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## ASE-High school seniors celebrate graduation 2021

A milestone amidst a global pandemic  
by Camree Volk

The commencement exercises of Albuquerque School of Excellence, ASE for the graduating class of 2021 was held last May 21, 2021, 5:00 pm at the ASE High School Gymnasium.

Fifteen seniors satisfactorily completed all their academic

requirements for graduation and were confirmed as graduates.

The class of 2021 valedictorian is Rebecca Tessema, and the salutatorian is Mariam Salehseif.

Both gave their valedictory and salutatory addresses respectively.

Taylor White also gave a speech during the graduation ceremonies.

The graduates are: Madison Baxley, Tayshaun Begay, Ailin

Gallart, Yasmeen Hammad, Jose Lopez, Alicia Martinez, Madalyn Nilsson, Matthew Phillips, Xavier Rodriguez-Serna, Mariam Salehseif, Elena Sandoval, Megan Gayle Santos, Rebecca Tessema, Eddie Tsattie, and Taylor White.

The school administrators in attendance were Mr. Mustafa Ayik, Mr. Hakan Yanar, Mr. Hakan Sisek, Ms. Vickie Kwiecinski, Ms. Karen Madsen, and Ms. Dora Summy.

in-person guests were limited to five personal guests per graduate; and the graduation ceremonies was live streamed via zoom.

High school teachers were also in attendance with Ms. Shawn Graybeal-Sellers as the master of ceremonies.

The high school department headed by the HS assistant-principal Mr. Yanar with Ms. Graybeal-Sellers and Ms. Hurst organized the event.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions,



A GREAT FAREWELL - Rebecca Tessema, Valedictorian gives her Valediction during the Commencement Ceremonies held last May 21, 2021 at ASE Gymnasium. Photo Credit: Mr. Yanar



A GREAT WELCOME - Mariam Salehseif, Salutatorian gives her salutatory address during the Commencement Ceremonies held last May 21, 2021 at ASE Gymnasium. Photo Credit: Mr. Yanar



AN UNFORGETTABLE MILESTONE: Beating the odds!!! - Graduates of Class 2021 celebrate the culmination of their high school journey amidst a global pandemic with a send off from the school administrators (R-L Ms. Summy, Ms. Kwiecinski, Ms. Madsen, Mr. Yanar, Mr. Sisek, Mr. Ayik; top, Ms. Graybeal-Sellers-emcee) during the Commencement Ceremonies held last May 21, 2021 at ASE Gymnasium. Photo Credit: Mr. Yanar



SHARING THE MOMENT - Taylor White gives a speech during the Commencement Ceremonies held last May 21, 2021 at ASE Gymnasium. Photo Credit: Mr. Yanar



# ASE's Sophie Earp to represent New Mexico

## Receives nominations for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence

by Sydney Koranyi

**Sophie Earp, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Albuquerque School of Excellence of Albuquerque is a New Mexico-Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders to be held on June 26th and 27th, 2021.**

During the two-day Congress, Sophie Earp will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are

living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields.

Sophie's nomination was endorsed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, a 2007 winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists last March 29, 2021 with the judgment and nomination executed at Boston Massachusetts.

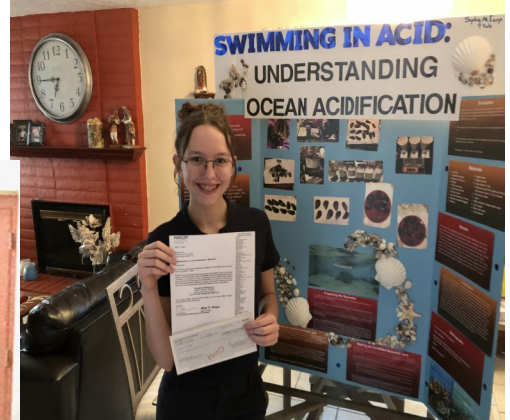
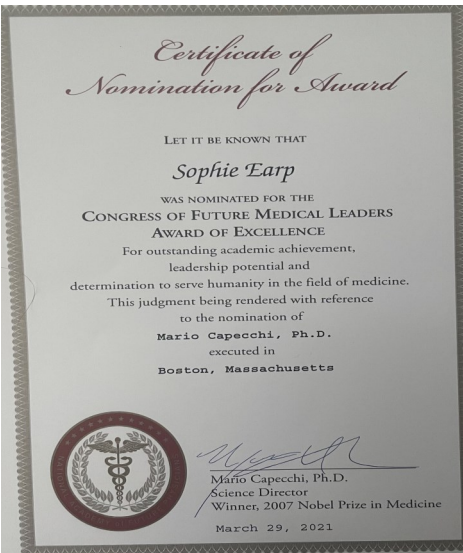
Her nomination was based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

Sophie is a conscientious community member with a drive to better the world around her.

Through her involvement with the High School Student Council at ASE, Sophie has spearheaded efforts such as school-wide

equity, school spirit, and education initiatives, such as the *ASE Eats* cooking and nutritional education events.

She has also participated as a student leader at the *New Mexico Diversity Conference for Youth*, sharing her leadership skills and knowledge with her community at school and beyond.





## Letter from the Editor

*Dear ASE Community,*

*"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials."*—  
Chinese Proverb

The events and circumstances that happened since the end of 2019 until now has been life changing for all the people around the world. It has impacted everyone in one way or the other.

