Schell & Leah Diaz



District TMEA Choir Members: Dene'e Schell & Albert Carmona



Seniors '96- "Wherever you go..."



Regional Solo & Ensemble Contestants: Leah Diaz, Kenzie Gordon, Dene'e Schell, Albert Carmona, Elizabeth Ivy & Veronica Rodriguez

Choir 39



# 1995-1996 Mean Purple Band



1995-96 Drum Majors:  
Carolina Criel & Jose Omar Saenz

The 1995-96 school year was another year of great accomplishments for The Mighty Mean Purple Band!

Head Band Director-Mr. Leo Garza, Band Director-Mr. Adolfo Guzman, and Assistant Director- Oscar Morones began to prepare the band in the summer month of August. Sectionals were held in the morning and afternoon full band marching rehearsals were held from 6 to 8 in the evening on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marching fundamentals were taught to incoming freshmen and all new students. This was necessary to begin learning the 1995 UIL Marching Contest/ Halftime Show.

The band performed at all pep rallies and football games. They began with two, then three, until all four contest pieces

were finally completed and performed. "Scream," "Olvidar," "Land of Makebelieve," and the percussion feature "Helicopter," were this year's UIL marching selections. The band began to compete at Invitational contests

in early October winning numerous trophies.

In addition to performing at pep rallies, football games and marching contests, the MPB also marched in the Brush Country & Spinach Festival

Parades. In December, the band prepared five Christmas tunes which they played for the Annual Christmas Concert.

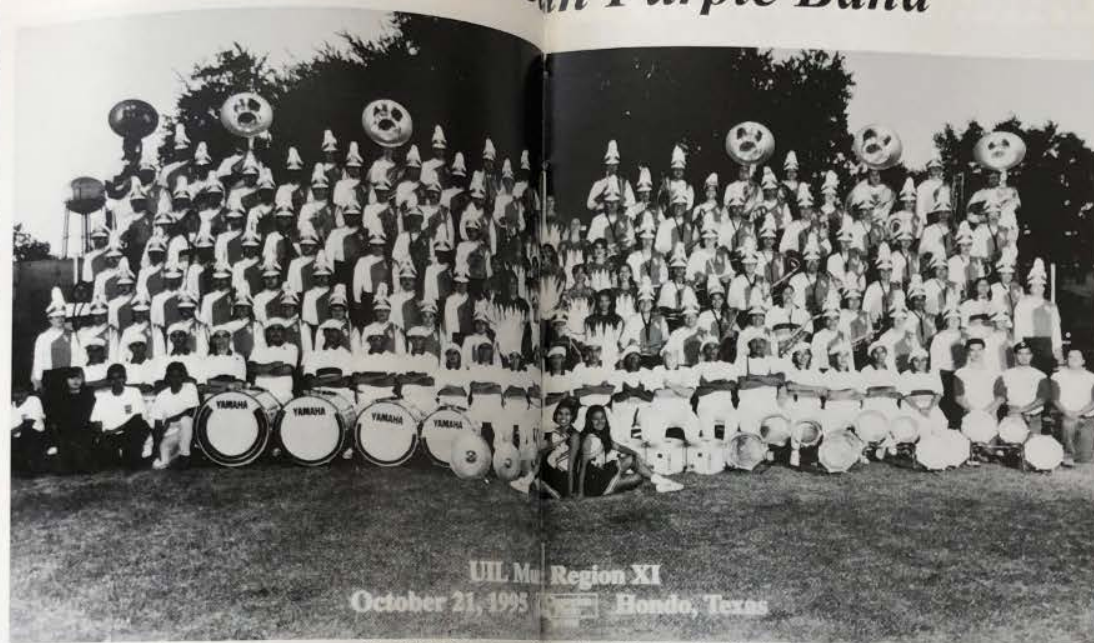
Albert Alvarado, Carolina Criel, Christina Contreras, Carlos Saldana

& Alejandro Rodriguez made ATSSB All-Region Band. Diego Alaniz, Joe Camacho, Yvonne Diaz, Esperanza Iturbe, Ismael Jasso, & Rene Ysaia made both ATSSB All-Region & Area Band. Two MPB members were named to

the TMEA All-Region Band, Albert Alvarado & Esperanza Iturbe.

After the holidays, the band began preparing three selections for the April UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest. The MPB received straight 1's in both the concert and sight reading portions of the contest, making their 4th consecutive win and Sweepstakes Award. Senior band members were the first in CSHS history to win sweepstakes throughout their high school careers!

In May, the band performed another five selections for the Annual Spring Concert. Their last performance was at the 1996 Graduation. This marked the end to another great year. All the hard work & dedication brought pride and glory to these fine musicians. Great Job MPB!



UIL Marching Region XI  
October 21, 1995 - Honda, Texas

The 1995-96 Award-winning Mean Purple Band and the Kitts!



Regional Solo & Ensemble Contestants



Senior Members- first in CSHS history to win 4 Sweepstakes in a row!



State Solo & Ensemble Contestants



## "We Got The Beat..." MPB Action



Forward March!



"We're #1!"



"The Pro at work."



"Where are my pants?"



American Band Stand(s)



"Don't fall off, Joe!"



"Mr. Garza's Opus"



"Cheeeese!"



The Award Winning Show!



BUSTED!



Playing for 1996 Graduation



Members at the Homecoming Pep Rally

## "The Entertainer(s)..." Jazz Band



1st row (L to R): Diego Alantiz, Carlos Saldana, Marisa Tobias, Willie Criel. 2nd row: Mr. Morones, Scotty Schell, Pete Arredondo, Pete Diaz, Joseph Martinez, O.J. Sierra. 3rd row: Percy Cardona, Mario Martinez, Bianca Nolasco, Lorenzo Vargas. 4th row: Ricardo Vargas, John Lopez, John Schell.



The 1995-96 CSHS Jazz Band created snazzy sounds for listening pleasure of all. The band, under the direction of Mr. Oscar Morones, performed during lunch, at the Christmas and Spring Concerts, and for audiences at Big Wells, North and Middle Elementary, and CS Junior High.

In addition to their 2nd period class, jazz band members also rehearsed after school. The band prepared diligently for its many performances. Members had to be ready for on-the-spot solos, which require special skills.

Everyone who heard the jazz band enjoyed its energetic selections, which ranged from "The Pink Panther" to "In the Mood." Lunch periods in the high school were definitely livelier with the sounds of the jazz band. Audiences at the concerts applauded the upbeat programs. Younger students were given a taste of what they can look forward to in high school.

Throughout the 1995-96 school year the jazz band definitely made its presence heard!





## "Move It To The Rhythm..." Kitts



Spurs Competition Participants- Jessie Parsons, Clarisa Olvera, Nelda Olvera, Anna Ramirez, Amanda Murray, JoAnne Garza, Debbie Pichardo & Rosanna Sanchez



"Shake it - Girls!"



"Group Hug- Everybody."



Performing the Auxiliary Line in the 1995 MPB Marching Show.



Marching in the Homecoming parade.



Practicing those Smiles!



In the stands at a football game.

The 1995-96 CSHS Drill Team- "The Kitts," were successful in holding on to their hard earned excellent reputation. Under the direction of new sponsor Anna Ramirez, the girls continued to dazzle audiences at football games and pump-up the spirit of the crowd at pep-rallies. In addition to their own dance routines, they were required to attend night rehearsals and contests as the MPB colorguard. The girls learned early on that it takes much time, effort, dedication, and responsibility to be a "Kitt."

The Kitts attended the 1995 MA Dance Camp in San Antonio and returned with the Best Home and Competition Routine titles. Their success continued, as they won "Best Auxiliary Line" awards at all three Invitational Marching Contests the MPB participated in. For seven members, success continued on, as they danced away with a 1st division rating and trophy at the Spurs' Dance Competition in the Spring.

Near the end of school, the Kitts hosted their last performance/fundraiser- The 4th Annual Spring Showcase. The girls taught short routines to young boys and girls, and then lead them as they performed it for the community. Quite an outstanding year for the Kitts! Thanks for doing such a great job!

1995-96 Kitt Captains: Senior-Debbie Pichardo, Juniors-Clarisa Olvera & Rosanna Sanchez.

## "Do a Little Dance..." Twirlers



Jennifer Esquivel, Amanda Estrada, Farrell Mitchell & Brandi Nelson

The 1995-96 school year was a very successful one for the M.P.B. Twirlers. Freshmen Farrell Mitchell and Amanda Estrada, Sophomore Jennifer Esquivel and Senior Brandi Nelson twirled themselves into M.P.B. history when their ensemble was the first ever to be awarded a 1st division at the U.I.L. Regional Solo & Ensemble Contest. Each also earned a 1st division on her solo at the contest.

Throughout the fall season the girls twirled at all football games and pep rallies and marched in parades. They performed to both taped recordings and music played by the band. Their difficult routines dazzled the crowds and added to the excitement of Wildcat football games.

In late May the twirlers advanced to the State Solo & Ensemble Contest held at SWTSU in San Marcos. There Farrell Mitchell became the first freshmen ever to earn a 1st division at the State level. Amanda Estrada and Jennifer Esquivel also fared well at the contest.

Congratulations to the M.P.B. twirlers for their many accomplishments. They sparkled on the field and in the gym, Thanks for representing CSHS so well!



Senior- Brandi Nelson



Sophomore- Jennifer Esquivel



Freshmen- Amanda Estrada



Freshmen- Farrell Mitchell



## "Shout..." 1995-96 Cheerleaders

The 1995-96 school year was full of excitement for the Varsity Cheerleaders and sponsor, Michelle Findling. The squad, with 16 members, was the biggest in Wildcat history. With the larger squad the cheerleaders were able to do more difficult stunts to amaze the crowd.

This was the first year that the cheerleaders won a Camp Championship trophy at the annual summer camp, this camp was held in San Marcos, TX.

Throughout the year the cheerleaders worked hard to help promote school spirit. The squad attended pep rallies at the elementary schools encouraging kids to stay Drug-Free and pass the T.A.S.

The cheerleaders supported the Wildcat teams by attending the games and helped cheer their team to victory. The cheerleaders should be appreciated for all the efforts they put into cheering.



Bottom to top, L to R: P.J. Boone, Rachael Martinez, Aide Sierra, Edica Estrada, Kari Lubbock, Alyssa Munoz, Karla Aguirre, Lesley Zambrano, Amy Pichardo, Oscar Criel, Amanda Benavides, Fernando Aguirre, Clara Benavides, Viola Martinez, Jesse Trevino, Brandi Nelson & Joe Camacho.



Edica swinging from the rafters.



Cheerleaders encouraging kids to be Drug-Free.



Boogie on down.



Don't mess with Kari.



Clara pretending to work.



Cheerleader Camaraderie.

## "We're in the Army Now..." JROTC



The "Guys" in San Antonio, at a PT Competition.



The Carrizo Springs High School 1995-96 JROTC cadets were a great help this year at football games, Awards Night, Scholarship Night, annual concerts, Graduation and other functions. The Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps course gives cadets a chance to gain leadership experience in "hands-on" situations. It is an environment that requires self-discipline and team work. The curriculum is developed by the Army and is used by every high school in the United States. In addition to the regular curriculum, there are several extra-curricular activities available to JROTC cadets. These include the Color Guard, Honor Guard, Drill Team, Orienteering and Saber Line.

To finish off the year the JROTC program held its first Military Ball. The high school cafeteria was transformed into a ballroom setting with very elaborate military decorations. The cadets and their guests arrived dressed in military uniforms and elegant evening attire, and were ready for an entertaining and memorable evening. The Military Ball was a huge success and will hopefully become an annual event.

Thanks to the JROTC for supporting and contributing to all CSHS functions. Congratulations - Cadets on a job well done!



"Present - ARMS!"



Presenting Colors at a football game.



"Repeat your name, Please."



"Bow your head, Let's Pray."



