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Kim Tran clinches top spot at graduation



Valedictorian

After three and a half years of hard work, Kim Tran has achieved the distinction of being the Valedictorian through dedication and devotion to her studies. Tran attributes her success to her family.

"My parents motivated me, because of their experience," Tran said, "and I wanted to set a good example for my siblings."

Tran is scheduled to attend Stanford University in Stanford, California, to major in Biomedical Engineering, with an emphasis on Biochemistry. She plans to work in the field of research with the goal of finding cures for diseases.

"I wanted to attend Stanford, because it is a really good school," Tran said, "and my parents want me to go there."

Tran is looking forward to attending Stanford in hopes of having a good time and gaining a good education.

"The people are so funny," Tran said. "Plus, it's in California."

Tran is also anticipating college for the lessons that will be gained from the college experience and for the fun times college presents.

"I'm looking forward to being challenged, having independence and Disneyland," Tran said.

In high school, Tran

has participated in numerous clubs and activities, including National Honor Society, Math and Science Team, and numerous AP classes. Tran has also taught a Sunday school class at her church, Our Lady of Fatima in Fort Worth.

Tran was the only National Merit Finalist for Birdville High School this year, based on her PSAT scores.

As the State UIL Chemistry Champion, Tran led the Birdville Science Team to a 4th place finish at the State UIL meet.

~ Caleb Wilson
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Julia Knypinski named 2007 Salutatorian

Julia Knypinski has earned the title and honor of Salutatorian.

Her peers see her as a hard working, very intelligent student, with a great personality. She is an active student, involved in various school activities and activities outside of school and she loves to have fun.

Knypinski anticipates attending the University of Texas at Austin in the fall, where she plans to study Biology Pre-Med.

She hopes to begin a career in emergency medicine following college.

She chose UT, because of its good standing among

other public universities and has one of the strongest science programs, but most of all it is not so expensive that she will be paying loans off for the rest of her life.

"[In college, I am looking forward to] the freedom, no parents, no curfew and not having to clean my room before I leave the house," Knypinski said.

Knypinski is not an average student. She has taken demanding courses throughout her high school career and has participated in several school activities and organizations.

Her favorite class is Biology and she has been in-

volved in Band (both concert and marching), the calculus team, fish heads and National Honor Society.

Not only does she take care of a lot of schoolwork, she has a part-time job at Market Street and can speak three languages- English, French and Polish.

"[I have a job, because] I wanted my own spending money, so I didn't have to depend on my parents' to get money. Also, my parents said once I started driving I would have to pay for my own gas," Knypinski said.

~ Christina Davidson
Photography Editor

Salutatorian



Top BHS athletes secure sports scholarships

With only seven years of existence, the Birdville Hawk legacy is making a name for itself. Producing all-star athletes has not always been an easy chore for most newly developed schools, but it seems that the Hawks sporting department has had no such problem. Each year a new athlete or group of athletes seems to emerge from the ranks of his or her fellow teammates to advance their career at the collegiate level while at the same time representing their high school roots.

This year's cast of athletes to receive sports scholarships include an array of

athletes, with a select few to be highlighted due to their distinguished achievements.

While many athletes excel in a single sport, Jason Martinson gained a full ride to Texas State in both football and baseball. After originally verbally committing to the University of North Texas for a football scholarship to be coached by new UNT head coach Todd Dodge from Southlake Carroll High School, Martinson found the offer from Texas State to play both football and baseball too tempting to resist.

His high school career achievements include the All-

District 6-4A First Team for three straight years, the Class 4A All-State Second Team as selected by the Associated Press, and the Northeast Tarrant County Super Team as well as recognized as a First-Team All-District 6-4A punter.

The Girls' soccer team also put Birdville on the map with a team full of college bound athletes. The team advanced to the Region 1 finals with the help of Jane Picarelli and Courtney Renfro. Both are receiving scholarships to the University of Arkansas Little Rock.

Also contributing to this landmark team was Courtney

Crowson. She is receiving a scholarship to Angelo State University.

Brandon Broom exemplified the term scholarship when he received a full ride to Briar Cliff University with scholarships for football, Track and his academic excellence. The total net worth of the scholarship rings up to an astounding \$92,240.

