

# Lajes Middle/High School

*Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal*



# 2011 Lajes Falcons



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# Lajes Middle

# High School



LHS Class of 2016



LHS Class of 2015



LHS Class of 1975



LHS Class of 2012



LHS Class of 2011



LHS Class of 2015



LHS Class of 1973



LHS Class of 2015

# 2010-2011

# Something Old, Something New, Something Gold, Something Blue

# Senior Class

Class of 2011



Class of 2011-Class of 2011-Class of 2011-Class of 2011-Class of 2011-Class of

## Senior Class Officers

Advisor



President



Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer



Seth Aamodt

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

Daring

Athletic

Ambitious

Honorificabilitudinitatibus



Dazzling Fabulous Tremendous

Crazy

Talia Case

"I'll spread my wings and I'll learn how to fly. I'll do what it takes 'till I touch the sky. Make a wish, take a chance, make a change, and break away."





"What we  
do in life  
echoes for  
an eternity."



*Strength*  
*Humor*  
*Courage*  
*Cajie Cobb*

*Determination*

*Eric Merkison*



"A lot of people seem  
frustrated with me  
because I'm actually  
succeeding at what I  
said I was going to do."

*Talented*  
*Athletic*  
*Cool*



*Ambitious*

*Garrett Hall*

*Courageous*

*Strong*

*Artistic*



"The object of war is not  
to die for your country,  
but to make the enemy die  
for his."



*Brave*



"Love the life  
you live."

*Nice*  
*Chill*



*Funny*

*Outgoing*

*Candice Miller*



"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget."



*Athletic*

*Artistic*

*Dependable*

*Nikole Mount*

*Spontaneous*

-dedicated to my best friend Ronda (I Love You & will miss you dearly! I will always remember our adventurous and spontaneous moments together!)

*Sarahjane Stumler*

"Imaging the future is a kind of nostalgia."

*Nerd*

*Caring*

*Sarcastic*



*Laid-Back*

*Nicholas Toppa*

"If it weren't for the last minute, I wouldn't get anything done."



*Intelligent*

*Random*

*Relaxed*

*Sarcastic*



## Class Comedian



*Most Likely to be...  
Legendary*



## SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

## Most Random



*Most Likely to...*



## Brighten Your Day

## Life of the Party



# Senior Signatures



*Nick Toppa Talia Case*

*Seth Aamodt*

*Caje Cobb*

*Eric Merkison*

*"It is indeed  
ironic that  
we spend our  
school days  
yearning to  
graduate and  
our  
remaining  
days waxing  
nostalgic  
about our  
school days."  
-Isabel  
Waxman*

*Candice Miller*

*Nikole Mount*

*Garrett Hall*

*Sarah Stumler*

# Junior Class

Class of 2012



Class of 2012-Class of 2012-Class of 2012-Class of 2012-Class of 2012-Class of

## Junior Class Officers

Advisor



President



Treasurer



Student Council Rep.



Vice President



Secretary



Faculty Liason



Justin Aamodt



Ronda Hall



Nic Miller



Anthony Ciranni



Lexi Holes



Chandler Bruns



DeMarkus Hodge



Toderick Stevens

# Juniors Say it

What was your favorite thing about Junior Year?

"My favorite thing about Junior year was being able to know everyone in my class."  
- Chandler Bruns



"My favorite thing about Junior Year is AP Lang class and the countless number of essays."  
- Toderick Stevens



"Going to Germany for FEA."  
- Lexi Holes



"Playing sports and going to Germany."  
- Ronda Hall



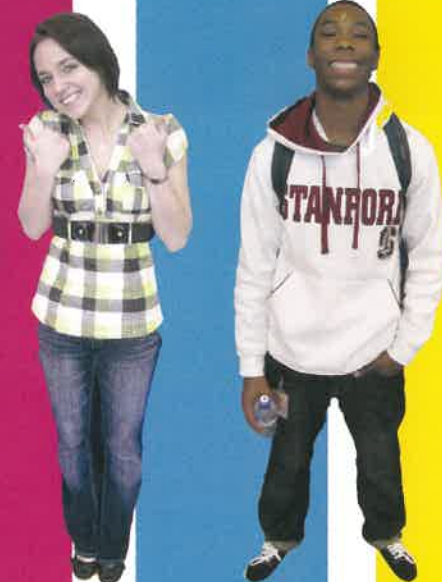
"Setting up prom!"  
- Justin Aamodt

Class Comedian

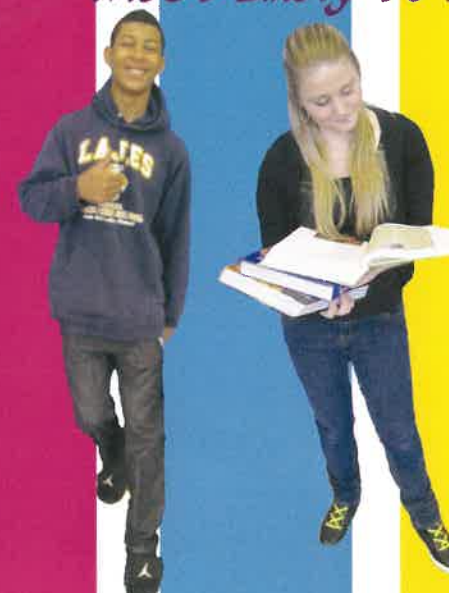


Most Likely to be a...  
Secret Superhero

**JUNIOR  
SUPERLATIVES**



Most Likely to ...



Best Smile

Succeed

Best Personality

# Sophomore Class

Class of 2013



Class of 2013- Class of 2013- Class of 2013- Class of 2013- Class of 2013- Class of 2013- Class of 2013

## Sophomore Class Officers

Advisor



President



Vice President



Secretary & Treasurer



Paige Adams



Katrina Hermanson



Tyler Storms



Travis Bennett



Timothy McDonald



Kenneth Stewart



Henry Stumler



Kate Dotson



Tyler Miller



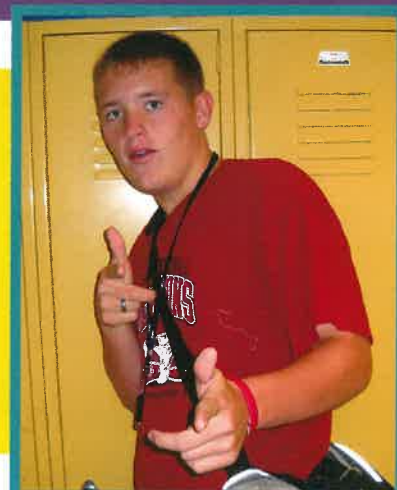
Yasmine Weddle

# Sophomores Say it:

What was your favorite thing that happened this year?

"Getting into Ms. Evans' Honors Lit Class."

- Kate Dotson



"The basketball games against Terceira Basket and the tournament in Germany."

-Kenny Mack Stewart



## SOPHOMORE SUPERLATIVES

Best Eyes



Most Likely to...  
Become a Millionaire



Most



Athletic



Most Likely to...  
Become a Professional  
Sky-Diver



Most Sarcastic



# Freshmen Class

Class of 2014



Class of 2014-Class of 2014-Class of 2014-Class of 2014-Class of 2014-Class of 2014-Class of

## Freshmen Class Officers

Advisor



President



Vice President



Treasurer



Chynna Barber-Tutaan



Alexandra Ciranni



Austin Gill



Christopher Brooks



Ralinda Cleveland



Jeffrey Goodson



Joshua Case



Natasha Dowler



Gabriel Labrador



Alyssa Neisen



Fiona Twidwell



Kennedy Young

## Q & A

*What advice would you give to middle schoolers to prepare for the first year of high school?*



**"PAY ATTENTION!"**

-Austin Gill



"Just be yourself and try your hardest. Get noticed by the good things you do and not by the bad."

-Kennedy Young



"Study hard. What you do in high school will affect you for the rest of your life."

-Jeffrey Goodson

?

**Friendliest**



**Most School Spirit**



*Most Likely to...*

**Be on a Reality TV Show**



**FRESHMAN  
SUPERLATIVES**

**Most Artistic**



*Most Likely to...*



**Be on their Phone**

# Middle School



# 8th Grade Class

*Class of 2015*



Class of 2015 - Class of 2015 - Class of 2015 - Class of 2015 - Class of 2015



Ethan Aamodt



Stephanie Billman



Hunter Bowker



Jacob Boyd



Savannah Boyd



Parker Brooks



Madison Bruns



Hailey Castro



Taylor Crawn



Jordan Grannum



Tristan Hughes



Sevanna Kilman



Destinee Merkison



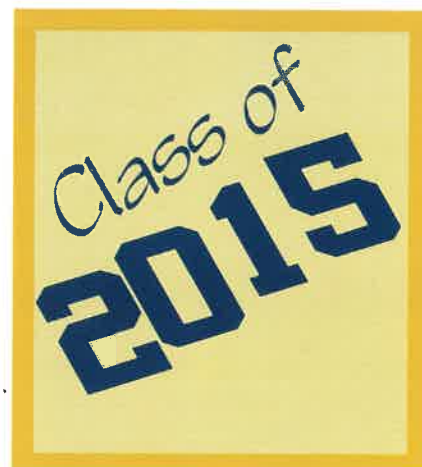
Victoria Roberts



Yuta Parks



Amariae Robinson



Brianna Rock



Kamani Satterwhite



Kweisi Satterwhite



Kara Scales

Best Eyes



Most School Spirit



Most Likely to...

Become President

8TH GRADE  
SUPERLATIVES



Most Random



Most Likely to...



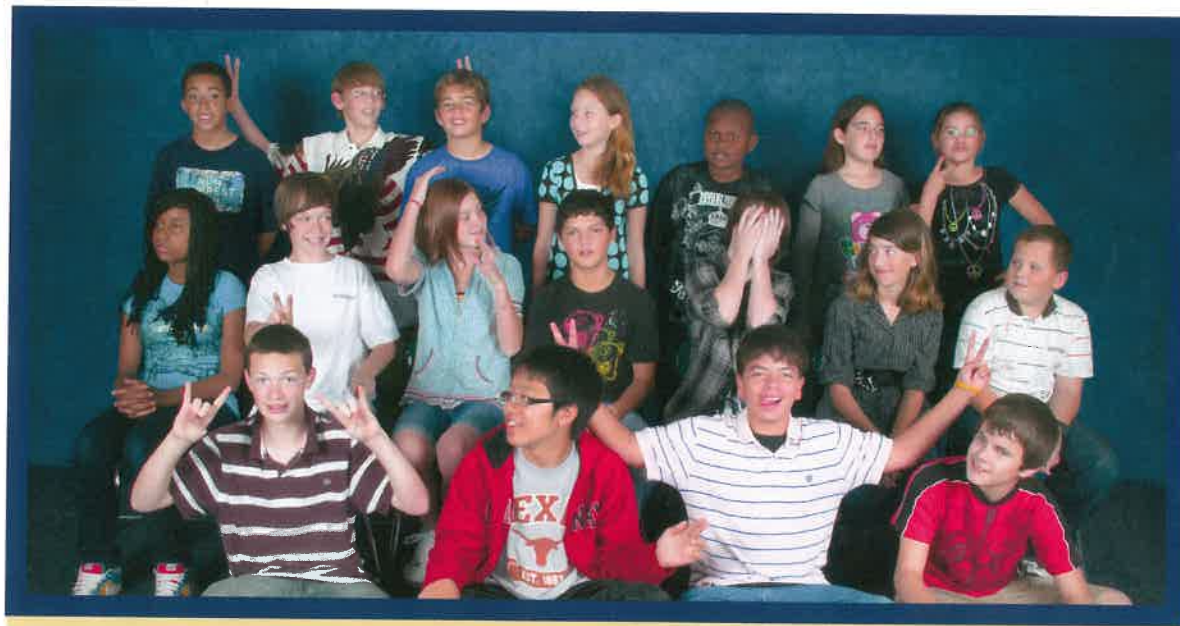
Brighten your day

# 7th Grade Class

Class of 2016



Class of 2016-Class of 2016-Class of 2016-Class of 2016-Class of 2016-Class of 2



Ryan J. Aamodt



Brielle Bowker



Quinten Castro



Nicholas Clayton



Tyler Dotson



Peyton Eddy



Jeremiah Harris



April Hicks



McKenna Kachmar



Brandon Lee



Nathanyl Mason



Jacob McNeer



Tatsuya Peters



McKenna Ringlein



Alyssa Roberts



Daphne Rousey



Yohei Sparks



Shawn-Nicole Stevens



Oscar Stumler



Kelcie Swede



Terrel Velsor

Class Comedian



Most Athletic



Friendliest



7TH GRADE  
SUPERLATIVES



Life of the Party



Most Likely to...