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# PHYSICAL

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## *Homecoming* *1995*



*The Wildcats' "Eternal Flame" roars on . . .*



# Homecoming

November 19, 1995, was a night greatly anticipated by students, players and Wildcat fans. As in any school, Homecoming provided a break from the daily routine of student life.

EHHS Homecoming events included the annual bonfire, election of court members and the purchase of mums and garters in support of school colors, and most importantly, the big Friday night football game. A capacity crowd at Frank Carver Stadium was on the edge of their seats as two of South Texas' finest teams battled for the District Championship title. The Wildcat team united that night, displaying perseverance, hard work, and determination as they clawed their way to victory over the previously undefeated Jourdanton Indians.

Halftime activities began with the Mean Purple Band marching onto the field along with their 1995 Football, Drum Major Carolina Criel. She was escorted by Lorenzo Vargas.

EHHS students had the honor of representing their classes as part of the 1995 Homecoming Court. Representing the Freshman Class were Giovanni Gonzales and Amanda Murray. Sophomore Duke and Duchess were Erik



Homecoming King and Queen  
Adrian Perez and Pooja Varshney

Rodriguez and Jamie Bradshaw. Fernando Aguirre and Clarisa Olvera were selected by members of the Junior Class. Five princes and princesses were nominated by the Senior Class of 1996. Chosen as candidates for King were Mark Flores, Travis Vance, Adrian Perez, Carlos Rodriguez, and Michael Paldana. Queen nominees were Karla

Aguirre, Clara Bonavides, Dobbie Garcia, Vicki Martinez, and Pooja Varshney. The evening concluded with the crowning of Adrian Perez and Pooja Varshney as the 1995 Homecoming King and Queen.

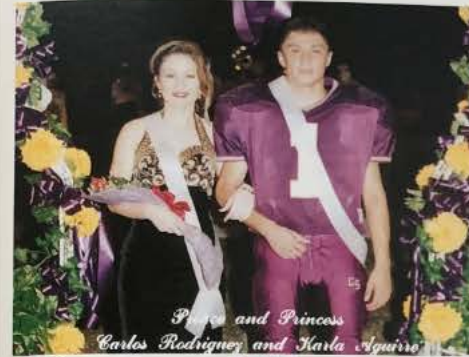


Freshman Duke and Duchess  
Giovanni Gonzales and Amanda Murray



Sophomore Duke and Duchess  
Erik Rodriguez and Jamie Bradshaw

# Court



Prince and Princess  
Carlos Rodriguez and Karla Aguirre



Prince and Princess  
Michael Paldana and Dobbie Garcia



Junior Duke and Duchess  
Fernando Aguirre and Clarisa Olvera



Sophomore Duke and Duchess  
Erik Rodriguez and Jamie Bradshaw



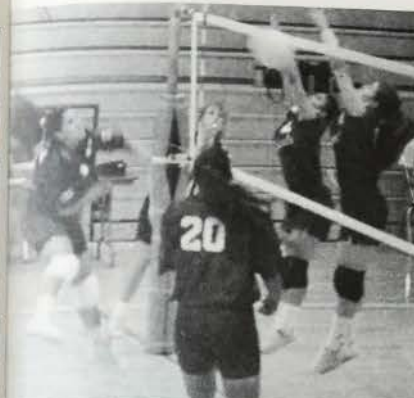
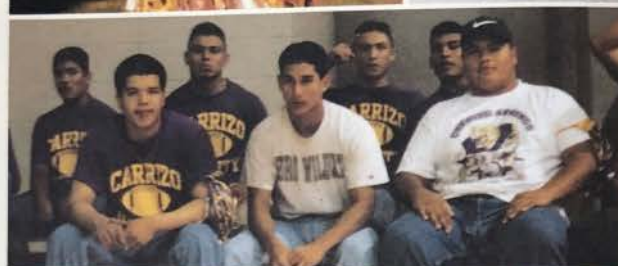
Freshman Duke and Duchess  
Giovanni Gonzales and Amanda Murray



Band Nocturnal  
Carolina Criel escorted by Lorenzo Vargas



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# The 1995 Varsity Wildcats



The 1995 Varsity Wildcats: Bottom Row: Michael Saldana, Mark Flores, Victor Contreras, Oscar Villareal, Travis Nance, Jeffery Ortiz, Brandon Webb, Carlos Rodriguez, Aidan Alvarado. Second Row: Giovanni Gonzalez, Chris Garcia, Manuel Jaime, Jimmie Lopez, Jack Hartung, James Villareal, Julio Betancourt, Juan Gonzalez. Third Row: Ricky Garcia, Jason Rodriguez, Michael Cortez, Carlos Mendoza, Davey Nelson, Freddy Rios, Jacob Rodriguez, Robert Espinosa, Carlos Garza. Top Row: Elias Esquivel, Tony Flores, Johnny Estrada, Barry Brinkley, Jack Hartung, Jim Haley, Head Coach Don Tate.



**Mark Flores**  
29-AAA Defensive MVP

## SCOREBOARD

US	THEM
10	Laredo-Martin 28
0	Medina Valley 28
23	Hondo 14
7	Devine 14
34	Somerset 14
27	Cotulla 6
34	Pearsall 23
42	Poteet 0
17	Crystal City 0
33	Jourdanton 28
0	Odem 14

## Wildcats win District

On every Friday night during football season, Wildcat fans sported their purple and gold in support of the 1995 Fighting Wildcats. The Varsity team was led by nine returning lettermen, joined by fifteen varsity new comers. The season highlight occurred when the team battled the previously undefeated Jourdanton Indians for the 29-AAA district championship title in the last game of the regular season.

Any spectator sitting in the stands that homecoming night could tell you that the air was filled with an excitement that brought fans to the edges of their seats -that is, before

bringing them to their feet. The team's hard work, dedication and determination paid off when they emerged victorious, clenching the crown and leaving district play with an enblemished record. The team then advanced to the bi-district play-off, sacrificing a loss to the Odem Owls on a rainy November night.

Senior Carlos Rodriguez said, "We stuck together and worked together. If there was one missing link, the whole team felt it. It took a whole team effort. The team was about brotherhood...we believed in each other."



Julio Betancourt 1st Team OL 2nd Team LB  
Michael Cortez All-Southwest 1st Team Rec 1st Team returner 2nd Team DB  
Robert Espinosa 2nd Team OL  
Mark Flores All-Southwest 1st Team LB 2nd Team RB  
Chris Garcia 1st Team DB HM RB  
Juan Gonzalez 1st Team DL  
Jack Hartung HM Punter



Mike Saldana breaks through the Cotulla Cowboy defense. Wildcats went on to win, 27-6, on Parents' Night.



Chris Garcia surges through the Poteet Aggie line.



Jeffrey Ortiz goes for an extra point against the Devine Warhorses.



Travis Nance 2nd Team QB 2nd Team DB  
David Nelson 2nd Team DL  
Jeffrey Ortiz 1st Team DL 1st Team Kicker 1st Team OL  
Carlos Rodriguez All-Southwest 1st Team DB HM Rec  
Michael Saldana 1st Team RB  
Oscar Villareal 2nd Team DL  
Brandon Webb All-Southwest 1st Team DL

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## Junior Varsity Wildcats



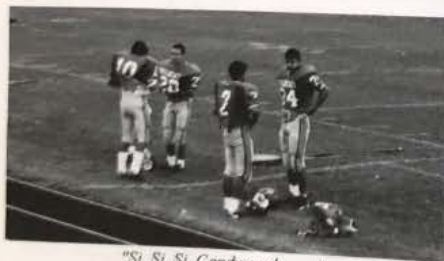
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Benny strutting his stuff



"Yeah... we're BAD!"



"Si, Si, Si, Candy apple..."



Completing the toss with Poteel.

## "Bad Girl..." Varsity Lady Wildcats



During the 1995 volleyball season, the Roaring Lady Cats dominated the courts with an overall district record of 7-3, which made them the 1995 District Runner-Up Champions. Having to show dedication and determination seemed to take a toll on the Lady Cats. Their coach, Larry Long, promised them that if they showed full dedication, he would lead the way to the playoffs. He stood by them through thick and thin, no matter what obstacles stood before them. He was able to keep his promise. Their opponent for the Bi-District game was Sinton. The Lady Cats played three matches against them, winning one and losing two. It was disappointing that their season was over, but they were extremely proud that the 1995 Wildcat team had advanced to the playoffs for the first time in CSHS history.

Bottom to Top: Rebecca Vargas, Coach Long, Susie Jimenez, Mary Liz Sanchez, Laura Haley, Jassy Brown, Karla Aguirre, Lesley Zambrano, Charlette Guzman, Rosie Ortiz.

## 1996 All-District Picks



Top to Bottom:  
Honorable Mention-  
Rosie Ortiz,  
Second Team-  
Charlette Guzman,  
First Team-  
Lesley Zambrano,  
Second Team-  
Rebecca Vargas,  
First Team-  
Karla Aguirre,  
Honorable Mention-  
Susie Jimenez &  
Laura Haley, Coach  
Long.



## Freshmen Volleyball



First row:  
Ana Lisa Martinez,  
Samantha Masar,  
Julie Nance,  
Delilah Garza.  
Second row:  
Tracy Tollett,  
Jessica Hasten,  
Tanya Ward,  
Amanda Benavides,  
Shaina Devilbiss,  
Coach Solansky.

## J.V. Lady Cats Volleyball



First row:  
Lori Vargas,  
Jessica Sanchez,  
Brandy Rodriguez,  
Vanessa Salgado,  
Alma Contreras,  
Azelea Avila.  
Second row:  
Claudia Castano,  
Stephanie  
Betancourt,  
Coach Duncan,  
Priscilla Puente,  
Jametra Isaac.

## "Slam..." Varsity Basketball



Bottom to Top, L to R: Sara Sweeten, Karl Lubbock, Claudia Castano, Latoria Gift, Susan Jimenez, Allison Wagner, Lesley Zambrano, P.J. Boone, Brandi Nelson, Coach Long & Laura Haley

The Varsity Lady Wildcat Basketball Team, led by newcomer, Coach Long, had a very exciting 1995-96 season. The girls practiced long, hard hours during class and afterschool to lead their team to several victories. Ladycats created many exciting memories for themselves as well as their fans during this time. Unfortunately the team did not advance to the play-offs, but with such determination, spirit, hardwork and talent they are sure to continue to do well in the future.



STAMPEDE!!!



Ref: "That call will take more than five bucks."





## "Pump It Up ..." JV Basketball

Junior Varsity Lady Cat Basketball Fans were provided with much excitement during the 1995-96 season. Their coach, new to CSHS, Coach Duncan, had the team practice diligently during class and afterschool in hopes of success. The team faced many tough opponents from the surrounding areas and did their best in representing Carrizo Springs High School. All their hard work and determination surely prepared these young ladies for future varsity play.



Bottom to Top, L to R: Amanda Estrada, Jametra Isaac, Jassy Brown, Farrell Mitchell, Alma Contreras, Mary Liz Sanchez, Amanda Benavides, Coach Duncan & Maricela Zepeda



"You've got to reach higher!"



"Shoot, Shoot, Shoot for THREE!"



## "Jam..." Freshman Basketball

It was a whole new ball game for the 1995-96 Freshman Basketball Team. This season introduced these girls to the fierce competition at the high school level. The team practiced hard during class and afterschool, under the instruction of Coach Solonsky. The Freshman Lady Cats gave it their all and did well in representing Carrizo Springs High School. Best of Luck throughout the rest of their high school careers.



