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INTRO TO RESEARCH STUDENT BIOS

August 15 – August 26

SESSION 1

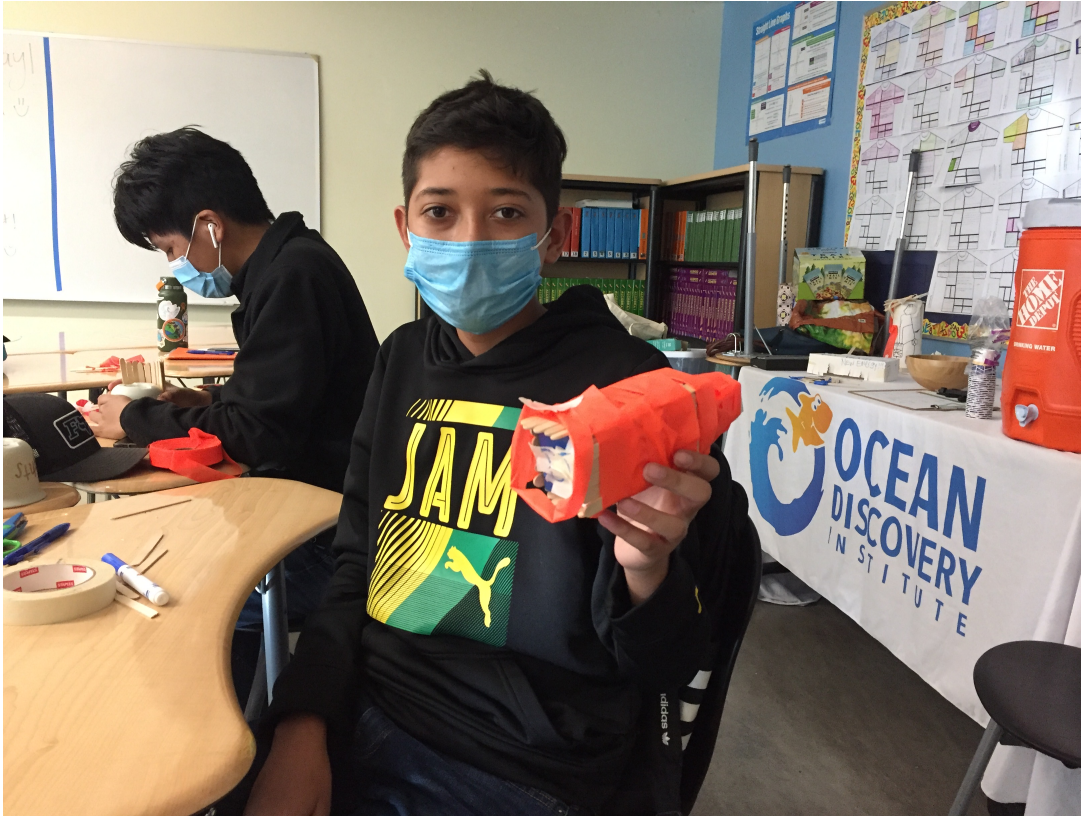
Instructors: Carolina and Matt

ALEJANDRO FRIAS



- Describes himself as patient, involved and kind
- Wrestler
- Career interests are politics, biology and psychology
- Mending Matters (Mental Health awareness internship) scholar
- Joined the Leaders program in 9th grade

RICARDO MARAVILLA



- Spanish speaker
- Describes himself as sensitive, calm, shy, and talkative when meeting friends
- Would like to collect dinosaur fossils one day
- Favorite subject as school is history
- Likes to draw animation
- Career interest is archaeologist or biologists

JOSELIN LEANA



- Describes herself as a social butterfly, math unskilled, hard-working, great at time management and a good organizer
- Career interests are criminology, lawyer, business, and economics
- Wants to run her own business
- Uses music to clear mind
- Shys away from asking questions because they think they are dumb questions
- Interns at Mid City Can
- Close friend with Evany C and Usiel S
- Joined the leaders program since 6th grade