In the same manner, the 2020-2021 school year at Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) was eventful for everyone in attendance. It began in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic, forcing students, teachers, and staff into an online learning model. They were forced to improvise, adapt, and eventually, overcome. Despite all the challenges, they were able to have a successful and beneficial year at ASE.

At the start of the school year, everything had to be moved online. All the classes were to be attended through the online video-chatting platform called Zoom. Students would meet with teachers virtually like they would in a classroom. ASE also invested on online learning programs such as Odysseyware, Edgenuity, and other educational online resources to help students' academic needs.

The school also provided guidance and support for address mental health and has introduced and implemented the Social and Emotional Learning Program (SEL) into their classrooms.

Using these programs helped students stay in touch and engaged while quarantining in the comfort of their homes. Students were also given the opportunity to still participate in clubs and afterschool activities, which were all offered online as well.

As the year went on, the United States was able to see the effectiveness of their Covid-19 subduing measures. Schools were allowed to start reopening with proper CDC guidelines.

ASE spared no expense when it came to the safety of students and staff. The school invested on various safety equipment including classroom air purifiers, additional windows, and sneeze guards. They strictly adhered to CDC Covid-19 guidelines and protocol and hired additional cleaning crew to take care of the buildings, along with all other safety precautions necessary.

In March of 2021, ASE was able to officially reopen their school for hybrid learning for kindergarten through 7th grade. Then in April of 2021, ASE fully reopened for in-person learning for all grade levels, while continuing its adherence to all Covid-19 safety measures.

Despite all the challenges that ASE and everyone faced, ASE was still able to see growth and development in students' academic performance and was still able to tap students' potentials in various fields.

A great number of students received awards and recognitions from joining competitions amidst the pandemic which included the National Journalism Contest, Regional Science Fair, with some students representing ASE in the National level, Arts, Literary Writing, and Spelling Bee to name a few. An ASE student was also given the honor to represent New Mexico and ASE in the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

These achievements proved that ASE and its community's resilience, determination and perseverance amidst adversity can lead to great success.

All throughout the school year, no health-related issue concerning Covid-19 was dealt with as students went to hybrid. The support and intervention provided by the school with the cooperation of the students and their families, as well as the staff made the academic journey successful.

These successes also proved the great character that each and individual member of ASE has. The qualities of the phoenix which rises above any storm has been reflected in each ASE member all throughout this unprecedented journey.

And in parting, as the Editor-in-Chief of the Phoenix Times for this school year, may I leave you with a quote that **H. Jackson Brown, Jr.** once said, **"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today"**

The Phoenix Times

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# NEW FACES by Marwa Zameer

## RANDY GUTIERREZ



A new face in Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) is Mr. Randy Gutierrez.

Mr. Gutierrez has a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership, Master of Arts degree in Special Education, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

He teaches ELA for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and has 20 years of teaching experience.

Among the things he likes doing are training for marathons when his knees let him, playing golf, and going on camping and fishing trips.

Mr. Gutierrez likes the way ASE is run, "This is the first time I saw the administration go out and help every day. I feel I was given an opportunity to do something I did not know about, and I was given plenty of assistance by Mrs. Kwiecinski. and Ms. Martinez," he said in parting.



## ASHLEY MCKINSTRY



"It says it is sweeter the second time around."

Meet Ms. Ashley McKinstry, a not so new face here in Albuquerque of Excellence (ASE) having taught in ASE a few years back.

Ms. McKinstry has a master's degree in in Special Education from The University of New Mexico (UNM).

She has eight years of teaching experience and have taught Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade, and Eighth Grade.

Her two amazing nieces are her pride and joy; and she is also a proud dog mom. She loves the New York Giants football team, and she has an obsession for coffee.

She loves to plant, take walks with her dog, and spend time with her family and loved ones.

For Ms. McKinstry, teaching seemed to be a calling, "I have always wanted to be a teacher since I was in second grade," she said. "I believed I could, so I did; and after working in ASE a few years back, I decided to put work on halt and further my education." She added.

Ms. McKinstry has seen how ASE has grown so much over the years, and said, "it's great to be a part of the growth of ASE now that I am back."



# SHARE TO INSPIRE

## A Woman Who Cares: Jaclyn Trujeque by Sydney Koranyi



Jaclyn Trujeque is a registered nurse (RN) supervisor at the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH). She had worked in various units at UNMH for twelve years now.

She graduated from the University of New Mexico in May of 2008 with a degree in Bachelor of Science of Nursing.

At the beginning of high school, she wanted to be a doctor, she then realized that nurses spent more one on one time with patients and switched her focus over to becoming a nurse.

At the start of the pandemic, she took on shifts on a covid unit working with patients who tested positive for Covid-19, recovering patients, and patients waiting to receive their test results back. She was then asked to help supervise the now Covid-19 unit, becoming a RN supervisor helping travel nurses.

Jaclyn describes working on a Covid-19 unit as stressful and emotionally taxing. One of the hardest parts of her profession is witnessing patient's health decline, "I try to do everything in my power to help my patients get well and survive, and when all that I do lead to no positive result, it takes an emotional toll on me," Jaclyn said.

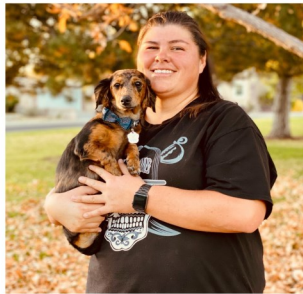
Amidst all the hardships, there have been some positive outcomes; one of which is seeing the nursing community come together as whole and lift one another up; and seeing her patients recover.

