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ARE YOU A SNEAKER HEAD ?

INTERVIEW WITH ROSITA HURTADO

MEET THE REAL ANDY PITA

VIP 305

We are a group of concerned parents with kids who are teenagers.
We have come together with the idea of this new magazine, where we can teach our teens real values, while they are enjoying themselves.

Teenagers see the world from a different perspective, they have a different point of reference, they learn from TV, social Media and other friends.

That is why we are here; to guide them through tough times with a good advice, so they can make good choices like staying in school, stop the bullying, say no to drugs, etc.

We believe that if we give our children the necessary tools to succeed in life, then we have accomplished our job as parents.

Let us not forget that they the building blocks of our future and our future depends on them.

That is why WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE.

We need to talk more often and try to live in their world.
Together we can do it.

We want to dedicate this magazine to all the people that inspire us every day.
To our Friends and Family that support us with their unconditional love.
To our Followers that have shared with us their pictures, stories, and made VIP - 305 part of their live.
To our Clients, that believe in our mission and they want to help our young community through our magazine.
We especially want to thank our readers, because without you, this magazine will not be possible.
From the bottom of our hearts:
"Thank you"

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A sneakerhead is a person who collects, trades, or admires sneakers as a form of hobby. A sneakerhead may also be highly experienced in distinguishing between real and fake replica sneakers. Sneaker collecting is a hobby often manifested by the use and collection of shoes made for particular sports, particularly but not limited to basketball and skateboarding. The birth of sneakerhead culture in the United States came in the 1980s and can be attributed to two major sources: basketball, specifically the emergence of Michael Jordan and his eponymous Air Jordan line of shoes released in 1985, and the growth of hip hop music. The boom of signature basketball shoes during this era provided the sheer variety necessary for a collecting subculture, while the Hip-Hop movement gave the sneakers their street credibility as status symbols. The sneakerhead culture has emerged in European nations such as the Czech Republic in the last decade. There are plenty of sneakerhead everywhere but today we sneak into Krys Navarro and Joseph Austin collections so they can teach us how to be a sneakerhead collector and how hard it is to find the sneakers of their dreams.

Sneaker Collectors from Miami







Joseph Austin

Chris Navarro



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Name : Chris Navarro
Age : 14
School: Christopher Columbus High School
How long have you been collecting sneakers? 3 years
What type of sneakers do you collect? Mostly basketball shoes.
Do you have a favorite pair? Probable the Lebron 10 MVP.
What's the one sneaker that you want but don't have? The FoampositeParanorman
Do you wear your sneakers? Most of them yes.
How do you store your sneakers? Stack them right next to the wall in my room.
What was the shoe that got you into sneakers? It was the 2011 Hyperdunk Blake from All Star P.E. shoes.
What's the craziest thing you've done to get a pair? Sleep outside on store for eight hours
If a pair of shoes has more than one color, do you buy one in every color? Sometimes yes.
Does the amount of money around a shoe determine whether or not it's worth collecting? Yes
What do you look for when a new pair of shoes is released? I look for details, the hype in the shoe if everyone like it or not, how much it cost.
Are you the biggest sneakerhead you know? No, I mean I have a lot of shoes that are hard to find, but I think they are sneakerhead who had more value and more quantity than I have
Which shoes do you love to show off the most? Mostly my Lebron, I'm a big Lebron collector.
Why do you love sneakers so much? My cousin basically got me into it at a young age, when I was little he started buying me shoes like Retro Jordans.
How many pair of sneakers do you have? I would say around 110.

Namé : Joseph Austin
Age : 12
School: Saint Theresa
How long have you been collecting sneakers? For about a year, it all started at the beginning of 6th grade.
What type of sneakers do you collect? I try to collect mostly vintage shoes because I think in a few more years they will be more valuable and hard to find.
Do you have a favorite pair?