Succeed

# 6th Grade Class

Class of 2017



Class of 2017 - Class of 2017 - Class of 2017 - Class of 2017 - Class of 2017 - Class of 2017



Jade Adams



Adam Bequette



D'Avis Butnaru



Nolan Clayton



Tenia Dockery



Austin Fairly



Kayla Fuehrmann



Colby Gill



Linda Goodson



Krystal Grannum



Tristan Hermanson



Alannah Mitchell



Zachary Morgan



Devin Pagan-Perez



Chihiro Parks



Alexis Robinson



Azaria Rouse



Davion Russell



Nicole Schubert



Julianna Thomas



Lindsay Tran



Latrell Williams

What is the  
best thing  
about being a  
6th grader?

"Lockers!"  
- Alannah Mitchell

"Math Class."  
- D'avis Butnaru



Best Eyes



Move to Mars



Most Athletic



Most Likely to become...  
A Millionaire

6TH GRADE  
SUPERLATIVES

Most Likely to...



Take Over the World

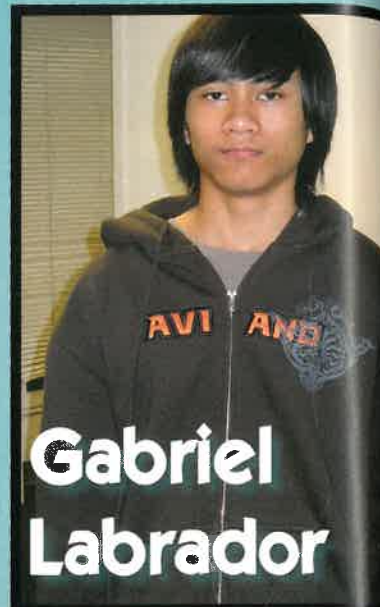
Most Likely to...

# New Students

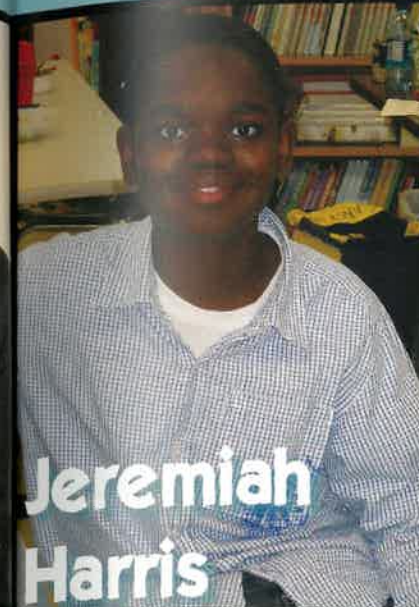
# 2011



**Kelcie Swede**



**Gabriel Labrador**



**Jeremiah Harris**



**Ryan Lowery**

## Welcome to Lajes!!!



"I like the island. It is very nice and quite quiet and the students at school are nice."  
-Jeremiah Harris



"I haven't had much time to experience and explore the culture of the Azores. I am looking forward to it."  
-Devin Williams



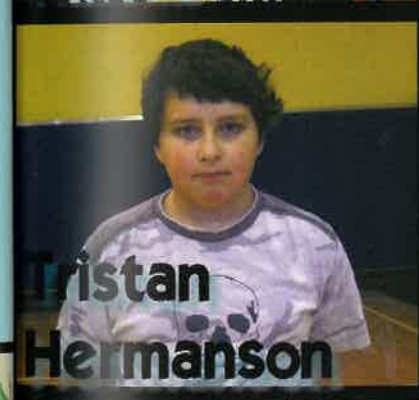
"I like the cows! The cows are my friends!"  
-Kat Hermanson

What do you enjoy about the Azores so far?

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**Devin Williams**



**Tristan Hermanson**



**Katrina Hermanson**

"Don't slack off; striving for goals will help you in the future."  
-Natasha Dowler

"Get out and explore the island."  
-Paige Adams

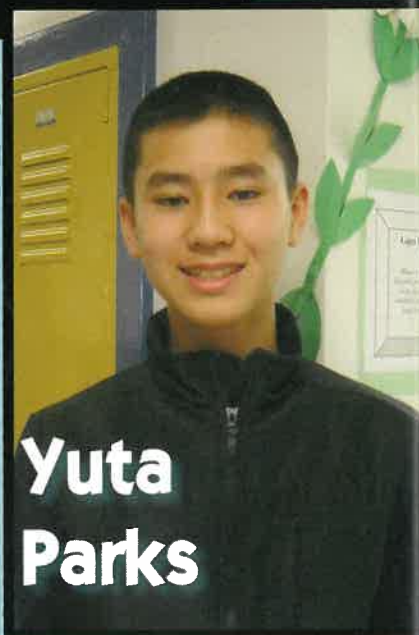
"Cows are amazing but watch out for the wind!"  
-Yasmine Weddle

"Just be yourself."  
-Destinee Merkison

Good Advice



**Azaria Rouse**



**Yuta Parks**



**D'Avis Butnaru**



**Latrell Williams**



**Chihiro Parks**

# Lajes Faculty

Something Old,  
Something New,

Something  
Gold

Something  
Blue



Dr. Barbara  
Hickman,  
Principal



Daisy Weddle,  
Assistant  
Principal

Elizabeth Ballard  
Ian Birch  
Glenn Black



Suzie Black  
Jennifer Boyd  
Jessica Brewer



Kardice Brown  
Lauralee Ciranni  
Carla Campos



Ann Marie Daniele  
Sil Demelo  
Ann Engels



Nadja Evans  
Freddie Foy  
Pam Fuehrmann



Carter Hoff  
Nicole Hoff  
Lyla Nabulsi



Timothy Ramey  
Darin Robinson  
Jesse Sanchez

## Q&A with Mr. Birch

William  
Smith

**Q:** Mr. Birch, when did you graduate from Lajes?

**A:** I graduated in 2001.

**Q:** How has Lajes changed since you graduated?

**A:** It was much smaller. We graduated with a class of 24 students, the elementary and high school were separate, and the waterfront in Praia was different.

Class of 2001



**Ian Birch**  
Student Council  
NJHS/NHS  
Newspaper  
Multi-Ethnic Club  
Soccer  
Cross Country  
Theatre

Russell Sparks  
Julie Sorrell  
Randall Stumler



Janeen Teixeira  
Donna Tucker  
Jim Wood



## Support Staff



Ms. Sorrell  
LHS  
Graduating  
Class of  
1987

Stacey Angus  
Heather Castro  
Amy Crawn



David Gronke  
Cathy Hicks  
Mary Hoffer



Darci Humphrey  
Laura Kasten  
Kat Klein



Mario Maiato  
Diane McDaniel  
Kristi McDonald



Tamika Merkinson  
Uwe Scharf  
Jerry Stover



Martin Torres  
Jed Weyland  
Neata Wiley



## Faculty Flashback



Then

and Now



Then

and Now



Then

and Now



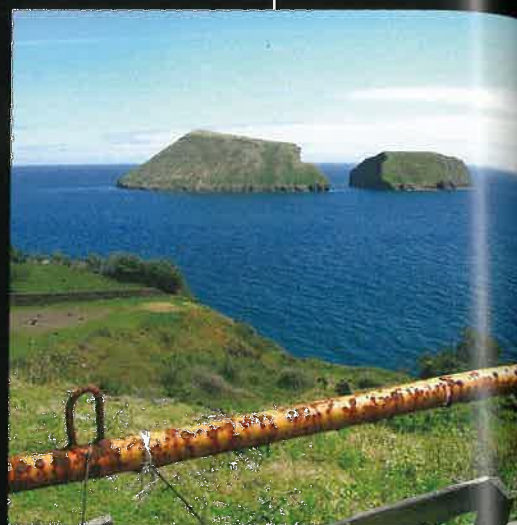
it and pride! We are the super  
cheered on our athletes as they  
way to victory. We are the  
poured our sweat and tears  
and achieved our goal to  
many. We are a light shining  
ic. We are small but mighty!

WE ARE  
THE  
BEST!

he homecoming royalty  
by our peers. We are the  
danced the night away at  
re the hard-core students  
the challenges of Science  
story, and English. We are  
reamers, writers, athletes,



ISLAND



MEMORIES



PRAIA



BEACH

ANGRA



COWS



FLOWER



STATUE

SUMMER



ISLAND



SUN



WAVES





# LAJES SPORTS



**LHS**  
HOME OF THE  
**FALCONS**



# Lady Falcons Volleyball



Sarahjane Stumler  
#14

Natasha Dowler  
#2



Candice Miller  
#3

Lexi Holes  
#6



Chynna Barber-Tutaan  
#12

Nikole Mount  
#9



Ronda Hall  
#15

Pain is  
Temporary,  
Pride is  
Forever!

Coaches



Yasmine Weddle #1  
Talia Case #1

Captains



Bump!  
Set!  
Spike!



Seniors

# Cross Country



Cross Country  
worked hard all  
season to make their  
times, become  
stronger athletes,  
and to prepare for  
competition in  
Germany.



Coaches



Josh Case

Austin Gill

Seth Aamodt



Nic Miller



Alex Ciranni



Paige Adams



Justin Aamodt



Henry Stumler



Kenny Stewart



DeMarkus Hodge



# GOLF



Left to right: Mr. Bowman, Oscar Stumler, Anthony Ciranni, Alex Bequett, Zachary Morgan, Garrett Hall, and Mr. Black

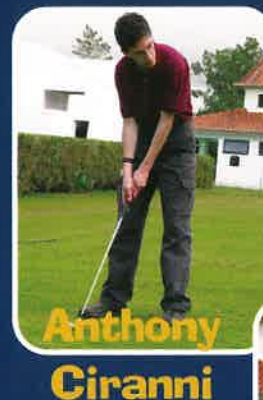


**Q:** What was your favorite part of golf?

**A:** "Learning from the pros: Mr. Black and Mr. Bowman. Learn from the best and beat the rest."  
- Garrett Hall



Coaches  
Mr. Black and  
Mr. Bowman



Anthony  
Ciranni



Zachary  
Morgan



Oscar  
Stumler



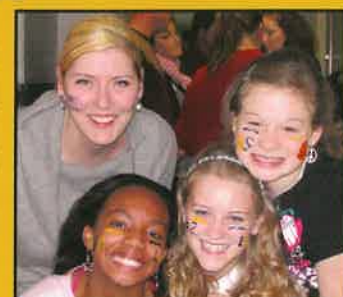
Garrett  
Hall



Alex  
Bequett

**Go! Fight! Win!**

"It was amazing to work with such a spirited group of students! Spirit Squad ROCKS!"  
- Coach Hoff



"I loved getting the crowd pumped up for all the games! GO TEAM!"  
- Parker Brooks



Parker



Taylor



Kara

Destinee



Victoria



Mascot



Ryan



Mascot



(Front) Parker Brooks, Taylor Crawn, Victoria Roberts, Coach Hoff, Destinee Merkison, Peyton Eddy, R.J. Aamodt, Kara Scales

**Spirit Squad!**

We've got spirit, yes we do!  
We've got spirit how 'bout you?



