



# BLESSINGS

ANTONIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

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## A Touching Farewell

### Antoniano Expresses Gratitude to Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Flores

As one of his last engagements, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Flores accepted an invitation from Antonian to join the student body in an assembly in his honor held on the morning of Tuesday, February 8, 2005. Complete with a mariachi serenade, the gathering was a farewell and an offering of gratitude for the many years of service to the San Antonio community, and more specifically to the Antonian community.

The assembly began with Flores, Sr. Barbara Neist, SSND, Associate Superintendent of the San Antonio Catholic school system, Gilbert Saenz, Principal of Antonian, Deacon Joseph Hilbert of the Antonian faculty, Joshua L. Sandoval, Antonian senior and Student Council President, and Antonian junior and mariachi singer Justine Ozuna processing through the aisles of the school auditorium to a standing ovation by the students and faculty. Once the party reached the stage, Deacon Hilbert offered a prayer that through the intercession of our most blessed Lady of Guadalupe, Archbishop Emeritus Flores be kept "...healthy, happy and in peace as he begins his retirement."

After mariachis played *Mi Virgencita*, Mr. Saenz introduced Miss Ozuna who then serenaded Flores with *Los Laureles*. Following the serenade, Mr. Saenz introduced Mr. Sandoval who presented Flores with a copy of Antonian's 2004 yearbook, *Warrior*, which was dedicated to Flores for his years of support of the school.

Sandoval spoke, "In 1964, the Archdiocese, in conjunction with the north side parishes decided that a Catholic High School would be built on the

north side of San Antonio. The school was to be known as Antonian College Preparatory High School, its colors would be red, white, and Columbian blue and its mascot would be the Apaches. This school was born in 1964 and graduated its first class in 1968. This was many years before most of us were born. However, many of our

fathers attended this school and prayed for the day when their children would also attend. Years later when Antonian was hurting for enrollment and many wondered if it would close, you came to our rescue and proclaimed that Antonian would continue and that it would become co-educational."

"The courage you showed and the belief you had in our fathers is something for which we will forever be grateful. And in the years since, you have loved us, cared for us and have been a part of our growth and success. And for this reason, we have dedicated our yearbook to you. Our school yearbook

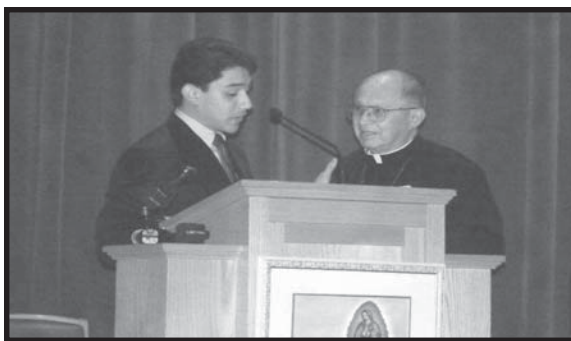
is titled – The Warrior. It is a name fitting of our book but more importantly, it is a title fitting of you as one who cared and loved us as our father. We stand today as a sign of respect and love for you as your children and in honor of their father. For this reason and on the occasion of the completion of your ministry as Archbishop of San Antonio - by the authority

vested in me as President of the Antonian Student Body and in conjunction with the administration of the school – we bestow a new title and proclaim you to be "Father of the Antonian Family."

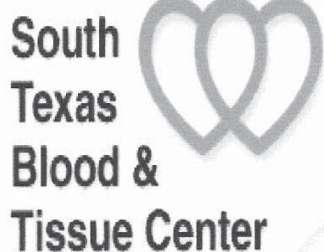
From the entire Antonian family, to our most beloved Archbishop Emeritus Flores, *con todo respeto y cariño*--we love you and honor you.



Justine Ozuna (Jr.) sings Los Laureles to Flores.



Student Council President Joshua L. Sandoval (Sr.) presents Flores with the 2004 Warrior.