My favorite pairs of shoes would have to be my 1990 Jordan 5 metalics, my 1999 Jordan 5 fire red, and my 1995 Jordan 11 concords.
What's the one sneaker that you want but don't have? I am on an extreme hunt to get the Jordan 7 Bordeaux. This shoe isn't very rare but the color way is just eye popping.
Do you wear your sneakers? My vintage sneakers have never been put on my feet. I mostly wear my non-vintage sneakers.
How do you store your sneakers? I keep my sneakers all in air tight clear containers stacked in my closet.
What was the shoe that got you into sneakers? In 6th grade I saved up some money to buy the Lebron 9 mango, which I sold a while back. It was also the Jordan 7 Olympic which I also got at the beginning of 6th grade.
What's the craziest thing you've done to get a pair? I was actually at a baseball tournament and saw a kid my age wearing some Jordan 6 infrareds and I bought them off his feet.
If a pair of shoes has more than one color, do you buy one in every color? I tried to do this with the Lebron 9 but I had to sell most of them. I still kept my favorite Lebron 9's but I am planning on selling them.
Does the amount of money around a shoe determine whether or not it's worth collecting? Yes, but it also depends on supply and demand.
What do you look for when a new pair of shoes is released? When a new pair of shoes is released the thing I mostly look at is the color way. If the color way is an ugly retro color such as the Jordan 3 crimson or the Jordan 4 green glow I have no interest for it what so ever. If it is a color way from the vintage era, such as the Jordan 3 Black Cement or the Jordan 11 concord than that's when me and other people are interested in the sneaker.
Which shoes do you love to show off the most? I like to show off my Jeremy Scott gorillas because they are a very unique and odd shoe. I like to be different from everybody else.
Why do you love sneakers so much? Sneakers are a way of life. I know that I'm young and when older collectors see me they think that I'm an amateur to the sneaker culture. I know compared to people who have been collecting for 20 years my collection might seem like a joke but I try my hardest to impress anyone who underestimates my ability to buy, sell, and trade shoes. Also, sneakers are a way of art and a way to express yourself.

Rosita Hurtado



Every time we stop by Rosita's atelier (workshop), she is designing a new beautiful gown with so much passion and a smile on her face. Because she loves what she does, Rosita excelled in the fashion world with her exquisite taste. Celebrities from everywhere are wearing her exclusive designs from elegant red carpets to a more casual look.

1. When did you realize your passion for designing?

Since I could remember, around 8 years old I did my first piece. I used to get together with my neighborhood friends; I will do their makeup, dress them up and practice the fashion show. When I turned 17 I discovered fashion designing as a profession. I did everything to go to Paris and began studying fashion designing.

2. Who encourage you to go for your passion?

My mother was a designer, she was born with inclination for fashion, and she used to design my outfits. I had close aunts that were famous at sewing in my town, so I will see what they've done and I liked it. My mother supported me and encouraged me to be in this profession.

3. Who are some of your favorite designers that you admire?

The one that I admire the most is Elie Saab, a Lebanese fashion designer. I also love the elegance of the clothing of Giorgio Armani, and Dolce and Gabbana which is more modern and juvenile.

4. We consider you not just a designer but an Artist, What do you like best about designing clothes?

I love the detail on the clothing; I like to shape the body of the women, making the clothing perfect for them.

5. We love how you mix your fashion style with your culture. Where do you get your inspirations?

My country is very rich in culture. The other face of Bolivia is unknown globally which is the "Oriental". That's why I decided to show the whole world my culture in my casual clothing line for its diversity and richness.

6. What advice do you have for young aspiring fashion designers?

First of all you have to know clearly what you want in life, nothing in life is difficult if you pursue it. You have to prepare yourself, study, you could be born with a talent but that's not it. Work hard and know that dreams come true, just dream and follow them.

7. What are some of your favorite pieces of your collections and who had the honor to wear it?

There's lot of Latin artist that I'm dressing at this moment. Celebrities like Eva Longoria for the movie Carlita's Secret, which I did the whole wardrobe. Lucia Mendez's wedding gown which was known around the world. I am in almost all the red carpets, with best dress artist such as Gaby Espino, Danna Garcia, Marjorie de Sousa, Sonia smith, Ximena Duque, a lot of actresses and singers. Not only women but also men such as William Levi, Carlos Ponce, Christian de la Fuente, Pedrito Fernandez and Julian Elias.



8. People's magazine named you one of the 25 most powerful women next to Jennifer Lopez, Sophia Vergara and others. Do you feel like you've accomplish all your goals in life?