**Captains**



"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."  
- Michael Jordan  
/ Kate Dotson



"One team, one heart.  
We are not just a team,  
we are a family."  
- Chandler Bruns



"Before you achieve a  
big victory you have to  
achieve small ones."  
- Kennedy Young



# Girl's Varsity Basketball



## Q&A With Coach Black: What are your most memorable moments of the season?

The most memorable moment was our away game with Boa Viagem. The game was different because of the rules. The European gyms have wider 3 sec. lanes and they also have a shot clock that in America only the pros have. Even though we lost, the girls competed tremendously. The girls represented Lajes High proudly. After the game, on the bus ride home the girls all started a sing-a-long and celebrated. They know how to keep a positive attitude and have a good time whether they win or lose and it's neat to see them come together as a team. We look forward to the championships in Mannheim, Germany. I know they'll play well.



## Q&A

With  
Coach  
Hoff:

What are your most memorable moments of the season?

One thing I will always remember about this season is the need for the players to come together as a team. When the season started we were all individuals looking to play a sport, but through the many weeks of practice and games we developed into a team fighting to achieve a common goal. I am really looking forward to going to the DoDDS-E tournament to compete against other Division III schools. This is the strongest team we have had in a few years and we should be very competitive.



**Coach Hoff:** "Working with this fine group of student-athletes this season had been amazing. It is great to see each one improve on a daily basis, but also to be able to look back at the giant strides they have made throughout the season as a team. It is wonderful to see the team come together to work towards achieving their goal of winning the DoDDS-E basketball championship."



# Boy's Varsity Basketball



"Good, better, best I will never  
let it rest until my good is  
better and my better is best."  
-Tim Duncan/Eric Merkinson



"I'm used to winning, so of  
course we did great this  
year."  
-Toderick Stevens



"Going to the tournament in  
Germany was a challenge,  
but it was a challenge we  
faced together."  
-Justin Aamodt



**Captains**

# Lajes Tennis

## Intramurals



Alyssa Neisen



Coach Wood, Daphne Rousey, Madison Bruns, and Yohei Sparks



High schoolers and middle schoolers joined together to make a tennis team of 7 members. They practiced each day at the tennis court by the movie theaters to improve their skills. Coach Wood lead the team in their practice. The DoDDs varsity tennis team held their tournaments in Wiesbaden at the end of October.

## 2011 Varsity Soccer Team



## LYP 2010

Lajes Youth Programs



Jeff Blocks the ball and heads his way down the field to the opposing team's goal.



## Green Gorillas VS Pink Flamingos



## School

Co-Ed Varsity Team

## Germany 2010



Seth #10 Aamodt

Lajes Falcons worked hard and pushed themselves so they could go to Germany for the Championships

## Lajes Soccer

Green Gorillas went undefeated this season against the Pink Flamingos



#9 Nikole Mount



#4 Yasmine Weddle



#2 Lexi Holes



#1 Travis Bennett



# 2011



Basketball

Cross Country

Volleyball

Soccer



## GERMANY

**VARSITY  
SPORTS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2011**



**Fruchteis**  
Zitrone  
Erdbeere  
Himbeere  
Melone  
Apfel  
Orange  
Banane  
Mango  
Ananas



### CROSS COUNTRY

The Lajes Cross Country Team practiced hard to prepare for the Cross Country Championships in Germany. The team was run under the direction of Coach Randy Stumler and Coach Ian Birch. The team worked on speed and endurance by running relay races, running on the beach in Praia, and doing a hash run on base. The team also ran two different 5k races on base in preparation for the championship. Seth Aamodt, Justin Aamodt, Josh Case, DeMarkus Hodge, and Kenny Stewart had the opportunity to travel to Germany and represent Lajes at the championships. They ran on behalf of the LHS team whose roster also included: Paige Adams, Parker Brooks, Alex Ciranni, Nic Miller, McKenna Ringlein, and Henry Stumler.



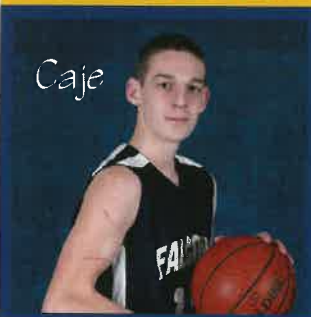
# Seniors Class of '11

CLASS OF 2011 SENIORS

There are 40 high schoolers, but only 9 seniors, each with their own stories to tell. You may have passed them by many times, but never noticed, or never had the time to take a closer look. They deserve to be noticed. They deserve to tell their story. Senior Night is part of this story. This is the night that parents, students, and staff come together to recognize our amazing senior athletes who have worked hard for four long years to be at the top of their game both academically and athletically. They have become our team captains, our star players, our school leaders and our role models. They are the backbone of our teams and of our school, and will leave behind a legacy of greatness.



Nikole



Caje



Candice



Garrett



Seth



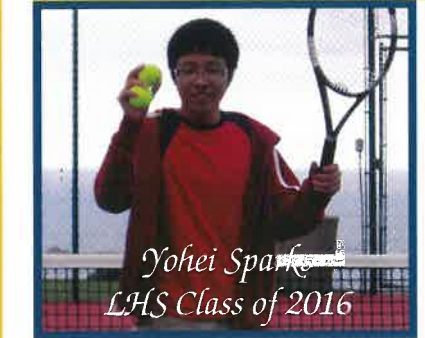
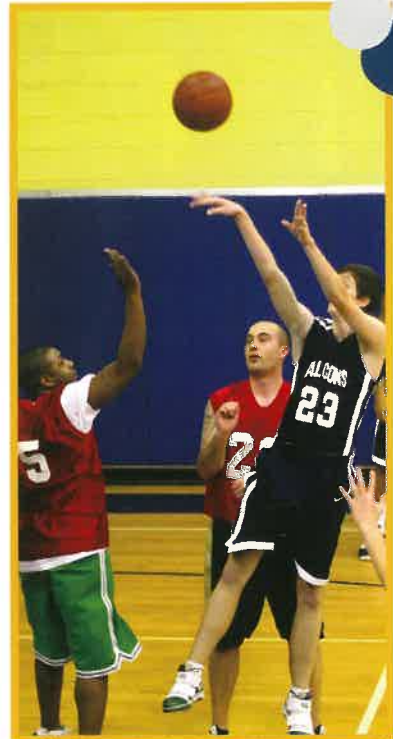
Talia



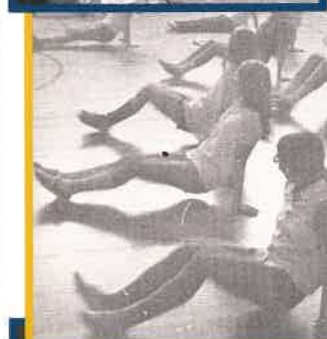
Sarah

## Something Old, Something New...

DeMarkus Hodge  
LHS Class of 2012



Yohei Spark  
LHS Class of 2016



Oscar Stumler  
LHS Class of 2016



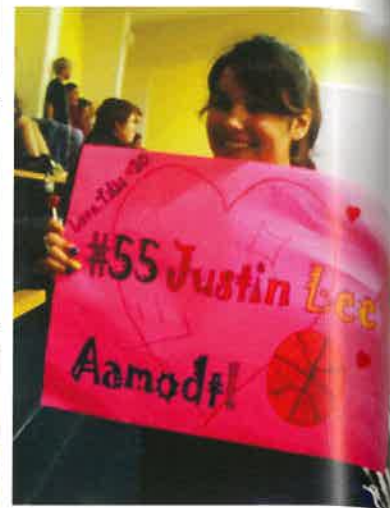
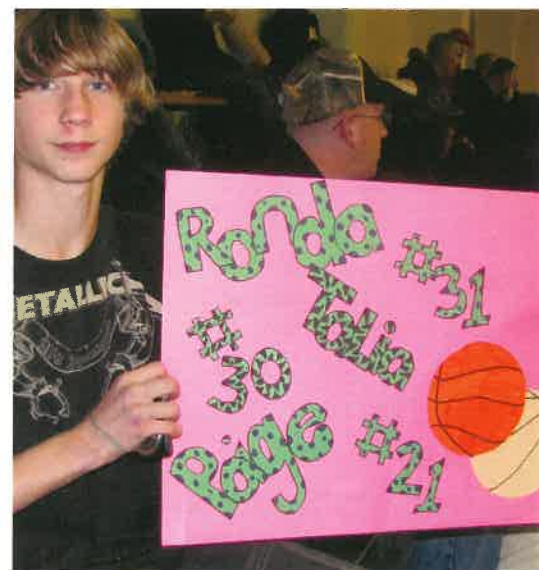
Ms. Sorrell #24 - LHS Class of 1987



LAJES HS  
1973-2011 Sports  
Flashback

# Falcon Fans R #1

Three cheers for our amazing school spirit!



GO FALCONS GO FALCONS GO

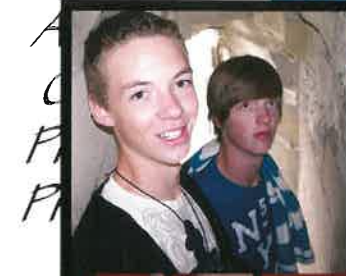


We Chant, We  
Scream, We Yell,  
and Shout, We  
Know What It's All  
About! Our pride  
is what we've won!  
We may be small,  
we may be few,  
but when it comes  
to fans, we've got  
**YOU!**

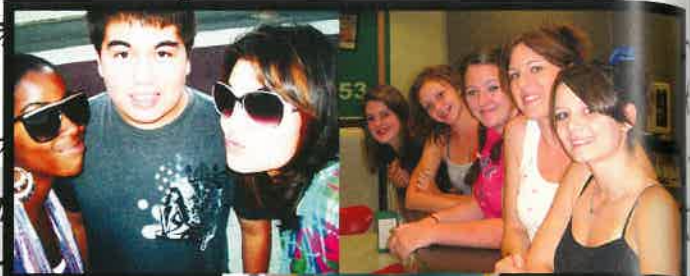


# Student

LAJES ~ Basketball ~ Volleyball ~ Cross Country ~ Video Communication



Spanish ~ Praia Fest ~ Best Friends Forever ~ Sports ~ Championships ~ Art ~ Drama ~ Yearbook ~ Azores ~ Island Fun



Class of 2011 ~ LEAP ~ Falcon Spirit ~ Computers ~ Port ~ AVID ~ NJHS ~ Algebra ~ LAJES ~ Drama ~ Ocean Breezes ~ Soccer ~ LYP ~ Dances ~ Study



Volleyball ~ Gold ~ English ~ Traveling Fest ~ in the Sun ~ Showcase ~ GOLD ~ Life Year ~ Career Day ~ Hanging ~ Communication ~ Port ~ LAJES ~ LAJES ~ Yearbook ~ Photography ~ Soccer ~ Hanging Out ~ Video Communication ~ Art ~ Games ~ LAJES ~ Yearbook ~ Photography ~ Volunteer ~ Praia ~ Geometry ~ Praia Beach ~ Spirit Squad ~ Gym ~ History ~ to Germany ~ Senior M ~ Peerleading ~ Soccer ~ L ~ Homecoming ~ Art ~ Class of 2013 ~ Spirit ~ Computers ~ Port ~ AVID ~ NJHS ~ Algebra ~ Cliffs ~ Ocean Breezes ~ Dances ~ Study Time ~ Thinking ~ BLUE & GOLD ~ Military Career ~ LHS RULES! ~ Praia



Volleyball ~ Cross ~ Spanish ~ Praia ~ Best Friends ~ Championships



PROM 2011 ~ Creative Thinking ~ Languagefest ~ Creative Connections ~ Sports ~ Blue and Gold ~ Home ~ Volleyball ~ Cross Country ~ Spanish ~ Praia Fest ~ Volunteer ~ Best Friends Forever ~ Journalism ~ Sports ~ Championships ~ Cross ~ Art ~ Drama ~ Yearbook ~ Music ~ Azores ~ Island Fun ~ Pizza Parties ~ Class of 2011 ~ PE ~ F.E.A. ~



Friends Forever ~ Journalism ~ Yearbook ~ Photography ~ Sports ~ PROM ~ Good Friends ~ Creative Connections ~ Graduation ~ Memories ~ LHS ~



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History Club ~ Study Time ~ Go Team! ~ Volleyball ~ Spirit ~ English ~ Gym ~ Traveling to Germany ~



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# at Lajes

# Summer 2010...



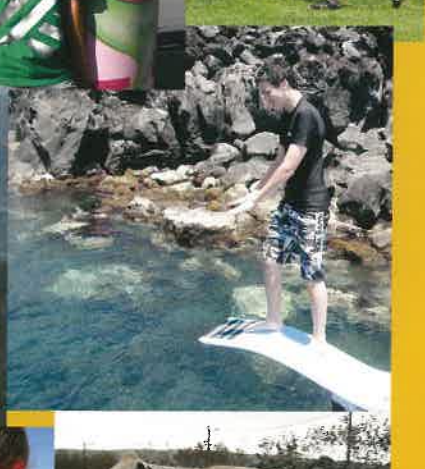
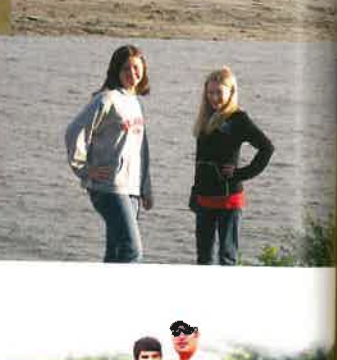
What is your best memory of Summer '10?

