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**RISING 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT BIOS**



# ABIGAIL SIQUINA

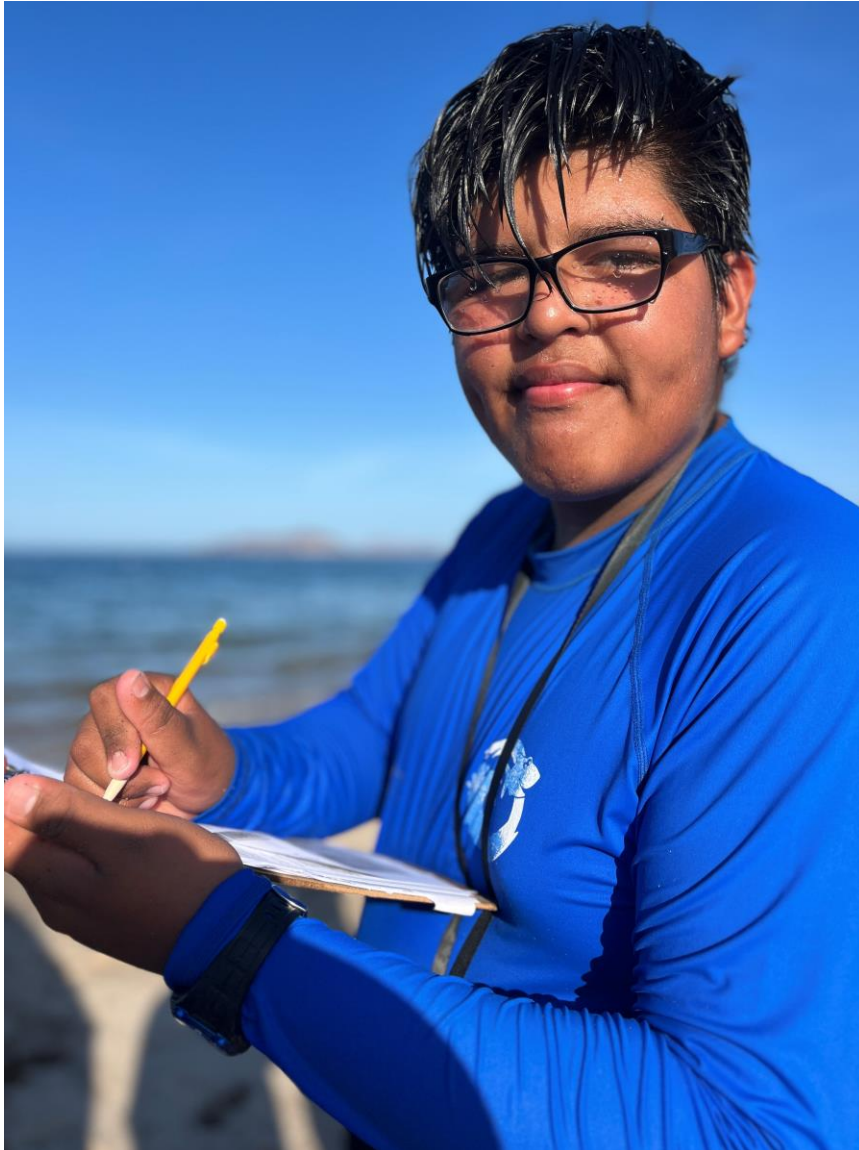
- **Nickname/short name:** Abi
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Family driven, participates in church religious activities
- **Interests:** Enjoys drawing, listening to music, participating in after school clubs) Garden club, college bound programs), plays the trumpet

# ALEXANDRA CASTILLO PALMA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Ale
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** strong commitment, kind, high achiever, leader!
- **Interests:** math, reading, drawing





# ANTHONY ZAPATA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Anthony
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Interests:** Likes playing video games, cooking and wants to be a chief, he works during weekends supporting his family doing taco catering services, likes learning about space





## BELEN ALONSO

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- **Nickname/short name:** Belen
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** strong leader, encourages other students, asks great questions, funny!
- **Interests:** math, soccer, art, wants to be a biologist



