



Fox Tech High School, San Antonio, Texas

ELF LOUISE

By Skylar Sigala

On December 7th Fox Tech's National Honor Society ventured out to volunteer at the Elf Louise Foundation. The Elf Louise Christmas Project is dedicated to bringing joy to less fortunate children in Bexar County. Run completely by volunteers, NHS managed to snag a spot in the popular charity event, working as "Santa's Elves" for a few hours. Working in pairs, the students hand picked gifts for the families they were assigned before heading to the wrapping tables. After their shift was over all the members left with a longing to volunteer once more and a smile from knowing they helped make the holidays a bit brighter for others.



Christmas Bucket List

- * Bake & Decorate Christmas Cookies
- * Drink Homemade Hot Chocolate
- * Listen to Christmas Music
- * Make S'mores on the Stovetop
- * Eat Tamales
- * Decorate the Tree
- * Decorate a Gingerbread House
- * Watch Christmas Classics
- * Hang Up Stocking
- * Don an Ugly Christmas Sweater
- * Countdown 'til Christmas



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HOMECOMING

By Austin Martinez

This year's Homecoming Dance went back to the past celebrating a theme of 50's Drive In. The attendance was huge as all three campuses, ALA, CAST TECH, and MAGNETS danced the night away to great music and fun. The students looked simply fabulous – great dresses and suits. Dallas and Angel Gonzales led the Homecoming Court as this year's King and Queen.

The Class of 2019 did a great job of integrating this year's theme with decorations. The tables were decorated with mock popcorn (yellow carnation) centerpieces. Cut outs of vintage cars decorated the walls, three miniature movie screens surrounding the dance floor played movies like Grease and Wizard of Oz. Even the refreshments mirrored movie treats with ice cream sodas, popcorn, candy, hotdogs, and drinks.

Everyone was impressed with the real vintage automobiles that lined the passageway to the dance. If you missed the celebration, you missed a great one. Many students cannot wait for the next campus dance. Buffaloes know how to party!



25TH ANNIVERSARY VALERO ALAMO BOWL TO AWARD \$1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS CONGRATS TO SIERRA GONZALES AND ADRIANNE MORENO!

The Valero Alamo Bowl started a scholarship program in 2000 with 25 San Antonio high school students splitting \$50,000 in scholarships. For the Valero Alamo Bowl's 25th Anniversary, over \$1 million will be awarded to 130+ San Antonio high school and college students via two programs. This amount is the largest scholarship total among the 39 college bowl football games.

73 scholarship winners were recognized at the Valero Alamo Bowl Student-Athlete Scholarship Awards Luncheon presented by H-E-B on December 13 at Sunset Station. The scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic achievement, teacher recommendations, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities and varsity sports as well as honors received and a personal narrative. In addition to the luncheon, the winners will be recognized on-field during the Valero Alamo Bowl courtesy of game tickets provided by Frost.

The Valero Alamo Bowl Student-Athlete Scholarships were awarded to two Fox Tech Buffaloes:

Sierra Gonzales, Fox Tech High School: Gonzales is a four-year varsity letter winner and team captain for track and cross country, earning All-State Team honors and winning district champion for both sports. She was also a district champion in swimming. Gonzales hopes to attend Princeton University to study sports medicine.

Adrienne Moreno, Fox Tech High School: Moreno earned varsity letters in both swimming and diving and participated in this school's academic decathlons. Moreno hopes to attend Yale University to become a plastic surgeon.



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FALL BLOOD DRIVE

By Skylar Sigala

This past week, Fox Tech High School has saved lives with its annual blood drive. Hosted by Fox Tech's National Honor Society (NHS), this was the organization's first blood drive and opening event for the school year. "This is the first year that I, along with NHS, sponsored the blood drive...Our NHS members decided to host the blood drive as part of their hurricane relief service project. Our members sponsor two service projects annually and this is part of our fall events." said Ms. Jennifer Casanova, NHS sponsor and Law Magnet teacher, "I have donated with the blood bank in the past, but it was a different experience as a sponsor. It was a great experience to see our students giving back...We were looking to help our community and to bring awareness to the fact that donation of blood can save so many lives." The turnout surpassed the expectations of the blood bank with sixty-four donations from Fox Tech High School and the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA, another high school on the Fox Tech campus), "Our goal set by the South Texas Blood Bank was 57 which is about 10 percent of our student body. We had 64 total donations and about 20 students that did not get to donate

due to time constraints. The turnout of both students and staff from ALA and Fox Tech was great! In fact, we are already working on our next blood drive to be held in January."