### Spring Blood Drive

Do you have 30 minutes to spare to save the life of another person? Then come support Antonian's spring blood drive to be held during the school day on April 19, 2005. Donors are needed daily

throughout South Texas in order to help others throughout the area; however, less than 5 percent of the eligible donor population gives blood. Anyone 17 years or older, who weighs at least 110 pounds, is in good general health, and has not donated in the last eight weeks may donate. If you aren't sure you qualify, the staff of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center can help determine this.

### Spring Band Concert

The Apache band will hold a spring concert on May 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Antonian. If you haven't had a chance to hear the band, you are missing a real treat! Many of these talented musicians, including **Gregory Martinez (Soph.), Matt Bueno (Jr.), Marie Tipps (Jr.), Danielle Steele (Jr.), Kyle Evaldez (Sr.), Tim Grayson (Jr.), and Michael Villalobos (Sr.)**, qualified for state at the TAPPS district competition held in late February. In addition, the Apache Jazz Ensemble qualified for the state contest. Don't miss this opportunity to hear these talented musicians!





## Calendar of Events

### April 2005

9 - ACT Test Day	19 - Spring Blood Drive
11 - Booster Club Meeting	22 - Battle of Flowers Holiday
12 - School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	26 - Senior Class Picture
15 - Early Dismissal, 12:00 p.m. - Prom, 8:00 p.m.	29 - Drama Production, 7:00 p.m. 30 - Drama Production, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### May 2005

4 - Honors Convocation, 9:00 a.m.	17 - Senior Exams Begin
6 - Early Dismissal, 12:00 p.m.	18 - Junior Ring Mass, 9:00 a.m.
7 - SAT I & II Test Day	24 - Baccalaureate Mass, St. Matthew Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.
9 - Athletic Banquet, 6:00 p.m.	- Underclassmen Exams Begin
10 - Last Senior Mass, 9:00 a.m. - Senior Luncheon - School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Spring Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	25 - Graduation, Trinity University 7:00 p.m. 27 - Last Day of School