"Hanging out with the BEST mommy in the world!"  
~Josh Case

"Visiting England and watching a soccer game."  
~Seth Aamodt

"Praia Fest and Basketball."  
~DeMarkus Hodge

"Visiting both of my best friends and also staying with my sisters."  
~Yasmine Weddle



What do you like about the island?

"I love how close everyone is, how we can be each others best friend or biggest enemy. It's like a family, because in the end, none of the little fights matter, we are there for each other."  
~Kate Dotson

"I like that the island kept its culture, even into the 20th Century."  
~Nic Miller

"I like how small it is and the beaches."  
~Kenny Stewart



*Lajes...*

*A once in a lifetime opportunity.*



...memories that will never be forgotten.



2011

# *P.S. I Love You Dance*

*at  
Lajes*

The Middle School  
*P.S. I love you*  
dance was held on February 12  
2011 to celebrate Valentine's Day.  
The dance was sponsored by the  
amazing MS student council who  
decorated the Community  
Activities Center (CAC) from top  
to bottom with pink and red.  
Valentine's Day dazzle. It was  
the perfect setting for the middle  
school students to dance the night  
away - and dance they did!





# LAJES FALL SPIRIT WEEK



Hat Day



Scholar/  
Nerd Day



Class Color  
Day



Wacky  
Tacky Day



Sports  
Day



Hat Day



Scholar/  
Nerd Day



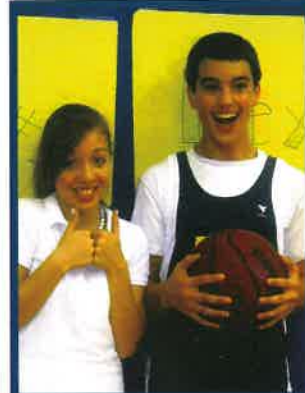
Class Color  
Day



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Sports  
Day



## Q&A

What got you fired up at the Pep Rally?



"It was a great way to make everyone happy. It always makes me smile."

-Peyton Eddy



"FREE CANDY!!!"

- Chris Brooks



"I liked all the yelling and shouting."

- Ronda Hall

## Q&A

Whose spirit week costume did you like best?



"I liked how the teachers dressed up as students for scholar/nerd day."

- Kayla Fuehrmann



"I liked how the crazy colors in Chandler's wacky-tacky costume popped out."

- Josh Case



"Paige's costume was pretty wacky. She has a lot of school spirit."

- Toderick Stevens

# CHOIR



Vocals

Performing

Singing

Lyrics



Musician's Point of View



"Air is free, use more of it."

- Miss Engels

# INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED BAND



## BEGINNING BAND



Teamwork

Practice

Brass

Jazz

Rhythm

## JAZZ BAND





Lajes Video Communications...  
 ...writing, directing, editing, and  
 having fun creating videos.  
 ...making the future filmmakers  
 of tomorrow.  
 Lajes Video Communications,  
 Learning through creating videos.  
 Lajes Video Communications,  
 Exploring the process of creating  
 videos.

# Video Communications

# Art Club



Some of the most artistic students don't get to use their awesome talent during school hours, so they went to art club to let out their creative juices. Mrs. Hoff helped students tap into their artistic side by leading projects like printmaking, painting, sewing, drawing, cardmaking, jewelrymaking, maskmaking, calligraphy, collage, and so much more. After a long year of hard work, students were able to show off their talents at the 2011 Art Show which featured hundreds of masterpieces by Lajes E/H School students.



# National Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society

*The objective of NHS/NJHS is to encourage and promote scholarship and leadership.*

## Q&A With Ms. Daniele:

**Q:** What encouraged your decision to become a NHS and NJHS sponsor?

**A:** I was an NHS student in high school and have sponsored NHS/NJHS at every school I have taught at. NHS is the only organization that is present in every public High School in the United States. It is the only school organization that encourages students to pursue academic excellence at the same time being of service in and out of the community.

The Kinder Committee was started by the NHS/NJHS to help the kindergartners continue to develop their basic skills. During seminar, volunteers go to Mrs. Ciranni's and Mrs. Kasten's classrooms to work with groups of students. The NHS/NJHS students enjoy helping the younger children with their work, reading to them, and playing games with them. These tutoring sessions help out the kindergarten classroom teachers, but also helps to build a stronger unit school where students from across the grade-levels work together.



NHS has given me the opportunity to help my school and community. I love being a tutor."  
- Alex Ciranni

Being in NJHS has given me great opportunities. It's really fun, too!"  
- Victoria Roberts



"It is a great honor having been inducted into NJHS and it really helps me to feel needed in my community."  
- Madison Bruns



"I think our students have great potential and a unique perspective on life."  
- Ms. Daniele, NHS/NJHS Sponsor

# Future Educators of America

The Future Educators Association (FEA) is an international student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers. The purpose of this organization is to help students develop the skills and strong leadership traits that are found in high quality educators." This year's annual FEA conference was scheduled for the first week in February and was held at the Edelweiss Lodge in Germany. FEA participants were involved in "Rent-A-Student" day which allowed students the chance to work in classrooms to both gain experience and to raise money to offset the cost of traveling.



"FEA is an amazing opportunity to gain experience and to get a new point of view about teaching. It was also a lot of fun."  
-Lexi Holes



"This program has shown me leadership and teaching based skills that I did not know I had."  
-Chynna Barber-Tutaan

"FEA gave me a new outlook on teaching."  
-Chandler Bruns



# 2011 Yearbook



## A word from Mrs. Hoff ~

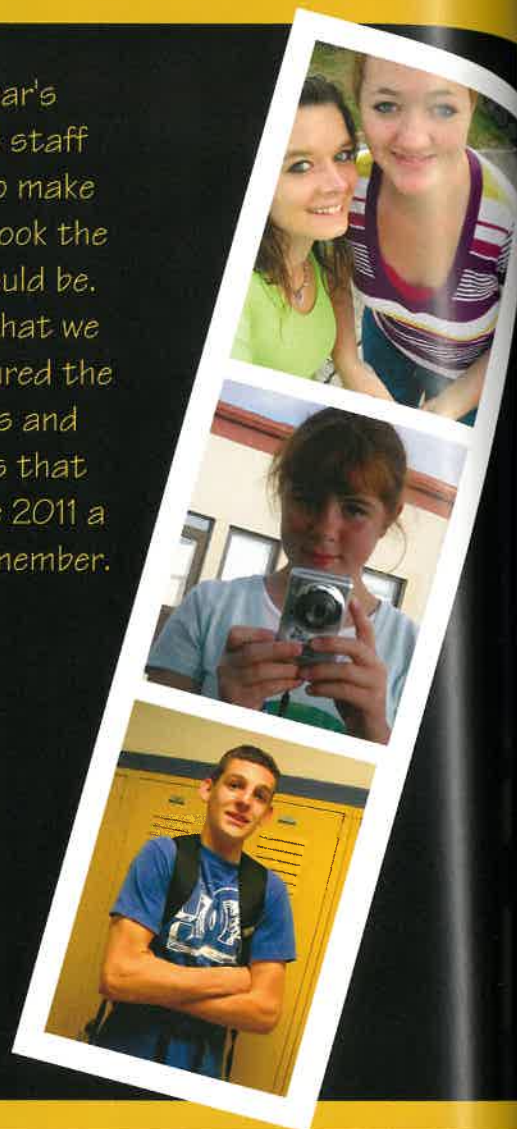
Creating this yearbook has been a wild ride. We have all learned a lot about the business of making a yearbook, but we've also learned a lot about our school and the amazing people that make Lajes one of a kind. I have been incredibly proud of my staff this year and the unimaginable amount of work that they have all put in to make this happen. I have watched each of them grow as photographers, designers, and as students. They have poured their hearts and souls into this book so that we might all remember the unique story we have been part of this year. It has been an honor to work with this staff. I am especially proud of our two middle school students that were brave enough to join in a HS yearbook class and have both pulled their own weight and more - Miss Kayla Fuehrmann & Miss Shawn Stevens. These students, as with all this year's staff, are talented beyond words. Congratulations staff on a job well done! Thank you all!

## Student Spotlight

Shawn-Nicole Stevens

At just 13 years old, Shawn Stevens is one of the youngest members on our yearbook staff, but she has shocked us all with her amazing dedication and talent. She stands out as one of only two middle school students to be accepted into Yearbook, but she has also become one of our editors! To our knowledge, she is the first 7th grader in Lajes history to earn this title. Way to go Shawn-Nicole!

This year's yearbook staff strived to make this yearbook the best it could be. We hope that we have captured the moments and memories that have made 2011 a year to remember.



Top Row (Left to Right) : Natasha Dowler, Ronda Hall, Shawn Stevens, and Nikole Mount.  
Bottom Row (Left to Right) : Caje Cobb, Tyler Miller, and Kayla Fuehrmann.



Editor:  
Nikole Mount



Layout Editor:  
Shawn Stevens



Yearbook Advisor:  
Mrs. Hoff

High School and Middle School students have joined forces for the 2010/2011 yearbook staff. Together, they have photographed events, planned layouts, written copy, brainstormed ideas, cropped and edited photos, managed yearbook sales, and worked long hours to put together the awesome yearbook you see before you. We hope you enjoy it!

## 2011 Yearbook Staff

# Prom 2010



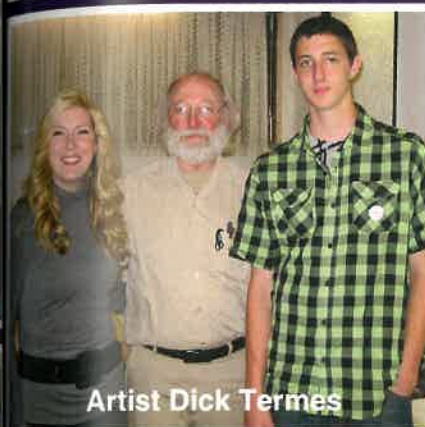
# Midnight Masquerade



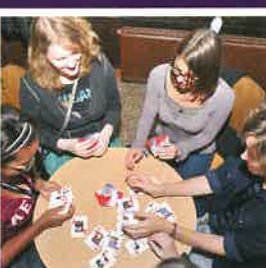
# Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic-Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic cultural heritage. Lajes students participated in a variety of base events. A formal dinner was held at the TORC on the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month. Fifth grade students joined forces with students from Mr.Sanchez's and Mr.Birch's Spanish 1, 2, and 3 classes and volunteered to participated in carrying each flag of a Spanish-speaking country.