Each donation is advertised to save three lives, which served as a driving force for students to donate. Julie Ramirez, a returning donor and Fox Tech senior, had this to say about the blood drive, "I like this experience more because, well, I wasn't nervous because I knew what was coming. I donated blood because the thought of saving three lives with my blood gave me a sense of...pride I guess." Ramirez spoke about her plans on becoming a long-time blood donor, "I will definitely donate more in the future. Also, the fact that the drive was at the school made donation a lot more convenient and easier for me." In comparison to the past blood drives hosted by Fox Tech, Casanova said, "I think every year is a different experience, but I was happy to sponsor this event and to see all the giving from our students. Our magnet program core values are commitment, service and leadership and our students rise to each of these and I am honored to be a part of them." In the end, the blood drive was a success with help from all teachers, students, and blood drive technicians.

BUFF SHOUT-OUT!

Congrats to the boy's basketball team for the start of a great season! Coach Morgan and his assistant coach have done a fantastic job getting their team ready for games and we thought they deserved a special shout out. If there is a sport team, teacher, or student you would like to recognize, please stop by Mr. Martinez's room to make the request. Good luck with the rest of the season, gentlemen!

LADY GOLFERS SWINGING TO SUCCESS

By Austin Martinez



Coach Martinez beaming with pride as his Ladies Golf Team celebrate their 2nd place finish at the SAISD Invitational at Mission Del Lago Golf Course in November. Pictured from left to right: Julie Ramirez, Coach Martinez, Katarina Tijerina, Gabby Ayasi, and Skylar DeLeon.

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BROADWAY CORNER

By Clea Blaylock

This part of the newspaper will focus on the Off-Broadway show, "White Christmas." Based on Berlin Irving's classic Christmas song, the play follows the business partners, Philip and Ben, as they attempt to throw a Broadway production inside of a barn in just five days.



MUSIC REVIEW: REPUTATION

By Clea Blaylock

Taylor Swift's new album, Reputation, has music lovers in a frenzy right now. The sixth album by Swift is certainly nothing like the old Taylor, but fans are loving her new approach to hip hop. Her lyrics in "Look What You Made Me Do" and "This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things" threw major shade and showed a vengeful side to Swift while "Delicate" and "New Year's Day" gave fans a softer side her. Personally, I think this album may be one of

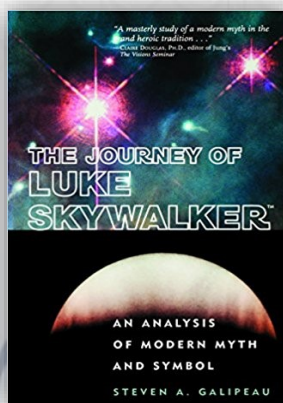
the best ones she's ever put out into the world. This truly shows Swift's personality as a girl who's been abused by the music world, but is standing up for herself and throwing punches back. These songs make it understandable as to why this made platinum the first week it was released, marking Swift's fourth album in a row to do this. Taylor's reputation has never been worse, but I like her for her.



BOOK REVIEW: THE JOURNEY OF LUKE SKYWALKER

By Clea Blaylock

It's been forty years since Star Wars A New Hope came out in theatres, but it's still hugely popular amongst youths today. Why is that? In Steven A. Galipeau's new book, "The Journey of Luke Skywalker", he looks at the Star Wars culture from a psychological point of view and determines why this fandom continues to stay strong after all these years. If you're a fan of



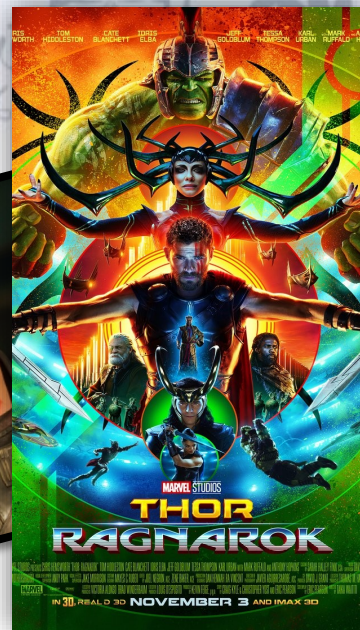
psychology or if you're curious about this epic fandom, then this is the book for you. Galipeau goes in depth for each movie, analyzing each setting of the movie and the iconic character traits from Luke, Leia, Han Solo, and more. This is a great book for any Star Wars fan, especially when the eighth movie is less than a month away from coming out in theatres.