Bottom to Top, L to R: Samantha Masar, Shaina Devilbiss, Julie Nance, Jessica Hasten, Elizabeth Espurva, LaTanya Ward, Kelly Sevilla, Coach Solonsky & Tracy Tollett





## Faculty/Senior Basketball



# "We Are The Champions..."



## "Hit Me With Your Best Shot..." Tennis



The 1996 Wildcat Tennis Team consisted of seventeen hard-working members. Led by Coach Varnelis, new to Carrizo Springs Coaching Staff, the team traveled to and demonstrated stiff competition at tournaments in Hondo, Uvalde, Jourdanton and Crystal City. These meets brought many personal wins, medals, and respect for both the teammates and the sport. Practices were held Monday through Thursday, after school from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. During these practices members learned the skills they needed to do their best at the District Tournament held in late April. This was a day of great accomplishment for CSHS, as Oscar Criel and Felipe Ramirez placed fourth in doubles competition, and Armando DeHoyos took the District singles title, and advancement to Regional competition. District Tournament competitors included: Karla Aguirre, Erica Betancourt, Albert Carmona, Oscar Criel, Armando DeHoyos, Daniel DeLeon, Vanessa Estrada, Delilah Garza, Efrain Garza, Jesse Garza, Chad Kerr, Amy Pichardo, Priscilla Puente, Felipe Ramirez, Edna Saenz, Aide Sierra, and Deepa Varshney. Congratulations to the three District winners and the team as a whole, you did a great job for CSHS!





## "Step By Step..." Making



Alex Q. in the home stretch.



"I Think I Can..."



Hurry Andrew, pass the baton.

60 Track

The 1996 Track season was a great experience for all athletes involved. Team members put forth much time and effort each day at practice striving for a District Championship victory. Twelve girls and thirteen guys found this dream to be a reality as they swept the meet and gained the District Title.

The Lady Wildcats worked long and hard to achieve their goals and were very successful! They attended practice meets in which the girls competed with the best in our region. At the District meet, Edica E., Brandi N., Amanda E., and Lesley Z. were named Regional Qualifiers in the 400 Meter Relay. Amanda E., Lesley Z., Charlette G., Amanda M. qualified for Regional Finalists in the 800 Meter Relay. These ladies' points along with those of their teammates gave CSHS the Girls District Championship Title.

The guys track team practiced their events each day after school to prepare them for District competition, in which they competed well. The Wildcats had members advance to the Regional Meet in numerous events. At the District Meet Sam Johnson- Discus 3rd, Benito Trevino- Shotput 5th, Jack Hartung- Discus and 110 M Hurdles 5th, Andrew Johnson- High Jump 1st, Pole Vault 5th, Michael Cortez- 100 M Dash 3rd, 200 M Dash 1st, Jesse Lara- 800 M Run 1st, Jesse Briseno- 800 M Run 5th, George Menchaca- 800 M Run 6th, Fernando Mata- 1600 M & 3200 M Run 2nd, Alex Flores- Long & Triple Jump, 300 M Hurdles 1st, 110 M Hurdles 2nd. The Relay teams both placed second. In the 400 M Relay were Andrew J., Chris G., Jacob R., & Carlos R. In the 1000 M Relay were Jesse L., Carlos R., Andrew J. & Alex F. This led to the Boys District Championship victory.

CSHS was represented well at the Regional Meet held at Texas A & M University, Kingsville by both the Girls and Guys Track teams. Edica Estrada placed in the top three positions for the 200M run which made her a state finalist. Alex Flores placed in three different events at this meet and was eligible to attend the state meet for his 2nd place Triple Jump. The two traveled to The University of Texas at Austin to compete and did well. Congratulations!

The coaches are to be applauded for the work they put into making these teams so great and leading them to victory!



State Finalist: Alex Flores.



Edica at the State Meet.

## Tracks With The Wildcats



400 Meter Relay District Champs Regional Finalist  
Edica E., Brandi N., Amanda E. & Lesley Z.



800 Meter Relay District Champs Regional Finalists  
Amanda E., Lesley Z., Charlette G. & Amanda M.



Bottom to Top, L to R: Maria Medina, Alex Quevedo, Amanda Estrada, Amanda Murray, Evelyn Martinez, Norma Vallerio, Lesley Zambrano, Charlette Guzman, Rachael Martinez, Rosanna Sanchez, Virginia Rubio & Ana Laura Martinez.

### 1996 Distict Champs

Jesse Briseno  
Michael Cortez  
Alex Flores  
Chris Garcia  
Jack Hartung  
Andrew Johnson  
Sam Johnson  
Jesse Lara  
Fernando Mata  
George Menchaca  
Juan Menchaca  
Carlos Rodriguez  
Jacob Rodriguez  
Jason Rodriguez  
Benito Trevino  
Rene Ysaia

Track 61



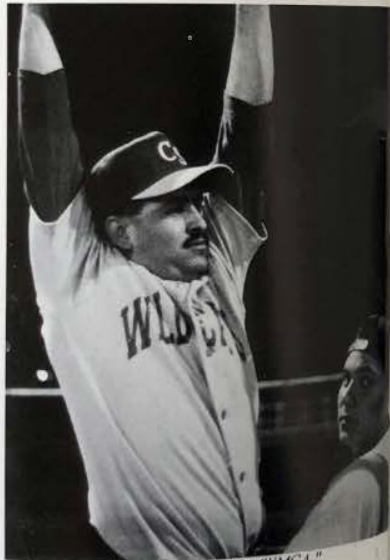
# "Take Me Out To The Ball Game..."



Bottom to Top(L to R): Coach Almendarez, Eric Garcia, Gabriel Martinez, Carlos Garza, Carlos Buentello, Homer Lopez, Juan Menchaca, Jerry Montes, Coach Swilley, Oscar Martinez, Jason Laxson, Brian Parsons, Mark Flores, Carlos Rodriguez, Travis Nance, Aidan Alvarado, Mario Guerra, Giovanni Gonzales, and Ricky Garcia.



Psyche them out.



It's fun to stay at the "YMCA."

# 1996 Varsity/JV Baseball



Remember what Coach said, "Just Focus on the BALL."



Strike a Pose!



The look that gave the guys the courage to go on.



Home Run!



Come on guys the games not that boring.

This year's Junior Varsity Baseball Team played a fair game. Under the instruction of coach Scott Swilley, the guys played a good season for CSHS.

## 1996 Junior Varsity Baseball Roster

Hunter Arcaya	Juan Menchaca
D.B. Briscoe	Davey Nelson
Pete Cardenas	Jerry Ortiz
Felipe Cervantes	Bryan Parsons
Armando Flores	Ryan Perez
Vincent Garcia	Jacob Reyes
Eric Garcia	Eric Rodriguez
Andrew Garza	Jacob Rodriguez
Carlos Lira	Jason Rodriguez
Gabriel Martinez	



## "Big Leagues..." Lady



Bottom to top, L to R: Rosalinda Ortiz, Julie Nance, Samantha Masar, Lesley Zambrano, Alma Contreras, Maricela Zepeda, Latoria Gift, Tracy Tollett, Christina Contreras, Jassy Brown, Esperanza Iturbe and Jametra Isaac. Not pictured: Krystal Waltmayer, Mary Liz Sanchez and La Tanya Ward.

FINALLY! CSHS added a sport that the Lady Wildcats have been waiting for - SOFTBALL! On practice days, the Lady Wildcats ran from the high school to Bowman Field, for practice and then back to the high school. They had enough energy to go through tiresome drills and scrimmages after their practices. These extremely talented ladies worked hard during the season, rain or shine. Dedicating themselves and their time to the sport.

This practice paid off and helped four Lady Wildcats make the 29-AAA District team. The ladies are: Maricela Zepeda, Julie Nance, Jassy Brown and Mary Liz Sanchez. These girls are to be congratulated for the title that they recieved. JOB WELL DONE!

Headcoach Barbara Duncan, with the assistance of Coach Jeanne Solansky, directed a great team with many victories, during their first season at CSHS.



So many want to impress, yet "OTHERS" go sticking their fingers up their nose.

## Wildcat's Softball Team



To steal or not to steal, that is the question.



Can't we all just get along?!!



Smile for us girls.



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# "Movin' On Up..." Business

## BUSINESS professionals OF AMERICA

Today's students. Tomorrow's business professionals.



Sponsor  
Teri Lu Bolin



Mario Martinez being  
inducted by Jody Brown



"You want us to do WHAT?"



Business Professionals of America - Carrizo Springs High School Chapter

Business Professionals of America is a professional student organization that offers students an opportunity to learn about business and office skills while preparing them for their future. Business Professionals of America is offered at the secondary and post-secondary levels. This year the Carrizo Springs High School chapter consisted of about forty participating members. Members were expected to pay dues, attend monthly meetings, participate in fund-raisers, competitions and other group activities. The purpose of Business Professionals of America is to allow students to gain experience in business careers and human relations. As stated in the pledge: "We are met in a spirit of friendship and goodwill as we prepare for productive lives in business and office careers. We work together to develop professionalism and leadership through Business Professionals of America and pledge our loyalty to our nation."

The annual induction ceremony of new officers and members was held on December 19, 1995, at the Tex-Mex Ballroom - a black and white formal event. Throughout the school year members attended meetings, sold frozen treats, held a "jail cell" at Brush Country Days, sold Valentine's Day carnations, accompanied elementary students in parades, visited the elderly in the nursing home, participated in Business Professionals of America Week, and prepared for individual competitions. The 1995-96 chapter of Business Professionals of America was rather successful and is to be commended for representing CSHS well at Regional, State and National levels.



President  
Adrian Perez



Vice-President  
Efrain Garza

# Professionals of America



Members attending State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi

On February 10, 1996, fifteen members traveled to St. Phillips College in San Antonio to compete at the Regional competition. Students competed in various areas of business, ranging from Legal Concepts to Computer Programming. Members competing included: Joy Boling, Jody Brown, John Cardona, Alma Contreras, Carolina Criel, Efrain Garza, Charlette Guzman, Elizabeth Longoria, Rosie Ortiz, Adrian Perez, Gracie Perez, Amy Pichardo, Lupe Ramirez, Scott Ray and Denée Schell. The top three positions and one alternate advanced to the State Level and Leadership Conference held in Corpus Christi. On March 6-9, members competing at state level were: Joy Boling- 1st place Banking Concepts, Jody Brown- 1st place Database Applications, Carolina Criel and Denée Schell- 1st Place Chapter Yearbook, Efrain Garza- 1st place Computer Programming, John Cardona- Alternate Proofreading and Editing and Scott Ray- Alternate Desktop Publishing. These students did very well, and all placed in the top half of their competitions.

Joy Boling, John Cardona and Adrian Perez were able to attend the National Leadership Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 7-11, 1996. This is a week full of events for Business Professionals of America members from all over the United States and is sponsored by the Business Professionals of America Organization.



Business Professionals of  
America Week



Our President...or  
Christopher Columbus?



Secretary/Treasurer  
Jody Brown



Reporter  
Kiska Tovar



"The Steps to Success !!"



## "Change The World..." Student Council



Bottom row (L to R): Clarissa Olvera, Vice-President Crissi Ortiz, Lesley Zambrano, Historian Rosie Ortiz, Deepa Varshney, Amanda Estrada, Amanda Murray, Anne Bradshaw. Top row (L to R): Vancey Strait, Pooja Varshney, Treasurer Edica Estrada, Erik Rodriguez, Karla Aguirre, President Tegatha Hughes, Viole Martinez, Kar Lubbock, Brandi Nelson, Jack Hartung, Jessie Parsons, Claydon Allen, Giovanni Gonzales. Not Pictured: Felipe Cervantes, Secretary Rachael Martinez, Adrian Perez.

The 1995-96 CSHS Student Council, sponsored by Coach Dora Cruz, was comprised of 24 hard-working, class elected members. A major part of their duties involved issues that directly affect the student body. Meetings were held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Student Council President Tegatha Hughes presided over the meetings and was assisted by officers Crissi Ortiz, Rachael Martinez, Edica Estrada, and Rosie Ortiz, who, in addition to their delegated duties, also headed committees. The organization was able to accomplish many things.

Several fundraisers were completed in order to support Senior members with scholarships. Fundraisers included: squeeze bottles, candy grab bags, football programs & Valentine teddy/candy grams.

