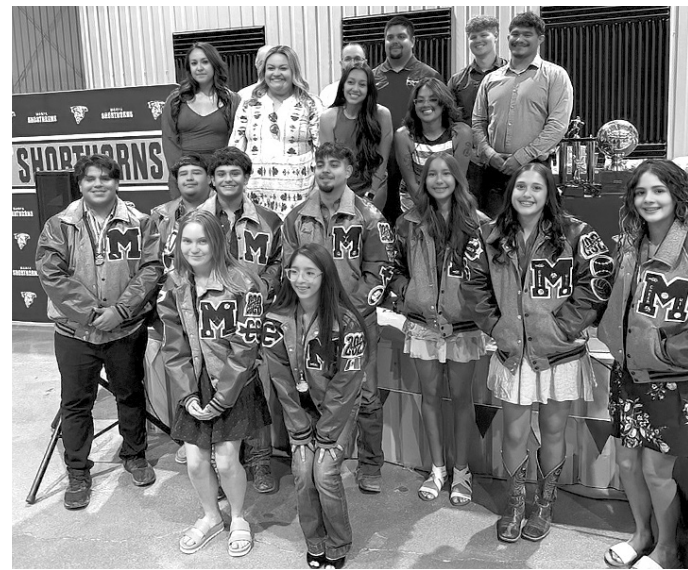


MARFA HIGH SCHOOL

# Shorthorns celebrate milestones and art partnerships

**T**HE MARFA YEAR kicked off in the autumn with high-spirited Homecoming court announcements and an open house. The varsity volleyball team quickly became a standout and won the District Championship.

The spring semester brought unique collaborations, including a specialized senior memory-making day hosted at the Chinati Foundation, as well as a group of ambitious seniors earning dual-credit credentials directly through Odessa College.



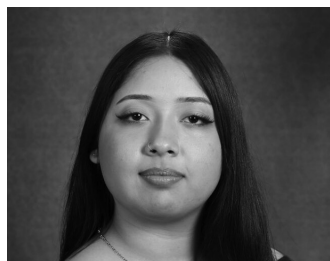
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Marfa students at this year's All Sports Banquet & Awards



**DARREN CAMPOS**

Darren Campos is the son of Janet and Johnny Campos. Throughout Darren's high school career, he has participated in basketball, track, football, and cross-country. In addition to school, Darren has been employed at the St. George Pool and Cochineal. After graduation, Darren will attend Angelo State University to get a degree in kinesiology to pursue his dreams of becoming a coach or physical therapist.



**KAREN CONTRERAS**

Karen Contreras is the daughter of Laura Castillo Galván. During Karen's high school career, she has participated in soccer and weight lifting. In addition to school, Karen has been employed at Buffalo Wild Wings and Dollar General. After graduation, Karen will attend Northern Arizona University to pursue a degree in anatomy and become qualified in mortuary science to be a mortician.



**ISMAEL "JOANGEL" DAVILA**

Joangel is the son of Cassie Dominguez and Jesus Dominguez. Throughout his high school career, he has participated in the National Honor Society, Yearbook, Marfa Blooms, Science Fair, and UIL academic competitions. He competed at the Regional Science Fair his sophomore, junior and senior years, advancing each time to the state competition. He received first place in Chemistry in regional Academic UIL. He also attended the Regional Visual Art Scholastic Event in Odessa in 2024. In addition to school, Joangel has been employed at The Get Go for 1.5 years. After graduation, Joangel will work toward his goal of becoming an electrical engineer.



**MANUEL DOMINGUEZ**

Manny Dominguez is the son of Chris Dominguez and grandson of Aurora Dominguez. Throughout high school, Manny has participated in football and track. Alongside his time in school and sports, he has worked at Dairy Queen and with the City Park. After high school, Manny plans to earn his CDL and crane operating license so he can pursue a career in the oil fields or in truck driving. He was awarded a full scholarship from Workforce Solutions to pursue his CDL. Manny would like to sincerely thank his family and coaches for always being there for him and supporting him every step of the way.



**PIPER DONALDSON**

Piper Donaldson is the daughter of Cory and Lizzy Donaldson. She plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio to study public health before applying to medical school and pursuing a career in psychiatric care. During high school, Piper participated in the State Science Fair and the State History Fair for three consecutive years and advanced to University Interscholastic League Regionals twice. She has also been a proud member of Marfa Blooms for the past three years and a member of the National Honor Society. Piper would like to thank her friends, family, teachers, and her beloved cat Floki, whose love and companionship mean the world to her.