## In the News...

- **Wesley Michael Bell (Fr.)**, who played Ernie and the younger George Bailey in The Magik Theatre's rendition of *It's a Wonderful Life* in December, will be performing in *Dear Edwina!* with the S.T.A.R.Z. Youth Performance Troupe of the Barshop Jewish Community Center in late May.
- In the upperclassmen division at the St. Anthony High School speech tournament earlier this semester, **Danielle Steele (Jr.)** won second place and **Armando Perez-Gea (Jr.)** placed third.
- **Joseph Biediger (Sr.)** has completed the impressive feat of earning all 120 merit badges available to Scouts. Joseph, who became an Eagle Scout four years ago, is only the third scout in the Alamo Area Council to have achieved this.
- **Alex Cantu (Jr.)** received the South Texas "Youth Referee of the Year" award. Alex competed against 3,000+ referees across south Texas.
- At a recent Reagan High School Certamen tournament, the Antonian team comprised of **Gerard Deffenbaugh (Jr.)**, **Armando Perez-Gea (Jr.)**, and **Tim Grayson (Jr.)** placed first in the lower level. The novice level team of **James Denno (Soph.)**, **Katie Pelton (Soph.)**, **Gabe Tellez (Soph.)** and **Thanh Tran (Soph.)** placed third. The Latin Club also put on an amazing performance at the San Antonio Area Classical League Convention taking second place, missing first by only 22 points which is the narrowest margin in San Antonio area history.
- At the Showmakers competition in February the Antonian Silver Dancers won a Sweepstakes Award, a Judges' Team Award, a Showmanship award, a Choreography award, a Technique award for pom, a Precision award for hiphop and pom, 1st place hiphop, 1st place pom, 3rd place-Kick and the Line of Champions award. At the American Dance and Drill competition in March, the team won a Gussie Nell Davis Award, a Sweepstakes Award, a Judges' Award for Excellence in pom, kick, and jazz, Best in Class (first runner up), Best Overall Presentation, Best Overall Precision, and Best Overall Choreography.
- **James Denno (Soph.)** won a first place award on his science project at the Alamo Regional Academy of Science and Engineering Science Fair.
- **Kateri Whitley (Soph.)** has earned the Girl Scouts Marian Medal. The goal of the medal, which takes approximately one and one-half years to earn, is to inspire young Catholic women to become stronger members of their faith and to see Mary as a model for all stages of their lives.
- The girls of the Apache swim team repeated last year's results at state competition, winning fourth place. Both boys and girls swimmers broke several school records in various relays. In individual competition, **Grace Barnett (Fr.)**, and **Andrew Dobson (Jr.)** also broke school records. Honorable mention honors went to Grace for the 100 freestyle, and to the girls 400 freestyle relay team.
- Members of the district champion Lady Apache soccer team who received TAPPS all-district honors include: **Emily Hernandez (Soph.)**, **Sarah Hernandez (Soph.)**, **Paige Hitt (Soph.)**, **Adi Ibarra (Sr.)**, **Christina Mueller (Sr.)**, **Kelsey Spencer (Jr.)**, and **Krystal Tillotson (Soph.)** - first team; **Christine Aleman (Fr.)**, **Missy Gebhardt (Jr.)**, **Jen Icenogle (Sr.)**, **Chelsea Jobst (Jr.)**, and **Melissa Quinones (Soph.)** - second team; **Alana Foor (Fr.)** - honorable mention. Sarah, Emily, and Christina were also named to the TAPPS all-state second team, and Kelsey, Adi, and Krystal received all-state honorable mention.
- Members of the Lady Apache basketball team who received TAPPS all-district honors include: **Jasmine Malone (Fr.)** and **Laura Sheffy (Sr.)** - first team; **Casey Lee (Jr.)**, **Sarah Figueroa (Fr.)**, and **Lana Mallet (Fr.)** - second team; **Lauren Heintzelman (Jr.)** - honorable mention. Jasmine was also named to the all-state first team.
- Members of the Apache basketball team who received TAPPS all-district honors include: **John Henry Garza (Sr.)** and **Rudy Vasquez (Jr.)** - first team; **Rudy Gonzales (Sr.)**, **Rush Hannigan (Sr.)** and **Phillip Waltho (Sr.)** - second team; **Chris Flores (Sr.)**, **Shea Nelson (Soph.)** and **Myles Walker (Fr.)** - honorable mention. Rudy V. and John Henry were also named to the all-state second team.
- Members of the Apache soccer team who received TAPPS all-district honors include: **Joe Diaz (Sr.)**, **Jose Sarabia (Sr.)**, **Mike Wachter (Sr.)**, and **Shane McGarry (Sr.)** - first team; **Michael Dupnick (Soph.)**, **Christopher Sifuentes (Sr.)**, and **Ryan McKone (Sr.)** - second team; **Nicholas Olivares (Sr.)**, **Juan Carlos Perez (Soph.)**, and **Christopher Wachter (Fr.)** - honorable mention. Joe and Mike were named to the all-state first and second teams, respectively. Jose and Shane received all-state honorable mention.

## S is for Summer...and Service

Although most Antonian students perform some form of service to others during the school year, it is very heartwarming to know that many students have been inspired to continue offering service when school is not in session. This summer, Antonian students will be helping at the Humane Society, assisting with parish vacation bible schools, and offering service to various youth camps. Two Antonian students intend to repeat the service they have done in the past—being volunteers for the Children's Association for Maximum Potential (C.A.M.P.) summer program, Camp C.A.M.P., that provides recreation, respite, rehabilitation and education activities for children with disabilities and their families. While many high school students are looking forward to the upcoming break to relax and really do nothing, all these Antonian volunteers have chosen to spend part of their summers making a real difference in someone else's life.