BRYAN GONZALEZ



- Describes himself as creative, funny, sarcastic
- Passion for gaming
- Fast learner and advanced computer knowledge skills
- Career interests are graphic design and art
- Volleyball is his favorite sport, part of volleyball team at Hoover
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

MARGARITA “MAGGIE” SANTOS



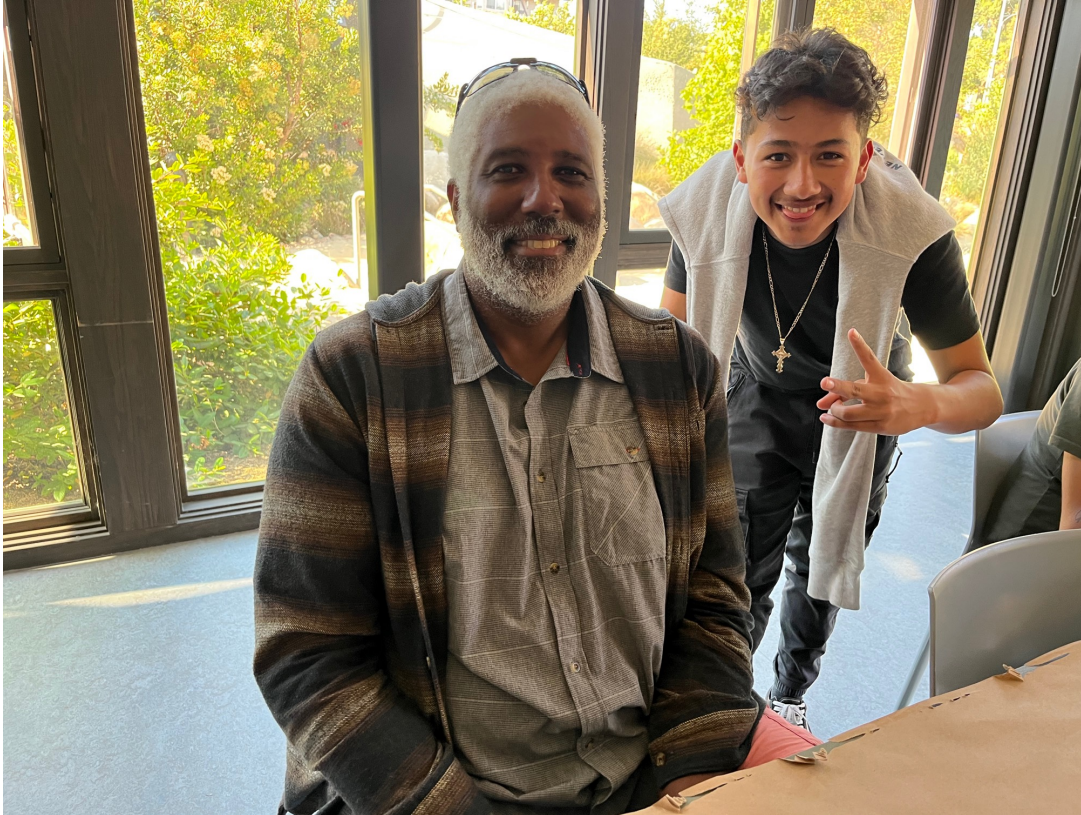
- Has been an Ocean Leader since middle school (SES!).
- Loves drawing and art.
- Has a sibling, Diana Santos who is coming to Bahia as a mentor.

ALEJANDRO CARDENAS



- Describes himself as ...
- Career interests in environmental science
- Recently completed a 3 week paid internship at Genomatica, biotech company
- Big shoe brand fanatic
- Loves rap
- Joined the leaders program since 6th grade

VICTOR VELAZQUEZ RIVERA



- Graduated Hoover and will be attending Miramar community college this fall
- Soccer fanatic
- Career interest is auto mechanic engineering
- Joined the leaders program since 6th grade
- Rivera family

ANTHONY WALTON



- Describes himself as the popular dude at hoover
- Career interest is police officer
- Favorite hobby is skateboarding and weightlifting
- Part of the wrestling team at hoover
- Best friends with Alejandro Frias
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