For Jaclyn, her passion in helping other keeps her going, she said, "The most rewarding thing about working on a Covid-19 unit is seeing the patients I took care of for months upon months be able to go home to their families."

According to Jaclyn, "Working on a Covid unit makes me think 'did I do everything right, did I keep my family and patients safe.' I always have my constant doubt within me because I care for my patients, my family, and all the people I come across with."

Despite the fear she has with the Covid-19 virus, she will always take the opportunity to help patients and work on the Covid-19 unit in an instant, no matter the risks.

Jaclyn's willingness to help others and learn new ways to treat a still unknown virus is inspiring.





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL



## Aanya Reddy - Kindergarten

Aanya is very responsible she always logs in and keeps me on my toes if I miss something in our assignment. She goes beyond the project and always had such a great attitude. If I could give Aanya more than 100 in the work, she does I would. She also takes so much pride in her work.  
 By Ms. Solis

## Addison Chapman - 1st Grade

Addison works hard and is kind to other students in class. She is always willing to help everyone.  
 By Ms. Diane Barrett



## Angelo Defazio - 2nd Grade

Angelo is a very smart working hard student; he helps everybody in his class. By Ms. Badiaa Hafs

## Orhan Dogan - 3rd Grade

Orhan is a very hard worker. He works ahead on more difficult work and asks for help to help him understand more difficult concepts. Orhan is great a friend to his classmates and very respectful to his peers and teachers. I'm very proud of you Orhan, you have had an amazing year in 3rd grade! By Ms. Alexandra King

He is always committed to his learning and enjoys discussions in science. He also is very helpful to teachers. By Ms. Landavazo

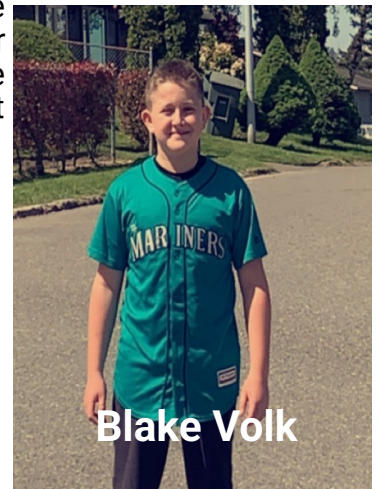


## Mason Vargas - 4th Grade

Mason is a well-rounded student who does his best both academically and socially. He maintains high grades and contributes to school culture by competing in the Scripps National Spelling bee (he was an ASE winner) and contributing to after school Book Club. He is friendly and courteous. He also frequently helps out in his family restaurant business on weekends. By Lorette Lambert

## Blake Volk - 5th Grade

Blake is a very hard worker. He always completes his work and is helpful to others. He is very responsible and trustworthy.  
 By Suzanne Zamora





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL



**Fisher Rego**

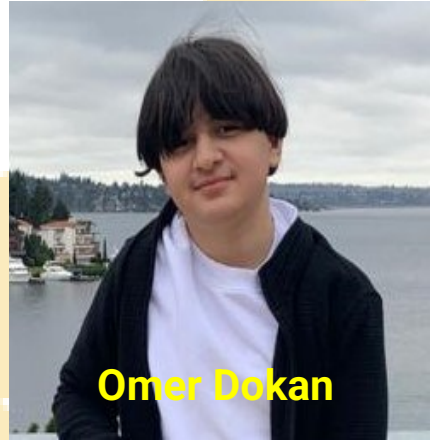
## Fisher Rego - 6th Grade

Crushing his work/ Project and is far ahead of where I expected (in a good way) **By Mr. Schweitzer**

## JR Hogan - 7th Grade

He comes to tutoring every time. He is respectful, kind, and a hard worker. **By Ms. Gray**

## Omer Dokan - 8th Grade



**Omer Dokan**

Omer is a great student. He is prompt and diligent in performing all his academic tasks. He is polite and respectful in his manner and words; has a great personality and fosters admirable character and values. **By Mrs. Ma. Gloria M. King**



**Sophia Ebert**

## Sophia Ebert - 9th Grade

Sophia always turns in her work on time and works ahead on Edgenuity most of the time. She is usually the first student in her class volunteering answers, demonstrating her willingness to challenge herself and get outside her comfort zone even when she's not 100% sure she's right. I was particularly impressed by her recent 5-paragraph essay about how to help end global warming. Her position was impassioned and laid out clearly and concisely. Without exception, she comes to class with a positive, upbeat attitude and ready to learn. And on top of all that, she

has gotten straight "A"s in her classes mostly because she puts her best effort forward in all her assignments. **By Ms. MacDonald**

## Friday Bausinger - 10th Grade

Friday is always focused on his work and contributing to class discussions. He is always on time, polite, friendly, and concerned for others. He asks excellent questions and makes great connections to the material we're learning in class. **By Ms. Kitty Hurst**



**Friday Bausinger**



**Leilani Romero**

## Leilani Romero - 11th Grade

Leilani is an excellent student. She works very hard for her classes and cares about her education. She always comes to zoom and actively participated in zoom discussions. She communicates with the teacher in good manners, and she stays on top of her schedule. **By Ms. Qingqing Cui**

# TEACHER OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### Ms. Barbara Mallard

by Beau Weaver

*"You're off to good places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting so get on your way!"* By, Dr. Suess is a quote that his teacher love, and can best relate to her.