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MOVIE REVIEW: THOR RAGNAROK

By Clea Blaylock

Fans of Marvel won't be disappointed with the newest addition to the Thor series. It's everything a superhero fan would love: action, humor, fight scenes galore, all mixed with a bit of romance. Thor's newest debut to the big screen has surpassed expectations of all, making over \$650 million worldwide in only three weeks. The story of Thor having to take down his sister, Hela, after she steals the throne of Asgard to cause destruction was an interesting storyline with many twists that fans won't see coming. Fan favorite characters, such as Loki and Bruce Banner/The Hulk, make an appearance, along with a surprise cameo from another hero. This was an amazing movie to see and I highly recommend it to any Marvel fan.



SHOW REVIEW: STRANGER THINGS SEASON 2

By Clea Blaylock



October 27th was turned upside down when Netflix released the second season of Stranger Things. Fans binged watched the first season, following Mike and his group of friends to the Upside Down and back to bring their friend Will home and now fans watch as the group recuperates from their twisted adventure. The second season is much darker than the first one, but it also has more

humor than last season. The expectations were high going into the second season and I feel like the creators faced this challenge head on and brought forth a season that was even better than expected. Even the smallest Easter eggs were strategized perfectly and in a way that made sense. While this season had more heartbreak in it than last, this didn't take away the adrenaline rush that comes with watching all nine episodes.



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By Skylar Sigala

This past November 11th, our Fox Tech Youth and Government teams traveled to Buda, Texas for their first competition of the year. The students competed in various competitions such as the Legislative section where students hold a mock congressional session and try to pass bills they create, the media section where competitors report the events of the conference to produce a newspaper, and the judicial section where students hold a mock trial.

This was Fox Tech's second year participating in the YMCA sponsored event but was the first time competing in events such as media. Nonetheless, the competitors put their heart and soul into the competition and it showed in their performance. The mock trial team spent weeks in preparing while only having two attorneys. The team experienced their fair trouble along the way, but that didn't stop them from placing fourth overall. "I honestly can't believe it." Attorney Clea Blaylock said. The team will be going to Austin to compete at State in late January. Congratulations to all YMCA participants and good luck!

**ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION: JUNIORS VS. SENIORS**

By Austin Martinez

On Saturday, December 9th, the annual tradition of mock trial competition between Law Magnet seniors and juniors took place at the Federal Courthouse. The Plaintiffs (Seniors) did their best to represent a wrongful death of a minor against a large private corporation. The Defendants (Juniors) were charged with defending the private corporation. Mock Trial competition requires students to participate as attorneys, bailiffs, witnesses, and sketch artists. What makes this particular competition so special is the location – the real courtroom of the federal courthouse complete with a real federal judge sitting on the bench. Both sides made their arguments to a jury hoping to favor their decision. This year the honors go to the Juniors who convinced the jury that the corporation had been reasonable in protecting their property against trespassing minors. Congratulations to Ms. Casanova for assembling a first-rate experience for all the participants. The next stop for these teams will be the Bexar County Courthouse in February. Great Job Law Buffaloes!



