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SENIOR GAUGER STAFF
MEMBERS SAY GOODBYE PG 8

SOFTBALL
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REGIONAL
FINALS PG 6



INSIDE the Gauger Graduation



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Prom



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Sports



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Sports



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REtweetable TWEETS

fergalicious @modisette
its the last full day doncha think its a little late to try and learn something? bye

Slaton_Teague @steague144
I'm going to Ouachita Baptist University. All of you other colleges who are contacting me, please stop. #annoying

kbarr @kylieebarr
Plot twist: the storm was actually our senior prank

Alikbarr @abarr1128
you see everyone's true beauty on exam days

kadrosand @kadriennerose
im not getting out of bed until graduation

Drew Frazier @blackster182
High school rule #1: don't have an identical backpack as someone else. @kylieebarr @baby_jade12 @CodyDowning52

Taylor Tramel @tayraye123
All I'm bringing to school is a blanket and ear phones.

arey @haaalyne
I feel bad for you if you have to see me on exam days

Sass Queen @_mvdison_
I can't wait to have classmates with IQs higher than their ages.

header @pinksweetpeaa
The only reason I have my backpack is because of my chips and blanket..

Jacquallinn @JackieHardin12
Playing hangman >>>school

Mike Maglott @mkmglit_mike
#SeniorYearIn5Words We had homework last night??

Andrew Thornton @Athornton11_
#SeniorYearIn5Words I'll just take a zero

DipperPines @CodyDowning52
Crazy to think that in a week, my life will have started.

cat lady @BreAnnalsgitt
It doesn't feel like I'm graduating this week

Audrey Romero @audsavrom
excited/stressed/scared for the future



photo by Mike Perry

CLASS OF 2015 REMEMBERS

Interviews by **Mason Malone**
Copy Editor

Drew Frazier

Try new things, you never know what you're good at. Anything and everything you think you might have an interest in. Discover it now before it's too late. I would have started theatre earlier. After our last competition and the curtain went down, all the cast members and actors looked at each other and we were just smiling. There was this real euphoric feeling because we knew that was the best we had ever done that.

Laura Denfeld

Do your homework, study for tests and don't do something you're going to regret. Sports-wise, I did powerlifting my last year as a senior, and I wish I started as a freshman. It's not what I thought it was going to be. I thought it was going to be all hard core. It was kind of fun just sitting there with everyone, seeing what they can do, how much they can lift, particularly girls. They act as a family even though they're all in different age groups or classes.

Dillan McNeely

Don't take advice from a senior. Seniors are good at getting you in trouble. I've probably blamed something on someone and gotten them in trouble. It's just a tuba thing. Don't sit in the back of the classroom. It's not a good thing.

Jake Pullen

You don't always have to do what everybody else does to be cool. Do what you know is right, and it will get you to where you need to be later in life. I'm glad everything's happened as it has because God plans for everything, and it all falls how it's supposed to.

Patrick Guilliams

Just be yourself and don't let anyone get in the way of what you're trying to do because there will be a lot of people that will put you down. Just think of something else, think of something that will motivate you, like for me it's Jesus. Like I know He's there for me and I'll do things for Him without letting people get in the way.

Mallory Lamana

Be yourself. Don't change who you are just to be in a certain group. In the end, it doesn't really matter who you're friends are. It just matters who you are. That's something I had to learn. This year was my first year just not putting on that fake smile or acting that fake way. I would not want to go back to the person I was before. I have better friends. I have people that actually support me in everything I do. I don't want to go back, ever.

Ali Barr

Mysophomore year, my brother graduated and that kinda hit me. 'Oh dang, I graduate in two years.' I think that was it for me, going to my brother's graduation and watching him go to college. I realized how quick it was coming and how fast time was going by. I think that's what made it real for me. The beginning of my junior year, then, it started getting real to me. 'We only have like two years left and then we're done.' Before that, I didn't really care.

Jackie Hardin

I made a lot of friends in band. I would go to contest again and hopefully win state. It was really nerve-wracking and once you did it, you felt relieved. I would go back and be in more activities, more groups, like journalism, FFA. I wish I would've been in more.

