

Sunridge Middle School names first semester honor students

PENDLETON — First semester honor students for the 2016-17 academic year at Sunridge Middle School included:

Sunridge All-Around Champions (perfect attendance, grades and behavior): Rebekah Edmonds, Victoria Edmonds, Olivia Elrod, Caleb Colter, Kyra Jackson, Kirsten Mendel, Kendall Moore, Tatum Paullus, Caleb Picken, Caitlin Pratuch, Aleece Primmer, Stella Rabb, Liliana Sosa, Keirsen Spencer, Adelaide Tesch, Abigail Thorne, Adam Thorne, Sarah Welch, Sammantha Wilks, Sage Wyland and Dilubch Yaoch; Honor Roll (3.5-3.9 gpa): Dylan Alexander, Gonzalo Arthur, Olivia Baker, Rebecca Bearchum, Keefer Breshears, Austin Carlson, Analie Carnes, Jordan Cash, Jayce Cecil, Gavin Clark, Tessa Collier, Easton Corey, Jackson Davis, Sydnee Enright, Jonathan Ramirez, Ethen Fusselman, Taya Harry-Kerr, Kylee Henderson, Kate Hill, Elizabeth Holden, Carter Jones, Paegen Kang, Lyric King-Hart, Aubrey Lehnert, Sistine Macdonald, Brock Mackey, Alexis Maddern, Robert Maker Jr., Layla Niemeier, Kaden Noggle, Katelyn Pace, Kacie Parker, Brayden Picard, Molly Reeves, Stormie Richmond, Saint Schimmel, Cooper Simmons, Jayden Taylor, Daniella Torres, Ronald Train, Scott Train, Dawson Tremper, Kendall West and Summer Wildbill.

Sixth Grade: Perfect Attendance: Lucas Acevedo, Melanie Castaneda, Jayce Cecil, Rebekah Edmonds, Amaya Eekoopew, Olivia Elrod, Jonathan Ramirez, Devan Harris, Jasmine Johnson, Brock Mackey, David Mcdowell, Brooke Newsom, Kacie Parker, Caleb Picken, Caitlin Pratuch, Aleece Primmer, Alyric Redcrane Bronson, Stormie Richmond, Charline Runion, Keirsen Spencer, Malaya Stanger, Adelaide Tesch, Abigail Thorne, Ronald Train and Sammantha Wilks; Principal's List (4.0 gpa): Maria Alvarez-Barroso, Lucas Bensching, Gabrielle Brown, Clayson Cooley, Chas Corbett, Andrew Demi-

anew, Rylee Demianew, Rebekah Edmonds, Roody Eichholz, Olivia Elrod, Antonio Flores, Charlie Franklin, Anna Grossnickle, Simon Johnson, Sasha Kovalak, Jack Lieualen, Byron Nelson, Layla Otteson, Caleb Picken, Erin Picken, Caitlin Pratuch, Aleece Primmer, Stella Rabb, Liliana Sosa, Keirsen Spencer, Adelaide Tesch, Abigail Thorne, Adam Thorne, Sarah Welch, Sammantha Wilks, Sage Wyland and Dilubch Yaoch; Honor Roll (3.5-3.9 gpa): Dylan Alexander, Gonzalo Arthur, Olivia Baker, Rebecca Bearchum, Keefer Breshears, Austin Carlson, Analie Carnes, Jordan Cash, Jayce Cecil, Gavin Clark, Tessa Collier, Easton Corey, Jackson Davis, Sydnee Enright, Jonathan Ramirez, Ethen Fusselman, Taya Harry-Kerr, Kylee Henderson, Kate Hill, Elizabeth Holden, Carter Jones, Paegen Kang, Lyric King-Hart, Aubrey Lehnert, Sistine Macdonald, Brock Mackey, Alexis Maddern, Robert Maker Jr., Layla Niemeier, Kaden Noggle, Katelyn Pace, Kacie Parker, Brayden Picard, Molly Reeves, Stormie Richmond, Saint Schimmel, Cooper Simmons, Jayden Taylor, Daniella Torres, Ronald Train, Scott Train, Dawson Tremper, Kendall West and Summer Wildbill.