For me the power is to help others. I think what People en espanol saw in me is the power to influence others, the power to be an example to follow. I donate through my fashion shows, plus the benefit organization that I have called "Latin Angels" that helps many other

9. You're one of the kindnesses, sweetest and humble person that we had the pleasure to meet. What advice do you have for those who changed because of fame?

I think there's no reason to change, everyone is the same. Being famous is for the type of job you have, there are very successful people that aren't famous. I think being humble opens lots of doors. Keep always your essence. The more famous, powerful or money you have, the person must be more kind, more accessible to other people. I don't see the reason to change if you're famous. I've seen artist that have changed and others that haven't. Sometimes the people around them change. I think the change should be to be a better person.

10. You're an example for everyone, helping others in different ways. What tips would you like to tell the young community?

I think the young community should listen to grownups a little more. Just because your young don't believe you can do anything you want. Be respectful towards others and go on the right path. Be an example and surround yourself with people that will take you far.

11. What advice can you tell the young community that is waiting for an immigration reform?

Don't give up, keep going, and keep trying without violence. Your voice will be heard, fight for something that will benefit others. Just keep your head up and pursue your believes.

12. If you can imagine a perfect place to raise your kids, where would that be?

There's not perfect paradise to raise your kids, I think the perfect place is your home. Your home is the education you give your kids, how you raise them, how you want your kids to be useful in society.

13. How important is the support of parents to teenagers?

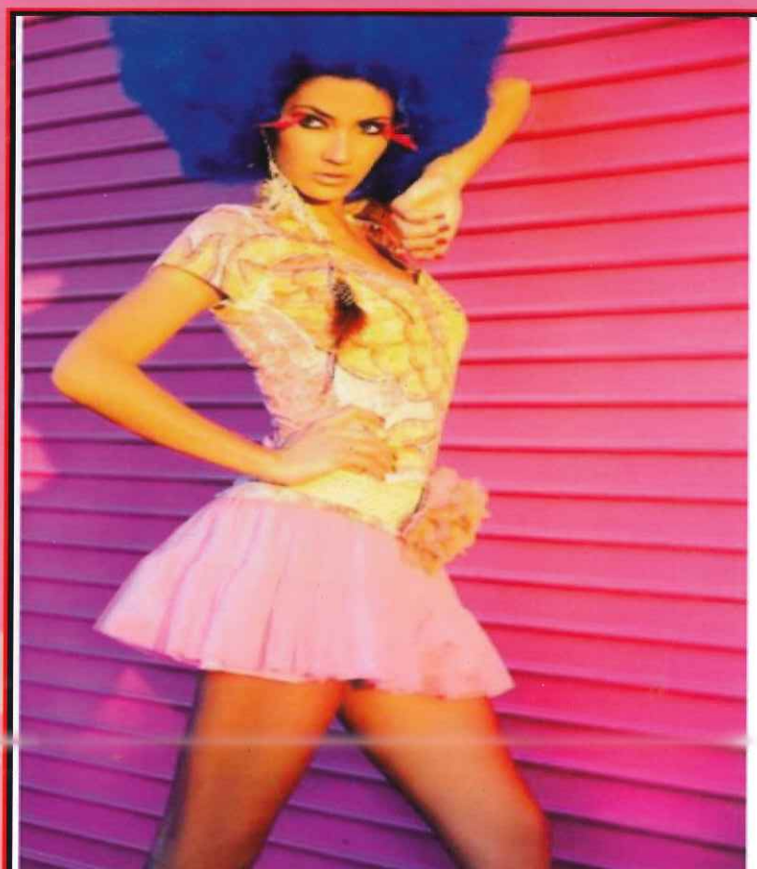
I think is very important. Know how to communicate with your kid, know what they do, who are they friends. Create a friendship with your kid, that's the key to have a good responsible kid. Always guide them.

14. Do you have any advice for kids that are being bully?

Don't stay quiet, don't fear to inform someone. We've seen lots of kids that committed suicide because of bullying and now we don't have the power to help them. Don't be scared, let people know what's going on so they can find the way to help you.