SANDRA SANTOS



- Just graduated Hoover and will be attending USD this fall as a political science major
- Joined the leaders program since the 6th grade

DAVID RODRIGUEZ



- Describes himself as a soccer player, funny but shy, responsible
- Career interest is forensic science
- Favorite show is criminal minds
- Siblings with Yeimi
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

EVANY CASTILLO



- Describes herself as awesome weird, late, sentimental and responsible
- Academic interest is to graduate hoover, attend a 4 year university and get a job in counseling/psychology
- Enjoys painting and listening to music
- Works at Wendy's
- Calls everyone "girlies"

ALEXANDER DE LUNA



- Describes himself as open minded, hard working, relaxed, outgoing, curious and creative
- Career interest is to go to trade school and do engineering
- Member of track at hoover

ANGEL MARTINEZ



- Describes himself as wise, cooperative, encouraging, friendly, and kind
- Career interest are aerospace engineering, nuclear physics, join the US Air force, become a pilot
- High achieving, 4.5 GPA
- JROTC commander in chief
- Leader of the team

YEIMI RODRIGUEZ



- Describes herself as persistent, goal driven, smart, academically driven and great at balancing commitments
- Cheer at hoover
- ASB Lead at hoover
- Swim team at hoover
- Likes to challenge herself by taking AP Honor classes, getting her drivers license and joining new programs
- Role model to her younger brother, David Rodriguez
- Career interests are law and forensic science

ABIGAIL F OSORIO



- Describes herself as honest, deliberate, quiet, logical and smart
- Likes to be straightforward and transparent
- Career interests are commercial pilot, real estate or interior design
- Speaks French
- Track at hoover
- Has opened up her past experience with depression

USIEL SOTO



- Describes himself as encouraging, amazing and understanding
- He is curious, engaging, committed, and hard working
- Career interests are forensic science, neuro science, or molecular biology
- His 9th grade brother just joined the leaders program!
- Overly committed with programs at hoover
- Joined leaders program in 9th grade