The Student Council aimed to support school organizations in their activities. Candy bags were given to athletes and District UIL competitors and coaches, as encouragement. In April at the CSHS track meet, members provided and served refreshments to the athletes. Throughout the year, members put up spirit posters in the hallways to show groups their support. They also sponsored the first annual Powder Puff Football Game.

During football season, Student Council was responsible for the friendship exchange, the invocation response, and decorating the field for Homecoming. Student Council was involved in the community as well. They held two blood drives, visited the elderly in Public School Week & sponsored the Toys for Tots.

A new point system was introduced, in which each member had to earn a set number of points each month. Being a member took much time and effort, you did a great job! Much appreciation is to be expressed to each of you!



Student Council members looking pretty.



Signing in visitors during Public School Week.

70 Student Council



Members working hard at the April track meet.

## "Zombie..." NHS Spook House



Transforming the Show Barn.

Efrain-"The Kick Boxer."

"Would WE do that?"



"G.I. Joe"

On October 28, 1995, the National Honor Society, sponsored a Community Halloween Spook House. It was located in the 4-H Showbarn, and consisted of five rooms. The first room was a cemetery, next was a Vampire's Chamber, then a Mad Scientist's Kitchen, which lead into a Automobile Accident Scene, and at the end of the tour was the Asylum. Members dressed to fit the parts in each of the scenes, complete with "Jason," a rolling head, a dead prom queen and Frankenstein! This fundraiser was a huge success, and all the hard work paid off as the members left their visitors--SCREAMING WITH FEAR!



"Her hair is WAY too scary!"



"You need just a little more height."

Call him- "The Soundman."



## "You Live, You Learn..."



1996 NHS Members: Latoria G., Robert E., Lesley Z., Edica E., Jennifer M., Homer L., Christalina M., Joe R., Oscar C., Eliseo T., Travis N., Eloy G., Daniel D., John S., Efrain G., Ami D., Pooja V., Violi M., Andrea P., Rachel M., Jennifer Z., Edna S., Laura M., Marissa T., Lory P., Tanya B., Christina C., Debbie G., Carolina C., Dene'e S., Susan H., Michelle S., Sara S., Yvonne D., Jamie B., Esme V., Willie C., Jason L., Yancey S., Brandi N., Jack H., Benito T., Jeffrey H., Jose R., John R., Joe C., Simon S. & Leera P.



Organization Sponsor:  
Mrs. Jeannine Risinger



1995-96 Officers: Secretary: Carolina Criel, Vice-President: Violi Martinez, President: Pooja Varshney, Treasurer: Ami De La Fuente, Reporter: Jennifer Zepeda & Secretary: Brandi Nelson



Senior Members: Carolina Criel, Jennifer Zepeda, Ami De La Fuente, Debbie Garcia, Pooja Varshney, Dene'e Schell, Violi Martinez, Michelle Stone, Eloy Gonzales, Efrain Garza, Travis Nance, Brandi Nelson, Susan Hassan & Sara Sweeten

The 1995-96 Carrizo Springs Chapter of National Honor Society was comprised of 35 diligent and talented members. Students must maintain an overall "A" average and be an active member to wear this honor. This year's chapter accomplished many goals and brought much pride to our community and school.

President Pooja Varshney presided over monthly meetings held in Mrs. Risinger's room at 7:30 a.m. All members were expected to attend and discuss ideas for the chapter's fundraisers and community projects. The group's main fundraiser was a Candy Sale. Other fundraisers included: Pizza Sales-which were sold after school during football season, Bake Sales, T-shirt Sales-embroidered with a Wildcat and personal name, and the Halloween Spook House. The money raised sponsored The Clayann Lee Memorial Scholarship, given every year to NHS members. Four \$800 Scholarships were awarded, the greatest amount ever awarded by this society! Group community projects included the Christmas Toys for Tots Program-presents were given to both a boy and a girl, and Clothing Toy Drives-school-wide contests held to collect items to prevent the foreclosure of our local Battered Women's Shelter.

On April 26, Inductions were held in the high school cafeteria. Sixteen new students were inducted into the society, and will be active members in the 1996-97 chapter. In May, a field trip was organized for members to go to Six Flags Fiesta Texas, as a reward for their hard work and efforts.

National Honor Society is a nationwide organization, that tries to instill in it's students personal and group Character, Service, Leadership & Scholarship. Congratulations to all members on a job well done!

## National Honor Society



"You put WHAT in these cookies?"



Recipients of the Clayann Lee Memorial Scholarship.



"As I give light to you, so may you..."



Character, Service, Leadership,  
Scholarship



Daniel DeLeon inducting John Rodriguez.



The wild after party!



"Do ya'll think this thing is ever going to start?"



1995-96 Members: Susan H., Tanya B., Latoria G., Jennifer M., Lesley Z., Andrea P., Rachel M., Jennifer Z., Carolina C., Brandi N., Ami D., Debbie G., Violi M., Dene'e S., Christalina M., Pooja V., Oscar C., Daniel D., Homer L., Jose R., Edica E., Robert E., Eliseo T., Eloy G., Efrain G., Travis N., Yancey S., Jason L., John S., Sara S. & Michelle S.



1996-97 Officers: Secretary: Tanya Betancourt, Treasurer: Eliseo Talamantes, Vice-President: Christina Contreras, President: Yancey Strait (Not Pictured- Reporter: Velda Escamilla)



## NHS Field Trip



Blue, "Our Savior," who jump started the bus.



Edica, Jason & Oscar at the front entrance.



"Hey that's my basketball!"



"Give me that Lesley!"



"Might as well make ourselves comfortable- It could take a while."



"They call her The Terminator."



Anxious to ride "The Joker's Revenge."

In May, after the money for the scholarships had been awarded, with the remainder of the fund, all 35 National Honor Society members were allowed to take a day off from school, to relax and enjoy a trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Though having to deal with minor mechanical difficulties, members were still able to enjoy a day filled with great fun and memories!



"Party Poopers!"

## "Beat It..." R.A.D. Club



Bottom to top, L to R: Efrain Garza, Pooja Varshney, Alty Puente, Roxanna Herrera, Edna Saenz, Cristilina Molina, Dennee Schell, Ami De La Fuente, Amanda Estrada, Aide Sierra, Adrian Perez, Alma Contreras, Ginger Trevino, Carolina Criel, Edica Estrada, Rachael Martinez, Eric Rodriguez, Allison Wagner, Mitzie Wise, Freddy Rios, Amy Pichardo, Leslie Ibarra, Felicia Smith, Albert Alvarado, Priscilla Puente, Alex Flores, Jamie Bradshaw, Domingo Medina, Jerry Ortiz, Joe Silos, Lory Padron, Esperanza Inurbe, Veronica Rodriguez, Juan Silos & Carlos Saldana

The 1995-96 R.A.D. club officers and members, sponsored by Johnny Estrada, worked very hard to maintain a drug-free school environment. This organization consisted of about fifty members, that met regularly, once or twice a month. In these meetings many projects were designed and achieved. The club once again held its annual Red Ribbon Week, and some of the members acted out a skit for all elementary students. Members also helped decorate the cafeteria and gym for Project Graduation. Members were given T-shirts that expressed many different logos of good spirit and health, and wore them each month.

**1995-96 Officers:** President- Brandi Nelson, Vice-President- Carolina Criel, Secretary- Travis Nance & Historian- Shey McColloch.

" Say No to DRUGS, Say Yes to LIFE! "



Members posing after their skit.



CSHS- A Drug-Free Campus.



"Hanging out" at Project Graduation.





## "Heal The World ..." FHA

This year's FHA chapter worked hard and represented C.S.H.S. well. FHA- Future Homemakers of America, was established in 1945, it is one of the largest vocational student organizations in the United States. The purpose of this organization is to encourage personal growth, responsibility and leadership skills. Members are expected to attend regular meetings and participate in group activities. Such activities include: Collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for the needy, gathering clothes, blankets, toiletries, and toys for the local Women's Shelter, sponsoring classroom contests, baking goodies for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, and all regular class activities. FHA members grow into well-rounded, young adults through home economics education.



Bottom to Top, L to R: Anna Laura Martinez, Tasha Hale, Alberi Carmona, Lupe Ramirez, Lory Vargas, Suzie Jimenez, Azela Avila & Stephanie Betancourt



Can you feel the LOVE in this room?



"Hey- You're supposed to say your prayers before you DIG IN!"

## "Pure Country ..." F.F.A.

This year's chapter of Future Farmers of America was headed by Mr. Juan Andres Sanchez and Mr. Andres Hernandez. The members of the organization participated in a number of different events, ranging from Soil Conservation Essays, Horse Judging, Leadership Contest, Livestock Shows and Livestock Judging. Students test their skills and learning in these events at contests throughout the District, Region and State. Carrizo Springs High School was represented well by the numerous winners in these contests. This organization is designed to allow students to gain valuable experience and responsibility. John Rodriguez and Allison Wagner were awarded this year's outstanding FFA students. Congratulations to all the Members!



1995-96 Officers: John Rodriguez- Treasurer, Jimmy Jaime- Secretary, Tina Romo- President, John Paul Sanchez- Vice-President, (not pictured: Allison Wagner- Reporter, Neil Gift- Sentinel)



1996-97 Officers: John Rodriguez, Mary Liz Sanchez, Ricky Garcia, Tina Romo, Xavier Silva & John Paul Sanchez



Mr. Juan Andres Sanchez



"I pledge Alligence to the Flag..."



Amanda at her BEST!



## "Rodeo..."



## 4-H Club



Robert & Tegatha with her 1st place hog



Charree with her award-winning lamb



Rosie and Jason working the hogs.



Joe and his 2nd place hog



Gloria showing off her pig

The 4-H organization is open to all youths from ages 9-19. The members attend regularly scheduled meetings and participate in group and community projects. This organization allows students to gain responsibility and leadership skills which are helpful to their futures. 4-H members can participate in any of the following projects: swine, poultry, sheep, goat, beef, wildlife, shooting sports, clothing, textiles, food & nutrition, leadership & recreation, and citizenship. Students get to present and sell their animals at our local stock show. 4-H members compete in many contests and levels of competition. A big congratulations is to be expressed to all the members on a job well done.



Yancey Strait and Gary Murphree

## "Sledge Hammer..." Building Trades



Bottom to Top, L to R: Francisco Moreno, Mr. Mateo, Hector Buentello, Tony Martinez, Saul Segura, Victor Contreras, Oscar Villarreal, Mike Damian & Ruben Salazar

Building trades is a regular curriculum course offered at CSHS. For the 1995-96 school year the guys were under the instruction of Mr. Manuel Mateo. This course allows students to gain hands on experience in the carpentry and building business. They learn how to and work with various tools and appliances. Since the 1992 school year, when Carrizo Springs High School won at the VICA state contest, these classes have been able to show off some of their skills by improving our campus. The ROTC building was their first major project. Since its completion they have been working on various other small projects on campus and the special education building. Some of the members chose to build individual projects and take them to the area competition this year. Senior, Joey Jaime, advanced to the state VICA competition for his work on a house model. Building Trades classes are to be commended for their great work on our campus and for representing CSHS so well.



"No way man, he told you to do it!"