Name: **Olivia Rodriguez**
Age: **17**
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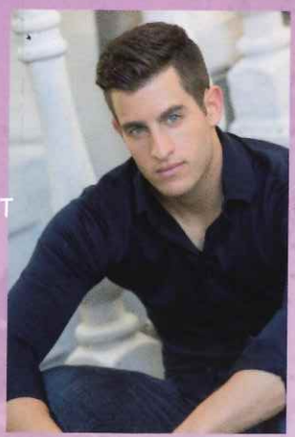
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Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)



Starting a business is a rather challenging and demanding for some people. However, this student found a great way to make it easy for her. Giselle Gallardo is a 15 year old sophomore and currently attending John A. Ferguson Senior High School. Her mother and father are both first-generation Cubans. Giselle speaks and writes Spanish very well, which will defiantly help her with her business now and in the future. When I asked Giselle how important it was to speak a second language she said that it was very important because she understand how beneficial it is to be fully bilingual, especially if you happen to live I a Hispanic speaking community like Miami. Giselle started a business in creating hair bows. She started making and selling these bows as a hobby in 7th grade. How did she come up with this? That's the same question I asked. Giselle one day was bored playing with ribbon at her grandmothers sewing table. There she saw she could make bows. The next day she wore one to school and a lot of her friends admired it and asked her if she would sell them. Gradually a lot of girls in her school expressed an interest in buying her bows. She would make the bows in the color and theme in which they liked and before you know it she had quite a few orders to fill and had begun a business, Crazy 4 Bows Bowtique. Each bow is decorated with a logo-imprinted bottle cap; allowing whoever is wearing it to show her pride for a sports team, dance troupe, club or other organization. When asking Giselle how her business is going now that she is in High School, she said it has been very well. She has sold to local dance studios and individuals. However, Giselle said she is now trying to take her business to the next level. Giselle has competed in a couple of competitions since entering high school. Last year Giselle won first place in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) South Florida Youth Bizplan Challenge. She won $1,500 to use in developing her business. Giselle also competed this past month in the NFTE Elevator Pitch Competition. Unfortunately she did not make it to the semi-final although she was told that she had a great chance she will. If Giselle would have won, her prize would have been $25,000.00, which she would have been able to use to expand her business, or use it towards a scholarship. On the good side, she said it was a great experience overall and that she is going to use this to encourage her rather than discourage her. Giselle was one of the 35 top youth entrepreneurs from 24,000 NFTE students.



As for the company's future, Giselle would like to keep the business even if it's on the side. She expects her business to expand greatly. "If I see that there is an opportunity for growth, then I will most likely continue with the business, and incorporate some family or immediate friends as the business grows to work for me." said Giselle. Ordering with Crazy 4 Bows Boutique is very simple. Think about how you would like colors of the bow to be like. Find the message or image you would like and attach it. Then follow the instructions on the order form. Just like that you will become crazy for bows. To order or to get further information on this business go to crazy4bows.co

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(Ferguson Broadcasting Network)





Special Corner

The awareness and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities has been difficult but finally is rapidly growing. We want to be part of this change, make a difference, and support the special programs by promoting their events.

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Not many people know about the "hidden jewel" in Miami, but once you do get to know this school and their mission, you can't stop admiring their staff, teachers, parents and especially their students.

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Integrating the senses of students



The child who cannot enjoy a beach day because the slightest sun glare causes a lot of pain in his eyes or the child who seeks staring at the sun through the window for long periods of time; the child who is terrified by the sound of the blender at home or the child who rejoices at the bursting noise of throwing pots on the floor; the child who asks to wear a coat in midsummer or the child who arrives late to school for refusing to wear a collar shirt as it causes him a lot of discomfort on the skin; the child who frequently stumbles when walking along the smooth sidewalk or the child who does not seem to tire when jumping for long periods of time on the couch at home.

Many people tend to classify these behaviors as 'childish things' or 'simple nonsense '; but sometimes these features and the like may be alerting on a sensory integration disorder.

According to studies conducted this year, the prevalence of such symptoms in elementary school children is alarming. And what better way to help our children with sensory deficits than by providing them with the proper resources to help them have optimal interaction with their environment: a multisensory room.

Last April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day – School Board Member Raquel Regalado secured a donation from the Humana Foundation in the amount of $10,000 to create new multisensory rooms in schools that would benefit from these the most. District 6, jointly with the Miami-Dade Schools Division of Exceptional Student Education, will soon open sensory rooms in Auburndale, Hialeah Gardens and Kensington Park elementary schools.