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STUDENTS IN THE WORKPLACE

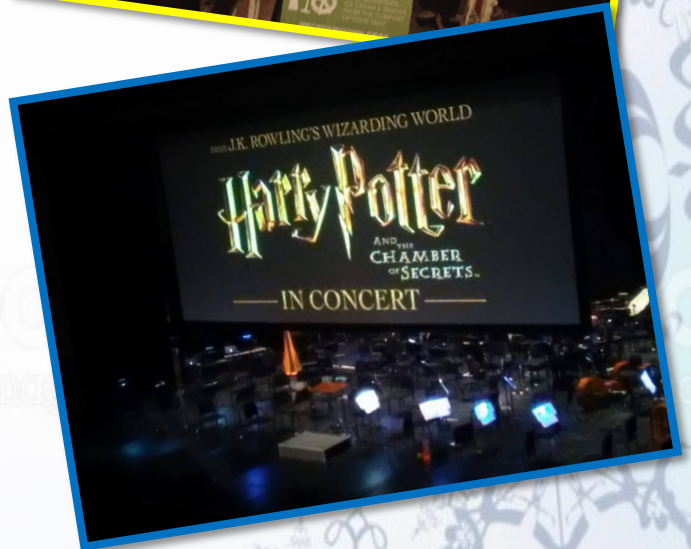
By Skylar Sigala & Clea Blaylock

Did anyone know that if you went to the Majestic Theatre downtown, you would see fellow buffalo Clea Blaylock there? You can see her taking in-seat delivery orders before the show begins and during intermission. She gets to see the shows that happen at the Majestic while getting paid. Some patrons are still learning about Ordertorium, the program that was started in May of 2016. Most of the patrons enjoy this new in-seat delivery service that eliminates having to miss part of the show in order to get snacks.

Clea Blaylock is the Head of Training of the Ordertorium Program and enjoys the chance to serve patrons in a historic theatre building. She gets the chance to be there before the show even starts and watch the performers do sound checks. When the show begins, she helps patrons and often gets the opportunity to watch the show herself. "Working at the Majestic is the best experience I could ever ask for," Clea says, "The people are great, the shows are spectacular, and this will forever be the best job I will ever have."

The experience of working at the Majestic is not just being able to see plays and serve patrons. The Majestic has amazing architecture and art inside. Clea says the decor is to die for

as it is an example of pure beauty. The statues and stone work over the stage and on the sides are brilliant. The elevator at the Majestic is entirely manual and is the original from the 1920's and is the only manually operated elevator left in Texas. The Majestic is a place that will make you glad you visited with the hard working staff, performers, and wonderful scenery. It is a place of pure elegance and magic.



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SIZZLING TIME ON THE FRIO

By Austin Martinez

Last week, the Class of 2018 seniors traveled on a campout at the amazing HEB Foundation Camp along the Frio River in Leakey, Texas. Mother Nature shed cold temperatures, rain, sleet, and snow on the campers, but failed to ruin the great times and activities. Activities included hiking, climbing, volleyball, and kayaking plus much, much more. Students could not stop laughing as Mr. Martinez tumbled in the sand playing volleyball. "He looked like a turtle trying to turn over!" said Davion Milton. Ms. Watson did not disappoint by bring fashion to camping. Coach Cuccia did a great job providing for many of the outdoor activity logistics. In addition, the students were well fed with the teachers doing the cooking. Mr. Debolt and Mr. Martinez provided hot meals for all the campers. After dinner, laughs and comradeship ran high as everyone kicked back and enjoyed board games and cards before bed time in the cozy cabins. On the last evening, campers were treated to S'mores over the main fire-place. "Kayaking in the snow was absolutely amazing," shared Marsha Madrigal. "This trip turned out to be amazing!" said James Silva. Many of the activities incorporated team building. It was truly a great trip, lots of fun, and lots of memories. Special thanks to Ms. Benavides for providing the best senior trip in years.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

By Adrianne Moreno

History Fair is back. This past Saturday, the district held district competition for the annual My History Day Contest. After last year's success advancing to the Nationals in Washington D.C., Ms. Skidmore and the history students had big shoes to follow. Unfortunately for the rest of the district, Fox Tech swept many of the major contest categories.

Many Fox Tech Buffaloes will advance to the regional contest at the University of Texas at San Antonio in February. Group Historic Performance took 1st place. The historic group consists of Diego Gonzales-Salazar, Dallas Gonzales, Angel Gonzales, Julyssa Hernandez, and Davion Milton. Richard Garcia and Javier Espinoza placed 2nd and 3rd in Individual Historic Performances. Aylin and Venture Rodriguez placed 1st among the group exhibits, and Daniella Villarreal and Jasson Campos secured 2nd place. Ms. Skidmore was so proud, "Our kids were amazing, but we still have lots of work to do for the next round of competition." Ms. Benavides added, "What a great accomplishment, so proud of them!"