# Fall IN REVIEW

#### events recap September through November

Speaking about his ocean explorations, Dr. Robert Ballard visits in an event planned by Congressman John Culberson. Steve Alvarado attended during 3rd and 4th periods with his government class. "I went to both lectures because I wanted to learn about all of Dr. Ballard's achievements," Alvarado said. "The Nautilus Expedition Program seemed like an amazing opportunity, so I went home to see if it was something I could be a part of." I Kate Campbell



At the Meyerland 60th Anniversary event, Destinee Gonzalez, Sarah Wen, Lotte Parsons, Emily Zhou, Jasmine Huang, Anna Tselik, Amy Yao, Natalie Reyes, and Serena Yang perform dances from last year's Spring Show. "It was a minishow, so it was less stressful and hyped," Reyes said. "My favorite costume was a black and white checkered crop top with black high waisted shorts and a red sash for our dance "Heads Will Roll." 😰 courtesy of Bellaire Buzz

#### cancer awareness

#### color theme days show support

Vice President of the Senior Class, Cassidi Williams, explained the new tradition of dedicating days to different cancers. "I had family members who were affected by breast cancer. Cancer was close to the heart with many other members of Student Council," Williams said. "We wanted the school to be more aware, so we tried to choose the widest range of types of cancer to show our support for as many people as possible."

Wearing pink on Friday, Oct. 31, Deborah Okoro supported Cancer Awareness week. "It was inspiring to see how many people wore colors for the cause," Okoro said. "This should continue because it made everyone stop and think about cancer's effects on families, our peers and people all over the world. 'Coloring out' for cancer made a statement that showed our concern and dedication to raising awareness of this disease."

# 5 YEAR survival rate COLON 64.7% I LEUKEMIA 57.2% PANCREATIC 6.7% PANCREATIC 6.7% I LYMPHOMA 69.3% F BREAST 82.9%

#### awards

 Wilhelmina C Robertson
 Honored with the Ernest and Sarah Butter Award

Excellence IN SCIENCE TEACHING AWARD Anna Loonam 1 TEACHER in HISD receives the

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and Sarah Butler Award for Excellence in Science Teaching for the second year, Ms. Anna Loonam won \$500 for the science department. "Ms. Andrea Murray nominated me for the first award, and they asked me to reapply," Loonam said. "I hoped to spend the money on a digital device that could be attached to microscopes. It would be able to take digital pictures and videos of what was on the scope."

Recognized in congressional record, Bianca Rubio was one of 29 students of 30,000 candidates to receive the 'Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement.' "I was nominated by Lieutenant Colonel Dennis O'Driscoll, but I did not know about it until after I got the award," Rubio said. "I was told I was attending a battalion commander meeting so I arrived in my uniform, but it was actually an HISD meeting. I had no idea what was going on."





#### Isaac Saravia kept up with tradition. "I was one of the few people wearing red instead of black," Saravia said. "The theme for the game was black-out, but I did not like the theme games. I wanted to stay with traditional red and white because red was much fiercer." Christina Valdez

#### tensions run high for biggest rival For the Lamar football game, Arriving early to Butler

Stadium on Oct. 10, Nathan McCleskey beat the traffic. "It took me 15 minutes just to get out of the parking lot after the game," McCleskey said. "I arrived early because I knew it would take other people over half an hour to get off the freeway and into the parking lot." 🖻 Samantha Agnich



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### college fair

#### reps provide invaluable information

As chairman for the College Fair event for National Honor Society, Bravyn Lu received information for his future opportunities. "The most important aspect of the College Fair was to connect with college representatives to establish a relationship before the application process," Lu said. "It cleared up questions I had, and it gave me detailed information about clubs and the environment at the college I would not have learned otherwise.

Beginning plans in April, Ms. Rachel Manraj encouraged attendance of the College Fair. "Everyone should go, especially 9th and 10th graders, so they could slowly dip their feet into the water," Manraj said. "It was the best way to get information first hand from a variety of colleges, including international schools and even Hawaii Pacific. They needed to meet the college representatives because they were the ones reading their applications."

#### views compete about current crisis

Not worried about the current ebola crisis, Brette Crocker kept a calm face. "Everyone was completely overreacting about ebola," Crocker said. "More people died every day of other diseases that were much more serious. People started making a joke out of ebola because it was blown out of proportion. We did not need to step up the precautions as long as there was some sort of quarantine in place."

Ready to step up precautions, Aviv Navon warned about the ebola crisis. "If anyone had ever seen the show 'The Walking Dead,' they would know that ebola was no joke," Navon said. "We could not take any chances when it came to a deadly disease like this. As a country we could never be too careful about something that could be a serious threat to the safety of all of the citizens."

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JASPER MARSHALL

"I started applying for colleges in the fall. I was accepted to Rice Univerity." 🖻 Brice Song