Taylor Todd

You know how people get irritated with football games. I wish we could have more of those. When we lost our last game, it was like, 'Oh, I guess we're done now.' I just like when we play in the stands. It's never a dull moment. Even if we're losing, we're still trying to make the best of it.

Keelin Munoz

Just be yourself. Don't try to follow the crowd, because if you follow the crowd, you're going to end up being like someone else. You're not even going to know yourself. Probably most of us or all of us have done that. We all have our little crowds. We all just have our different people that we're comfortable with. You can fit in no matter what.

Golden Opportunity

Interviews by **Anthony Ramos**
Staff Writer

The academic team attended the UIL State meet in Austin on May 26-28. After winning the regional meet, White Oak claimed 8 spots to compete at the state level. These following students competed this past Tuesday: senior Mason Malone in Editorial and News Writing, senior Aimee Rodriguez in Headline Writing, junior Cade Palmer in Editorial Writing,

junior Hunter Johnson in Current Events, sophomore Jackson Bates in Lincoln-Douglas debate, sophomore Isaac Rodriguez in Headline Writing, and freshman Sabrina Smith in Headline writing.

"We have UIL students that expect to win, and feel they have been prepared by their coach/sponsors to always be in the middle of every academic contest," principal Dan Noll said. "It is an honor to be the principal of students that are willing to pay the price

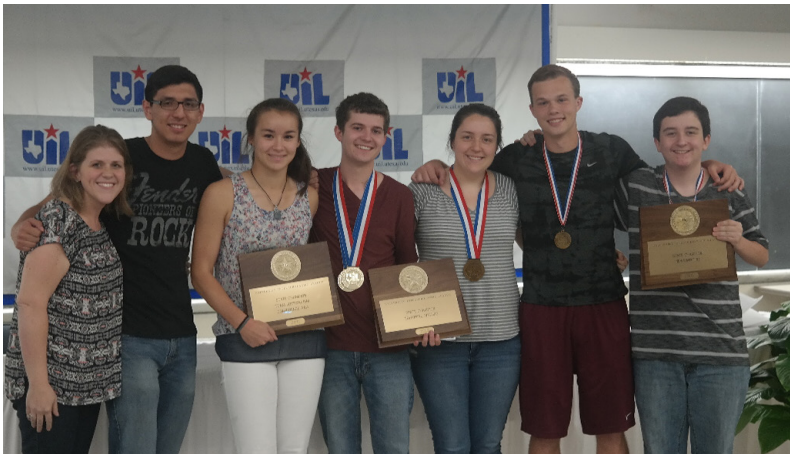


photo by Jeannine Acton

All smiles, the state champion journalism team poses with their myriad of medals and plaques. To Celebrate their success, the team ate at P.F. Changs after awards.

to be successful, and to have sponsors that get excited teaching students that want to learn as much as possible about a given area."

The UIL journalism team won 1st place team at State and scored a total of 66 points.

"I was very impressed with my team this year," journalism coach Becky Davis said. "When I learned that we swept headline at regionals, I felt like all the hard-work was worth it. This is the strongest UIL team I've ever coached."

For some teams, the new regional level created a completely new atmosphere mixed in with new competition, which minimized the amount of competitors at the state level.

"We were hoping for more medals at Regionals, but with a new Region comes a new judging paradigm," debate coach Nikki Seimears said. "Part of speaking events is being able to adapt to your judges. We were not prepared for the more liberal style of the Brenham judging pool. We will be ready for them next year."

Among the drama of competing, the new competition

and new range of judges also brought a lot of other problems for other teams, such as the journalism team.

"Regionals was nerve-racking because of all the problems we had, but after receiving the news that we swept headline it kind of all made it worth it," Malone said.

Malone received two first place medals in both news and editorial writing, as well as getting the TOPS in Texas award in which Malone's paper competed with the first place finishers from 1-6A, and was considered the best out of all.

"When we went to state, I didn't expect to do better than last year and Davis knew that," Malone said. "I expected to do well, and I planned to do my best, but beyond that, I just wanted to enjoy my time."

Expectations were high for the UIL team, and support from the Noll was as high as ever.

"I remain in awe of State Bound Roughnecks," Noll said. "I can't be more proud of individuals that are willing and fortunate enough to be one of the seven individuals that went to the 'Big House!'"