# Awards Night



Carlo Stone-Laura GIB & Rachel Mitchell



Bio Science-Andrew Johnson & Jay Myers



Agriculture Proficiency- John Rodriguez & Andres Sanchez



1996 DeKalb Agr. Assoc. Award- Allison Wagner & Andres Sanchez



Debate- Michelle Findling, Deepa Varshney, Amanda Estrada, Heather Smith, Fabiana Smith, Vanessa Estrada, Albert Alvarado, Joe Camacho, Travis Nance, Efran Garza & Jesse Trevino



Accounting Computer Applications- James Villarreal, Jay Bullock, Ninfia Richards, Enrique Torres & Stephanie Betancourt



Computer Science- Viola Martinez, Deepa Varshney, Poja Varshney, Ami De La Fuente, John Rodriguez, Noe Alvarado, Leora Ponce, Yvonne Diaz, Efran Garza & Marcos Valerio



Prize Interpretation- Vanessa Estrada, Alyssa Munoz, Jamie Bradshaw & Ruben Escamilla



Ready Writing- Ruben Escamilla, Carina Zapata, Efraim Vargas, Jessica Huston & Scott Ray



Journalism- Tanya Betancourt, Corina Zapata, Efraim Vargas, Denise Schell & Beth Camberly



Informative Persuasive Speaking- Deepa Varshney, Heather Smith, Alyssa Munoz, Felicia Smith, Louise Horton, Zeke Alvarado, Albert Alvarado, Efran Garza, Adrian Perez & Travis Nance



Current Events- Eloy Gonzalez, Louie Horton, Zeke Alvarado & Efran Garza



Poetry- Louise Horton & Yvonne Diaz



Spelling- Joe Zubia, Carolina Criel, Vicky Escamilla & Marcela Escamilla



Literary Criticism- Vicky Escamilla, Marcela Escamilla & Yvonne Diaz



Office Education BFA- Denise Schell, Adrian Perez, Efran Garza, Carolina Criel, Scott Ray, Jay Bullock, John Cardona & Teri La Bala

# Awards Night



TAAS- Joe Camacho, Jamie Bradshaw, Willie Oval, Leora Ponce, Laura Martinez & Jesse Trevino (not pictured - Jose Rangel)



State Calculator- Leora Ponce, Ami De La Fuente, Sam Esquivel, Viola Martinez & Poja Varshney



State Solo & Ensemble Choir- Kenzie Jordan, Denise Schell, Albert Carmona, Elizabeth Fry & Leah Diaz



State Band- Armando R., Laura G., Alejandro R., Albert A., Joe C., Carolina C., Efraim V., Willie C., Poja V., Cristiana M., Gabriel M., Carlos S., Amy Y., Eloy R., John L. & John S.



Principal's Award- Brandi Nelson & Jerry Colosimo



Principal's Award NHS- Travis Nance, Jerry Colosimo & Poja Varshney



State Ready Writing- Jessica Huston & Ruben Escamilla



Distinguished Graduates- Karla Aguirre, Leah Diaz, P.J. Boone & Allison Wagner



Art- Elias L., Michael R., Paula B., Fabia S., Marisa R., Edica E., Jessica Z., Zeke A., Mike M., Jeffrey H., Sam J., Andrew J., Juan L., Fernando A., Jose R., Leora P. & Rachel P.



Calculator Number Sense Math- Ami D., Viola M., Poja V., Alyssa M., Marisa R., Deepa V., Sam E., Rachel M., Laura M., Andrea P., Joe C., Michael C., Juan L., Willie C., Oscar C., Leora P. & Kelly R.



One-Act-Play- Kari L., Michelle F., Esperanza I., Amy M., Felicia S., James B., Alty P., Ami D., Clara B., Brandi N., Carolina C., Scott R., Ricardo V., Adrian A., Travis N., Albert A., Albert C., Denise S. & Veronica R.



State Art Awards- Mike Michalski, Andrew Johnson, Zeke Alvarado, Fernando Aguirre & Garvin Granberry



Who's Who at CHS- P.J. Boone, Ami De La Fuente, Viola Martinez, Poja Varshney, Carolina Criel, Travis Nance, Brandi Nelson, Allison Wagner, Denise Schell & Tegatha Hughes



1996 Honor Graduates- Tegatha H., Rusti O., Brandi N., Michelle S., Carolina C., Juan R., Poja V., Viola M., Debbie G., Travis N., Denise S., Ami D., Efran G., Eloy G. & Sara S.



## Senior Scholarship Night



American Legion Auxiliary - Amanda Dominy with Rachel Mitchell



Band Boosters - Carolina Criel & Joe Saenz with David Olvera



Big Wells PTO - Carolina Criel with Debbie Farmer



Buddy Oelkers - Allison Wagner  
Carrizo Alumni - Travis Nance  
Both with Jim Castellano



Camino Real Bank - Sara Sweeten with James Wilson



Career and Technology (Business Dept.) - Fernando Mata, Adrian Perez & Bryan Wylie with Teri Lou Bolin



Student Council - Kari Lubbock & Rosie Ortiz with Dora Cruz



Career and Technology (Ag Dept.) - Allison Wagner & Amanda Dominy with Andres Sanchez



Carrizo Furniture Ltd. Co. - Aidan Alvarado with Tim Jarrett



Carrizo Springs Noon Lions Club - Brandi Nelson, Tegatha Hughes, Carolina Criel & Eloy Gonzales with Albert Ruiz



Carrizo Springs Street Rods - Ami De La Fuente with Joe Esquivel



Carrizo Springs Counselors' Association - Amanda Dominy with Linda Hasten



Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Upsilon - Minerva Saenz with Linda Hasten



Carrizo Springs Ex-Students Association - Amanda Dominy with Marilyn Rogers



Clayann Lee Memorial Scholarship - Violi Martinez, Pooja Varshney, Efrain Garza & Dennee Schell with James Dry



CSCISD Partners in Talented & Gifted Education - Brandi Nelson & Eloy Gonzales with Michele Howard

## Senior Scholarship Night



Dimmit Co. 4-H Adult Leaders Association - Allison Wagner & P.J. Boone with Katie Walker



Dimmit County Youth Rodeo Association - P.J. Boone with Bobby Waltermeyer



Evening Lions Club - P.J. Boone with Agustine Martinez



Family Medical Center - Pooja Varshney with John Petry



"Hard Work Makes Dreams Come True" (Justin Brown) - Travis Nance with Don Tate



J.J. Olivarez Scholarship - Karla Aguirre & Adrian Olvera with Leo Perez



Kiwanis Club - Pooja Varshney, Michelle Stone & Allison Wagner with Leo Perez



Joel Garza Scholarship - Carlos Rodriguez with Martin Garza



John Ayers Scholarship - Tegatha Hughes with Johnny Estrada



Super S Foods - Pooja Varshney with Florencio Paredes



The Law Offices of Alfredo Padilla - Ricardo Segura with Irma Garcia



U.S. Border Patrol Manuel Salcido - Mark Flores with Michael Phillips



Union State Bank - Adrian Perez with Mike Allen



Wal-Mart Scholarship - Violi Martinez with Leo Perez

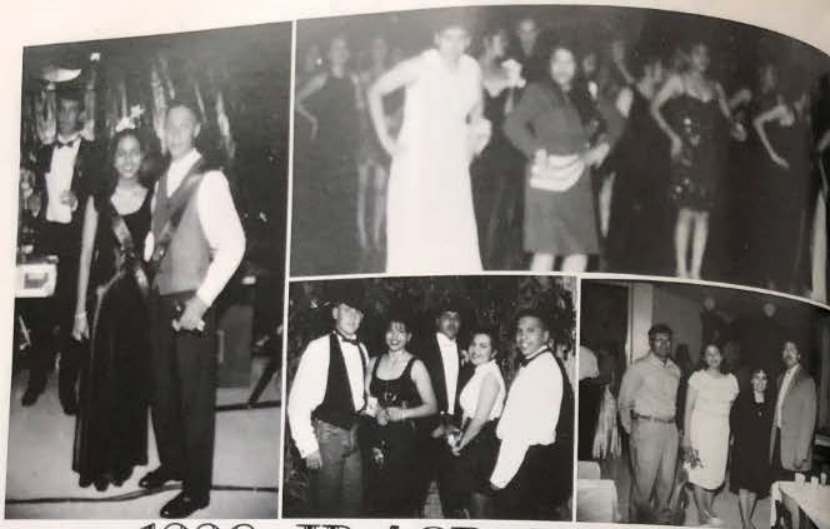


Johnson Memorial Scholarship - Jennifer Zepeda with Leo Perez



Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar - Yancey Strait with Buddy Jones





## 1996 JR / SR PROM

After several weeks of planning and preparation, the Junior prom committee members saw the result of their efforts come to life on Saturday, April 13, 1996. In a matter of hours, the junior high cafeteria went from everyday tables and chairs to lamp

posts and park benches to create the romantic setting for this year's Junior-Senior Prom - "A Walk in the Park." At eight o'clock, Juniors and Seniors and their guests began to arrive dressed in elegant evening wear. They walked down the lighted path onto the dance

floor, surrounded by the city skyline, balloons, couples, close friends, and playing a variety of music ranging from "Macarena" to "On Bended Knee."

People waited in line for prom pictures, which were taken on a park bench. Under a stone archway



## A WALK IN THE PARK

decorated with vines, trees, and balloons, couples, close friends, and siblings smiled for the camera so they could always have a reminder of this special occasion.

At ten-thirty, the results of the Seniors' votes for Prom King and Queen

were announced. Carlos Rodriguez and Pooja Varshney were crowned 1996 Prom King and Queen - and danced their dance to the country ballad, "I Swear."

The Juniors presented all Seniors with souvenir glasses as a memento of

their last dance at CSHS. With all of its anticipation and excitement, Prom 1996 will not soon be forgotten and will always hold a warm place in the hearts of all who attended, especially... The Class of '96.





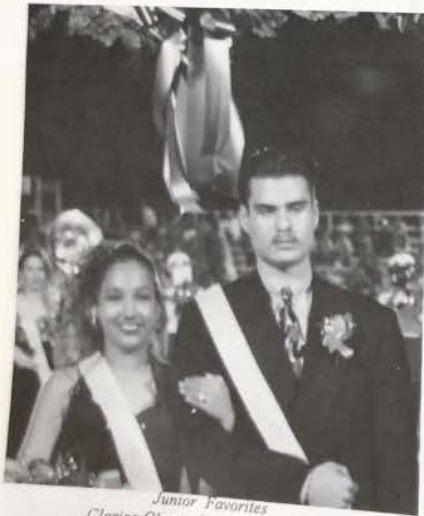
## 1996 Class Favorites



*Freshman Favorites*  
Amanda Murray & Giovanni Gonzalez



*Sophomore Favorites*  
Jamie Bradshaw & Jacob Rodriguez



*Junior Favorites*  
Clarisa Olvera & Fernando Aguirre



*Senior Favorites*  
Debbie Garcia & Mark Flores

E N D O F T H E

ROAD



# 1996 Honor Graduates

*Honor,*

*To choose what is right and proper can only further enhance the chances of success. This success leads to the honor that only the few accomplish.*

*Motivation is the only factor that determines the few who will be honored. These honors will be the leaders of the future. The future is tomorrow and tomorrow begins today. Today is the day the few will begin their aspiration to succeed, and be honored.*



*Valuedictorian  
Pooja Varshney*



*Salutatorian  
Violetta Martinez*



*Historian  
Travis Nance*



*Carolina Criel*



*Ami De La Fuente*



*Debbie Garcia*



*Ephraim Garza*



*Eloy Gonzales*



*Susan Hassan*



*Tegatha Hughes*



*Brandi Nelson*



*Rosalinda Ortiz*



*Denise Schell*



*Michelle Stone*



*Sara Sweeten*



## Graduating

Aguirre, Karla J.  
Alvarado, Aidan R.  
Benavides, Clara



Boone, Paula Jean  
Castano, Martha R.  
Contreras, Elizabeth



Contreras, Victor R.  
Criel, Carolina  
De La Fuente, Ami



Doming, Jason T.  
Diaz, Leah Diana  
Diaz, Ruby



Doming, Amanda Lee  
Dotson, Charree J.  
Dotson, Dora Diane



90 Seniors

## Class of 1996

Flores, Lisa Marie  
Flores, Mark S.  
Garcia, Deborah



Garcia, Efrain Jr.  
Garcia, JoAnne L.  
Gonzalez, Eloy David



Guajardo, Griselda  
Gutierrez, Raquel  
Guzman, Charlotte



Guzman, Cindy  
Hassan, Susan  
Hughes, Tegatha Lea



Jackson, Marcia L.  
Jaime, Jose A.  
Lira, Maria Luisa



Seniors 91



## Graduating

Longoria, Elizabeth  
Lopez, Elia  
Lubbock, Hari Lynn



Martinez, Antonio Jr.  
Martinez, Oscar  
Martinez, Suzanne



Martinez, Violetta A.  
McCulloch, Shy L.  
Mendoza, Laura



Montoya, Adriana  
Munoz, Valerie  
Nance, James Travis



Nelson, Brandi Renee  
Nieto, Jesus  
Ojeda, Teresa D.



