

# RHS FRESHMAN REPORT

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## The End of The School Year

By: RHS Freshman Reporters listed below

The end of the school year is finally upon us. This year has been one of achievements and challenges for the students and staff of the Raton Public Schools. We look to the future with optimism and determination to make our school and community better. The writers and editor of the *Raton High School Freshman Reporter*



would like to sincerely thank the **Raton Natural Gas Company** for giving us the opportunity to keep you informed of the events happening in and around our school. Now, more than ever, it is important for the community to be an active participant in the educational process and for the educational system to play an active role in the community. Wishing you a happy summer and we'll see you again in August!

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## 2017 RHS OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS PRESENTED

By: Lynette Simpson, RHS School Counselor

Outstanding Senior Award Recipients are Ms. Alina Pillmore and Mr. Jason Parker.

Ms. Alina Pillmore, daughter of Roy and Georgia Pillmore, has participated in Volleyball and Track. She belonged to National Honor Society and served as Chapter Historian. She has also been involved in Student Senate and this past year and served as Executive President. Alina plans to attend University of New Mexico to major in Biology.

Mr. Jason Parker, son of Scott and Susan Parker, has been participated in Golf, Basketball and Baseball. He belonged to National Honor Society and was a Jr. Rotarian. Jason has also qualified for the State Golf Tournament the past 4 years and was the 2016 District Golf Champion. Jason plans to attend University of New Mexico to major in Accounting.



## Baseball/Softball State

By: Brayden Topping, Matthew Snow, Matias Samora, and John Ware

At the time of this writing, both the Raton Baseball and Softball team have moved on to the State Tournament. Both will be playing on Wednesday, May 10th, at the Cleveland High School Field in Rio Rancho. The softball team will be in a double-elimination tournament, while the baseball team will participate at a single-

elimination tournament. The baseball boys will be facing McCurdy



in the first round with the Softball girls facing the winner of the Laguna Acoma and Jal game. If the boys lose, they are immediately knocked out of the tournament while if the girls lose, they get one more chance to compete.

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## 2017 RYLA REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED By: Lynette Simpson, RHS School Counselor

It is with great pride and pleasure that Raton High School announces the 2017 RYLA Representatives who will be attending the summer conference in July. Congratulations to Autumn Archuleta, Ethan Martinez, and Nathaniel Tarbox for being selected.

RYLA's intent is to encourage student to be more effective servant leaders. RYLA is not a camp intended to teacher leadership skills. Students will learn about the fundamentals of leadership, ethics of positive leadership, qualities of a servant leader, importance of communication skills in effective leadership, conflict management and problem solving, building self-esteem and self-confidence, & community and global citizenship.

RYLA encourages servant leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an "award" for their past and present leadership ad service activities.

These select young people attend an all-expenses paid camp where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve.



2017 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Recipients; Autumn Archuleta (Left), Ethan Martinez (Center) and Nathaniel Tarbox.

## FCCLA FUNDRAISERS

*By: Jennifer Acosta, Ginger Baird, Aliyah Montoya, and Laynee Segura*

The Raton High School FCCLA Chapter has started fundraising for the 2017 National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. They began their fundraising with "Flocking." Flocking is the placement of pink, plastic flamingoes in a person's yard in the hopes that the homeowner will donate money to have the flamingoes placed in someone else's yard. They also had a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, May 10 at Denny's. The Krispy Kreme Donut Sale is ongoing; the donuts will be delivered on May 21. The FCCLA members have asked local businesses for donations for the annual raffle. There are \$1 tickets and \$5 tickets. The \$1 tickets are for prizes with the value of \$49 and below and the \$5 tickets are for prizes with the value of \$50 and above. Mrs. Baird the chapter advisor, also sells snacks year round to raise money for this trip. The students hope to learn and have a great time at Nationals.

## RATON HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

*By: Stacie Patterson and Sydnie Romero*

On Friday, May 5th, the Annual Art Show took place inside the RHS Library, where student artists were able to display some of their pieces. Cash prizes were given out to those who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in numerous categories. The categories were sorted by medium and judged based on artistic merit. Students also had some of their creations listed for sale. If you are interested, please contact the Art Teacher, Gerri Salazar, at the Raton High School (575) 445-3541. The "Best of Show" for high school went to Alejandra Murcia with her work, "You're Killin' Me, Smalls." For the Middle School, the "Best of Show" went to Autumn Martinez with her work, "Rough Water." We would like to congratulate all of the prize winners and encourage the continued support of the community for our student artists! Thank you!



"Ready for Action," by Alejandra Murcia, purchased by Mr. Michael Daniel

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