HUU NGUYEN

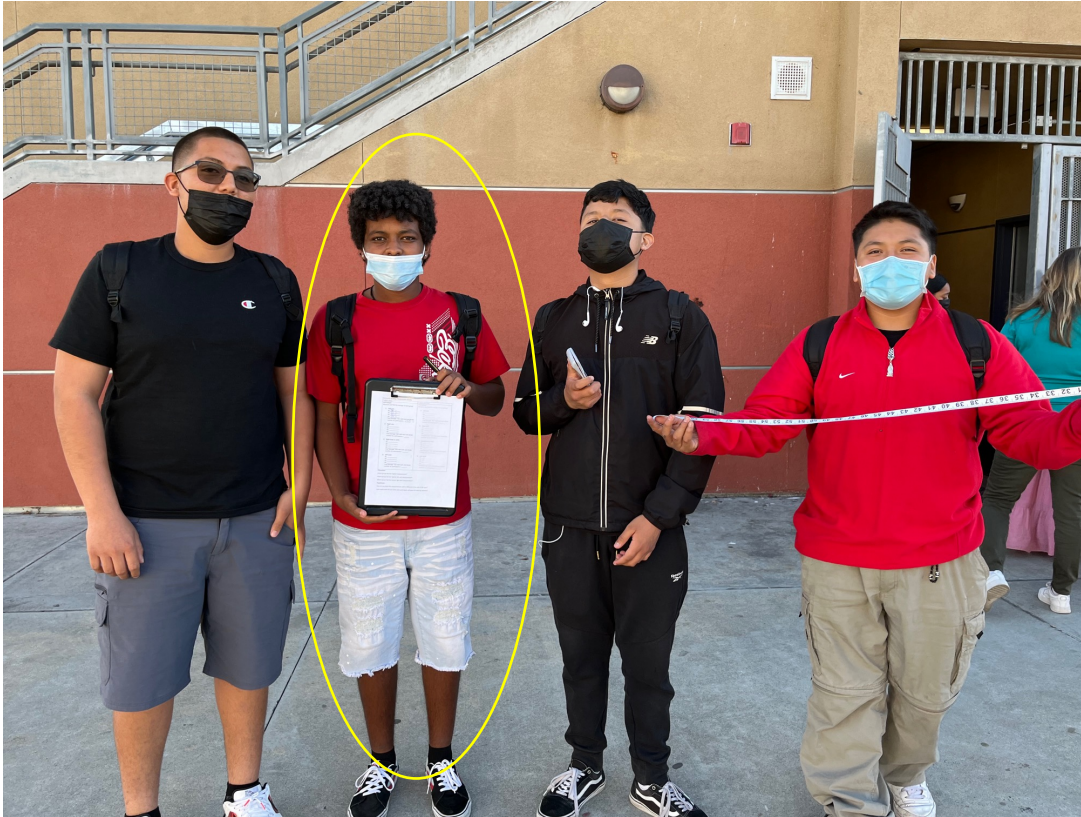


- Came to the US from Vietnam 3 years ago
- Graduated Hoover and will be attending CSU San Marcos this fall!
- Majoring in Computer engineering
- Independent, fast learner

SESSION 2

Instructors: Stacy and Joel

MUSSIE JOHN



- Soccer fanatic
- Career interest is to become a soccer professional
- Likes to do math
- His mom went to hoover
- Speaks 2 languages
- Best friends with the boys in the picture
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

TATYANNA LEONARD

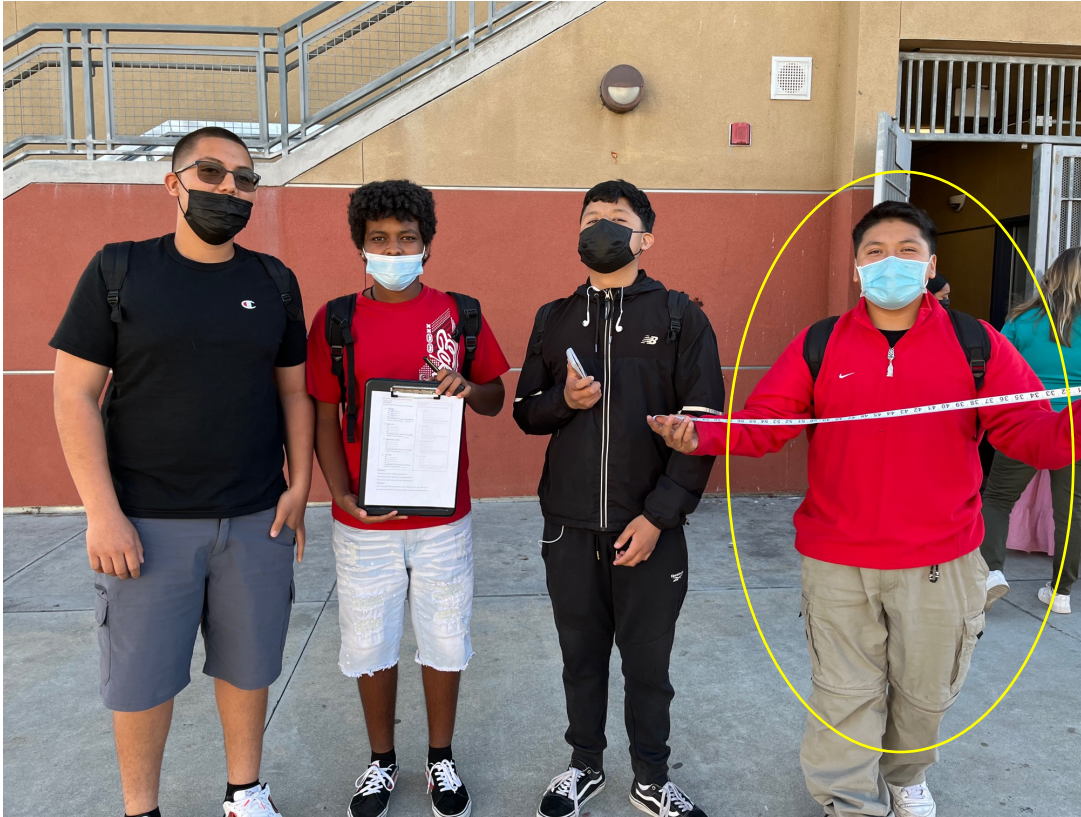
- The leader of the group
- Vocal but can be shy
- Stands up for others who are getting bullied
- Expresses her feelings to people
- Favorite hobbies are dance, theater and swimming
- Joined the leaders program late 9th grade