## Class of 1996

Olvera, David Adrian  
Ortiz, Jeffrey  
Ortiz, Rosalinda



Padron, Roberto  
Perez, Adrian Gerardo  
Perez, Graciela



Pichardo, Debra  
Quintanilla, Gloria Isela  
Ramirez, Guadalupe P.



Rangel, Elizabeth  
Resendez, Vanesa  
Rodriguez, Carlos II



Rodriguez, Naomi  
Saenz, Jose Omar  
Saenz, Minerva





## Graduating

Salazar, Ruben  
Saldana, Michael  
Sanchez, Leticia



Schell, Ida Denee  
Segura, Ricardo  
Stone, Michelle Louise



Sweeten, Sara M.  
Tellez, Christina  
Tovar, Kisca



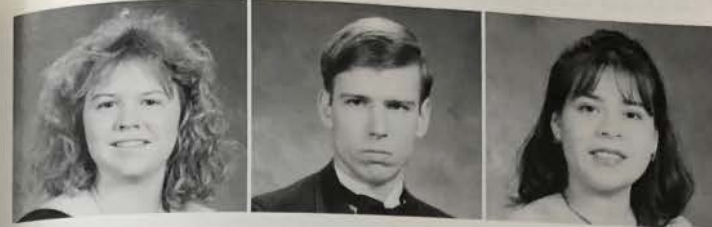
Fristan, Ruby L.  
Vargas, Emi Melissa  
Vargas, Juan P.



Vargas, Michael  
Varshney, Pooja  
Villarreal, Oscar



## Class of 1996



Wagner, Allison M.  
Wyle, Brian  
Lapeda, Jennifer L.

George Alvarado  
Isaias Alvarado  
Monica Beltran  
Jacob Bradshaw  
Annette Bustamante  
Javier Bustamante  
Mike Damian  
Norma Gallegos

Monica Garcia  
Victor Gonzalez  
Mario Guerra  
Elijio Juarez  
Rene Juarez  
Chad Kerr  
Jose Lira  
Jack Long

Bobby Martinez  
Mario Martinez  
Fernando Mata  
Eduardo Nieto  
Dina Ojeda  
Alena Ordonez  
Jessica Ossorio  
Jason Rios

Armando Rodriguez  
Francisco Selgado  
Isanelli Sonora  
Lorenzo Vargas  
Ricardo Vargas  
Hector Vasquez  
Daniel Villar  
Brandon Webb

### To the Class of '96:

It has been a great pleasure to watch you grow and develop into fine young men and women. You leave Carrizo Springs High School with many achievements to your credit - in academics, music, and athletics. You have proved, by earning your credits for graduation and passing TAAS, that you are prepared to compete in the job market and to succeed in higher education. You have the skills to meet the world head-on; all you need is to maintain focus and exercise healthy self-discipline in order to realize your dreams. And while you're at it, don't forget that you are on this earth to make it a better place.

Best of luck to each one of you!

Sincerely,

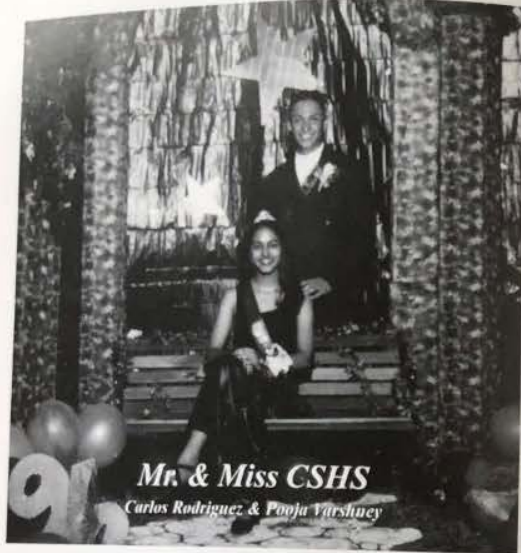
*Dee Carter*

Dee Carter  
Superintendent of Schools





## 1996 Senior Superlatives



**Mr. & Miss CSHS**

Carlos Rodriguez & Pooja Varshney



**Most Involved**

Brandon Nelson & Adrian Perez



**Best All-Around**

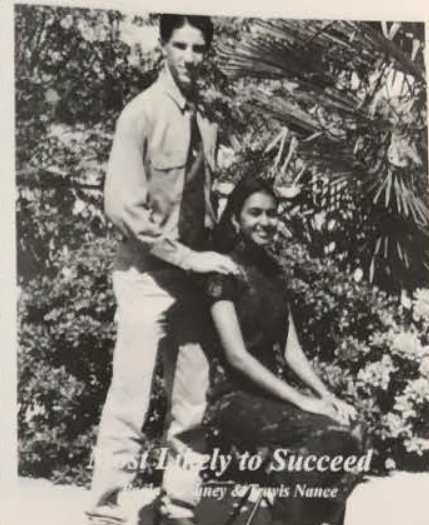
Carolina Criel & Jeffrey Ortiz (not pictured)

## 1996 Senior Superlatives



**Most Beautiful & Handsome**

Clara Benavides & Joe Lira (not pictured)



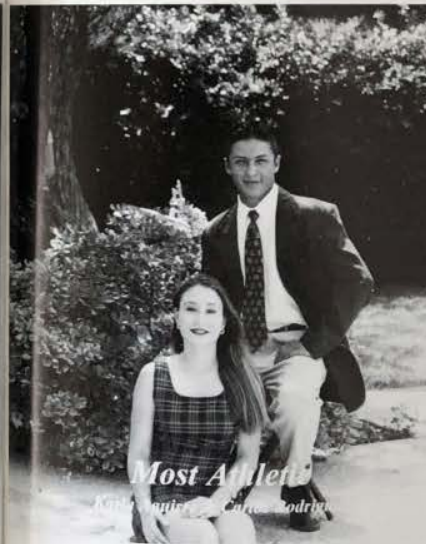
**Most Likely to Succeed**

[Name] & Lewis Nance

We would like to express our thanks to the:

**Casa Monte  
Lodge**

location spot for Class Favorite, Senior Superlative & Who's Who pictures.



**Most Athletic**

[Name] & Carlos Rodriguez



## Who's Who at CSHS

**Athletics:** Basketball-1,2,3,4; Tennis-2,3,4; Track-1,2; Third place District Doubles Tennis-2. **UIL:** TAEA Regional Art Medal-1995 Sculpture-Painting; 1996 Painting-Photography. **Organizations:** Cheerleader-2,3,4; Rodeo Club-1,2,3,4; 4-H-1,2,3,4; State 4-H Shooting Sports-4; District 4-H Shooting Sports-1,4; District 4-H Student Co-3,4; District 4-H Record Book-2,3,4; Dimmit County Youth Rodeo-1,2,3,4-buckle & prizes; 4-H County Officer-1,2,3,4; 4-H Photography-2,3,4; 4-H Horse-1,2,3,4-5 plaques, 1 trophy, prizes; 4-H Beef-1,2,3,4-9 plaques, 4 buckles, 1 medal; 4-H Goats-1,2,3,4-1 medal, ribbons; 4-H Swine-1 medal, ribbons; 4-H Public Speaking- ribbons.

R. J. Boone



**UIL:** Accounting-3; Calculator-1,2,3,4; Mathematics-1,2,3,4; Number Sense-1,2,3,4; One-Act Play-4; Science-1,2,3,4; Number Sense 3rd District, Regional Finalist-4; Number Sense District 1st Team, Regional Finalist Team-4; Mathematics 3rd District, Regional Finalist-4; Mathematics District 1st Team, Regional Finalist Team-4; Mathematics Regional 1st Team, State Finalist-4; Calculator State Team Alternate-4; Accounting Regional Team Alternate-3; Science Regional Team Qualifier-3; TMSCA-1,2,3,4. **Organizations:** Drama Club-4; FFA-4; Yearbook-3,4; NHS-3,4; Project Graduation-2,3,4; RAD-2,3,4; NHS Treasurer-4; Yearbook Photo Editor-4. **Special Recognition:** Who's Who Among American H.S. Students-2,3,4; USAA National Merit Award-Math, Science, Foreign Language, History, English; University of Texas at Austin Microbiology Camp-2; Honor Roll; TAAS Tutor-2; Honor Graduate; Top 10% of Class of 1996.



## Who's Who at CSHS

Carolina Criel



**UIL:** One-Act Play-4; Spelling-3,4; Spelling-2nd District, Regional Finalist-3; Spelling District 1st Team, Regional Finalist Team-3; Spelling 4th District, Regional Finalist Team-4; Spelling District 2nd Team, Regional Alternate Team-4. **Organizations:** Band-1,2,3,4; BPA-4; Yearbook-4; Library Club-3,4; NHS-3,4; Project Graduation-3,4; RAD-2,3,4; Band Representative-3; Musical Excellence Award-2,3; UIL Marching Contest-1,3; ATSSB All-Region Band-1,2,3,4; ATSSB Area Band-1,2,3; Regional Solo & Ensemble-1,2,3,4; State Solo & Ensemble-3,4; UIL Concert & Sightreading-1,2,3,4; Sweepstakes-1,2,3,4; 1st Place Regional BPA Chapter Yearbook-4; State Qualifier BPA Chapter Yearbook-4; State Leadership Conference-4; RAD Vice-President-4; NHS Secretary-4; Yearbook Business Manager-4; CATS Tutor-3,4; VOB Co-Op-4; Prom Committee-3; TAAS Tutor-1,2,3. **Special Recognition:** Drum Major-4; MPB Sweetheart-4; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students-1; USAA All-American Scholar-1,3; USAA English Award-3; USAA History Award-2; USAA Foreign Language Award-2; USAA Student Leadership & Service Award-3; Mass Lector; Honor Graduate; Top 10% of Class of 1996.

Regatha Hughes



**Athletics:** Basketball-1,2; Football Athletic Trainer-1; Track-1,2,3,4; Track 6th place District-1; Track 3rd District, Regional Finalist-2,4; Track 4th District, Regional Alternate-4; Student Athletic Trainer Bi-District Finalist-2. **Organizations:** Class Officer-1,3; NHS-4; Project Graduation-1; RAD-1,2; Student Council-1,3,4; Class Treasurer, Student Council-1,3; Student Council President-4; County Level Grand Champion Hog 3 First Place Awards, 3 Breed Champion Awards Showmanship First Place Award-1; Grand Champion Hog 2 First Place Awards, 2 Breed Champion Awards Showmanship-First Place Award-2; Reserve Grand Champion Hog 2 First Place Awards, 1 Breed Champion Award, 1 Reserve Breed Champion Award Showmanship-First Place-3; Share The Fun First Place-3; Grand Champion Hog 2 First Awards, 1 Breed Champion Award-4; District Level: Share The Fun First Place-3; Grass Judging 1 Third Place Award, Parliamentary Procedure 1 Second Place Award, Farm Radio Broadcast 1 First Place Award, Star Greenhand Award, Swine Proficiency Award-1; State Level: Conroe Hog Prospect Show-Showmanship- First Place Award, Farm Radio Broadcast Third Place Award-1. **Special Recognition:** First Runner-Up Brush Country Days Queen-1,3,4; USAA National Merit Award-1,2,3,4; 2nd Place Soil Conservation Essay-2; 3rd Place Soil Conservation Essay-3; SWTJC Poetry Winner-4; Honor Graduate.