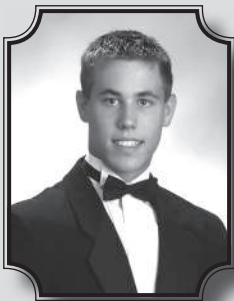
To sum up a few of the many scholarships received by Birdville's finest athletes, the list includes Jennifer Bryden's full ride to Long Island University to play softball. Bryden helped lead the softball team to a 22-11 record in her junior

season. Recruited as a catcher, Bryden was named a second team All-District pitcher after compiling a 5-3 record in 52.1 innings.

Out of a class of 423, these athletes have risen to the challenge and have made a name for both themselves and Birdville High School. As the senior class of '07 departs, may their influence and legacy be remembered through their records, achievements and distinguished attitudes that have made up Birdville High School.

~ Shane Crawford
Sports Editor

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Thanks for the memories!
You will always be my legacy
~ Hiles

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Seniors awarded millions in college scholarships

Arlene Abrego
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University of the Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award, \$24,000

Katelyn Albert
BHS Soccer Booster Scholarship, \$250
BISD P.E., \$250

Paige Allen
McLennan Community College, Dance, \$13,600

Marcie Boulware
BHS Choir Booster Club, \$500
Texas Tech University, Choral, \$4,000
Texas Tech University Ella McFadden Endowed Charitable Trust Scholarship, \$500
University of North Texas Choral, \$1,000

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SMU Distinguished Scholarship, \$30,000
TCU Deans Scholarship, \$40,000
Texas A & M President’s Endowed Scholarship, \$12,000
US Air Force, ROTC Scholarship,\$140,000

Brandon Broom
BHS Hawks First Down Club, \$500
Briar Cliff University Football, Track and Academic Scholarship, \$92,240

Jennifer Bryden
Long Island University Athletic, \$17,858
Long Island University University Scholars Award, \$40,000

Caleb Carter
BHS, Hoopin Hawks Booster Club, \$500

Robert Chew
Texas A & M Regents’ Scholarship, \$62,920

Nathan Christ
BHS Choir Booster Club, \$500

Laura Davis
Career & Technology Association of Texas, Dr. Pat McLeod Scholarship, \$1,000
Colleyville Woman’s Club Spirit of Youth Volunteerism Grant, \$1,000
Junior Woman’s Club of Ft. Worth, \$1,000
Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Scholarship, \$1,000
Texas Association of Future Student Educators of the Year, \$1,000

Leslie Escobedo
Greater Dallas Hotel Association, \$4,000

Reid Farris
BHS Soccer Booster Scholarship, \$250
Upper Ninety Soccer Booster Club Scholarship, \$250

Brendan Fisher
Texas Tech University School of Music, \$4,000

Sarah Fleming
Baylor University President’s Scholarship, \$32,000
Evangel University Academic Achievement Award, \$8,000
Houston Baptist University Legacy Grant, \$14,000
MetroTex, \$1,000
TCU Scholarship, \$24,000

Jordan Fogarty
Texas Wesleyan Dean’s Scholarship, \$28,000

Annalise Freeman
BHS Choir Booster Club, \$500

Celeste Garcia
Texas State University National Hispanic Scholarship, \$40,000

Logan Giles
University of Dallas Scholar Award, \$42,000

Jennifer Grose
BHS Cheerleading Booster Club Scholarship, \$500
Hardin Simmons Leadership Studies, \$4,000
Hardin-Simmons Deans Scholar, \$20,000
Hardin-Simmons Kelley College of Business, \$6,000
Pulliam Pools Customer Scholarship, \$500

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Hardin-Simmons Brinkley, \$1,500
Hardin-Simmons Dean’s Scholarship, \$20,000

Michael Hartzler
Air Force Academy, \$385,000

Kelsey Hawley
BHS Choir Booster Club, \$500
Chapman University, Dean’s Scholars, \$48,000
Chapman University, Tuition Exchange Scholarship, \$100,000
Phillips University, Legacy Scholar, \$12,000
TCU Scholarship, \$24,000

