

Rice High School Seniors Honored At Academic Banquet

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April M. Pagel — Scholarships from: Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus #4843, Rice Classroom Teachers' Association, Rice Project Graduation, Rice Raider Booster Club.

Sandy M. Preather — Scholarships from: Kevin Brisco Memorial — Rice Future Teachers of America, Copano Processing- Houston Central Plant, Rice Classroom Teachers' Association.

Sergio O. Rodriguez — United States Army Educational Opportunity Grant

Luis J. Samaniego — Scholarships from: Mexican American Youth Council, Parish of the Nativity Men's Club.

Ismael Saucedo — Scholarships from: Clint Gertson Memorial, Career Colleges and Schools of Texas.

Adam D. Shimek — Scholarships from: Raul Esquivel Memorial, Farmers Cooperative Association of Garwood, Garwood Association of Parents, Nada Knights of Columbus, #3371, Rice Raider Booster Club.

Kacie L. Smith — Honor Graduate; Scholarships from: Colorado County Texas A&M Alumni Club, Garwood Association of Parents, Garwood Student Council, Rice High School National Honor Society, Rice High School Student Council, Rice Project Graduation.

Dustin L. Soto — Scholarships from: Raul Esquivel Memorial, Mexican American Youth Council.

Trey T. Staff — Honor Graduate; Scholarships from: Colorado County Fair Association-Eddie Orange Memorial, Colorado County Farm Bureau, Farmers Mutual Protective Association-RVOS #23, Kyle Fink Memorial, Nada Catholic Daughters of the Americas, #1595, Nada Knights of Columbus #3371, Nada/Garwood Gadabouts, Rice High School National Honor Society, Rice Project Graduation.

Duryel H. Stevenson — Five Time Honor Roll; Scholarships from: Rice Raider Booster Club.

Marisol Tapia — Honor Graduate; Scholarships from: Raul Esquivel Memorial, H.M. and Hettie Page- Garwood Memorial.

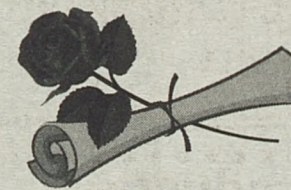
Katlyn A. Thomas — Honor Graduate; Scholarships from: Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus #4843, Raul Esquivel Memorial, Rice High School Student Council, Rice Project Graduation, Rice Raider Booster Club, Malcolm Thomas, Sr. Memorial.

MaCesly D. Thomas — Honor Graduate; Scholarships from: Greater Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance, E.H. Henry Historical Association, Old Skool Organization, Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers, Rice Project Graduation, David M. Sunderman, Glenn C. and Esther Sunderman Memorial, Anonymous #1.

Kevin Thompson — Perfect Attendance, Scholarships from: Garwood Association of Parents, Nada Knights of Columbus #3371.

Violette Villafuerte — Scholarships from: Alpha Delta Phi Sorority, Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus #4843, Eagle Lake Rotary Club, Raul Esquivel Memorial, Mexican American Youth Council, Parish of the Nativity Men's Club, Rice High School Student Council, Rice Project Graduation, Rice Raider Booster Club, Malcolm Thomas, Sr. Memorial.

Clayton T. Watz — Honor Graduate; Scholarships from: Colorado County Fair Association, Garwood Association of Parents, Rice Project Graduation.



What Lies Ahead

With graduation on the horizon, many high school seniors are anxiously anticipating their exodus from Mom and Dad's house to the less restrictive dorms of their colleges of choice. Visions of parties, late school nights spent hanging out with friends, and no Mom and Dad to check in on them populate the dreams of many a high school senior as graduation draws closer and closer.

But as exciting as beginning college can be, it can also prove difficult in a number of ways if soon-to-be freshmen aren't prepared for what may lie ahead. Parents and college-bound kids alike should discuss the following topics before parting ways this fall.

Finances

It seems that no matter how much money kids head off to college with, it's never enough. This is especially true of entering freshmen, who have more than likely never faced living on a budget before. If a student will not be working and their parents will be sending them money during the semester, it's best to work out a payment schedule (once per semester, once per month, bi-monthly, etc.) and stick to it. Parents should avoid the temptation of bailing kids out if they've spent their allotted money too quickly, just like students should avoid the temptation of spending the money too fast.

Parents should also discuss credit cards with their children before the kids head off to school. College campuses are notorious breeding grounds for credit card solicitation. Kids who don't fully

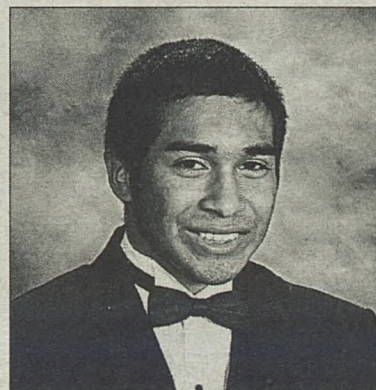
understand the concept of credit can, and often do, find themselves in deep financial trouble because of credit cards. If a student has his or her own cell phone (and who doesn't these days?), let your son or daughter begin paying for it in the months before he leaves for college. This should help get him or her acclimated to paying bills, and the importance of paying them on time, before heading off to school.

Academics

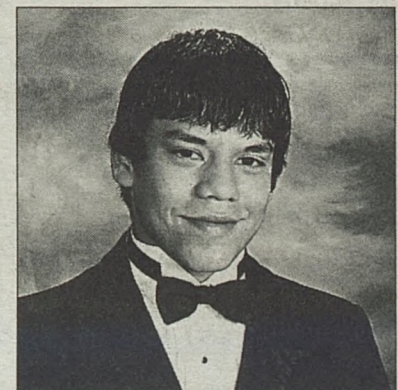
Understandably, most students start off struggling in the academic department. This often has nothing to do with the course load. Instead, it's typically the product of students being overwhelmed by their newfound freedom, resulting in studies sliding down their priority list.

Incoming freshmen should recognize that, while struggling to adapt to a new course load and new environment is to be expected, it's not an excuse for a prolonged academic struggle. The point of going to college is an education first and foremost. GoCollege.com, an online resource for college-bound students, recommends developing a diligent and consistent system of study habits to avoid digging an early academic hole. This can involve study groups, brief study periods after each class to make sure you understand all materials, or a number of things that might work for each individual. But the main thing is to be consistent in your study approach, as once you get it down, you'll be more efficient and able to enjoy more of that enticing free time.

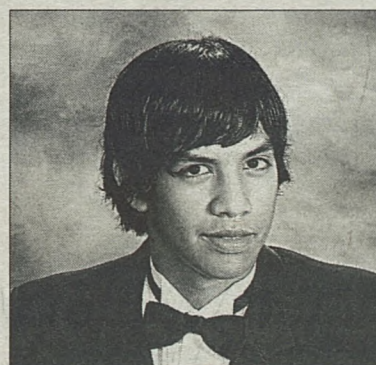
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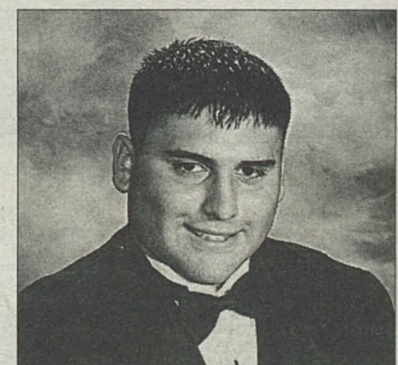
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