## BRIAN SOTO

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- **Nickname/short name:** Brian
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Wants to become a computer scientist and enjoys coding and video games, anime, brother of an Ocean Leader alum
- **Interests:** soccer, math, engineering, gym, college bound programs

# CARLOS BELTRAN ROSAS

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- **Nickname/short name:** Carlos
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Want to become a soccer professional
- **Interests:** Math, architecture, soccer

# DATNELI ARRIAGA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Datneli
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Favorite subject is English, wants to work with animals, shy, takes time to get comfortable and make a connection with you, can make jokes
- **Interests:** Drawing, doing make-up





# DIEGO AGUILAR

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- **Nickname/short name:** Diego
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Favorite subject at school is math, loves pets (cats), serious face; inner excitement, demonstrates emotion when he is upset, sad or non-interested
- **Interests:** Become a biologist or engineer

# KENIA SIMON DIEGUEZ

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- **Nickname/short name:** Kenia
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Cancer survivor, loves the ocean and learning about ocean animals
- **Interests:** Become a pediatrician and cure kids who have cancer



# KIMBERLY SALGADO

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- **Nickname/short name:** Kimberly
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Wants a career in the arts/media
- **Interests:** Filming, part of the Idea Club (filming), art and science interest, leader of the ROTC club at Hoover





## MIA SERNA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Mia
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Wants a career in aerodynamics Engineering and Marine Biology, high achieving, 4.5 GPA
- **Interests:** tennis, drawing, girls tennis team, college bound programs





# SHERLY TORRES NAVARIJO

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- **Nickname/short name:** Sherly
- **Class of:** 2026
- **Description:** Moved to San Diego from Guatemala, primary language is Spanish, appreciates support with English
- **Interests:** plays volleyball, enjoys drawing, wants to work with animals, favorite subject is math, loves singing



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# DHALIA ARRIAGA

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- **Nickname/short name:**  
Dhalia
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Shy but developing her social skills as her primary goal, family driven, heavily involved in programs at Hoover and external.
- **Interests:** Favorite subject is history, wants to work in Family Medicine and OBGYN

# KATHERINE AVILA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Katherine
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Wants to become an Engineer and Marine Biology, Favorite Subject is math
- **Interests:** Painting, music, archery, basketball, track, cross country, calligraphy, fishing with dad, help parents cater events. Involved with Aaron Price, Varsity Basketball





# DAVID CHAVEZ

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- **Nickname/short name:** David
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** High achieving, wants a career in pharmaceutical, favorite subject at school is science
- **Interests:** Skating, Biking, nature walks, medicine/science career, wants to travel to Japan, track and field, Wrestling, Debate Club, Upward Bound



# YAIRO CHIQUE

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- **Nickname/short name:** Yairo
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Great communication skills, doesn't mind presenting in front of a large group
- **Interests:** Anime, drawing, anatomy, lifting weights at the gym



# ISABELLA ESPINOZA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Isabella
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Studious, maintains 4.0 GPA, demonstrates shyness and hard to get out of comfort zone or share her ideas, participated in a math club and coding summer course
- **Interests:** Wants a career in Biology. Enjoys coding, ROTC, drawing and nature exploration



# BRANDON GADEA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Brandon
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Describes himself as shy but very smart
- **Interests:** Wants to work in the science field when he grows up





# VICTOR GUTIERREZ

- **Nickname/short name:** Victor
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** 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
- **Interests:** Wants to be a professional wrestler or work as a mechanic, likes cars.

# MUSSIE JOHN

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- **Nickname/short name:** Mussie
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Can speak 2 languages, his mom went to Hoover! Likes to do math
- **Interests:** Soccer fanatic, wants to become a pro soccer player

# TATYANNA LEONARD

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- **Nickname/short name:** Taty
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** The leader of the group. Vocal but can be shy. Stands up for others who are getting bullied. Expresses her feelings to people
- **Interests:** Favorite hobbies are dance, theater and swimming, wants to do science as a career





# DANNIA MARAVILLA

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- **Nickname/short name:** Dannia
- **Class of:** 2025
- **Description:** Describes herself as quiet, focused, smart, funny, not so good at memorizing things
- **Interests:** Plants, drawing, wants a career in criminology, border patrol or law enforcement