Seventh Grade: Perfect Attendance: Ashton Anderson, Gabrielle Bedolla, Nathan Boyer, Gabriel Browning, Parker Campbell, Kevin Castaneda, Grace Chay, Olivia Cor-

bett, Devan Driskell, Matthew Ellis, Kaidence Fine, Lane Fulton, Sauren Garton, Caleb Golter, Jacob Griffin, Aiden Gunter, James Halladay, Elijah Harwood, Nicholas Havens, Maximus Hunter, Samuel Jennings, Todd Kelly, Devan Leonard, Caden Mathison, Anthony Medrano, Preston Minthorn-Lara, Jack Monkman, Kendall Moore, Calvin Nithikhun Jr, Tatum Paullus, Nereydda Perez Avila, Paige Pitner, Anahi Ponce Palomera, Noah Preston, Cahill Robinson, Davin Russell, Shaelynn Silva, Gaignun Smith, James Smith, James Thatcher, Savannah White and Jace Woodford; Principal's List (4.0 gpa): Marquelle Barfuss, Ann Bostwick, Madeline Breiling, Ella Chrisman, Gabriel Cleveland, Delainey Coiner, Emma Coleman, Allison Galloway, Caleb Golter, Mckenna Harrington, Sarah House, Kyle Liscom, Molly Magill, Kendall Moore, Julia Naughton, Anders Oja, Lucy Oyama, Tatum Paullus, Shaelynn Silva, Nora Yoshioka and Kaylee Zimmerman; Honor Roll (3.5-3.9 gpa): Ashton Anderson, Cailee Arevalo, Tianna Arthur, Hanah Bane, Brookelynn Banks, Alathia Bork, Alexis Bowen, Faith Broadfoot, Gabriel Browning, Alara Campbell, Parker Campbell, Christopher Chapman, Grace Chay, Olivia Corbett, Nancy Corona-Rodriguez, Melinda Cramp, Emma De Young, Sydney Dodge, Delaney Ellis, Matthew Ellis, Kaidence Fine, Megann Fleming, Sauren Garton, Jamie

Gau, Akira Gomez, Aiden Gunter, Eliana Hansen, Ethan Harrison, Antonio Hernandez, Shaelee Hilderbrand, Arelia Huber, Ethan Hughbanks, Daisy Jenness, Muriel Hoisington, Jordan Jones, Kerri Kunz, Karson Lani, Emily Lozier, Kinley Mcanally, Anthony Medrano, Jack Monkman, Keilah Mossman, Kamdyn Murphy, Payton Nerenberg, Lorrain O'Donnell, Tucker Pace, Paige Pitner, Noah Preston, Collin Primus, Jace Reding, Andrew Reyburn, Andreaa Roark, Cahill Robinson, Danilo Roman-Soria, Caden Rugg, Davin Russell, Kristylle Salvador, Clara Sams, James Savage, Natalie Sieders, Patrick Simpson, Milee Smith, Ember Spencer, Corbin Sweet, Elijah Tabellija, Chloe Taber, James Thatcher, Mackenzie Whaley, Harlee White, Madaline White, Andrew Williams, Tre Williams and Brielle Youncs.

Eighth Grade: Perfect Attendance: Jacob Airoldi, Gabriel Angel, Ethan Carey, Brynn Cody, Jesse Dahlberg, Skyler Daniels, Victoria Edmonds, Gabrielle Fitzmorris, Seth Gardner, Cloey Harris, Ivory Herrera, Kyra Jackson, Mabelle Kirsch, Victoria Lovell, Bryson Mcalary, Kirsten Mendel, Grady Naughton, Lainey Neistadt, Natalie Neveau, Kimberly Peck, Trinity Price, Oscar Pureco, Madeleine Richter, William Sigo, Kalan Spencer, Eyan Springer, Billy Turner II, Callie Umbarger, David Welch, Jonnathan Wendt and Tucker Zander; Principal's List (4.0 gpa): Stanley Alex-

ander-Spino, Daniel Blanscett, Riley Brown, Christopher Burnett, Samuel Coleman, Victoria Edmonds, Angela Fang, Hope Harwood, Sylvie Heriza, Emma House, Kyra Jackson, Katelyn Kelm, Chelsea Kendrick, Kirsten Mendel, Kyndra Nelson, Wakody Pond, Cornelia Reynen, Madeleine Richter, Callie Umbarger, Isaac Urbina and Camille Wood; Honor Roll (3.5-3.9 gpa): Jacob Airoldi, Marcus Allen, Nancy Arechiga Lopez, Jaeyden Ballou, Bella Baumgartner, Sean Bennett, Molly Bishop, Gracie Broadfoot, Noah Butler, Larissa Chambers, Chelsie Clough, Kiara Crawford-Templin, Kya Creger, Jesse Dahlberg, Mallory Daum, Jordan Degeer, Clare Durant Bailor, Colby Evens, Kyle Field, Gabrielle Fitzmorris, Elissa Franks, Andrew Halsey, Cloey Harris, Mckayla Herman, Courtney Herrera, Kayleerae Herrera, Tabitha Jensen, Mabelle Kirsch, Daniel Lamont, Maria Lillenthal, Victoria Lovell, Elle Marsh, Baylee Marshall, Ian McClendon, Matthew Miltenberger, Jordyn Murphy, Grady Naughton, Lainey Neistadt, Kiara Nelson, Natalie Neveau, Emma Odman, Ellen Paulsen, Rose Pe, Grady Phelan, Grace Phillips, Alexis Pohn, Zachary Rabb, Autumn Saxton, Sidney Schreier, Grace Seeliger, Curtis Simons, Tyler Sprattling, Eyan Springer, Rylan Still, Johann Valera-Vega, Trenton Villers, Asha Waine, Buck Weilert, David Welch, Josie Wilson, and Tucker Zander.