What is a multisensory room?

In the 1970s, a Dutch concept evolved and was identified as 'Snoezelen ' (the awakening of the senses). It refers to an attractive space consisting of resources to help both the student who needs stimulation and the one who needs to lower anxiety levels.

Furnished with auditory, visual, tactile, olfactory, vestibular and proprioceptive stimuli, multisensory rooms have succeeded in helping children with difficulties in expressive and receptive language, insomnia, hyperactivity, frequent tantrums, poor social skills, lack of interest in their environment, difficulty with spatial orientation and other sensory problems.

Upon receiving therapy in this space - equipped with bubble tubes, swings, musical objects, fiber optic strands, massagers, mattresses, aroma diffusers, mirrors, projector lights and much more - special education students will demonstrate better behavior and academic progress in school, as their senses will be better synchronized and they will make better sense of the world around them; and a better day at school is always a better day after school at home.

School Board Member Raquel Regalado continues to work to bring this important resource to more public schools in Miami-Dade.

Miami-Dade School Board Member
District 6
Raquel A. Regalado

The Real Andy Pita



VIP 305 had the pleasure to spend an afternoon with Andy. This talented Actor, Comedian, Singer, and Motivational Speaker is not only a *hunk,* but he is so simple and down to earth that our reporters and winners of the "VIP-305 November Trivia", Kate Aub y Briana Torres, felt very comfortable doing their first interview.
Between laughs, pictures, and Cuban croquettes the girls took control of the interview and here are their questions:

VIP: Did you have other aspirations when you were in high school?
ANDY: Well when I was in high school I wanted to play baseball, I got a scholarship but I didn't take it because I felt like my passion wasn't there. Definitely acting was in the picture, never thought I was going to become a Latin artist, rapper or anything like that. But after I graduated we uploaded "slow motion" on the internet, and it blew up so the career was kind of handed to me. Slow motion was hilarious, it was a career opener.

VIP: At of all the things, Why a comedian?
ANDY: Because honestly I like making people laugh, makes me laugh. So every time I say a joke and people tell me "Hey Andy you really made my day, I had a crappy day, all day I was depress and stressed out but you made me laugh. Now I feel better". So honestly that's why I choose to be a comedian.

VIP: When did you realize you had talent for comedy?
ANDY: Since high school, I just to be the class clown, everyone loved me.

VIP: Who were your greatest motivators?
ANDY: Definitely Will Smith is a big time motivator, for what he has done through his entire career and what he preaches, he practices. Jim Carry too, the fact that before he started he used to live in a van with his parents. He grinding it out, he worked every single day to get where he was. That's why I consider both of them my motivator and also my dad, Papi!!!

VIP: What comedians do you admire?
ANDY: Well Jim Carry; one of my favorite comedians. But I love Dane Cook and I like Pablo Francisco because they're very physical, they act things out and that's where I kind of get my inspiration.

VIP: What goals do you want to accomplish and have you achieved most of them?
ANDY: Well one of my goal was to perform at the triple A and that happened. I opened up for Willy Chirino. I will never forget that, that was the biggest stage of my life. My goal is to progress as an artist, I always thought "Hey I want to perform in a big stadium with 9,000 people" but I actually preformed in front of 35,000 people, that was pretty interesting. My goal is to be an inspiration and motivator. I feel like little by little is been happening, a lot of people has been telling me "hey Andy I look up to you, you're a good example". That's my goal, so far I see it happening but I am still far, far for many goals.

VIP: Do you test your jokes before making the videos or do you prefer improvisation?
ANDY: I prefer improvising, I can't practice my job. For example, I had a stand up opportunity and they said 15 minutes, so then I had topics that I thought about. But I'm like "Man I don't know, it doesn't come out the same practicing to myself", so I said "I'm just going to do it!" So I got on stage, well the 15 minutes ended up being 30 minutes. Started making up new things, I get into the rush, I get in the zone.

VIP: Are you single?

ANDY: Yes I am single, very single. Unfortunately my business takes a lot of time, and girls want attention. But at this moment I'm just focused on my career and as much as I love women, I have to focus on my dreams. Eventually when the time is right, I'll move on to the next stage, and have a partner to grow old with. Have little Pitas!