**SAMUEL ESTRADA**

Samuel Estrada is the son of Andrea and Thomas Estrada and the grandson of Brenda Garcia. Throughout Sammy's high school career, he has participated in golf and UIL. In addition to school, Sammy has been employed at Livingston's feed store, Cochineal, and Water Stop.

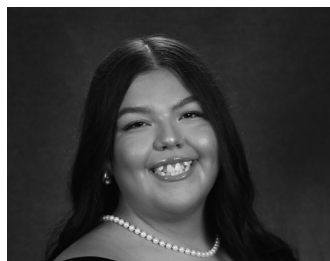
After graduation, Sammy will attend Western Technical College for Welding and Diesel mechanics.



**AVA FLORES**

Ava Lola Flores is the daughter of Luis and Lori Flores, and sister of Kaci Lee Flores and Timothy Paul Flores. Ava proudly serves as president of the National Honor Society, president of Student Council, and class president. She is also an active member of One Act Play, where she won All Star Cast at district. She has competed in multiple sports throughout high school, including volleyball, softball, track, cross-country, basketball, and golf.

In athletics, Ava has earned numerous honors. In volleyball, she was recognized as Newcomer of the Year, Setter of the Year, and Most Valuable Player two years in a row. In basketball, she earned First Team All-District honors.



**AMAYA GOMEZ**

Amaya is the daughter of David and Rachel Gomez.

Amaya is a member of the National Honor Society and has also served as class treasurer during her junior and senior years. She is the Class of 2026's valedictorian. Amaya has participated in volleyball, cheer, and basketball all four years of high school as well as track and softball for three years. She has also participated in golf and has advanced to regionals in her junior and senior years.

Amaya has also participated in the science fair, where she advanced to the state competition her sophomore, junior, and senior years. This year, her project, about cell reaggregation in sponges, won her a \$1000 scholarship.



**CHRISTOPHER HUERTA**

Chris Huerta is the son of Evette Torres. Throughout Chris' high school career, he has participated as a manager in football and basketball. He was also a Shorthorn reporter during his freshman and senior years. In addition to school, Chris has been employed at Stripes. After graduation, Chris will attend Angelo State University to get his degree in communications.



**DYLAN IBARRA**

Dylan Ibarra is the son of Arali Macías. Throughout high school, Dylan has participated in basketball, track, golf, boxing, football, Young Life, UIL academic competitions, Pastoral Juvenil, and the Engineering Science Fair. As a coordinator in Pastoral Juvenil at San José Church in Camargo, he attended multiple state-level congresses and leadership events.

Academically, Dylan maintains a 3.7 GPA and ranks third in his graduating class. In boxing, he competed at the national level, won two state tournaments, and earned a record of 17 wins and 1 loss, with 12 victories by technical knockout. In golf, he qualified for regionals with an average score of 95.



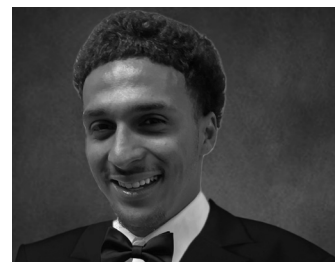
**MESSIAH LICON**

Messiah Licon is the daughter of Denise Valerio and Jesus Licon Jr. During her high school career, Messiah has been actively involved in numerous organizations and activities that have helped shape her into the person she is today. She participated in Student Council all four years, proudly serving as vice president during her senior year. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, competed in UIL, participated in journalism throughout all four years of high school, and was involved in Marfa Blooms during her senior year. Academically, Messiah dedicated herself to excellence and leadership and was awarded salutatorian of the Class of 2026.



**RAVEN MARTINEZ**

Raven Mia Martinez is the daughter of Rosemary and Ruben Martinez. Throughout her high school career, Raven has been very involved at Marfa High School as a member of the National Honor Society and the Student Advisory Committee for four years. She has also been part of UIL Accounting, Science Fair, and One-Act Play. Raven has been a dedicated multi-sport athlete, competing in volleyball, basketball, softball, cross-country, track, cheer, and golf. Throughout her high school career, she has earned many athletic honors. In her freshman year, she received Second Team All-District in volleyball, Basketball Newcomer of the Year, was a regional qualifier in track and golf, and was named Softball Offensive Player of the Year.



