

San Benito High School

CLASS OF 2025 TOP 10 HONOR GRADUATES



Valedictorian

KAYLA LIZETTE HERNANDEZ

Kayla Lizette Hernandez is the daughter of Randy and Elizabeth Hernandez. She plans to attend the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and pursue a medical career. Kayla has earned numerous academic and leadership honors, including Superintendent's Hi-5, serving as a two-time major for the San Benito Belles, Rho Kappa president, and the National Honor Society vice president. Lastly, Kayla has earned an associate degree in general studies from Texas Southmost College through dual enrollment.



Salutatorian

SERGIO LUIS VELASQUEZ

Sergio Luis Velasquez, son of Sergio and Diana Velasquez, plans to study aerospace engineering at Texas A&M or the University of Texas at Austin. He has participated in the SBHS Band for four years, qualifying for Texas State Solo & Ensemble each year and serving as section leader for two years. He is also active in the National Technical Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Archery, STEM Club, and Business Professionals of America. Sergio is a recipient of the prestigious Gates Scholarship.



Kevin Harper
FIFTH HONOR GRADUATE

Kevin Michael Harper, son of Evlia and Brian Harper, enjoys reading, playing video games and sports, riding four-wheelers, and spending time with friends while remaining deeply committed to academics. Kevin plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station to study engineering. He aims to serve in the military through the Corps of Engineers or in the reserves.



Cruz Guzman
FOURTH HONOR GRADUATE

Cruz Maximiliano Guzman, son of Javier Guzman and Palmira Hernandez, enjoys playing video games, chess, tennis, and spending time with friends, balancing his interests with strong academic responsibility. He is currently exploring his college options and plans to study cybersecurity. His career goals include working for the government or becoming an ethical hacker.



America Pedraza Rangel
THIRD HONOR GRADUATE

Vanessa Pedraza Rangel, daughter of Mayra and Cesar Pedraza, earned an associate degree through dual enrollment, from Texas Southmost College. She was accepted to several universities, with her top choices being LSU, Baylor, UT Austin, and UT Rio Grande Valley, planning to major in neuroscience. She notably served over 60 hours in the NJROTC, where she was promoted to operations officer.



Alexa Naranjo
NINTH HONOR GRADUATE

Alexa Teresita Naranjo, daughter of Albert Naranjo and Janee Cavazos, plans to attend the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and pursue a degree in biology. Alexa's academic achievements include being a Superintendent's Hi-5 honoree. Her extracurricular accomplishments include qualifying for Nationals in TAFE Gold. She earned an associate degree in general studies from Texas Southmost College through dual enrollment.



Sabina Morales
TENTH HONOR GRADUATE

Sabina Morales, daughter of Yasmin Bando and Jose Manuel Morales, plans to study business at UTRGV. Sabina has been actively involved in El Sol Maya Spanish National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, and Academic Decathlon, showcasing her academic dedication and leadership. Outside of school, she volunteers at her church, where she serves as a positive role model and community leader.



Ryan Lerma
SEVENTH HONOR GRADUATE

Ryan Anthony Lerma, son of MaryJo Rodriguez and Ismael Lerma, is a varsity tennis and chess player. Through dual enrollment, he earned an associate degree in general studies from Texas Southmost College. Ryan was involved in various student organizations, including the LEO Club, Speech Club, and Rho Kappa. He has been accepted to the University of Texas at Austin and plans to pursue a career in psychiatry.



Alyssa Baker
EIGHTH HONOR GRADUATE

Alyssa Janelle Baker, daughter of Maribel Zuniga and James Baker, will attend UTRGV to pursue a career in environmental science. During her junior and senior years, Alyssa qualified for regional and state power-lifting and placed in the top five in three-fourths of those competitions. She earned an associate degree in general studies from TSC through dual enrollment.



Fabiola Rodriguez Lerma
SIXTH HONOR GRADUATE

Fabiola Rodriguez Lerma, daughter of Ignacio and Fabiola Rodriguez will attend UTRGV to major in marine biology and environmental science. She has an associate degree from TSC, won the Academic Decathlon award, and competed at the state level in choir. Additionally, she was secretary of the Spanish Honor Society, involved in the Wildlife Club, STEM Club, and a member of the varsity choir for three years.