Teen steps up as grandmother's memory slips away

Martin Prado's after-school activities revolve around his grandma's schedule. The high school senior often stops by a neighborhood restaurant to pick up rice and beans for her dinner. He'll blend it before he spoon-feeds her, so she doesn't choke. He had been promoted to salad maker at the Texas Roadhouse where he used to work 20 hours a week, but recently quit to spend more time taking care of his grandma.



AISHA SULTAN Parents Talk Back

Duarte's life completely changed with her mother's diagnosis. She used to own a sports bar, which she gave up to take care of her mom. She watched her mother's rapid decline with an added sense of dread; Duarte was genetically tested and discovered she has the same mutation, ensuring she will also develop the disease. She's become an outspoken advocate for Alzheimer's research and funding and has done around a hundred interviews.

Martin's grandmother, Sonia Cardona, 61, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's nearly six years ago. Cardona, who worked as a teacher's aide for 29 years, completely lost her speech about a year ago, and is now unable to feed, clothe or use the restroom herself. Martin's aunt Daisy Duarte, Cardona's daughter, had been taking care of her mom alone, full-time, since the illness began robbing Cardona of her memories and cognitive function.

"I don't want pity," she says. "I want a cure." About 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's, and that number is expected to nearly triple by 2050. It's the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the leading cause of dementia in the elderly. Yet the last new medication approved for the disease was about 15 years ago.

Martin, 17, spent part of his summer vacation helping his aunt care for his grandma. They live a few miles from his parents' house in Springfield, Missouri. Duarte, 41, was able to work more hours with her nephew's help at home. When he started his senior year at Kickapoo High School, he kept thinking about their situation.

Toward her desire for better treatments, Duarte joined a clinical trial two and a half years ago at the Washington University School of Medicine. She uses her vacation days to drive to St. Louis for periodic brain imaging scans, cognitive tests and an annual spinal tap. The study is part of the Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network, an international research partnership of leading scientists to understand a rare form of Alzheimer's disease caused by a gene mutation. Researchers hope that understanding this form of the disease may provide clues to decoding other dementias and developing dementia treatments.

He knew his aunt couldn't keep taking care of Cardona alone.

"I'm doing nothing but going home and playing video games after school," he said. "I could be doing something better with my time."

While Duarte knows she is genetically wired to face the same fate as her mother, doctors cannot say exactly when the disease will strike her. She hopes that advances in medicines may give her extra time.

She was grateful for the help, and Martin moved in last fall. "There are days I just can't do it," she said, about balancing work and being a full-time caregiver. "He's 17. And he stepped up to the plate."

"I'm going down fighting," she said. Martin is thinking about his future, too.

As soon as he gets home, he helps his grandmother to the restroom. Then, he helps her to the couch and watches "Dr. Phil" with her. A little later, he will prepare her dinner and spoon-feed her. They'll watch a few more television shows before he gets her ready for bed. He will take her to the restroom again and then help her into bed. He's learned to watch for signs of seizures and knows which medicines to give.

He has a 3.5 grade point average and plans to attend community college for a couple of years. Eventually, he wants to earn a degree in hospitality management. His dream is to open a Puerto Rican restaurant. He's picked out a name already "Abuelita's."

It means "grandmother" in Spanish. Aisha Sultan is a St. Louis-based journalist who studies parenting in the digital age while trying to keep up with her tech-savvy children. Find her on Twitter: @AishaS.

Friday Morning

Table with 12 columns (Station, 6 AM, 6:30, 7 AM, 7:30, 8 AM, 8:30, 9 AM, 9:30, 10 AM, 10:30, 11 AM, 11:30) listing TV programs for Friday Morning.

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AFTERNOON

Table with 12 columns (Station, 12 PM, 12:30, 1 PM, 1:30, 2 PM, 2:30, 3 PM, 3:30, 4 PM, 4:30, 5 PM, 5:30) listing TV programs for Afternoon.

EVENING

Table with 12 columns (Station, 6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) listing TV programs for Evening.

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NIGHT OWL

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