Meet Ms. Barbara Mallard, an experienced teacher of 16 years now and is presently teaching in Albuquerque School of Excellence.

Ms. Mallard earned her master's degree as a Reading Specialist from the Northeastern State University and her bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

She had taught Title I Math, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ELL, and a classroom teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.

In July of 2020, Mrs. Mallard had left her family and friends in Oklahoma to go to Albuquerque, New Mexico with her teenage daughter and her dachshund, Oliver. She is a loving mother to five children - four boys and one girl and a proud grandma to five grandchildren - three boys and two girls.

She loves spending time with her family, listening to music, exploring the mountains, refinishing old furniture, painting designs on old pallets, and going to antique car shows.

Leaving family and moving to a different place is not easy, "the move to Albuquerque and ASE was quite scary and definitely a little rocky at first," she said. "But thanks to my amazing students, their families and the wonderful staff and administration at this school, the transition turned out to be a very good decision," she added.

Ms. Mallard is optimistic and is excited to see what next year brings.



## HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL - Ms. Katherine Hurst

by Sarah Adi

Meet Ms. Katherine Hurst, a teacher who lives her life to the fullest.

She has a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communication and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of New Mexico, UNM. She also attended classes from the University of North-Central Colorado and CNM.

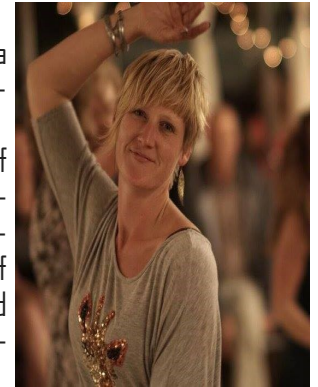
Ms. Hurst prefers to read a book than watch a movie, which is why, without a doubt, it is also her profession.

This is her second year of teaching and her first year in Albuquerque School of Excellence, ASE where she teaches English Language Arts for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as AP Literature.

She grew up in Albuquerque but have lived in seven US states and visited 13 countries. India and Southeast Asia, specifically Vietnam & Thailand are her favorite places to travel abroad.

Ms. Hurst is a woman of adventure. She has experienced scuba diving in Borneo, temple-climbing in Myanmar, and last year, she earned her yoga teaching certification in India.

Her love for the outdoors is what makes her busy, in fact, she is excited for her week-long backpacking trip on the Pacific Crest Trail early this summer.



She loves nature and enjoys every bit of it, "I like to read poetry out loud while soaking in natural hot springs," Ms. Hurst said.

Being an advocate for many things is also significant to her, "I was a farmer for many years, and I'm convinced that people should have a connection with the food they eat. I'm passionate about social justice and student voice in the classroom, and the saying 'Depth over distance' is

one of my favorite guiding phrases," she said.

"I'm honored to be part of such an awesome team! The staff has been extremely welcoming, and ASE students are incredible. Even through the challenges of a virtual and hybrid year, I am thoroughly impressed by the perseverance and commitment to excellence at this school," Ms. Hurst said.





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

**Kamelia Khalil**



## Kamelia Khalil - Kindergarten

Kamelia is always does her work. She is a very smart kinder student. He is very respectful and enjoys school. **By Ms. Solis**

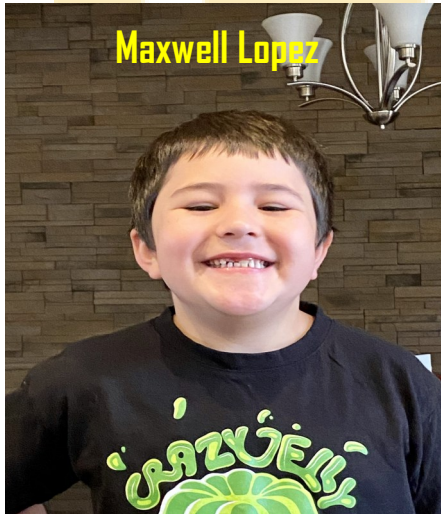
## Shristi Monger - 1st Grade

She if friendly to all of her peers, she turns in her work in a timely manner. She will be friends with all students in the classroom. She works hard on her class work and with participate in group discussions. **By Ms. Barrett**



**Shristi Monger**

**Maxwell Lopez**

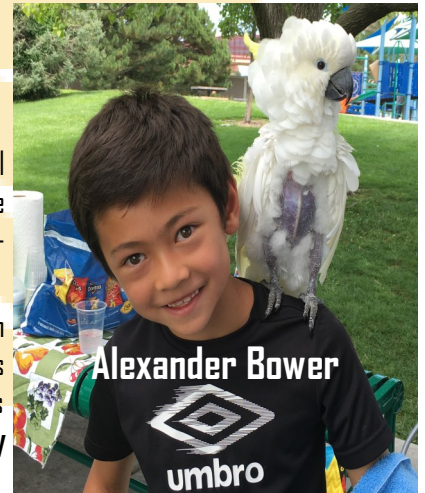


## Maxwell Lopez - 2nd Grade

Maxwell is an amazingly awesome student. He is very well mannered and always willing to lend a helping hand. He takes his school work very seriously and always strives to do his very best. **By Ms. Barbara Mallard**