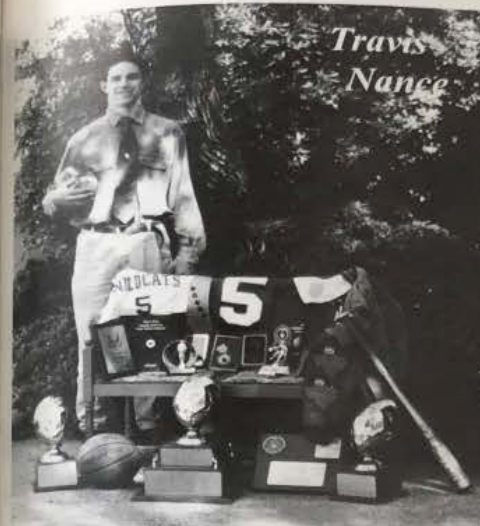
## Who's Who at CSHS

**UIL:** Accounting-3; Calculator-1,2,3,4; Computer Science-4; Mathematics-1,2,3,4; Number Sense-1,2,3,4; Science-1,2,3,4; Accounting 2nd District, Regional Finalist-3; Calculator 3rd District, Regional Finalist-4; Calculator District 1st Team, District, Regional Finalist-4; Calculator Regional 3rd, State Finalist-4; Calculator Regional 1st Team, State Finalist Team-4; Mathematics Regional Finalist, Regional Finalist Team-4; Mathematics District 1st Team, Regional Finalist Team-4; Mathematics 2nd District, Regional Finalist-4; Mathematics Regional 1st Team, State Finalist Team-4; Number Sense 3rd District, Regional Finalist-3; Number Sense 1st District, Regional Finalist-4; Number Sense District 1st Team, Regional Finalist Team-3,4; Science 5th District-4; Science District 1st Team, Regional Finalist Team-4; Mathematics 2nd TMSA-4; TMSA-1,2,3,4. **Organizations:** Cheerleader-1,2,3,4; Class Officer-1,4; Library Club-3,4; NHS-3,4; Project Graduation-4; Student Council-1,2,3,4; Class President-1; Class Treasurer-3; Student Council Treasurer-4; NHS Vice-President-4. **Special Recognition:** Class Favorite-1; Class Duchess-2; Class Princess-4; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students; Texas Energy Science Symposium; Honor Graduate; Salutatorian of Class of 1996.



Violin Marini

## Who's Who at CSHS



Travis Nance

**Athletics:** Baseball-1,2,3,4; Basketball-1,2,3,4; Football-1,2,3,4; Second Team All-District Defensive Back-2,4; First Team All-District Defensive Back-3; Second Team All-District Quarterback-4; Second Team All-District Basketball-4; Second Team All-District Shortstop-3; Honorable Mention All-District Shortstop-4; All Tournament Pearsall Baseball-4; Co-Captain Basketball Team-4; Co-Captain Football Team-4; Bi-District Finalist Member-1,4; Area Finalist Member-2,3; District Champs Member-2,4; Bi-District Champs Member-2,3; District Runner-Up Champs Member-3. **UIL:** Debate-4; Informative Speaking-4; One-Act Play-4; Lincoln-Douglas Debate 4th District, Regional Alternate-4; Informative Speaking 4th District, Regional Alternate-4. **Organizations:** Boys State-3; Drama Club-3,4; Fellowship Christian Athlete-1,2,3,4; Library Club-1,2; NHS-3,4; Project Graduation-4; RAD-4; Boys State County Delegate, County Constable-3; RAD Secretary-4; NHS Bulletin Board Chairman-4. **Special Recognition:** Class Prince-4; Kodak Young Leader Award; Pro 8 News Scholar; Athlete of the Week; Elected to attend TFB Citizenship Seminar; CATS Tutor-3,4; TAAS Tutor; USAA National Merit Award-Science, Math History, English; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students; Honor Graduate; Historian of Class of 1996.

**Athletics:** Basketball-1,2,3,4; Cross Country-2; Tennis-2; Track-1,2,3,4; High Jump 2nd District, Regional Finalist-1,2; 100 Hurdles 2nd District, Regional Finalist-2; 400M Relay 1st District, Regional Finalist-3,4; 400M Relay 2nd District, Regional Finalist-2; Long Jump 2nd District, Regional Finalist-3,4; Honorable Mention Basketball-3; Track Letterman-1,2,3,4; Basketball Letterman-3,4. **UIL:** One-Act Play-3,4; Prose-1. **Organizations:** Band-1,2,3,4; Girls State-3; Cheerleader-4; H-1,2,3; Yearbook-4; NHS-3,4; Project Graduation-3,4; RAD-1,2,3,4; Student Council-2,3,4; Twirler-1,2,3,4; MPB Vice-President-4; Girls State City Official-3; Class Secretary-1; Class President-3; NHS Secretary-4; RAD Vice-President-3; RAD President-4; Student Council Secretary-3; UIL Area Marching Contest-1,3; UIL Concert & Sightreading-1,2,3,4; Sweepstakes-1,2,3,4; Regional Solo & Ensemble-1,2,3; UIL Twirling District-1,2,3,4; UIL Twirling Team-2,3; USTA State-1st Dance-Two State Titles, 1st Presentation State Title, 2nd Baton; 2nd Solo-2; ATF Nationals-1st Advanced Presentation-National Title; USTA Regional Dance Camp Two Regional Titles-2. **Special Recognition:** Class Favorite-3; Brush Country Queen; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students; NAMES; NSMEA; Prom Committee; TAAS Tutor; Honor Graduate; Top 10% of Class of 1996.



Brandi Nelson



Denée Schell

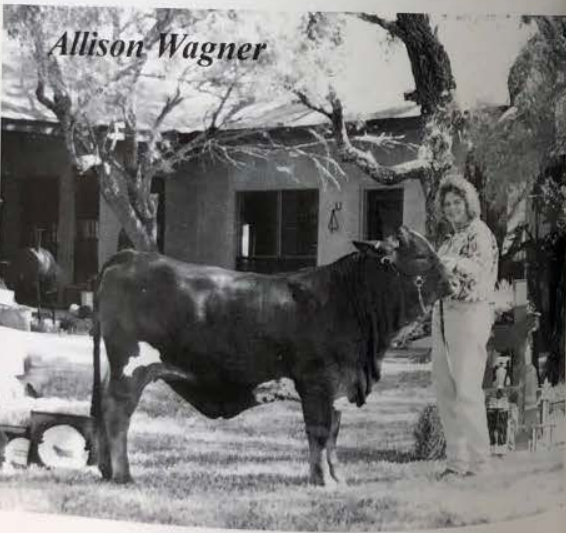
**UIL:** Editorial Writing-3,4; Feature Writing-3,4; Headline Writing-4; News Writing-3,4; One-Act Play-4; Feature Writing 6th District-3; Editorial Writing 3rd District, Regional Finalist-4; Feature Writing 5th District, Regional Finalist-4; News Writing 2nd District, Regional Finalist-3; News Writing 3rd District, Regional Finalist-4. **Organizations:** Girls State Alternate-3; BPA-4; Choir-1,2,3,4; Drama Club-4; Yearbook-3,4; Library Club-3,4; NHS-4; Project Graduation-3,4; RAD-3,4; First Place Regional BPA Chapter Yearbook-4; BPA State Qualifier BPA Chapter Yearbook-4; BPA State Leadership Conference-4; TMEA District-1,2,3,4; TMEA District Choir Member-2,3,4; TMEA Region Choir Member-2; Regional Solo & Ensemble-1,2,3,4; State Solo & Ensemble-2,3,4; Outstanding Choir Member-2,3,4; Section Leader-2,3,4; UIL Concert & Sightreading-1,2,3; Wildcat Choir Vice-President-2; Wildcat Choir President-3,4; Yearbook Co-Editor-4; Prom Committee-3; VOE Co-Op-4. **Special Recognition:** Who's Who Among American H.S. Students-2,3,4; USAA Science Award-2; USAA English Award-3,4; TAAS Tutor-2,3; TAAS Summer Tutor-3; Honor Roll; CSHS Food Committee-4; Honor Graduate; Top 10% of Class of 1996.



# Who's Who at CSHS



*Pooja Varshney*



Allison Wagner

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**Athletic Director:** FFA-12.3, **Trust:** 7, **Organization:** FFA-1  
**Club Officers:** FFA-12.3, **League:** 12.6, **Project:** 12.6  
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102 Who's Who

*"It's A Beautiful Morning . . ."*  
*Kellogg May Morning Breakfast*

*Friday, May 24, 1996*  
*High School Cafetorium*  
*7:00 A.M.*

Invocation.....	Travis Nance
Welcome.....	Salvatorian-Violi Martinez
Toast to Class of 1996.....	Valedictorian- Pooja Varshney
Response.....	Class President- Mark Flores
History of Breakfast.....	Kathleen Farris
Book Presentation.....	Leo Perez
Emcees.....	Brandi Nelson & Efrain Garza
Senior Wildcat Choir Members.....	Leah Diaz & Denee' Schell
Song: "Friends".....	by Michael W. Smith

*Fight on Carrizo High, come on and roll the score up high!  
For old Carrizo High, we will ever do or die.  
And you our Wildcats dear, will in our hearts be ever near.  
For the purple and gold, we'll be brave and true and bold.  
Wildcats Fight, Fight, FIGHT!*



"We will all have... memories of... the great times..."



Senior book presentation- *Atlas of the World*

***Class Motto:***

"It's all GOOD!"

***Class Colors:***

### Purple & Silver

*Class Flower:*

*White Rose*

*Class Song:*

"Today" by The Smashing Pumpkins

*Class of '96 - at their last breakfast together at CSHS!*

Senior Breakfast 103





Mingling in the parking lot.



Walking onto the field.



"It has to be perfectly flat."



Travis giving the Invocation.



Viola delivering the Salutatory Address.

## Commencement Exercises of

On the evening of May 24, 1996, one hundred and ten anxious graduates filed into Frank Carter Stadium awaiting the pinnacle of their school careers. Graduates lined up as they had been instructed to do during practice earlier that morning. The air was filled with a potpourri of emotions, ranging from excitement to sadness, anticipation to fear, as they made last minute adjustments to their purple attire.

What many graduating seniors actually felt as the beginning notes to "Pomp and Circumstance" were heard was contrary to their expectations. The two-line processional march began at approximately eight o'clock. Graduates walked across the field to their appointed seats and remained standing for the national anthem and the Invocation, delivered by Historian Travis Nance. Seniors began to feel the end arriving as they heard

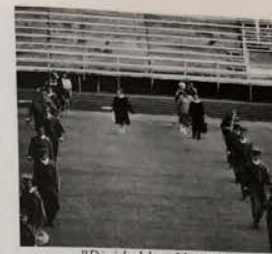
his words, which were inspired by a quote from Vince Lombardi, "I firmly believe that any man's finest hour is when he lies exhausted on the field of battle, victorious." The good cause in this case is a full and complete education. As we cross this platform tonight we ARE victorious."

Salutatorian Violetta Martinez spoke next. Her speech inspired a sense of adventure as she mentioned plans for the future and reminded the class not to forget their roots and to return to good old CSHS in ten years. "We are a class of achievers... full of success stories... hopes and dreams... We are the Class of 1996."

Then the graduation ceremony took a slightly different turn. Instead of having the usual inspirational guest speaker, there was a presentation in song. Senior Denée Schell sang a solo, entitled "To the Class of '96", by



Lining up for the march.



"Divided but United."



Isaías receiving his diploma.

## the Graduating Class of 1996

Wayne Watson. Seniors were overwhelmed with visions of the past and future as she sang the words: "To the Class of '96, Congratulations are in line, God has surely been most faithful, He's been so much more than kind, Live your visions and dream your dreams, Everywhere you go in all you do, Just remember you are loved, And somebody here is always praying for you..."

Pooja Varshney followed, with the Valedictory Speech. In closing one chapter in their lives, she said, "Today is the greatest day," says our class song. May this be only the beginning of great days for us, and may our lives be filled with moments to which this line will perfectly describe our feelings."