Rachel Hildewig,
TCU Faculty Scholarship, \$34,000

Taylor Hines
Baylor University President’s Scholar & Achievement Scholar \$13,000
SMU Meadows Artistic Scholarship, \$108,788

TCU Dean’s Scholarship, \$139,280

Vu Ho
Texas Tech University Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship, \$4,000

Zachary Horton
Wingate University Student Engagement Scholarship, \$48,000

Christopher Hutchins
Missouri Valley College Resident Scholarship, \$45,200

Ciara Jackson
Baylor University Achievement Scholar Award, \$8,000
Baylor University President’s Scholar, \$32,000

Joseph Jarrell
Cornell College Samuel Fellows Scholarship, \$70,000
Grinnell College, Trustee Honor Scholarship, \$7,500
Hanover College, \$26,000
Hendrix College Academic Scholarship \$52,000
Hiram College Presidential Scholarship, \$13,200
Kenyon College Distinguished Academic Scholarship, \$40,000
Knox College Ellen Browning Scripps Scholarship, \$6,500
Knox College Knox Founders Scholarship, \$1,500
Ohio Wesleyan Presidential Scholarship, \$31,510
St. Olaf College Presidential & Community/Church, \$72,000

Britton Johnson
Texas Wesleyan Dean’s Scholarship, \$28,000

Merrissa Kuylen
Catawba College Presidential Scholarship \$38,000

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BHS PTSA, \$500
Opportunity Award Scholarship Program Karen E. Hickman ’81 Endowed Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000
Texas A & M Lechner Scholarship, \$10,000

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University of Oklahoma, Boren Award, \$1,500
University of Oklahoma Legacy Scholar Award, \$1,000

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Alfred University Presidential Scholarship, \$34,000
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Trinity Arts Guild Youth Art Show, \$500
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Illinois Institute of Technology, \$47,000
Southern Virginia University, \$40,000

Kevin Payne
Upper Ninety Soccer Booster Club Scholarship, \$250

Johnathan Pettit
DeVry Community Scholar Award, \$8,000

Casey Potysman
BHS Soccer Scholarship, \$250
Wal-Mart Foundation Sam Walton Community Scholarship, \$1,000

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BISD Career & Technology Education Scholarship, \$1,600

Courtney Renfro
University of Arkansas at Little Rock, \$63,744

Keely Roberts
Baylor University President’s Scholars, \$32,000
Birdville PTSA, \$500

Nabeel Saghir
Austin College Dean’s Scholarship, \$52,000
Baylor University President’s Scholarship, \$32,000
TCU Dean’s Scholarship, \$40,000

Christine Schwaebler
TCU Dean’s Scholarship, \$40,000

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Baylor University, \$26,000

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Stephen F. Austin, Academic Excellence Scholarship, \$12,000
University of North Texas Board of Regents President’s Scholarship, \$6,000

Devin Slick,
University of Texas at Arlington ROTC Scholarship, \$60,000

Mallory Smith
Baylor University Provost’s, \$6,500
Emporia State University Neighbors in Recruitment and Retention Award, \$6,000
Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, \$8,000
Louisiana Tech Academic Scholarship, \$30,800
Mary Baldwin College Bailey Scholarship, \$52,000
Oklahoma Baptist Achievement Scholar Award, \$10,000
Oklahoma Baptist Athletic Scholarship, \$5,000
Oklahoma State Nonresident Achievement Scholarship, \$20,000
Philadelphia University Faculty Scholarship, \$40,000
Smithfield Masonic Lodge Lamar Award, \$500
TCU Scholarship, \$24,000
University of Oklahoma, President’s Community Scholars, \$18,800

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Air Force Academy Falcon Foundation Scholarship, \$4,000
McPherson College, Presidential Scholar, \$44,000
University of Dallas, \$26,000

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Stephen F. Austin Academic Excellence Scholarship, \$12,000

Austin Stovall
BHS Choir Booster Club, \$500

Kim Tran
BHS PTSA \$500
Lockheed Martin Corp. Foundation National Merit Scholarship, \$2,500
Stanford University, \$98,864
Texas A & M President’s Endowed Scholarship, \$59,600

