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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Hi! My name is Amanda Rovey and I'm incredibly grateful to be chosen as Parker High School's March student of the month. I am the 18 year old daughter of Nathan and Nicole Rovey, and I have one sister, Emilia, who is a sophomore. During my time at Parker High School, I have been involved in FFA, National Honor Society, and Varsity Volleyball.

I started playing volleyball in 6th grade and have enjoyed it ever since. I played for PHS's volleyball team for three years. My favorite memories were overnight tournament trips and winning our region championship this past season with my best friend, Della.

I have been involved in 4-H and FFA for as long as I can remember. I have shown all sorts of livestock in the past and am currently involved in showing sheep and goats for my last year in FFA. I am the Parker FFA Chapter's current treasurer. This experience has taught me numerous life skills such as responsibility, time management, and making financial decisions.

After high school, I plan to attend Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota and study elementary education. I would love to become an elementary teacher

and impact young children through their education.

I would like to thank my parents, as well as Mrs. Moody, Mr. Carlson, and Mr. Wheatley for helping me through high school and making my experience one of the best!

ON CHALLENGES AND GROWTH

How have you grown personally during your time at school?

I have become much more outgoing since my freshman year. I have also become more involved in clubs and school activities.

ON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

What academic achievement(s) are you most proud of?

I am proud of receiving Principal's Honor roll every semester, and being a part of National Honors Society.

How have you demonstrated commitment to your studies?

Even though I am pretty busy in general, I always make time to finish my assignments before they are due. I am not always motivated, but I have to stay disciplined so I don't fall behind.

ON LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE

In what ways have you shown leadership among your peers or the school?

I am generally a quiet person, so I don't show leadership [that much], but I am appreciative of FFA and NHS for giving me opportunities to learn about leadership. *Continued on page 2.*

Parker FFA celebrates National FFA Week

The Parker FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week from February 15-21, promoting agricultural education and leadership. One of the highlights was the annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on February 21, where FFA members expressed gratitude to educators and staff.

Held near the Ag shop, the luncheon featured hamburgers, sides, drinks, and desserts. Teachers and staff enjoyed the meal while connecting with FFA members, making the event a successful tribute to their support and dedication.



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ON IMPACT AND INFLUENCE

Who or what has been your biggest inspiration and why?

My biggest inspiration is my mom. She always finds a way to get everything done, even when she is busy. She does so much for me and I can't thank her enough.

ON FUTURE GOALS, ASPIRATIONS

What are your plans for the future, and how do you envision achieving them?

My future plans are to attend college in Minnesota and study elementary education. I will achieve this by keeping my grades up during my last semester and apply for all available scholarships.

How do you see being student of the month contributing to your future goals?

Because I have been chosen as student of the month, I know I've been doing well and can take these things with me to college.

REFLECTIONS

What does being a "Student of the Month" mean to you?

Being student of the month means a lot to me because it means I am doing what I am supposed to in my classes, and that I have earned respect from my teachers.

What advice would you give to other students who aspire to be recognized for their efforts?

Join clubs and sports, and always keep up with your grades. Always be respectful to everybody, both teachers and fellow students.

COUNSELORS' COMMENTS

Senior parents, please encourage your student to keep checking the class of 2025 google classroom for the counseling office. All scholarships we receive, including the local ones, are posted in there.

Currently we have the Parker 4 Wheelers (due March 28th) and Karla Starr memorial (due April 4th) for local scholarships.

The next grade checks coming up for athletic eligibility are February 28th, and then again on April 18th.

Arizona@Work will be hosting our career expo on March 27th during bronc times for Junior and Senior students.

Please continue to ask your students how they are doing in their classes. If they need any help looking at future careers, schools, trades, or the military branches have them sign up to see us in the counseling office.