## National Honor Society Names New Members

In a ceremony held on March 8, 2005, the William C. Buell V Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted the following newest members:

Sophomores Alberto Alonso, Melissa Beiter, Kayla Bishop, Rebecca Canales, Norene Casas, Jonathan Cavazos, Krysten Chapa, Lauren Chapa, Desiree Chappelle, Kathryn Crane, Rebecca De La Garza, Sofia De La Garza, David Delgado, Elina Delgado, James Denno, Aaron Difilippo, Theresa Elizondo, Ramiro Fernandez, Danielle Flores, Nick Flores, Matthew Flores, Tamara Fraker, Chrystal Garcia, Gustavo Garcia, Stephanie Garza, Sarah Gazda, Lisa Gianandrea, Marcelo Giovanetti, Bettie Gonzales, Veronica Gonzales, Cecily Gonzales, Alyssa Gonzalez, Emily Goodrich, Nicholas Goodwin, Daniella Guajardo, Brazlee Guido, Zachary Hemmi, Rolando Hernandez, Lauren Hernandez, Laura Herschell, Rehling Hitt, Claudia Ibarra, Leigh Jansma, Nathan Jones, Erynn Kahlig, Daniel Kemmy, Simone Kennedy, Samantha Kirby, Ruben Lopez, Austin Luna, Charles Majdalani, Doris Martinez, Gregory Martinez, Heather

Matlock, David Merta, John Michel, Ben Moore, Alexander Murphy, Jane Neiheisel, Shea Nelson, Sarah Nixon, Emma O'Connell, Christopher O'Connor, Kristine Olsen, Katie Pelton, Mary Pylant, Melissa Quinones, Alexis Rideau, Alexandra Reyna, Stephanie Richter, James Rusk, Alberto San Miguel, Brittany Sandoval, Natalie Sciano, Catherine Scott, Angelica Segura, Eric Sievers, David Solis, Kellina Soriano, Gabriel Tellez, Thanh Tran, Casandra Trevino, Krysta Varnum, Kathleen Wack, Kateri Whitley, and Carla Wolf.

Juniors Cortney Anderson, Matt Bueno, Justin Carrion, Andrea Ferrari, Chelsea Jobst, Kristin Johnson, Tarah Katerndahl, Ryan Kemmy, Casey Lee, Luz Martin Del Campo, Jorge Martinez, and Brian O'Bannon.

Seniors Allison Brooks, Jeffrey Cabral, Vanessa Garza, Robert Hirtle, Marcus Huizar, Nikki Hurtado, Blythe Ann Johnson, Bianca Juarez, Kassondra Martinez, Lindsey McDuff, Katherine Morin, Jackie Newquist, Luis Ramon, Chris Sifuentes.

Congratulations to these students and a big thanks to advisor Adela Segura!

### Support for a Teacher

In a show of support for a member of the Antonian family, the students took part in fundraising activities to benefit computer science teacher **Tom Cathcart**. Mr. Cathcart was severely injured in a vehicle accident on October 10, 2004 and had been hospitalized until mid-February of 2005 as a result. The fundraising activities culminated with a fantastic talent show of both students and faculty members on Friday, January 28, 2005. These activities raised approximately \$4,000 for Mr. Cathcart.

To the students of Antonian Mr. Cathcart expressed his gratitude for all of the prayers, kind thoughts and visits at the hospital, not to mention the participation in the talent show and fundraising efforts. The money raised has been a great help in meeting expenses, while the prayers, thoughts and visits have done much to bolster his will to mend and return. The efforts of the students reinforces his belief that Antonian students can't be beat.

## Around the Campus



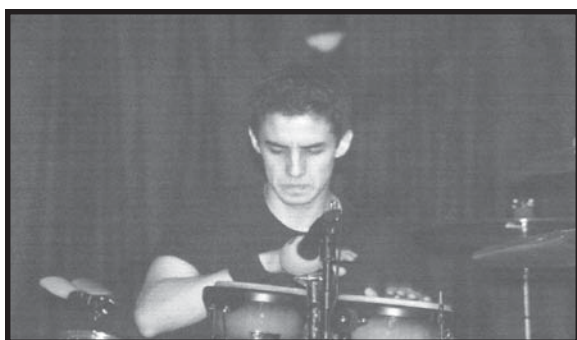
Members of the district champion Lady Apache soccer team pose for their team photo. The ladies had a record of 25-2-2 this year and 16 shut-outs.