Tanner Trigg
TCU Percussion Scholarship, \$56,000

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Marc Vestal
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Jordan Walker
BHS, Hawks First Down Club, \$500
Eastern New Mexico University, \$36,708

Meg Watson
Harding University, \$26,000
National Merit Scholarship Corporation, AmerisourceBergen Corporation Scholarship, \$20,000

Heather Wealot
Stephen F. Austin, Academic Excellence Scholarship, \$12,000

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BHS Theatre Boosters, \$750

Caleb Wilson
University of Arkansas Non-Resident Tuition Award, \$8,000
Wal-Mart Foundation Sam Walton Community Scholarship, \$1,000

Caitlyn Young
A & M Mothers’ Club Opportunity Award, \$5,000
BHS PTSA, \$500

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Scott Prather
and
Ekaterina Tarankova

Most Attractive



Lindsey Logan
and
Phillip Edwards

Most Likely to be Famous



Ruben Aguirre
and
Annalise Freeman

Best Dressed



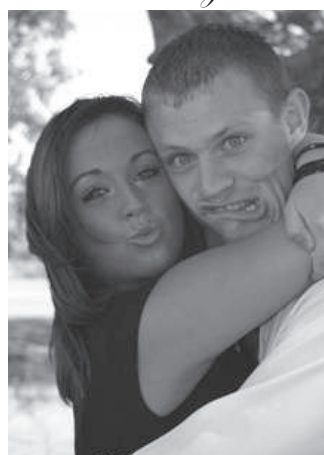
Antonio Velez
and
Chaney Tyner

Most Outgoing



Sam Jones
and
Jennifer Grose

Best Eyes



Kymber Conley
and
Cameron Massey

Best Hair



Tim Garcia
and
Chaney Tyner

Most Likely to Succeed



Kim Tran
and
Tanner Cope

Cutest Couple



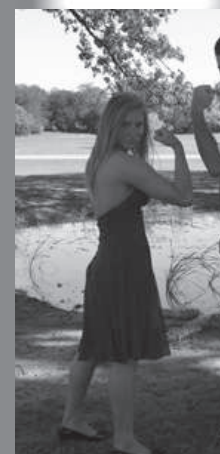
Caleb Carter
and
Sara Morgan

Class Clown



Josh Jimenez
and
Anna Noonan

Most Attractive



Sarah Wilkin
and
Jason Martin

King and Queen
Chaney Tyner and
Kymber Conley



Look Tonight

Prom 2007

Most Likely to Work at BHS



Caleb Wilson
and
Laura Davis

Best Smile



Brittane'e George
and
Robert Chew

Most Photogenic



Megan Arzaga
and
Jordan Walker

Funniest



Anna Noonan
and
Tom Cruise

Most Mischievous



Ryan Silvia
and
Courtney Renfro

Queen
Ruben Aguirre

Best Personality



Aaron Sutanto
and
Mallory Smith

Most Spirited



Caleb Wilson
and
Marcie Boulware

Biggest Flirt



Meghan Flippo
and
Robert Chew

Friendliest



Chris Hutchinson
and
Sarah Shive

Most Intelligent



Julia Kynpinski
and
Vu Ho

“May the legacy live on as we move



Kim Tran



Julia Krupinski



Lauren Lee



Casey Branach



Taylor Hines



Christine Schwaebler

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Christian
University
Tyler Thornton

Angelo
State
University
Courtney Crowson
Danielle Sanchez

Austin
Community
College
Corbin Govers

Baylor
University
Nichole Falgoust
Ciara Jackson
Keely Roberts
Nabeel Saghir
John Smith

Blinn
College
Cecil Milton

Briar Cliff
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Brandon Broom

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Young
University
Tami Parsons

Catawba
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Chapman
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Top electronic gadgets make great graduation gifts

College is a giant step into adult life. It brings new things into any college freshman's life, friends, clothes and most importantly gadgets. Back in the day, college students did not have the luxuries of today so it is important to take advantage of today's electronics to better performance and to make every assignment a little easier. Here are the most essential electronics for first year college students.

1. A laptop, it is portable and permits easy access anywhere, considering many cafés and libraries offer free Internet access. A popular item is the Apple's Macbooks. These cost about \$1,299 and have a variety of features that will get the job done and still leave room for entertainment. The laptop is built with an iSight camera for video chats over the Internet, enabling homesick students to report home to relatives who have the same software or AOL Instant Messenger.