VIP: What do you do when you're not working? What is your hobby?

ANDY: When I do have free time, I go to the beach. I love going to the beach, just chilling. Sometimes I go by myself, it might sound weird but when you get to my age, you will understand. Alone time is important. I love being with my friend too, nothing is better than chilling with the boys, playing Halo, getting crazy. I enjoy those things. Also family time, family time is very important.

VIP: You have lots of people that admire you and follow you in the social networks. What would you like to tell the young community?

ANDY: What I want to tell everyone is that Sky is the limit, never give up. Keep doing what you're doing, don't go by negativity, and always be positive. Hang around with positive people that will do well, not do bad. Don't follow what the media always tells you, they want us to believe other things but they should go by what they want, what they feel, what they want to do. Be unique, original, creative, you know just be a good example, be a happy person. It's all about being a happy person, HAPPY! HAPPY! HAHA!

Thank you again Andy Pita, for giving us the time to do this awesome interview. We wish you more success and we will be following your next projects.

We want to give special thanks to Carlos Pita for make this interview happen.



Reporter: Briana Torres
School: Terra Environmental Research Institute
Age: 15
Wants to be: Environmental engineer



Reporter: Kate Aub
School: Terra Environmental Research Institute
Age: 14
Wants to be: Veterinarian



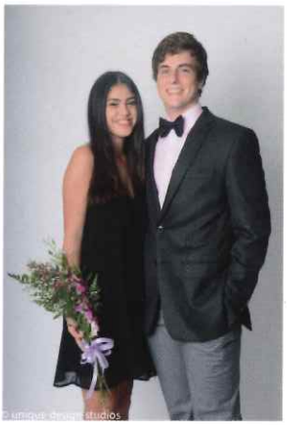
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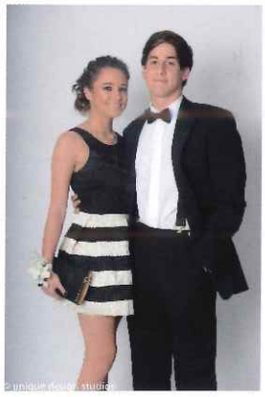