Artist Dick Termes



# CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Creative Connections is a six-day Visual and Performing Arts symposium for talented high school students. It was held in November at the Jugendgästehaus Oberwesel. This year's classes included dance, drama, show choir, strings, video production, oil pastels, drawing, mixed-media, and 3D drawing. The week of intensive instruction challenges students to explore new creative avenues and refine their skills to the highest levels.

As one instructor described it, "Creative Connections is a whole semester of Fine Arts packed into one week." The activity culminates with an exhibition of artwork followed by stage performances on the final evening.

This year Garrett Hall beat out hundreds of arts applicants and was selected to represent Lajes E/H School for this amazing event. He traveled with the art teacher, Mrs. Hoff, to participate in the 3D drawing course called "Spherical Thinking." Garrett created 3D drawings on flat and curved surfaces and his work was a hit at the final art show.



"This was a great experience. I would recommend it to anyone! It was cool to learn from world famous artist, Dick Termes and I had fun chillin' with kids from other schools." - Garrett Hall, Visual Artist

# LINGUA FEST

LinguaFest gave Lajes students Sarahjane Stumler and Yasmine Weddle an opportunity to expand their already impressive language skills as 4th year Spanish students. Together with students from all over DoDDs Europe, they spent 3 days in core classes designed to expand their skills in their own languages of study, and also took enrichment and exploration classes in other languages such as French, German, and Arabic. Besides getting to spend time with their peers in and out of their classes, the students made a trip to the Holiday Market in Rudesheim and toured the UNESCO world heritage city of Oberwesel, Germany. It was quite cold in Germany in December, but they toughed it out and had fun while also learning some new things.



# AVID

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Our AVID program at Lajes has three classes that are all working to be the best they can be.

## MS Gold Team



## MS Blue Team



voices  
from the  
crowd



"AVID gives students the unique opportunity to not only accelerate themselves to be better students but also more active members of their community."  
- Ms. Brewer, AVID teacher

"I like that AVID helps me with my homework and achieve higher goals."  
- Shawn-Nicole Stevens, MS AVID



"I like how we volunteer around the island once each month. It makes me feel good knowing I helped in the community."  
- Natasha Dowler, HS AVID



## High School

# Drama



## Middle School



*"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts."*  
- William Shakespeare

voices  
from the  
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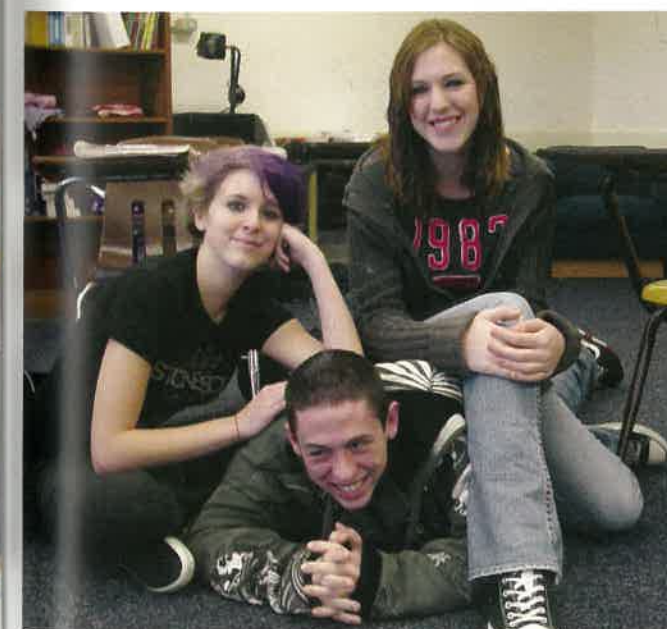


"Drama is fun and entertaining."  
- Alyssa Neisen

"I ... am a tree."  
- Nicole Schubert



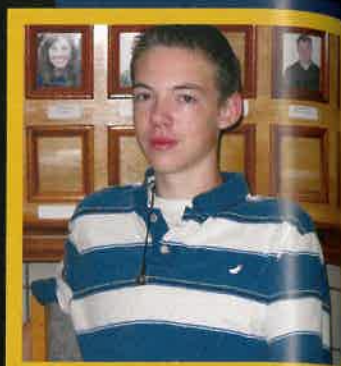
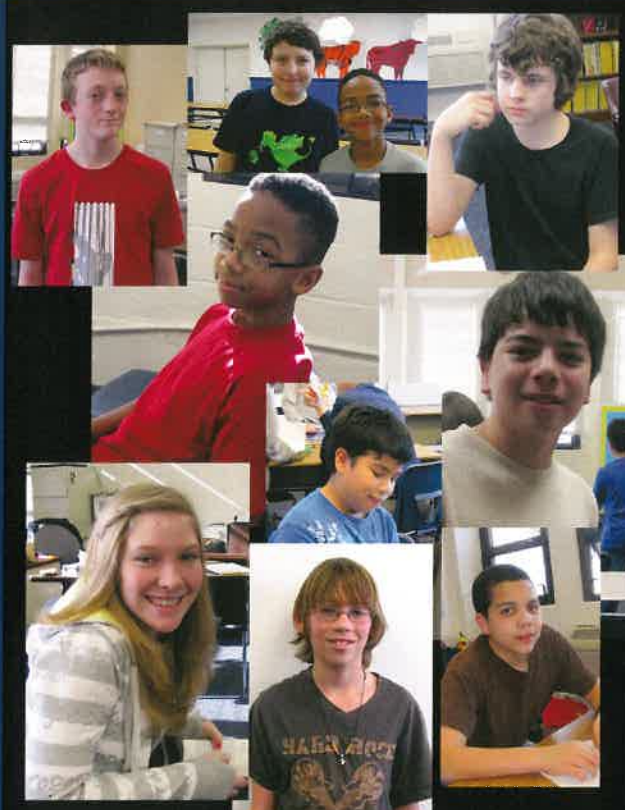
"Drama is el fun-o."  
- Nic Miller



## High School

# Middle School Student Life

~ AVID ~ Student Council ~ History Club ~ Showcase ~ Tooney Awards ~ Dances ~ Drama ~ Host Nation ~ Big Give ~ Lunch ~ Pep Rallies ~ Spirit Week



A student's life doesn't end at 2:30...  
What do you do after school?

Q  
&  
A



"I play Roblocks."  
- Nicholas Clayton



"I love to hang out  
at the CAC."  
- Nicole Shubert



"After school I like to  
listen to music."  
- Sevanna Kilman

# Middle School Student Council



President:  
Parker Brooks



Secretary:  
Destiny Merkinson



Vice President:  
Madison Bruns



Secretary:  
Kara Scales



Sponsor:  
Mrs. Tucker



Sponsor:  
Mr. Ramey



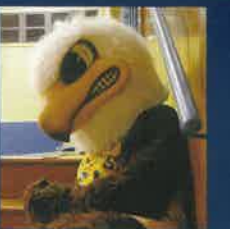
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Quintin Castro



These students worked hard to make a difference for Lajes Middle School. They set up for MS dances, organized donations for the Big Give, planned for Spirit Week, and rallied to make Lajes Middle School a better place for all of us. Way to go MS Student Council!



# LAJES WINTER SPIRIT WEEK!



## SPIRIT WEEK



Valentine's Day



Flannel Day



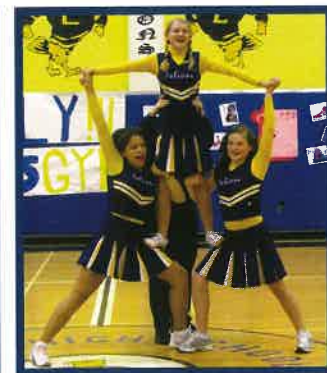
Red, White, & Blue Day



Surf, Sun, Snow Day



School Color Day



## SPIRIT SQUAD



## SPIRIT KING



## SPIRIT QUEEN



## Lunchtime Pep Rally Spirit Winners

### MONDAY - VALENTINES DAY



King: Josh Case Queen: Yasmine Weddle

### TUESDAY - FLANNEL DAY



King: Nolan Clayton Queen: Talia Case

### SPIRIT PRINCE



Nolan Clayton

### SPIRIT PRINCESS



Hailey Castro

### WEDNESDAY - RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY



King: Oscar Stumler Queen: Hailey Castro

### THURSDAY - SURF, SUN, SNOW DAY

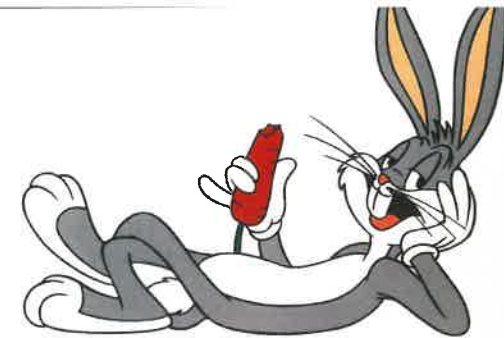


Kings: Ryan L. & D'Avis B. Queen: Nicole S.

# Tooney



# Awards



How do you earn a Tooney Award?

What is a Tooney Award?

How did you earn a Tooney Award?

Why are the Tooney Awards important?

**Zachary Morgan**



Zack was honored for his amazing Rubix Cube skills

**Davion Russell**



Davion was awarded the Mr. Big Shot award

A Tooney Award is something Lajes Middle School students receive when a teacher sees them being a good citizen during school hours. Every student gets one by the end of the year.

A few lucky students will also receive \$5 in-service bucks. This special award is given to students that go above and beyond their peers and exemplify the qualities of leadership and service to others.



Tooney Awards are important because they honor students with good citizenship and outstanding talents. They offer an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of our awesome MS group!



**Shawn Stevens**



Shawn was awarded the Yearbook Designer Award

**Kamani Satterwhite**



Kamani was recognized for writing an epic poem called "I'm Not Kweisi"

# Red Ribbon Week

Red ribbon week was held during the last week of October. The ASACS counselor, Stacey Angus, conducted several presentations and lots of giveaways. Red ribbon week is held annually in DoDDs schools to bring awareness to substance abuse and to educate students about making healthy life choices.



# Math Counts

MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in DoDDs schools and throughout the USA.



Alyssa Roberts



Tatsuya Peters



Daphne Rousey



Madison Bruns

# Military Career Day

Military Career Day was held on November 17th by Lajes Elementary / High School and gave students the ability to visit over eighteen different military booths and to interact with a variety of squadrons. These hands-on activities allowed students to experience the gear and techniques used daily by these different branches of the military including Air Force, Army, and Navy. Chief Curtis Storms from the 65 MSG/CCC squadron was the guest speaker and shared his insight on entering the Air Force with students interested in joining the military. Students attending career day also learned about military benefits and career opportunities.



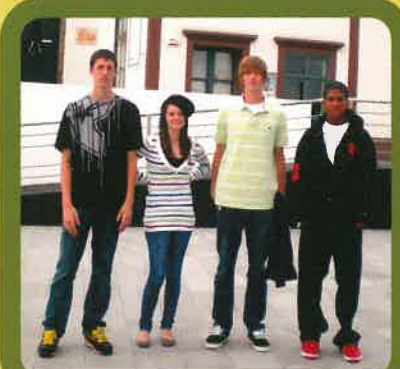


## High School and Middle School Host Nation

Lajes Elementary / High School has the special privilege of offering a Host Nations Class, taught by Miss Compos. Host Nation students learn about the Portuguese language, culture, and customs. Students learn about holidays, festivals, local food as well as learning about traditional and contemporary Azorean life. Occasionally, students even get to head out on adventures around the island!



### 12th Grade



Garret Hall, Nikole Mount, Seth Aamodt, and Eric Merkinson enjoy some island sights.



## Middle School Fall Ball



<--Terrel Velsor



<--Parker Brooks

Taylor Crawn-->



On October 29th the student council prepared an awesome dance for Lajes Middle School students. Most middle school students came out for a fun time at the fall ball. The CAC ballroom was transformed into a fantasy land with trees, pumpkins, and errie fog. The decorations and costumes were all amazing. Everyone had a great time and will remember this night forever.