After all the speeches had been made, CSHS Principal Jerome Colosimo said, "This is a class of achievers. They have very much to be proud of. They have achieved in every

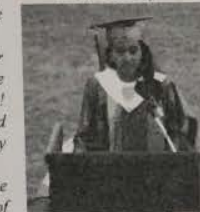
way imaginable: we are proud to celebrate their achievements," as he certified the class. Then he and Assistant Principal Santos Nieto presented Pooja Varshney and Violetta Martinez with Academic Scholarships. This was followed by the moment everyone had been waiting for—the presentation of diplomas given by Board of Trustees: Mike Blake, Alfredo Casteneda, Bruce Frasier, James Gonzalez, Tim Hasten, Jose Martinez, Noe Rodriguez, and Superintendent Dee Carter.

Seniors couldn't believe it was really over as the crowd huddled around them on the field, and they tossed their caps into the air! Graduates were embraced with hugs and warm wishes from classmates, peers and family members.

The night of May 24 will not soon be forgotten by the Class of '96, and the Class of '96 will never be forgotten!



Denée' singing her tribute "To The Class of '96."



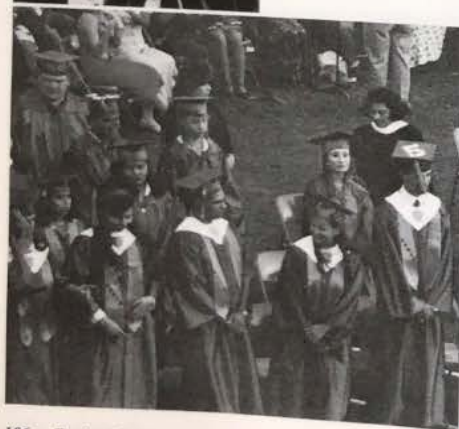
Pooja reciting her Valedictory Speech.







*Today is the greatest...*



106 Graduation



*"I can fly, I can fly!"*



*Fernando pushing through the defense for a Slam Dunk.*



*"No Jeffrey, Give me the cherries!"*

*"It's My Party.."*



*"No fair, he's cheating."*



*"Who took my chair?"*



*"Get Down-- Y M C A !"*



*Seniors making bids for the big prizes at the auction.*

*Project Graduation 107*



## "Up All Night, Sleep All Day ..."

The fun and excitement of the Sixth Annual Project Graduation began at CSHS on the night of May 24, and did not end until 6:00 the following morning. Seniors celebrated their graduation with a chemical-free party and enjoyed being together as a class for the last time at CSHS. Guests were greeted in traditional oriental style and were given fortune cookies as they walked through an authentic bamboo hut. Mrs. Marta Medina and RAD club members did a great job with the decorations and creating the mood. Seniors, their guests and RAD club members enjoyed games, music, food, and contests throughout the night. The upper level of the cafeteria was transformed into a casino through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club. Seniors gambled the night away playing a variety of games, all of them hoping to earn the "Big Bucks" for the grand auction to be held in the early hours of the morning.

Everyone enjoyed the Texas Tumbleweed, Mama Whale Bounce and the Slam Dunk games. Part of the gym was reserved for those who wanted to shoot hoops. Music entertainment was provided by De Javu. There was a variety of movies being shown in the Band Hall for those who needed a brief rest. The casino tables were put away around 2:00 A.M. and the games began! Games included: Chubby Bunny, a Bubble Gum Race, a Pie Eating Contest, and The Lifesaver Pass. Prizes were given to the winners. Door prizes were awarded to Seniors throughout the night, and ranged from Carrizo Springs Banners to Drug-Free T-shirts.

When the games were over, Seniors began adding up their winnings so they could bid on items auctioned by Mr. Allen. The auction prizes were carefully selected to be useful to "The College Freshmen." A breakfast of pancakes with all the trimmings was served at 5:30 A.M. As the all-night party came to a close, a random drawing determined the winners for the Grand Prizes, which were as follows: TV- Ricardo Segura, VCR- P.J. Boone, Stereo- Pooja Varshney, Microwave- Tegatha Hughes & Three Fiesta Texas Tickets went to Chad Kerr. Many thanks go out to the many faculty, staff, Kiwanis Club & community members, local businesses, friends and parents for making the 1996 Project Graduation a huge success! Congratulations Class of '96.



Our Oriental greeters, handing out fortune cookies.



The authentic oriental bamboo hut.

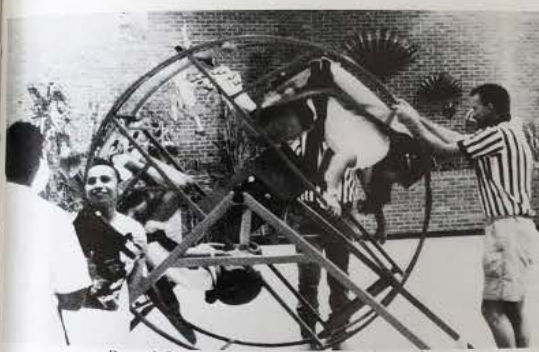


Check out all the action.

## Project Graduation 1996



Viola & Juan trying to increase their spending money playing poker.



Round & round in the Texas Tumbleweed.



"Snake eyes, give me snake eyes."



Jeffrey blossomed over night!



# "We Will- We Will-Rock You..."



Someone hasn't had their V8 today.



Do any of you want candy?

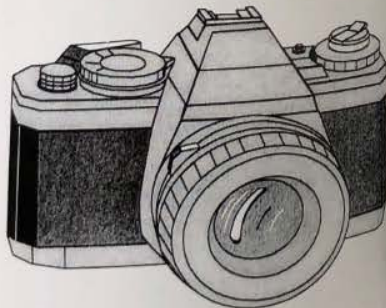
The 1995-96 CARRIZO ROCKS ON yearbook was a long and difficult task! The year began with a staff consisting of over twenty members, but as it progressed, that number decreased tremendously! One main factor that led to this was that yearbook was not offered during the school day, which meant all work had to be done after school and on weekends. The staff also had to learn how to use the new Aldus Pagesetter Program and how to paste up pages. Being on the staff took much time, effort, and dedication.

There were nine members that endured the many deadlines, problems, laughs, and headaches - Zeke Alvarado, Ami De La Fuente, Arturo Martinez, Violi Martinez, John Schell, Scotty Schell, Richard Yebra, and Co-Editors, Denne' Schell and Pooja Varshney, who finally saw the yearbook put to rest. There are many others that contributed to the yearbook, either gathering information for a write-up, acquiring pictures, selling advertisements, taking photos, designing a layout, proofreading, or selling yearbooks, that are to be thanked- without their help, this book would not be possible. Many thanks go out to: Albert Carmona, Carolina Criel, Charlette Guzman, Jametra Isaac, Esperanza Iturbe, Brandi Nelson, Deanira Ortiz, Adrian Perez, Fernando Quintanilla, Veronica Rodriguez, Minerva Saenz, Deepa Varshney, and Corina Zepeda. Much gratitude is to also be expressed to Mrs. Granberry, first time sponsor, and new to CSHS staff.

We hope you like it!... From your 1995-96 Staff



Scotty pasting up the pages.



Our editors Denne' & Pooja, going over proofs.

# 1995 -96 WILDCAT Yearbook Staff



When the pressures of yearbook become too much- stick your head in a purse!



John thinks he's SMOOTH.



"Don't even think about it!"



"Gotcha- Mr. Photographer!"



"Give it to Me--- SCOTTY!"



"04984! !!"



## *Editor's Note*

*To The Carrizo Springs High School 1995-96 Student Body:*

*As you flip through the pages of this annual, we hope to have captured many of the memories, hopes, and dreams shared by all of you. As always, life at CSHS, was marked by its diverse student body, distinguished faculty, numerous team and organization awards, trophies, and titles, and the Wildcat passion that never dies...*

*We also hope to have provided you with a glimpse of what life was like, and the many changes that have occurred over the sixty year time span, between the WILDCATS first publication and now.*

*We know that it is impossible to contain all the events and moments of this year in about 120 pages, but we hope our coverage will please you. Much time, thought, effort, and work was put into every page in this book!*

*We would like to thank those who helped us along the way- students, teachers, coaches, principals, Superintendent Dee Carter, local businesses, and of course our staff and sponsor- Mrs. Beth Granberry.*

*Ami, Arturo, Richard, Viola, and Zeke- thanks for putting up with our demands and for working so hard. And to our siblings: Deepa- who wasn't part of the staff, who had to spend many hours waiting, and who never complained when we asked for her help; and Chris and Scotty: who probably had to endure the most, and whom without their vital help this book would never have been finished! No one will appreciate you more than we have- ever!*

*We hope you take the time to look through these pages and reminisce the 1995-96 school year, now and for years to come. And may the many fond memories of our time here at CSHS, be forever preserved in the hearts and minds of us all. - Go Wildcats!*

*Love Your Co-Editors,  
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- Most of all for being such a great sponsor

Thanks for being such an  
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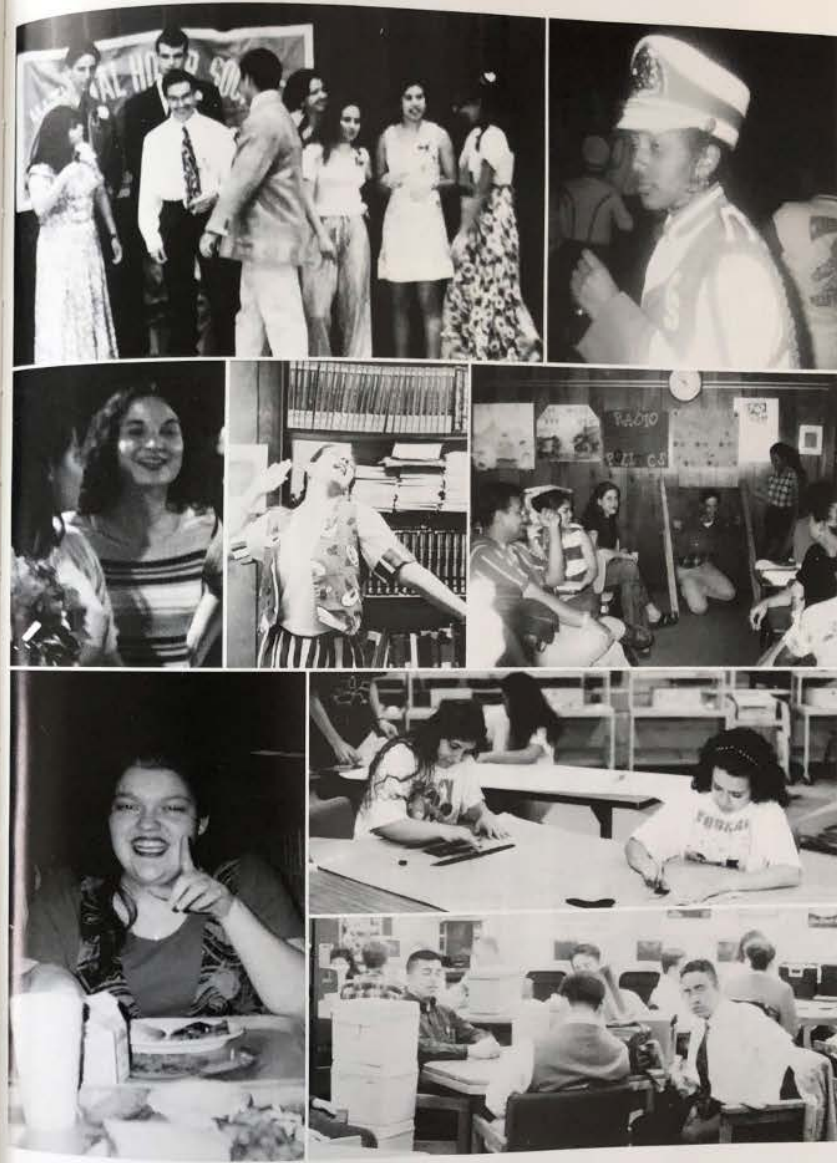


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