## Alexander Bower - 3rd Grade

Alexander is an amazing student and puts forth full effort in everything that is asked of him. He is a role model for his peers in terms of academics and behaviors. **By Ms. Michele Cashill**



**Alexander Bower**

Xander is devoted to his education and that is seen daily though his classwork, his attention to detail in his learning, and his consistent interest in strengthening his current skills. Xander is respectful to his peers and teachers and his helpful and kind. Thank you Xander for being a role model for us all! **By Ms. Alexandra King**

He is a great student who likes to do his best in all areas of his education. **By. Ms. Leslee Landavazo**

**Wyatt Vargas**

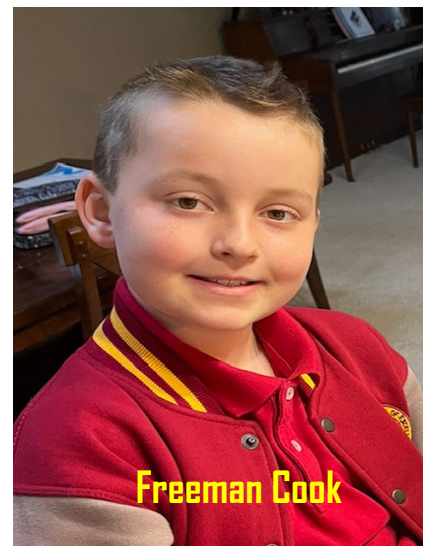


## Wyatt Vargas - 4th Grade

He is an outstanding student that truly enjoys learning and participating in his education. **By Ms. Leslee Landavazo**

## Freeman Cook - 5th Grade

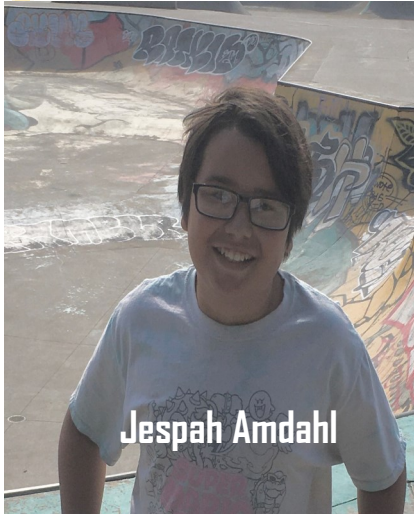
Freeman is new to ASE this year and has done an excellent job rising to the challenge of our school. He wants to do the right thing all the time. He asks to question for understanding and is an amazing asset to



**Freeman Cook**

his 5th grade class. **By Ms. Suzanne Zamora**

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY



**Jespah Amdahl**

## Jespah Amdahl - 6th Grade

Jespah has been working very hard at math this year. He is an in-person student who completes his work on time and sets a great example for his peers. Jespah's hard work was recently verified by his math NWEA score which increased 31 percentage points over his first test this year. This is amazing progress and a testament to Jespah's hard work and dedication.

By Mr. Norcross

## William Griffin - 7th Grade

Excellent student! He is a hard worker.

By Ms. Graybeal-Sellers



**William Griffin**



**Analiyah Cotinola**

## Analiyah Cotinola - 8th Grade

The student has always been diligent in her academic endeavors. She volunteers in class, and she is not afraid to make mistakes. She regularly to schedule to meet with me so that she could demonstrate her mastery of skills or correct her misunderstandings. Her attitude does not change toward the end of the school year. By Ms. Judy Ma

## Muhammetnur Sapayev - 9th Grade

Muhammet has been an engaged and motivated student throughout the entire year. He was one of the few students who consistently turned on his camera during Zoom sessions, and even completed an assignment that required him to complete a video book talk (the majority of my students refused to do this!). His grand ambitions (he plans on becoming a doctor) as well as his exceptional manners have never ceased to amaze me. He always goes above and beyond the requirements of the assignments I give him, and has gotten "A"s the entire year. I'm certain he will make a brilliant and compassionate MD one day.

By Ms. MacDonald



**Muhammetnur Sapayev**

## Juliana Pohland - 10th Grade

Juliana cares about her education and works hard to complete all her activities assigned in class and lab. She is an excellent student and has excellent time management skills. She is always on schedule and completes her work with an excellent quality. By Ms. Qingqing Cui

## Ramy Awad - 11th Grade

Excellent student! By Ms. Graybeal-Sellers



# TEACHER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### Ms. Kendyl Stromberg

by Beau Weaver

*"It's not about perfection; it's about improvement"* -

Kendyl Stromberg

Meet Ms. Kendyl Stromberg, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher at Albuquerque School of Excellence, ASE.

She earned her degree in Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies for Early Childhood - 6 grade from Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.

Ms. Stromberg has been teaching for eight years now and has with ASE for two years now.

Life lessons are very important for Ms. Stromberg, and she always impart that to her students. "As a student myself, I always worked hard to achieve top marks. Now, as a teacher, I get to encourage my students to work hard and keep trying, to never give up."

Ms. Stromberg was born and raised in Albuquerque. She is a woman of faith and goes to church regularly.

She enjoys walking her dogs, listening to audio books, making photo books, drawing, and crafting.



Ms. Stromberg is blessed to be in ASE, "ASE is an excellent school because of its excellent teachers and students. I have been blessed to have been a part of such a great 4th grade team for the past two years," she said. "The school is an embodiment of its mascot, the Phoenix; it is flying high, growing, glowing, and going places," she added.

## HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

### Mr. David Naylor

by Sarah Adi



An expert – that is how Mr. David Naylor can be best described.

Mr. Naylor has been an educator for 21, with about 20 years of coaching experience in baseball, basketball, and running. He also has about 16 years of experience in athletic administration.

Middle School Math, Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Emergency Medicine, Wood

Shop, Technology, Basic Art, Painting and Drawing, Installation Art, Printmaking, Lapidary/Jewelry Making are all the subjects he had taught over the years to middle and high school students, and even had a baseball class for a year.

Mr. Naylor earned a degree in Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, major in Physical Science. He also received minors and endorsements in Physics, Earth Science, Math, Emergency Medicine, and Visual and Performing Arts from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Mr. Naylor is a man with inspiring words, "I think that most people can do just about anything, but it is important that they always have to believe in themselves first and put in a lot of work to make things happen," he said. "Life is about taking advantage of all your opportunities, including trying to make them happen, and then making the most of them. We should never stop learning and turning learning into a lifelong passion should be a goal for all of us," he added.

Among the many passions he has are painting, drawing, printmaking, silversmithing/jewelry making, woodworking. Leatherworking, fishing, hiking, camping, and a little mining mixed in there too.

He also loves coaching and helping his kids with their athletic endeavors, hanging with his family, and cheering on his three kids who are all very busy with athletics and exploring the world like him.

Mr. Naylor enjoys teaching in Albuquerque School of Excellence, ASE, "I like that the school is small and that you can get to know everyone as much or as little as you want to. I think it is very cool to see so much diversity, both in the classroom and in the staff, he said.

"It will be very cool to be a part of trying to expand and see where we can take it!," Mr. Naylor said in parting.

# Eleanor Roosevelt

by Marwa Zameer

(October 11, 1884-November 7, 1962)



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Eleanor Roosevelt an American political figure. She was the wife to President Franklin. D. Roosevelt. That made her the first lady from March 4, 1933 to April 12, 1945. Eleanor married Franklin Roosevelt March ,17 1905. Later Franklin got a seat on the New York Senate in 1911. Eleanor then became a politician's wife. In 1939 an African American woman was refused to sing for the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Eleanor then held her own concert for Marian Anderson to perform. Eleanor continued to work for what she believed after her husband's death. She believed in all human rights and worked very hard for what she believed in.

She not only believed in human rights but also women's equality. In today's world women are paid less than men and to a lot of women who work hard that is unfair. She also believed that all humans were equal. She fought hard to for equality. Eleanor Roosevelt made her mark on the world and is an inspiration to all girls who has the passion to do all things.



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*Remembering and honoring the men  
and women who sacrificed their lives in  
service to our country*

**We owe our freedom and liberty to you!**





# MAY : HOLIDAYS, OBSERVANCES, AND CELEBRATIONS

## School Principal's Day – May 1, 2021



## Orthodox Easter – May 2, 2021



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## Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3 -7, 2021



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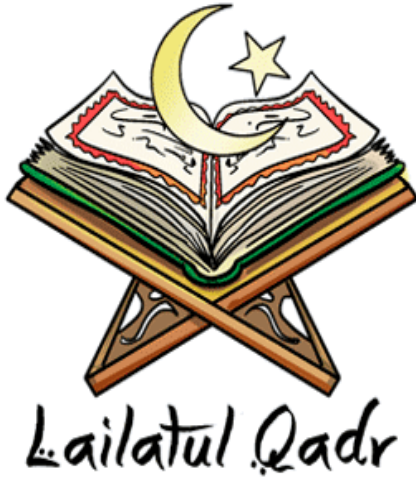
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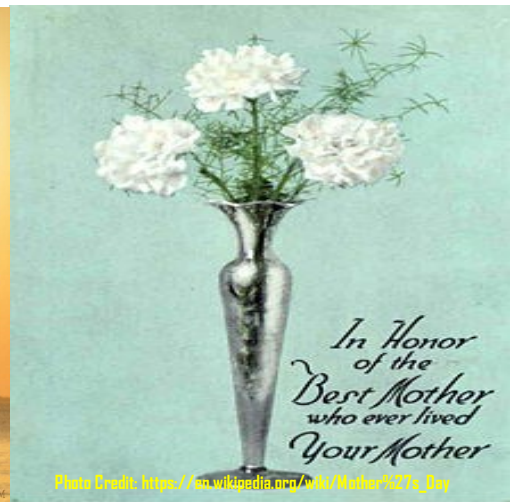
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## Lailatul Qadr – May 9, 2021