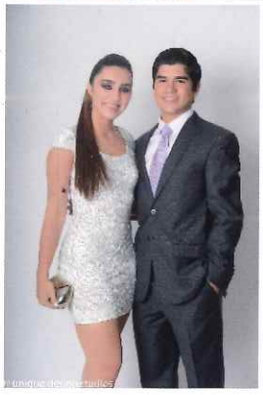






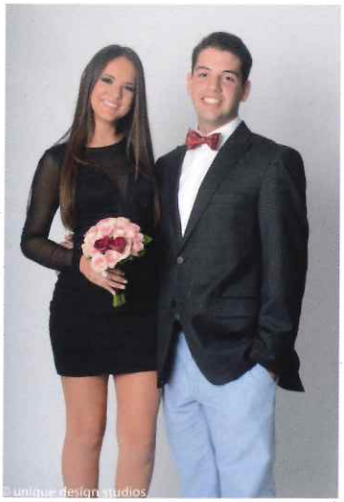








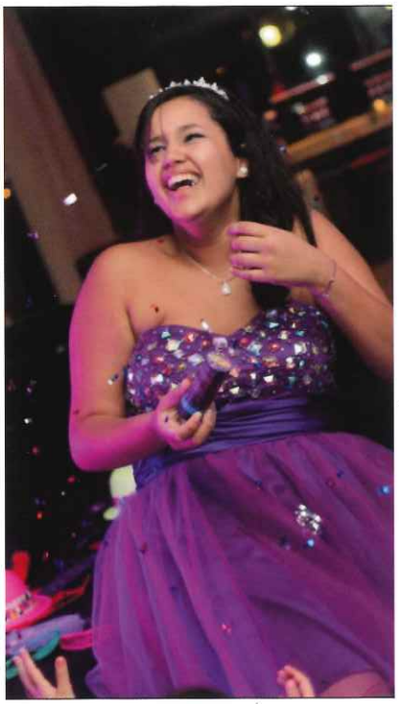






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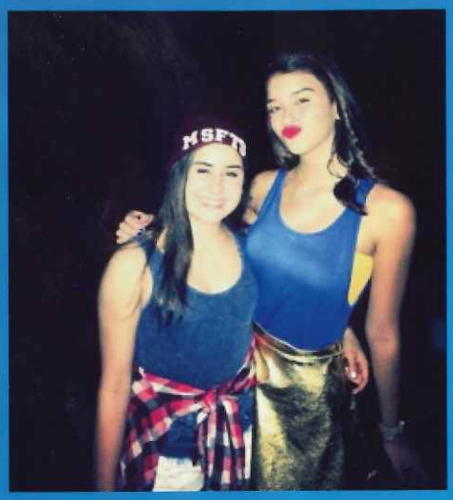


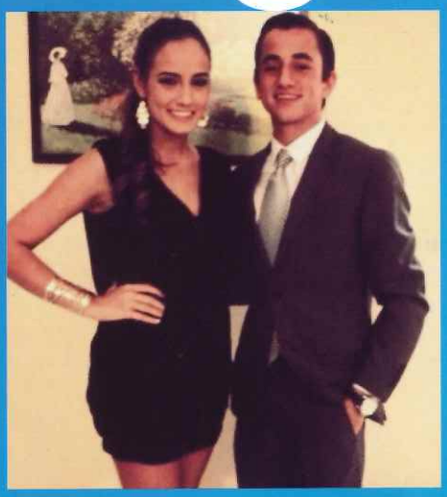


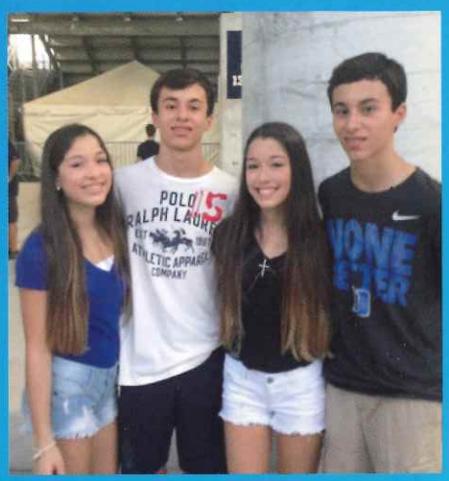




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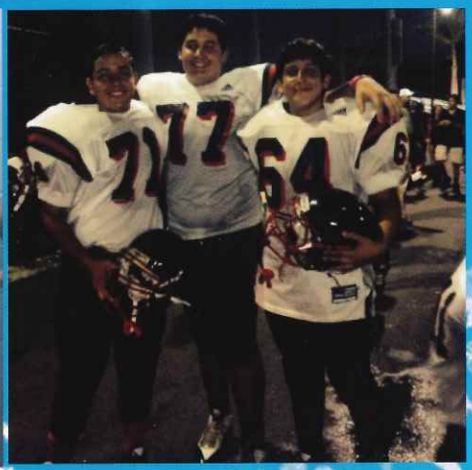














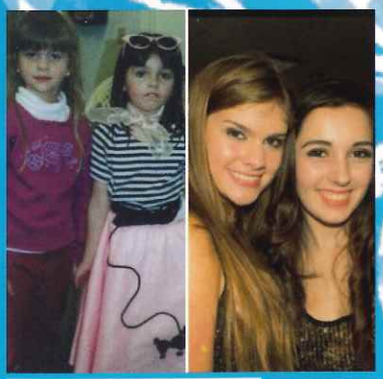


















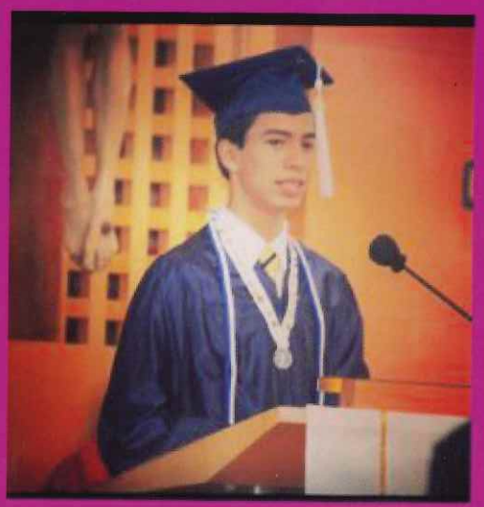






VIP Teenagers

Lucas Venegas – Saint Agatha School - Valedictorian



Where are you from?
Lucas: I was born in the United States of America, but my culture is from Chile.