JAVIER SOTELO



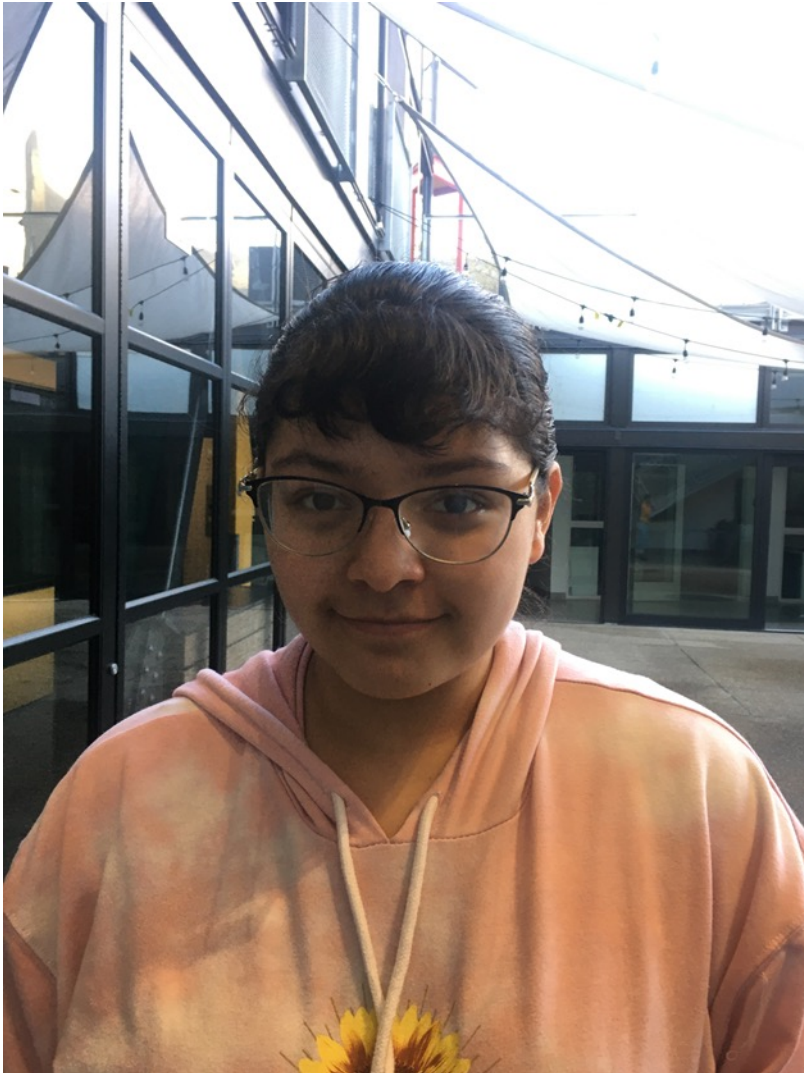
- Describes himself as a caring person and animal lover
- Was president of the chavista club during middle school
- Fascinated by sharks
- Career interest is working towards protecting the environment
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

DIEGO SANTILLAN



- Describes himself as respectful, well mannered, and sea life driven
- Likes to watch the discovery channel on sea animals
- Favorite hobbies are wrestling and playing football
- Recently joined the football team at hoover
- Hoover community connections ambassador
- Best friends with group of boys in the picture