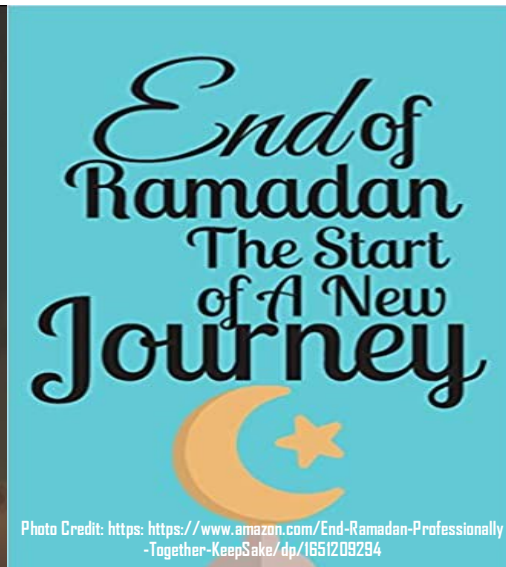
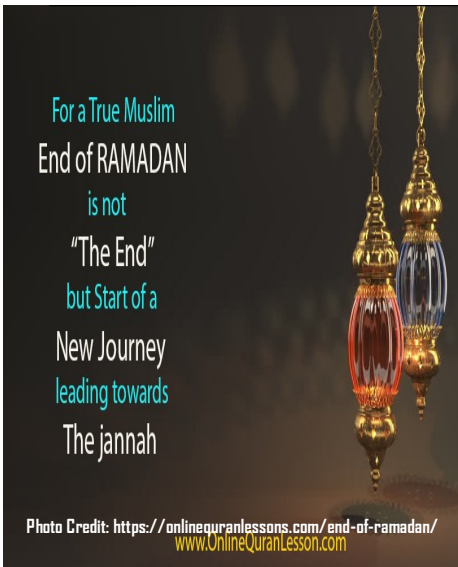
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## Mother's Day – May 9, 2021



## End of Ramadan – May 12, 2021





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## Start of Eid al Fitr – May 13, 2021



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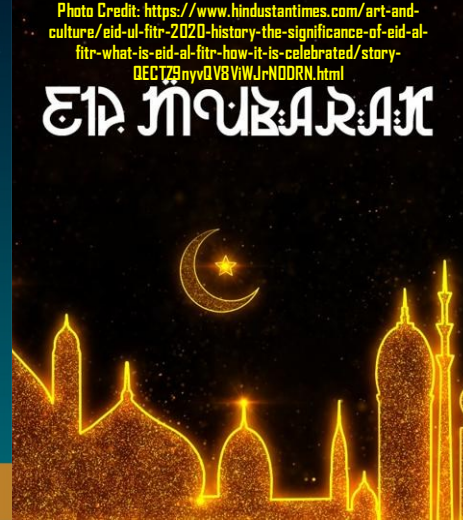


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## Ascension – May 13, 2021



“And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

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Ascension

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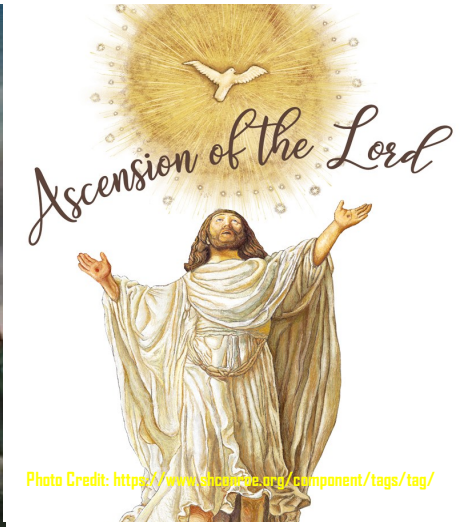


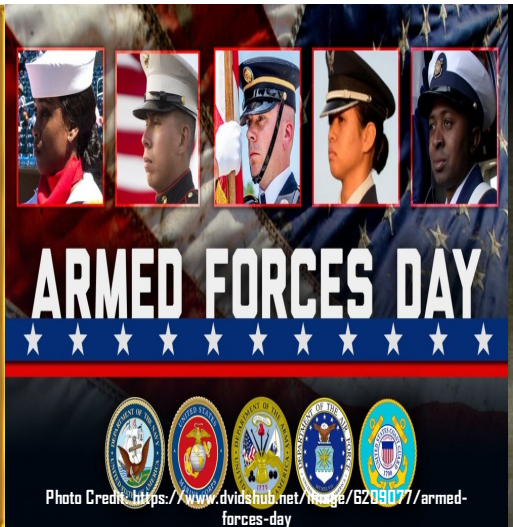
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## Armed Forces Day – May 15, 2021



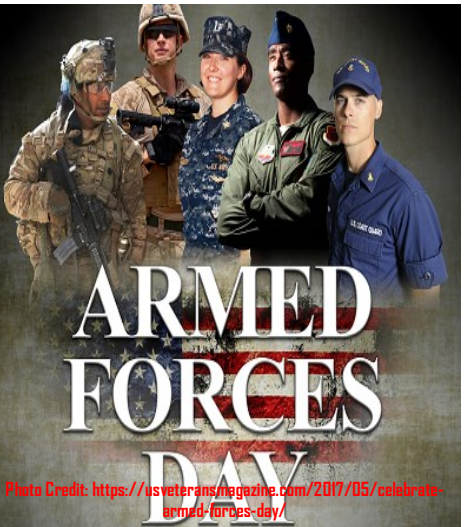
A Salute to all our Men and Women in Uniform  
Thank You for Your Service!