<-- Brandon Lee



<--McKenna Ringlein

McKenna Kachmar -->



Nicole Schubert-->



Alyssa Roberts & Daphne Rousey



<--Hailey Castro



<--Quintin Castro



Davion Russel-->



# History Club

The Lajes History Club studies and celebrates local and international history. We have planned and implemented activities that raise awareness and knowledge of the diverse ethnicities in our school, in our host nation, and around the world. One of our most successful projects was a joint presentation on Kente Cloths with Mrs. Hoff's Art Club, which was an inspirational and fun activity for all involved.



**President:**  
*Layne McDonald*  
**Vice President:**  
*Colby Gill*  
**Secretary:**  
*Nicole Schubert*  
**Researchers:**  
*Kamani & Kweisi Satterwhite*

This is my masterpiece and I put it in this art contest because I want to be an artist when I grow up and this was a time for my art to shine." - Julie Thomas (right)



"I put this in Showcase because it was a great experience." - April Hicks



digital drawing by Alyssa Neisen



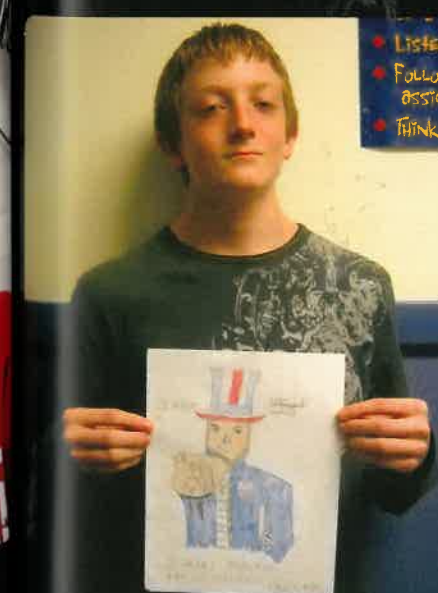
Stephanie Billman



charcoal drawing by Alyssa Neisen



by Garrett Hall (above)

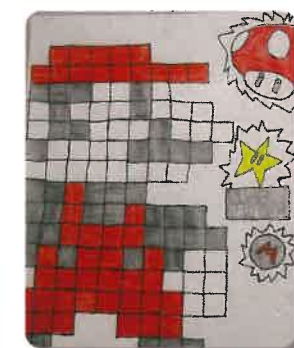


cardboard car by Jeremiah Harris

"I put this in Showcase because I love drawing military things." - Axel Hughes



Ink Painting by Kat Hermanson



drawing by Devin Pagan Perez

# Showcase

Showcase is the premier artwork and literary publication for DoDDs Europe. Every year DoDDs selects the most creative submissions from students throughout Europe and publishes them in a beautiful professional book. The top ten literary and visual arts works from Lajes were sent to compete at the district level. Works selected at the district level went on to compete for a chance to be included in the final publication. It was stiff competition for selection in the final edition, but our amazing Lajes artists & writers created work that make us all be proud.

# BIG GIVE

"Some of the most important lessons we learn in school are not learned in the classroom, but through activities like the Big Give. Our amazing Lajes students gave back to our community in a big, big way. I couldn't be more proud."

- Mrs. Hoff, Event Coordinator



"I helped with wrapping and sorting donations as a volunteer for middle school AVID and Junior Honor Society. It was a pleasure to help."

-Shawn-Nicole Stevens, Volunteer

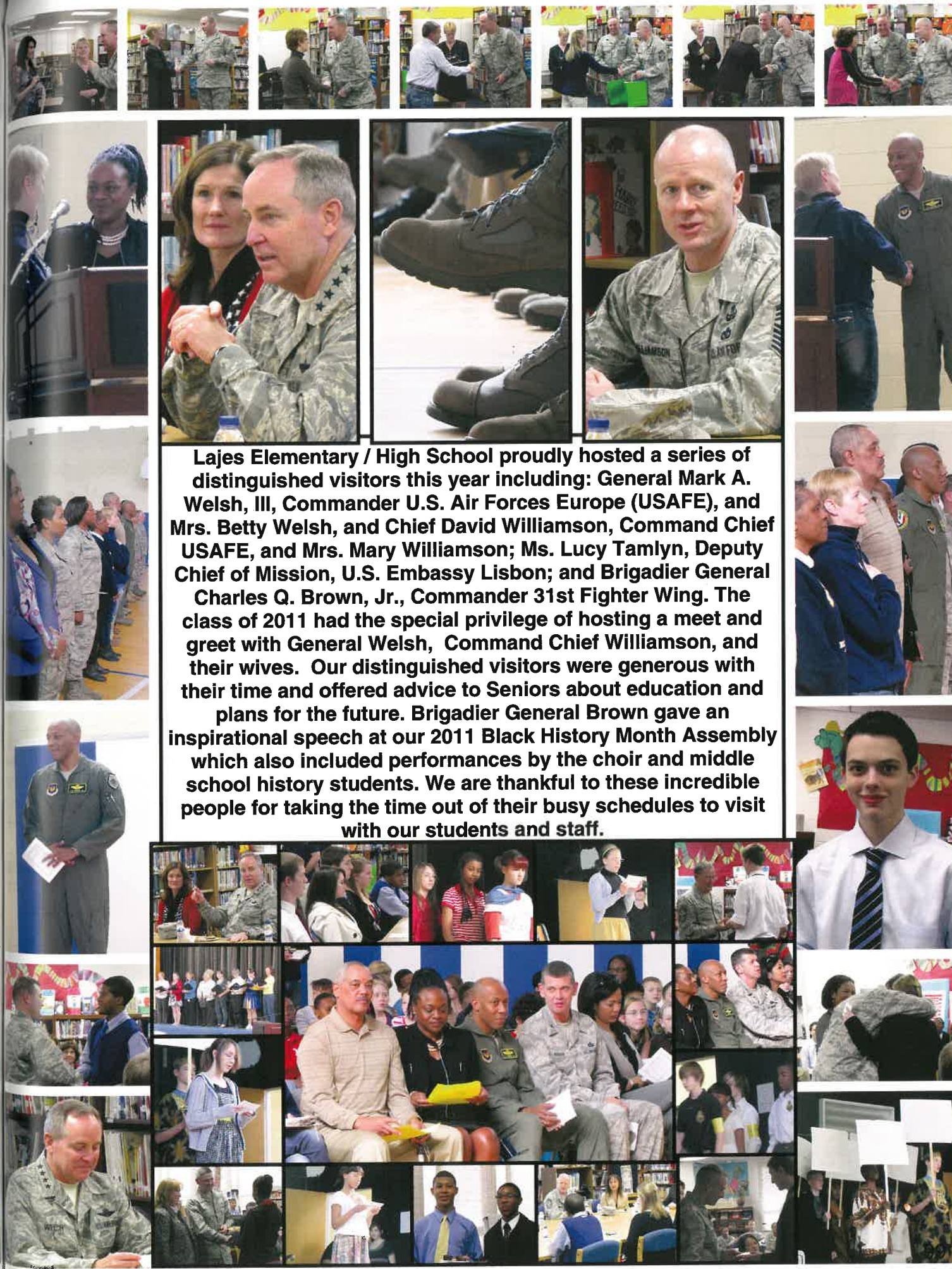
## Lajes students participate in cultural exchange with Portuguese children for the "Big Give"

By Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

After the eight children took their places and softly hummed their first note, Mrs. Janeen Teixeira, Lajes School's music teacher, gave them the nod to start. Their singing marked the first time that the Lajes Elementary Chorus performed at the Angra Orphanage. Lajes students sang for more than 20 children and staff as part of the "Big Give." The "Big Give" is a school wide event where students in pre-K through 12th grade donate items as well as organize, arrange, and deliver them to local children and families.

Following the Lajes chorus, the children from Angra Orphanage gave a surprise performance that included a break dance. "It was a wonderful exchange with both groups performing for each," said Mrs. Teixeira. After the performances, the Lajes children handed out gifts and enjoyed a hot chocolate and cookies social with the Angra Orphanage children. "It was cool watching them dance, drink hot chocolate, and play with them," said Gabrielle Castro from the Lajes Elementary Chorus. Lajes Elementary/High School has been involved in similar community events for more than 20 years, but this was truly a special year.

"This event was so unique because not only did the students and staff of Lajes collect donations, they also participated in this wonderful cultural exchange that was special for all of the children involved," said Mrs. Nicole Hoff, "Big Give" coordinator and Lajes Elementary/High School teacher. "There were so many clubs, organizations and individual students that contributed to this cause not only donating items, but also wrapping gifts, sorting food and so much more. This was truly a school wide effort," added Mrs. Hoff. Students brought in donations from home as well as newly purchased items to give to the children at the orphanage. Each child at the orphanage received an individual wrapped gift, and the center was gifted with bags of balls, toys and clothes. During the "Big Give" drive, the school raised more than 2,000 pounds of donations of food, clothes and toys, which will be given to local organizations and families.



Lajes Elementary / High School proudly hosted a series of distinguished visitors this year including: General Mark A. Welsh, III, Commander U.S. Air Forces Europe (USAFE), and Mrs. Betty Welsh, and Chief David Williamson, Command Chief USAFE, and Mrs. Mary Williamson; Ms. Lucy Tamlyn, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Lisbon; and Brigadier General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Commander 31st Fighter Wing. The class of 2011 had the special privilege of hosting a meet and greet with General Welsh, Command Chief Williamson, and their wives. Our distinguished visitors were generous with their time and offered advice to Seniors about education and plans for the future. Brigadier General Brown gave an inspirational speech at our 2011 Black History Month Assembly which also included performances by the choir and middle school history students. We are thankful to these incredible people for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit with our students and staff.





# Around the World in 80 Days



Portugal

Australia

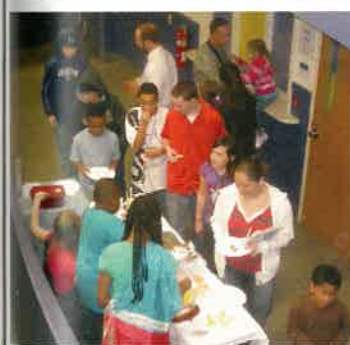
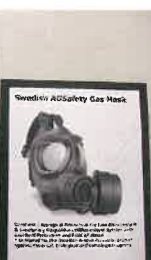


## Students Shine at the Around the World Fair

Parents and the community were invited to the school on February 3, 2011 for the "Around the World in 80 Days World's Fair." Students presented booths on countries from around the world and created costumes and interactive displays to teach guests about the traditions, culture, customs and geography of each country. Guests were able to experience traditional German clothing, Japanese martial arts, a tour of the Ganges River, the arts of Celtic Ireland, and meet famous American icons like Abe Lincoln, Daniel Boone, and Marilyn Monroe.

All the students in elementary, middle and high school had the opportunity to investigate a country in depth to discover the history, literature, present day culture, food, and much more. Sharing these discoveries proved to be an exciting and educational venture for all involved.

Spain Turkey Kenya



USA

India

China





**Oh! The Places You'll Go!**  
by the incomparable Dr.Suess

Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to Great Places!  
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.  
You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy  
who'll decide where to go.

You'll look up and down streets. Look'em over with care. About some  
you will say, "I don't choose to go there." With your head full of brains and  
your shoes full of feet, you're too smart to go down a not-so-good street.

And you may not find any you'll want to go down. In that case, of course,  
you'll head straight out of town. It's opener there in the wide open air.

Out there things can happen and frequently do to people as brainy and  
footsy as you.

And when things start to happen, don't worry. Don't stew. Just go right  
along. You'll start happening too.



TEXAS LONGHORNS



Seth

Azores



Seth,  
Congratulations! You did it! You Won! You are an  
amazing young man. When you were a little boy  
one of your favorite books was *Oh! The Places  
You Will Go!* by Dr.Seuss. In that book is  
everything we want to say, " ....Today is your  
day.Your mountain is waiting.  
Son... get on your way!" We are honored to be  
your parents, your family,  
and we love you!