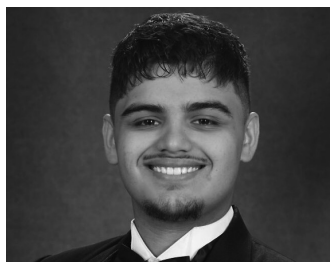
**MAVERICK MILLIGAN**

Maverick Milligan is the son of Lauren Martinez. Throughout Maverick's high school career, he participated in football. His accolades included going number 4 in the State, winning Offensive MVP, and winning first team All District. In addition to school, Maverick is an avid horseman. He currently has a permit and is pursuing a PRCA Pro Rodeo Card. Maverick has been employed at Marfa Method where he is doing an apprenticeship in carpentry. After graduation, Maverick will attend TSTC in New Braunfels where he will learn pipefitting and plumbing and become a certified plumber. He was awarded a \$1000 scholarship to pursue this path of work.



**AYVEN PIPPEN**

Ayven Phippen is the son of Luis Phippen and Felicia Irvin. Throughout Ayven's high school career, he has participated in varsity football and basketball, Young Life, and academic UIL competitions. He advanced to State Science Fair his sophomore, junior, and senior years, winning a \$3000 scholarship in 2025 for his project, "Composting for Green Energy." He has also been a Shorthorn reporter and participated in yearbook. In addition to school, Ayven was employed at Cochineal for 1 year. After graduation, Ayven will attend the University of Texas in San Antonio and work toward a career in biology. He would like to become an ecologist and study how living organisms interact with each other and their physical environments.



**RICARDO "ISAIAH" RAMOS**

Ricardo "Isaiah" Ramos is the son of Rosa Melendez. Throughout Isaiah's high school career, he participated in powerlifting during his freshman and sophomore years, served as vice president of the National Honor Society, qualified for the State Science Fair three years in a row, earning 2nd place at regionals each year, worked as a high school news reporter for all four years, showcased his talent as an artist, and served as CEO of Marfa Blooms. In addition to school activities, Isaiah worked as a dishwasher at Angel's Restaurant and now works at Marfa Dairy Queen. After graduation, Isaiah plans to attend Sul Ross State University to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice and hopes to build a career in law enforcement.



**ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ**

Alejandro Rodriguez is the son of Claudia Rodriguez. He learned the value of hard work from his mother, Claudia, who always pushed him to chase his dreams and never give up. Throughout high school, Alejandro stayed busy year-round, competing in football, basketball, cross-country, track, and golf. Every sport taught him something different—football gave him toughness, basketball taught him teamwork, cross-country and track built endurance, and golf showed him patience and focus. In the fall, Alex will attend Sul Ross State University to study kinesiology and pursue his dream of becoming a coach to inspire future athletes the same way his coaches and his mother have inspired him.



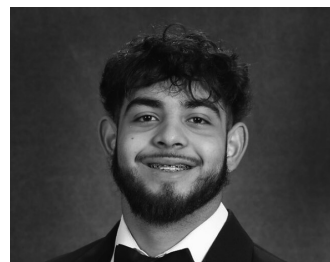
**SARA SALGADO**

Sara is the daughter of Jose Raul Salgado and Norma Alicia Salgado. Throughout Sara's high school career, she has participated in Folklorico, National Honor Society, Young Life, One Act and Marfa Blooms. In addition to school, Sara has been employed at Cochineal throughout her senior year and was employed at Dairy Queen throughout her freshman, sophomore and junior years. After graduation, Sara will attend The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley where she plans to major in communications and minor in business management. Although Sara is not completely sure where her studies will take her, she knows she wants to pursue a meaningful career that allows her to help others.



**GARRY "GOPHER" WEBB**

Garry Webb is the son of Summer and Clay Webb. Gopher moved to Marfa High in 2024 and has participated in football, basketball, and track. He is a member of the National Honor Society and 4-H. In his free time, Gopher is a beekeeper and lives and works on a ranch. After graduation, Gopher plans to attend the San Antonio Fire Academy to become a firefighter.



**ASAEL ZUBIA**

Asael is the son of Ernesto and Florcita Zubia. Throughout Asael's high school career he has participated in football, basketball, golf, one-act play, UIL, Science Fair, and National Honor Society. Asael has worked at ABR Construction and Marfa RenTools, and after graduation, he will attend Southern Careers Institute, where he'll study and work to become an electrician and expand his expertise.