Among the lightest laptops is the Toshiba Satellite M55-S325, The Toshiba Satellite is ideal for college students who will have a lot of walking to do on campus. It is lightweight (4-6 lbs) and

costs around \$1,399. Included with the laptop are a roomy 100GB hard drive, four USB and some basic programs like Windows Media Player and Acrobat Reader. The Dell Inspiron 6000 is more on the cheaper side, around \$1,000. Although there are a variety of laptops available for college students, one should do some research before purchasing. Consumerreports.com offers a variety of reviews and ratings. Some laptops carriers

offer discounts for college students, such as the Apple store.

2. An Alarm clock, extremely important to make it to class on time.

3. A digital camera, for college students to document their life changing experiences and to send pictures via email to family members back home. The higher the camera's mega pixels, the better the picture quality.

4. A popular gift

for any occasion, especially graduation, is an iPod video. These allow the user to listen to music and watch movies, which are downloaded from the computer on iTunes.

An 80 GB iPod holds, with a combination of each, up to 20,000 songs, up to 25,000 photos and up to 100 hours of video. The iPod starts at \$249, which is a good price with its enhanced features such as better video battery life, games and instant search.

5. A TV, for movie nights with friends or staying in to watch The Office. Dell offers a DELL 17" LCD TV, where it doubles as a TV set and a computer monitor. It is available at ubid.com for \$300.

6. Printers are essential for a college students survival. Some will be printing numerous pages a day so possessing a good one is important.

Many companies, such as

Hp, offers all-in-one printers with a scanner, fax machine and copier. It is the HP Officejet 6210 and costs around \$70.

7. Gaming consoles offer entertainment for lonely Friday nights or for times of socializing. Popular game consoles include the Xbox 360, PS3, Nintendo Wii or a hand held PSP.

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How to decorate dorm efficiently, effectively

Adjusting to college can be hard, adjusting to living in a dorm can be even harder. Although, there is the excitement of becoming independent there is also the non-excitement of trying to be self-sufficient.

To begin with the space is small, but it becomes even smaller when another person is thrown into the mix. The key in coping with the ridiculously small living corridors is to design effectively and efficiently.

Most students fall into

the trap of wanting to bring everything they own. Hold off on bringing everything, because it is never known what the other roommate may already be bringing. After a while, it will become more and more evident what is needed and what is not, take what is not needed back home.

The space is small, and divided in half, it is not a whole lot bigger than a walk in closet. Bring only the necessities, and only a few fun things. Obviously clothes (although be practical), toiletries, and study aids; but be careful not to bring too many things like tv's, stuffed animals and other unnecessary items.

Compartmentalizing things will be a huge help. Put notebooks with the study stuff and shoes with all the clothes.

Organize as much as possible, to utilize as much space. Try stores like the Container Stores for everything organization. Also, try and make everything equal to both roommates. Although a good idea, maybe if one roommate does not need as much closet space the other roommate can take it and give more space under the bed to the roommate. Just make things fair, no one likes a space hog.

At most schools a lot of things are provided such as computers, microwaves and televisions somewhere in the dorm

area. Therefore these things become unnecessary and merely space wasters.

There are certain things, however, that are musts in every college dorm room.

One, a clock radio/CD player. Most stereos will be too large to have in a dorm so getting a clock radio provides for a clock, an essential, and radio.

Two, a toolbox packed with tools (packed with a screwdriver, hammer, nails, screws, ruler, tape, glue and wrench). Things come up; hanging a bulletin board or unscrewing a faulty screw. When it does be prepared, dad will not be there to help at twelve at night. For the girls there are decorative

toolboxes available, not just boring gray.

Three, plastic dishes; including forks, knives, spoons, plates, bowls and cups. Even with a meal plan there is always that takeout or snack that needs utensils. Also, a can opener may also come in handy.

Four, sheets and towels.

Five, a laundry table. This becomes very useful in saving floor space and carrying clothes back and forth from the laundry room.

All these are practical and resourceful things to take into consideration.

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