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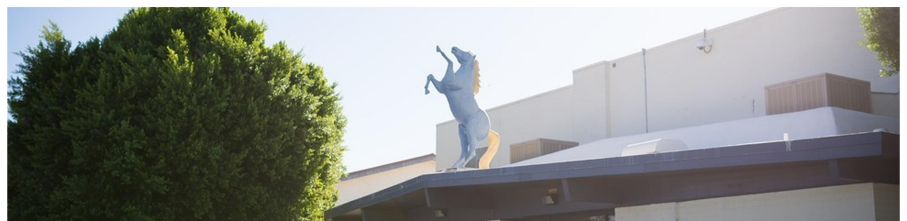
SELF-CONTROL
the ability to discipline your own emotions or impulses

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ORDERLINESS
neat, having a systematic arrangement

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THRIFT
extreme care in spending money



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On February 19th, we held our Money in Motion event for our Freshman and Seniors. This provided students with a hands-ons imulation that let them experience what it was like to budget as an adult. I want to thank the volunteers from CRIT Education, PAACE, Durham Construction, National Bank of Arizona, Arizona At Work, and Parker Unified School District. We could not have put on this great event without your assistance. I know the students are getting ready for their 2 -week Spring Break. I wish all the FFA students great success as they prepare for the La Paz County Fair.

When we return from break, we will begin our state testing. Juniors will take the AZSCI test on Wednesday, March 26th. ACT Testing for Juniors will be April 1st through April 4th. Freshman will take the ACT Aspire April 14th -April 18th. These tests are mandatory, so please make sure your child is here these days. We ask that any medical appointments not be scheduled during these times if at all possible. Once a student starts the test, they can not leave during it or their test will be invalid and not be allowed to retake it. Students have been working hard to prepare for these tests during Bronc Time so we are looking forward to seeing the results. Please encourage your son or daughter to provide their best effort on the test. Go Broncs!!!

Mr. Meale receives 'Teacher of the Year' award



On February 24, 2025, Mr. Douglas Meale was awarded Teacher of the Year. The award was presented by Mr. Daly, the school principal.

A dedicated educator for 18 years, Mr. Meale is highly regarded for his engaging history lessons, especially in Native American History. Known for making the past come alive, he uses primary sources and interactive discussions to deepen students' understanding. In addition to his teaching, he leads the National Honor Society, the Native American Club, and the Teen Solutions program, mentoring students beyond the classroom and fostering leadership skills. His dedication extends to organizing cultural events, service projects and academic enrichment opportunities for his students to learn.

Mr. Meale is set to do an interview in the hopes of becoming this year's District Educator of the Year. Last year's recipient, Larissa Hansen, is also a part of the Social Studies Department, making Parker High School's Social Studies program one of the school's strongest.

PHS hosts "Money in Motion" to teach Financial Skills



On February 19, freshmen and juniors at Parker High School participated in the annual Money in Motion event, an interactive program designed to teach students essential money management skills. The event challenged students with real-world financial scenarios, helping them understand budgeting, saving, handling unexpected paychecks, and prioritizing needs over wants.

The event was led by school counselors Kyle Carlson and Jeff Wheatley, who guided students through the whole event. They were assisted by representatives from CRIT Ed and the SIC, who provided expert insights and advice on financial literacy.

By the end of the event, many students expressed greater awareness of how to handle money wisely. Teachers and the Broncs praised the program for its practical approach, emphasizing the importance of financial education at an early age. With the success of Money in Motion, PHS continues to equip students with valuable life skills that will help them make informed decisions in the future.

PHS wrestlers advance to state after strong sectionals

Parker High School's wrestling team delivered outstanding performances at the sectional tournaments, earning multiple state tournament qualifications. On Saturday, February 8th, the girl's wrestling team competed at Estrella Foothills High School, where Adianna Ponce secured a third-place finish, and Olivia Taylor placed second. Both wrestlers qualified for the state tournament and will compete on Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix, Arizona.



The boy's wrestling team followed with an impressive showing at their sectional tournament on Saturday, February 15, at Buckeye High School. Jose Diaz claimed the title of sectional champion with a first-place finish, while Lucas Tahbo, Angel Salazar, and Zander Winslett all earned second-place finishes. With their strong performances, all four wrestlers qualifies for the state tournament, scheduled for Thursday, February 20, through Saturday, February 22, at the same place as the abovementioned.

PHS is proud of these wrestlers for their dedication and achievements, and the school community eagerly supports them as they compete at the state level.

AZCentral highlights Larissa Hansen's coaching journey

Parker High School's own Larissa Hansen has been featured in an AZCentral article highlighting her inspiring journey as the new boys' basketball coach. After the passing of her husband, Coach Rolland Hansen, in August 2024, Mrs. Hansen stepped in to continue his legacy. A passionate social studies teacher, she has earned the respect of her players and the community while leading the team with resilience and passion. The article celebrates her dedication and the impact she continues to make at Parker High School. Check the article at AZCentral.com.