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### ARMED FORCES DAY

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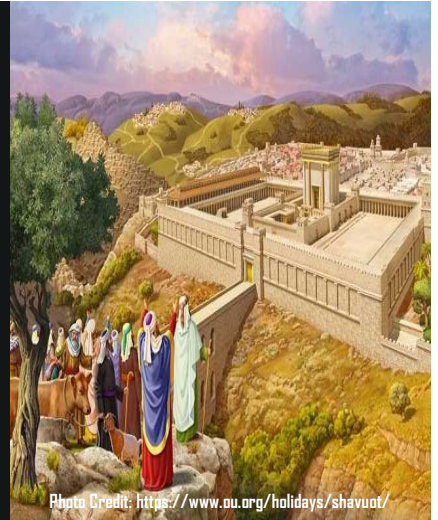
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## Shavuot – May 17-18, 2021



## Pentecost – May 23, 2021



## Trinity Sunday – May 30, 2021



**Holy Trinity**

God so loves the world!  
John 3: 16

His Holy Spirit lives in us.  
1John 4: 13

Jesus is the Son of God, in whom God is well pleased.  
Luke 3: 22

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## Memorial Day – May 31, 2021



### LITERARY

SPANISH POEM

#### Agridulces Despedidas

por Ericka DeFazio

Fue el comienzo de algo nuevo  
Algo que nunca antes habíamos experimentado

Teníamos miedo  
de no saber algo más

Es el final ahora  
agridulces despedidas

El año que viene trae más  
Nuevas experiencias  
Con mucho que hacer  
Mientras más serios

Es el fin de una era  
despedidas agridulces

Cuatro años  
será el final  
de otra era

Para averiguar qué hay alrededor de esa curva

Es el final, pero un comienzo también  
agridulces despedidas

English Translation:

#### Bittersweet Goodbyes

by Ericka DeFazio

It was the beginning of something new  
Something we had never experienced before

We were scared  
Of not knowing something more

It's the end now  
bittersweet goodbyes

The year ahead brings more  
New experiences  
With lots to do  
While being more serious

It's the end of an era  
bittersweet goodbyes

Four years  
Will be the end  
Of another era

To figure out what's around that bend

It's the end, but a beginning too  
bittersweet goodbyes

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# THE SUN WILL RISE

*Written by Ericka Defazio*

## Chapter 9: A Beginning

Margalo was kneeling in front of a little girl with pink leggings and a T-shirt that said, "Save the planet." Her face was grumpy, and her arms were crossed.

"I'm supposed to see Michael, Miss Secretary Lady—"

"Margalo, sweetheart."

"Whatever, Miss Secretary Lady. I need to see Michael. Right now."

Margalo gave a pleading glance toward Michael. He shook his head through the clear glass door.

"Well, sweetie, he's—"

"Right there!" the girl hollered.

In a flash, she had removed herself from the green armchair that was much too big for her and ran to the door, knocking over the fake plant that was on the coffee table.

"Open the door, Michael!" he saw her say.

He turned around, double-checking that the door was locked and sat down in his desk chair. There was work that had to be done.

"You are a pretty lame older brother."

He spun around, and looked toward the direction of the voice, which was down.

The girl had her hands on her hips, and her face looked like she had drunk lemon juice.

"Exactly *how* did—" began Margalo, but the girl shut the door and stared up at Michael.

"Well? Aren't you going to ask how I did it?"

He shook his head.

"No."

She frowned. "Is it because Raymie already showed you? That's probably why."

Michael sighed.

"What's your name?"

The girl stood as tall as she could, standing on her tiptoes. "I am Lilia Grace."

"Okay, Lilia Grace, have a seat and we can talk."

Lilia Grace climbed up on another oversized chair and sat with crossed legs.

"Lilia Grace, please don't put your shoes on the leather. It's new."

She stuck her tongue out.

"My shoes can't hurt the special leather, Michael. Can I have a cookie?" she asked, brightening as she saw the platter on his desk.

"Whatever."

Michael sat down in his chair and stared at the girl, who was picking the chocolate chips out of her cookie one by one.

"Who sent you to bother me?"

Lilia Grace gave him a glare. "Lieutenant Madison sent me here so you could- what did she say? Oh yes, *take care* of me. Like, get me a dog, buy me cookies, and let me bother Miss Secretary Lady."

"Margalo. And you need to learn some respect, Lilia Grace. Did she give me a return address for you?"

She chewed the chocolate chips ferociously.

"No, she said you have an "obligation" to take me in, and that I could save the world one day."

"*Obligation*. And no, I don't, and you won't save the world, you'll probably destroy it."

Lilia Grace considered the statement, while smearing melted chocolate all over the green leather of the chair.

"I think you are right. But you are my brother, so you *have* to take care of me."

Michael tapped his fingers on the desk.

"Where did you come from?"

She reached for another cookie and shrugged her shoulders.

"I don't know. I just remember Lieutenant Madison telling me that I had to stay with my lame brother and that he had to "take care" of me and give me puppies and cookies—"

"I'm ignoring that part."

Lilia Grace smiled with a mouthful of cookies.

"Awd dats all I wemember," she said with her mouth full.

"So, nothing about where you were standing, or who was around you?"

She swallowed and growled at him.

"I already told you no. Now are you keeping me here so I can bother Miss Secretary Lady and eat cookies or are you going to give me back?"

Michael pretended to think.

"Since you will save the world, and Margalo does need somebody to bother her every day, I guess you can stay."

Lilia Grace took another cookie, slid off the chair, and grabbed the door handle with her sticky brown hand.

"Good decision, Michael." **THIS IS NOT THE END (TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE—SY 2021-2022)**



# Summer – Sarah Jwary

The time has arrived  
Ice cream and fun  
The end of school we survived  
Don't stay in a bun  
Sports and games  
Fun in the sun  
The Sun's flames  
A lot of games won  
Playtime with friends  
Enjoy the time  
Many weekends  
Staying home sometimes

It will end  
School comes again  
Many new friends  
Summer will come then

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