Ben Johnson (Sr.), Brad Trinidad (Sr.), Kevin Michel (Sr.), and Paul Estrada (Sr.) show their Apache pride at an Antonian basketball game.



Sophomores Casandra Trevino, Elina Delgado, Bettie Gonzales and Lauren Chapa pose after being inducted to the National Honor Society.



Future West Point cadet and Antonian band drum major John Madden (Sr.) wows the crowd at the talent show held to raise funds for Tom Cathcart, computer science teacher.



The Antonian community takes time before a basketball game to honor the senior athletes. The athletes, in turn, thanked their parents for their support.



Rudy Vasquez (Jr.) holds off the Bloodhound defenders in the victory against the team from Brownsville St. Joseph. Rudy received all-district and all-state honors.

## Class of 2005 Commencement Exercises

Important dates for the Class of 2005 are just around the corner! On Tuesday, May 10, 2005 the last Mass that the seniors will attend with the student body will be held at 9:00 a.m. Parents are most welcome. On Tuesday, May 24, 2005, the Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Rd. Seating will only be reserved for graduates, faculty, and guests of the school. All other seating is "open seating." The church will have a regularly scheduled parish mass at 6:00 p.m., so the church will not be available until 6:45 p.m. On Wednesday, May 25, 2005, graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Laurie Auditorium on the campus of Trinity University. Each graduate will receive ten (10) tickets. Additional tickets may be available on a first come, first served basis after May 15. For ticket information, contact Mrs. Palermo at [jspalermo@antonian.org](mailto:jspalermo@antonian.org) or (210) 344-9265 ext. 109.

## College Planning--Never Too Early

Antonian's College Counselors, Mr. Behrens and Mrs. Victoria offer some suggestions to get the most college entrance benefit from the upcoming summer break. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should get involved in their communities and churches, work, or participate in clubs or sports. In addition to filling your activity sheet, these experiences also provide material for college application essays. Sophomores and juniors should visit colleges. Attend class or summer programs at a college campus of your preference and meet students and professors. You'll determine whether you are comfortable there and professors may agree to write a letter of recommendation for you. Juniors who don't feel comfortable with their SAT scores should take time to study and prepare to take the October 8th test. Don't let summer pass you by--add to your knowledge and experiences!

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## Alumni News

### Wild Game Dinner

The 32nd Annual Antonian Alumni Association Wild Game Dinner was a HUGE success! The gym was packed with guests, many of whom were alumni who enjoyed spending the evening with their fellow Apaches. The event of the evening that everyone waited for was the drawing of the winner of the raffle grand prize, a 2005 Hummer H2. The lucky winner was the Antonian P.T.C.!



*Claude Villarreal '83, Gary Ruiz '82 and Greg Crane '84*



*Fr. Jim Rutkowski, Rosie Scott and Brian Scott '77*



*Bill Mecke '79, Rick Rice '79, and Pat Nixon '82*



*Back row (L to R): Vince Terracina '87, Marc Crane '87, Kevin Cotton '87, Chuck Grabow '87, George Bauml '87  
Front row (L to R): Joe Cohn '87, Kevin Finger '87*



*Back row (L to R): Mark Buley '81, Isaac Martinez, Chuck Montemayor '84, Greg Crane '84, Chris Buley '85, Mike Cardona '85, Mike Perez '84, Mark De Hoyos '84  
In front: Dan Garcia '84*

### Reunions

The summer is almost upon us and that means nice weather for an outdoor reunion activity such as a barbeque picnic or a party on the patio. If you graduated in 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, or 2000 and would like some assistance from the alumni association in coordinating a reunion for your class, call (210) 344-9265 ext. 112 or send an e-mail to [dmontemayor@antonian.org](mailto:dmontemayor@antonian.org).

### Class Notes

- Congratulations to **Mike Perez ('84)** for being named the 2005 4A Assistant Coach of the Year by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. Mike is a teacher and coach at Edison High School in San Antonio.
- **Correction:** In the February-March edition of *Blessings*, **Adrienne Dobson** was identified as being a member of the class of 1999. Miss Dobson is actually a member of the class of 2001.

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