ISABELLA ESPINOZA



- Likes learning about environment and animals
- Studious, wants to aim for a 4.0 gpa
- Loves drawing nature stuff
- Shy, hard to get out of bubble
- Mom attended Wilson and Hoover
- Math Club at school
- Has 2 younger siblings that come to ODI, Eva and Carlos
- Plays musical instrument, viola
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

YAIRO CHIQUE



- Wants to protect the ocean and animals living in it
- Curious, wants to learn new things and become better at doing so
- Likes healthy eating, exercises a lot
- Wants to understand the logic behind science
- Doesn't like giving up or walking away with unfinished work
- Enjoys anime, drawing (spends 3-4 hours/day, anatomy)
- CI Member

KATHERINE AVILES



- Describes herself as creative, passionate, determined, kind, generous, outgoing and adventurous
- Likes to learn new things and explore
- Likes to go fishing with her dad
- Family driven
- Favorite hobbies are basketball, swim and beach visits
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

DANNIA MARAVILLA



- Describes herself as quiet, focused, smart, funny
- Siblings with Ricardo Maravilla
- Likes plants
- Likes to draw
- Career interest is criminology
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

EVELYN ARELLANO



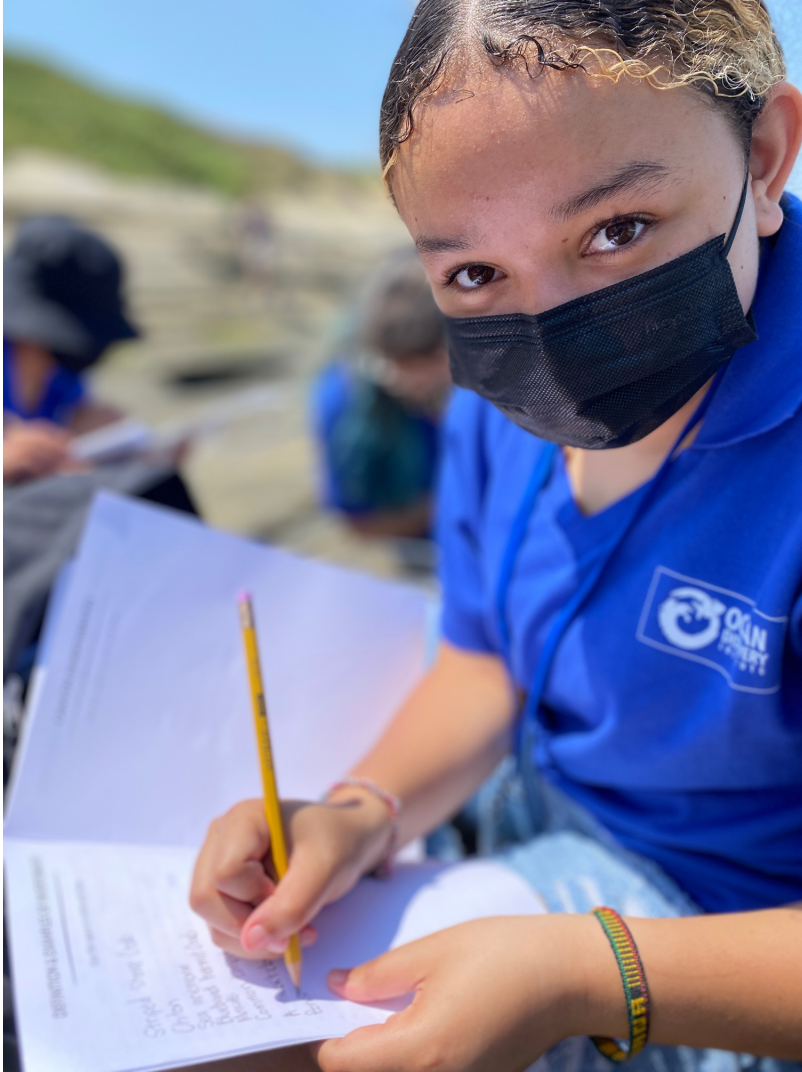
- Likes to express her emotions in drawing
- Favorite hobby is drawing anime characters
- Experiences depression and ADHD
- Likes to meet new people
- Career interest is artist
- Joined the leaders program in 6th grade