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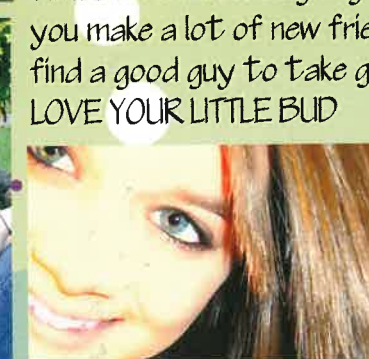


To our Dearest Nikole

As we sit here and write this, and try to put into words what  
we want to say, we can't hold back the tears as we think about  
you and the road and adventures ahead of you. Nikole, you are  
such a bright, smart, intelligent young lady with so much  
potential, and we know that in whatever you choose to do you  
will excel. We have enjoyed all of your soccer games, anywhere  
from coaching to watching from the sidelines as parents and  
just being there for you. Though your childhood has not always  
been easy and the many trials you have had before you, through  
good times and bad, through tears and cheers, through pain and  
sorrow and through the years, we will always love you and be  
here for you. Remember who you are and that you deserve the  
World and never settle for anything less.

With all our Love  
Mommy & Daddy

Congratulations Nikole, I will miss you when  
you go to college. Remember all the good  
times we shared laughing & having fun. I hope  
you make a lot of new friends. I hope you  
find a good guy to take good care of you.  
LOVE YOUR LITTLE BUD

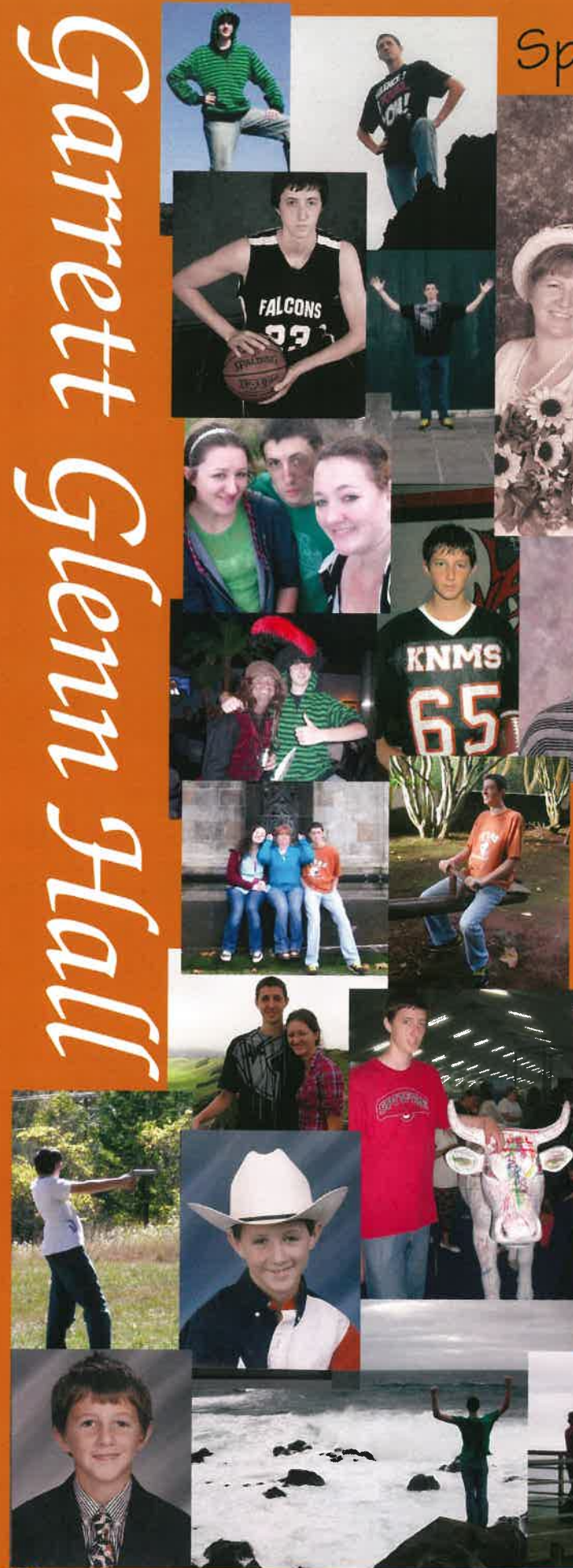


Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have  
for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and  
not to harm you, plans to  
give you hope and a future."



# Garrett Glenn Hall



## Spontaneous Unique Tall

To My Son,

I loved you before you were born, you were a baby full of smiles and giggles, you were a toddler full of mischief and mayhem. You grew into a boy full of life, independence, determination, and a stubborn streak a mile wide. Now you are a man with goals, aspirations and dreams.

I can not express how proud I am to call you my son, but now I have to let you go. To fulfill the destiny of your own choosing. You take with you, your love of life, fear of little, and independent spirit.

Trust in yourself, you can accomplish anything by

keeping your goals in focus and taking one step at a time.

Just remember you take with you my love, confidence, and trust. Though someday or even moments you may doubt yourself, mine will never waver.

I will be with you always and whether the annoying voice in your head nagging at you to do the right thing, or make the right decision, or just the warm glow in your heart that gives you that needed boost of confidence.

This mother's love will never falter and now from the little boy of my heart, I give the world a man who will succeed and conquer.

With all my love, to  
Garrett Glenn.

~ Mom

Brave

Strong

Athletic

Funny

Courageous

Charming

Son

Brother



Eric

Smart- Brave-Independent

Merkison

Eric

Scandinavian origin,  
meaning, "Brave,  
ever-powerful,  
honored one."

... For I have created him  
for my glory,  
I have formed him;  
yea, I have made him.

ISAIAH 43:7

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From the time you were a tiny baby, then a little boy, and as you have grown into a man, you have brought us so much joy. I know that we are blessed because God sent us his very best and made all of our dreams come true when we had you. If God had given us a

chance to search the world over for a son, my search would end when I found you. 'Eric, you are the perfect son for us. We wish you all that God has to offer and more. Good Luck and God Bless.

Love Mom, Dad, Destinee,  
and MaTaya



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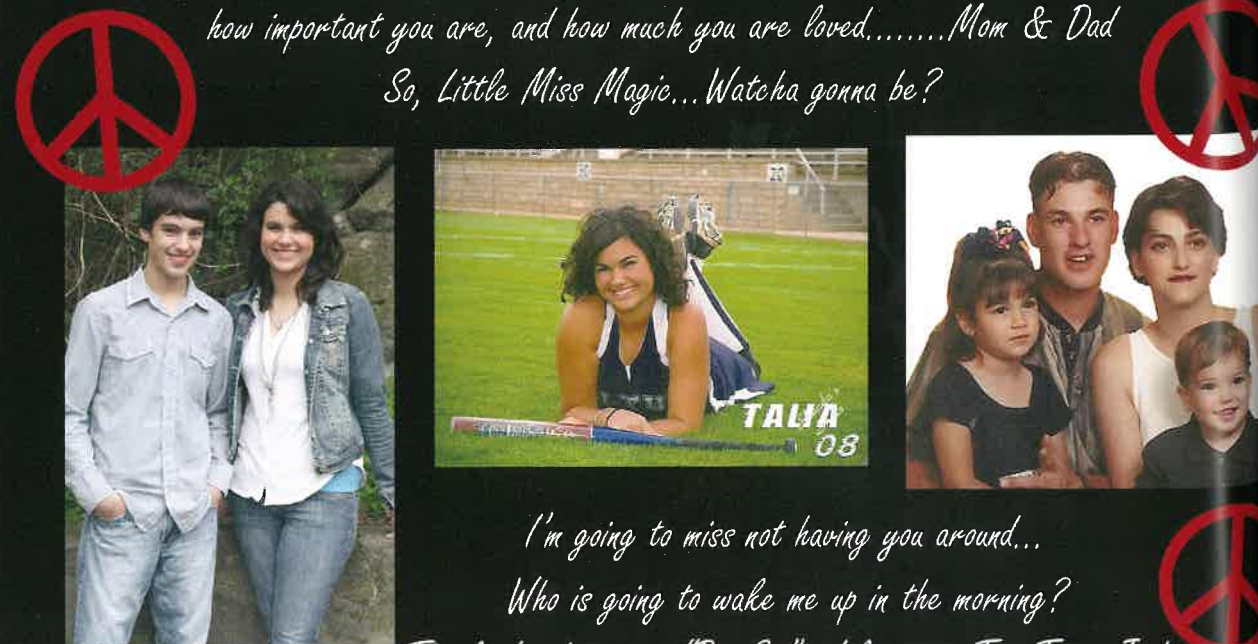
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*For eighteen years you have amazed us. Your smile has lit our lives in ways that can't be explained.  
We've always been impressed with how talented you are, and are very proud of you.  
We respect the person you have become and look forward to the amazing person you will be.  
Live your life to the fullest, and don't let anyone or anything make you forget who you are,  
how important you are, and how much you are loved.....Mom & Dad  
So, Little Miss Magic...Watcha gonna be?*



*I'm going to miss not having you around...  
Who is going to wake me up in the morning?*



Sarahjane  
Moeller Stumler  
Reflections of You



Happy Graduation  
Lajes High School  
2011



# Caje Cobb

## Our Cajeman



From the moment you came into our lives, you've enriched our lives. Often you would gather unexpected items to use for play, and we would laugh. As a toddler, at times you voiced your concerns, "Dem gurlz are boddering me," and we couldn't help but laugh because you were so cute. From the cradle, you mastered any type of ball -- football thru baseball, enjoyed wrestling anything that moved, preferred karate, and excelled in all athletic pursuits. You've carried an easygoing, adventurous, and caring manner in childhood on into your youth and manhood. It's hard to believe how fast and tall you've grown! We are so proud of you. We hope you take all the spacial moments you've experienced growing up, the reflections if what is right and good and continue to carry them in to your adult life. God has given us a special son and brother in you. We pray you ever rely first on God, remember your family is always here for you, and gather great friends around you to enhance your life.

Isaiah 40:13

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Cassandra

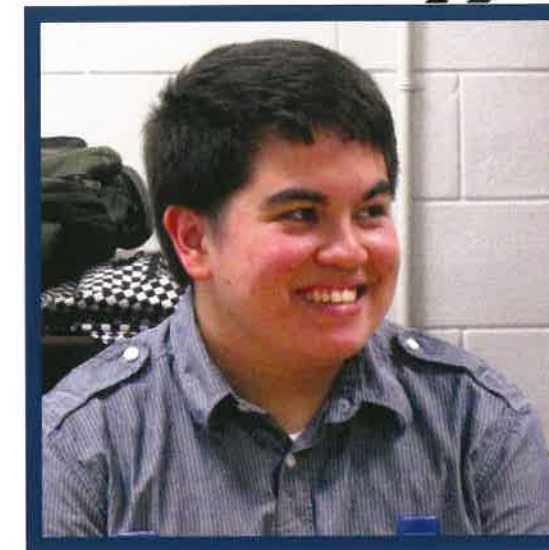


# Congratulations

Candice Miller

Nicholas Toppa

2011



child development center

Lajes Child  
Development Center  
Building T-209 535-3188

The CDC provides professional, quality care in a group setting using Creative Curriculum. This unique program offers us the flexibility to adjust the environment to meet the needs, learning styles and interests of our children.

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011



The Lajes Chief's Group would like to pass on our heartfelt congratulations to you the Class of 2011 for achieving this milestone. We are eagerly anticipating the significant contributions you will make to the development of our Great Nation!