What is your most embarrassing moment in Middle School?
Lucas: I really don't recall any major embarrassing moment in my middle school years.

Thinking back to your 8th grade year, describe your experience coming into a new school where you knew no one.
Lucas: My experience coming into a new school was very different to what I was used to. It involved meeting new people which is a challenge I had to face, but I have come to meet lots of new friendships I would have never thought of.

What teacher has made the most impact on your academic life and why?
Lucas: Well I really don't think I have one teacher that impacted most of my life but I do have many teachers that have. My fifth grade teacher for example Mrs. Mendoza was the first one to teach me how to become a more responsible and independent person. Then my Theology teacher Mrs. Veciana by revealing to me God in a deeper perspective. Another teacher that really impacted me was my English teacher Mrs. Jewett by showing me how to write in a more professional and formal matter. Also my Science teacher Mrs. Delgado by teaching me all there is to science. Indeed, my Literature teacher Mrs. Novoa by showing me how to look deeper into the meanings of books and guiding me to become a responsible, well rounded person. Finally, my Algebra teacher Mrs. Diaz by making complicated algebra equations look so easy!

What are your future plans at your new school "Belen Jesuit Preparatory School"?
Lucas: My future plans at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School is to keep doing well in school, meet new people, play sports, and most importantly maintain my relationship with God.

What advice would you give fellow students?
Lucas: I'd like to challenge my fellow classmates. The next four years should be the best years of their lives, and then again, they could be the worst. They are freshmen and everyone knows that the freshmen are the first targets of almost all the high school bullies and pranksters. But remember, you guys will be upperclassmen one day and that far outweighs the challenges of making it to the top, so give it your best and stick it out. The decisions you make in high school can greatly affect the rest of your life. If you make wise choices, chances are you will have a great life, and vice-versa.

What is your favorite sport?
Lucas: Tennis

What is your hobby?
Lucas: Playing sports and socially interacting with people

Who was your best friend in middle school and why?
Lucas: To tell you the truth I really didn't have one best friend, but many good friends in my middle school years. The reason is because each one of them taught me something different and formed me to the person I am today.

What was the hardest decision that you ever made?
Lucas: The hardest decision I had to encounter in my life is choosing what high school I was going to go to.

Hannah Dopico–Saint Agatha School - Salutatorian



Where are you from?
Hannah: I was born here in Miami, Florida but my parents are from Cuba.

What is your most embarrassing moment in Middle School?
Hannah: I've never really felt embarrassed in school because its pretty hard to make me feel embarrassed so I'm not really sure.

Thinking back to your 8th grade year, describe your experience coming into a new school where you knew no one.
Hannah: My most rewarding experience would either being named my class salutatorian or being the cross country team's most valuable player.

What teacher has made the most impact on your academic life and why?
Hannah: The teacher who has made the biggest impact on my academic life would be my third grade teacher, Mrs. Gonzalez, because she was a great person and she made learning in our classroom very fun. She has been very sick for many years and I am still praying for her.

What are your future plans at your new "Our Lady of Lourdes"?
Hannah: In my new school, I plan to try get the best grades that I can, make a lot of new friends, join a few clubs, and just make the best of it.

What is your favorite sport?
Hannah: Gymnastics

What is your hobby?
Hannah: After school, I usually go and practice gymnastics. I am planning on joining clubs at school, too.

Who was your best friend in middle school and why?
Hannah: I had many best friends in middle school and I can't just name one. I would usually hang out with my friends Veronica Briceño, Tiffany Guerrero, Regina Lozano, Victoria Someillan, and Natalia Rabassa. They were some of my closest friends because we had a lot of common interests and liked to do the same things.

What was the hardest decision that you ever made?
Hannah: I've never really had a to make really hard decision in my life but I guess the hardest decision I had to make was when I was running a cross country race and I was feeling really sick and I didn't know if I should have stopped running or kept on going.

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