ANGEL SANCHEZ



- Favorite hobbies are videogames, football, basketball, and fixing things
- Likes to fix cars on his free time
- Career interest is bioengineering
- Plays baritone instrument
- Can get into bad influences at hoover
- Best friends with the group of boys – Mussie, Steven, Victor and Diego
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

JASMIN ROMAN



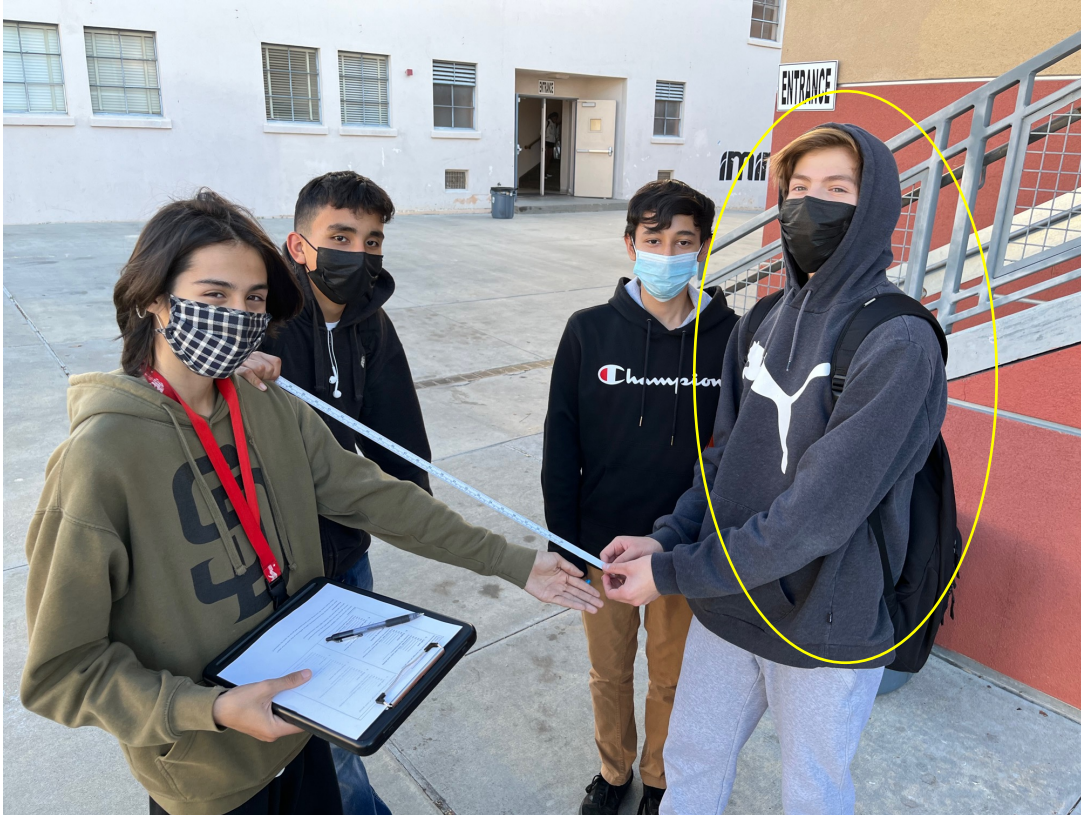
- Loves swimming, the ocean, surfing, paddle boarding and snorkeling
- Wants a career where she can save the environment and the animals like oceanographer or marine biologist
- She has two moms, one biological and one adoptive
- One of her moms is at SDSU pursuing wildlife biologist
- Likes politics and debates
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

VICTOR GUTIERREZ



- Describes himself as calm, responsible and sometimes a procrastinator
- Favorite hobbies are playing video games, boxing, traveling, and trying new food
- Cuts hair in his free time
- Career interests are a professional wrestler or something to do with science
- Best friends with the group of boys: Mussie, Steven, Diego and Angel S
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

DAVID CHAVEZ



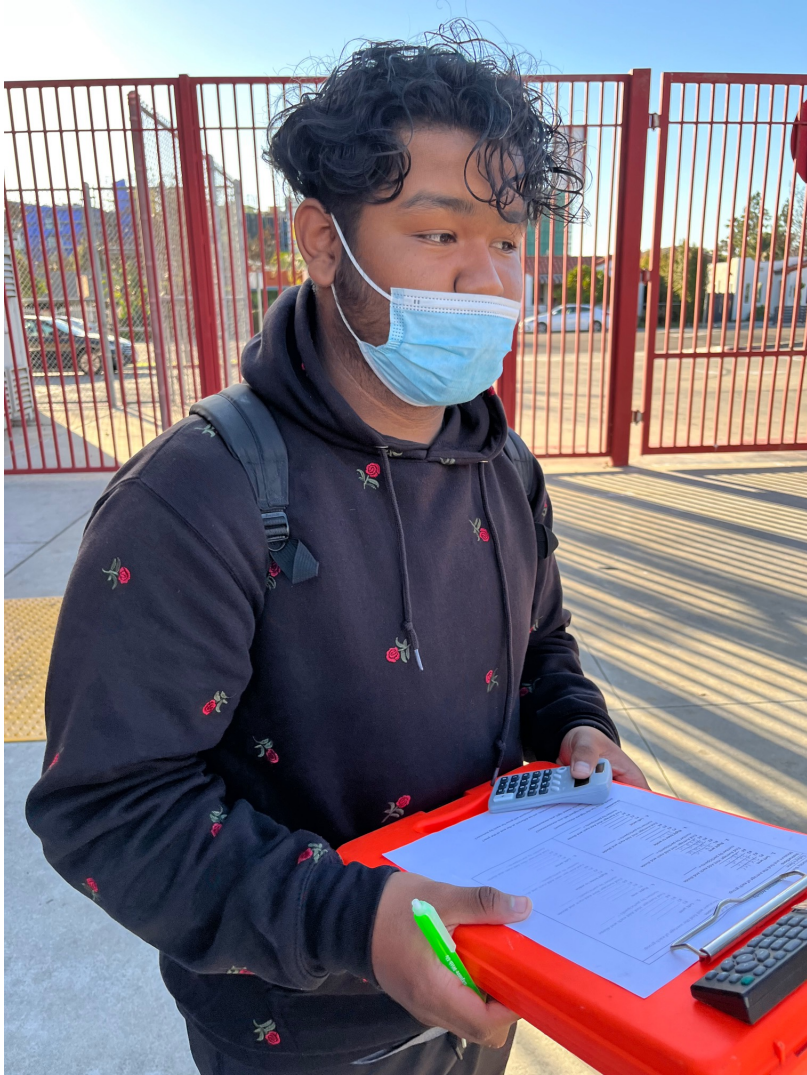
- Career interests are real estate, marine biology, and astronomy
- Favorite sport is football and is part of the football team at hoover
- Big anime fan, collects dragon ball z cards
- Enjoys outdoors and likes to go on night walks to clear mind
- He is close with his cat “Chooky” that mostly sleeps
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

BRANDON GADEA



- Describes himself as shy but smart person
- Wants to work in the science field when he grows up
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

STEVEN PREZA



- Describes himself as caring, goofy, and smart
- Favorite subject at school is history
- Likes anime, manga and video games
- Fun fact: watched 972 anime episodes and 1,011 manga chapters
- Has an older sister who graduated from UCSD in political science
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

DAIR FELIPE



- Plays soccer for a big chunk of his time
- Can be influenced by bad influences at hoover
- Likes to care for his younger siblings
- Joined the leaders program in 9th grade

ISABELLA MUNIZ



- Favorite hobbies are reading, creating digital images and coding
- Is good at memorizing things
- Plays the violin
- Joined the trash troop at ODI
- Joined the leaders program in 6th grade