*Samuel G. Hagadorn*  
SAMUEL G. HAGADORN, CMSgt  
Command Chief, 65 ABW

*Glenn E. Robinson*  
GLEN E. ROBINSON, CMSgt  
Superintendent, 65 WSA

*Brian L. Rogers*  
BRIAN L. ROGERS, CMSgt  
Superintendent, 65 CS

*Curtis C. Storms*  
CURTIS C. STORMS, CMSgt  
Superintendent, 65 MSG

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*Shaun P. Guilfoil*  
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Superintendent, 65 MDG

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Superintendent, 65 FSS

*Cynthia M. Burney*  
CYNTHIA M. BURNEY, CMSgt, Ret  
Community Readiness Consultant

## Congratulations Class of 2011



*The 65th Medical Group is proud of  
each and every one of you! Good luck  
in all your future endeavors!*

# Principal's Letter

What a great year this has been for Lajes ES/HS! We hit the ground running with fourteen new teachers and a new principal. That meant a lot of team building and new ideas.

The list of exciting activities at Lajes ES/HS this year include: parent open house; a new elementary school morning program in our gym; a wing-school partnership program; Military Career Day; College Night; a band and chorus concert at the Ramo Grande in Praia; an early childhood pajama party; an *Around the World in 80 Days* school-wide project; two Sure Start "Make and Takes"; an Air Force *Wings of Dixie* clinic and performance; "Read Across America" incentive; sporting events in tennis, cross country, volleyball, basketball, and soccer; and a wide range of distinguished visitors.

Our students this year had opportunities to attend *Creative Connections*, *Future Educators of America*, *Model United States Senate*, and *The International Student Leadership Institute*. Students also traveled to Germany, for the European Volleyball, Basketball and Soccer tournaments. Quite the accomplishments for our little island paradise school.



The faculty and staff led the wing in Combined Federal Campaign donations this year proving that educators "walk the talk" when it comes to playing well with others, sharing the fruits of their labors and taking care of others.

Our wonderful PTO has also hosted myriad school-wide spirit and family events, for which we are incredibly thankful. It just goes to show that parents, students and teachers together can and do make a difference!

As you look at these pages in future years, Mrs. Weddle and I hope you will remember your time at Lajes ES/HS and the Azores often and fondly. We hope that you will enjoy all the unique and wonderful opportunities that come with living in and exploring the Azores and the rest of Europe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara Hickman



## HEADLINES



**CHILEAN MINERS**  
After spending 10 weeks trapped in a mine, 33 Chilean miners are finally rescued amid songs and cheers.

**TAX BILL**  
President Obama signs an \$858 billion tax bill into law in December, which extends tax cuts and unemployment benefits.



**EGG RECALL**  
Hundreds of millions of eggs are recalled in August 2010 because of possible Salmonella contamination.



**HAPPY MEAL**  
A new law aimed at fast food marketing in San Francisco requires that kids' meals meet nutritional standards before they can be sold with toys.



**REPUBLICANS RETAKE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections. Representative John Boehner of Ohio becomes the 61st Speaker of the House.



**OFFSHORE DRILLING**  
President Obama bans offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean for at least the next seven years. There is already an existing ban on drilling in the Pacific.



**AIRPORT SECURITY**  
The Transportation Security Administration institutes controversial full body scanners in airports across the country.



**NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH KOREA**  
In November, North and South Korea exchange fire after North Korean artillery kills two and wounds 18 other soldiers and civilians, highlighting the tension that persists in the region.



**MICHELLE OBAMA AND DISNEY**  
To promote healthy family habits, First Lady Michelle Obama appears in multimedia PSAs with Disney Channel stars for Disney Magic of Healthy Living.



**EXPLOSION**  
An explosion at an oil drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico sparks the biggest accidental oil spill in petroleum industry history, spewing 205.8 million gallons of oil into the water.

**OIL SPILL CLEANUP**  
Clean-up crews work relentlessly to contain the damage caused by the massive BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which caused extensive damage to local industry and wildlife.



**TROOPS COME HOME**  
More and more troops are coming home after the U.S. officially ended its combat mission in Iraq in August 2010.



**MURKOWSKI**  
Alaskan Senator Lisa Murkowski celebrates victory, becoming the second person to ever win a write-in campaign for the U.S. Senate.



**TEEN AD FOR BULLYING**  
Cartoon Network launches its Stop Bullying: Speak Up campaign, which focuses on teaching bystanders to speak up when they witness bullying.



**WIKILEAKS**  
WikiLeaks publishes the first of 250,000 secret, classified U.S. diplomatic cables from American embassies around the world.

**GENERAL MOTORS**  
General Motors raises a record \$20.1 billion after going public again, showing that the company is moving in the right direction.



**ELENA KAGAN**  
Elena Kagan is sworn in as the 112th U.S. Supreme Court Justice, making her the fourth woman in history to serve on the Supreme Court.

## HEADLINES

## CHANGING WORLD

### FISH

A Japanese salmon species thought to be extinct since 1940 is found in a lake near Mount Fuji.



(AP Photo/Kyoto University via Kyodo News)



(AP Photo/Indiana University, Kevin Cook)

### FRUIT FLY

Researchers using fruit flies to study human obesity have found that obese flies have many of the same problems as obese people, including high cholesterol and difficulty regulating insulin.

### NICOLAUS COPERNICUS

The heaviest known element, initially discovered in 1996, now has a name—copernicium. The element has 112 protons and is named after Nicolaus Copernicus.



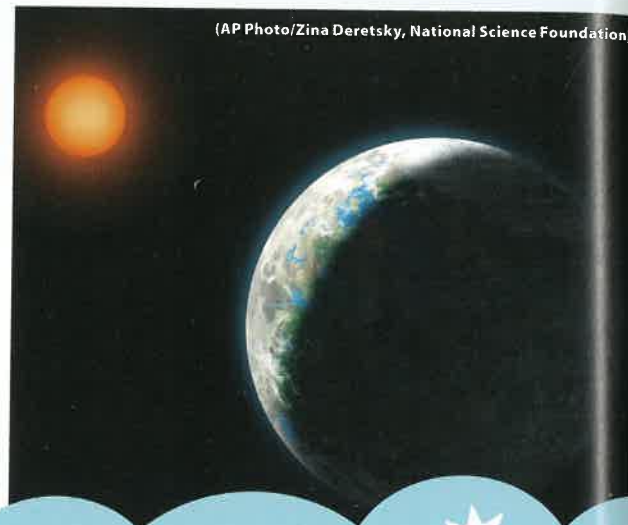
(Photo by Kewon Djansezian/Getty Images)

### HOT WEATHER

An autumn heat wave brings record temperatures of 113 degrees to Los Angeles in September 2010.



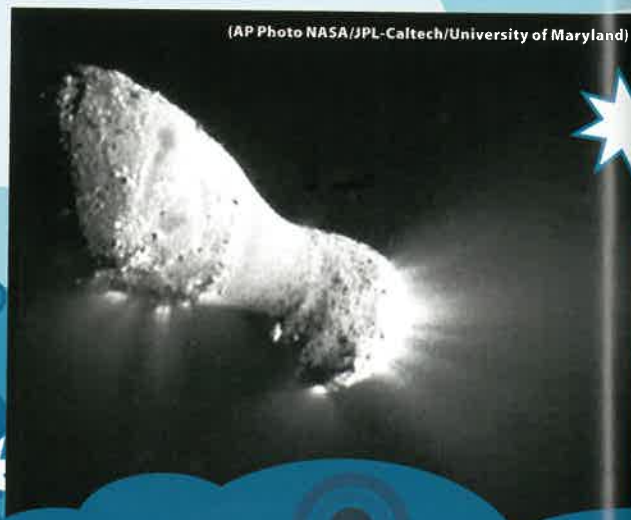
(Photo by De Agostini Picture Library/De Agostini/Getty Images)



(AP Photo/Zina Deretsky, National Science Foundation)

### EARTH

The fifth strongest earthquake ever recorded, which struck Chile in February 2010, caused Earth's rotation to speed up, shortened by one day, and shifted Earth's axis.



(AP Photo NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Maryland)

### COMET

NASA's EPOXI Mission shows amazing images of comet Hartley 2, 23 million miles away from Earth, in November 2010.

## TOP 10 TIPS FOR GOING GREEN FOR SCHOOLS

1. Installing recycling bins.
2. Turning down lights.
3. Using both sides of paper.
4. Creating a class Web site.
5. Turning off computers each day.
6. Creating waste-free lunches.
7. Using soybean crayons.
8. Recycling competitions.
9. Designating recycling monitors.
10. Holding recycling campaigns.

### REUSABLE BAGS

Senator Charles Schumer of New York calls for a government investigation of the lead content of reusable shopping bags, which have become increasingly popular with environmentally conscious Americans.



(2011 School Annual Publishing Company)



(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

### NISSAN LEAF

The Nissan Leaf, introduced in December 2010, is a 100% electric car that runs at the equivalent of 99 miles per gallon of gasoline and produces no greenhouse gas emissions.

### TOMS SHOES

In 2006 Blake Mycoskie started TOMS Shoes, a company that donates one pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair purchased.



(AP Photo/Kristie Bull/Graylock.com)

## ENVIRONMENT



(AP Photo/David Zalubowski, File)

### FRACKING

The process of drilling for natural gas—fracking—becomes controversial as people fear that the toxic chemicals used in the process are polluting their drinking water.



(Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

### NEW RESEARCH

A NASA-funded research team at Arizona State University has found a bacterial organism that grows with the toxic chemical arsenic instead of phosphorous, one of the essential nutrients of life on Earth.

## POP CULTURE



### PILLOW PET

Pillow Pets are folding stuffed animals that become pillows, with options ranging from farm animals to insects to sea and jungle creatures.



### NAIL POLISH

Goodbye beige and buff! Nail polish is exciting again, with metallics, bright colors, and glitzy sparkles leading the trends.



### SOCK MONKEY SLIPPERS

Sock Monkeys, made from Rockford Red Heel socks, are increasing in popularity, with Sock Monkey even making an appearance in a Kia advertisement.



### FLIP FLOPS

After 25 years of business, Reef flip flops remain popular with beach goers, but also with people from all walks of life.



### CHUCKS

Chucks, more formally known as Converse All-Stars, were first produced in 1917. Chucks are still popular today, with over 800,000,000 pairs of Chucks being sold to date.

## JEWELRY

Dramatic necklaces, bangle bracelets, big rings, and vintage jewelry are the hottest trends in accessories.



### SEQUIN OUTFIT

Sequins are a popular clothing trend; from sequin handbags to sequin dresses, girls are sparkling across the nation.



### PLAID SHIRTS

Plaid shirts have made a comeback—more fitted this time around—with tons of options for girls and guys.



## TRENDS



### DISNEY SING IT

Disney Sing It: Family Hits allows Disney fans to sing along to their favorites in this music video game that features popular songs and videos from the classics, like Cinderella, to Disney's newest films.

### ROCK BAND 3

Rock Band 3 is the newest version of the hit music video game, complete with new keyboard and "Pro" hardware, which simulates accurate playing of instruments.



### THE LOST HERO

The Lost Hero, a fantasy-adventure novel, is the first in the series The Heroes of Olympus, written by Rick Riordan.



### BAKUGAN

Bakugan is a popular anime series with action figures, games, and a new online game called Bakugan Dimensions.



## SPY WATCH

Spy watches allow users to secretly record and play back videos, take pictures, and make audio recordings.



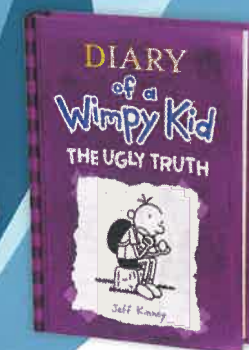
### JUST DANCE

Just Dance 2 is a fun game to play with friends, with choreography and 45 hit songs, ranging from legendary classics to today's chart toppers.



### SCARVES

Scarves have become a trendy accessory no matter the temperature, with spring and summer scarves now a staple in many wardrobes.



### DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth is the fifth book in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney, in which Greg finds himself searching for a new best friend.



### SILLY BANDZ

The popularity of Silly Bandz has exploded, with kids across the country wearing the rubber band-like bracelets in all shapes and colors.

### BEAN BAG CHAIR

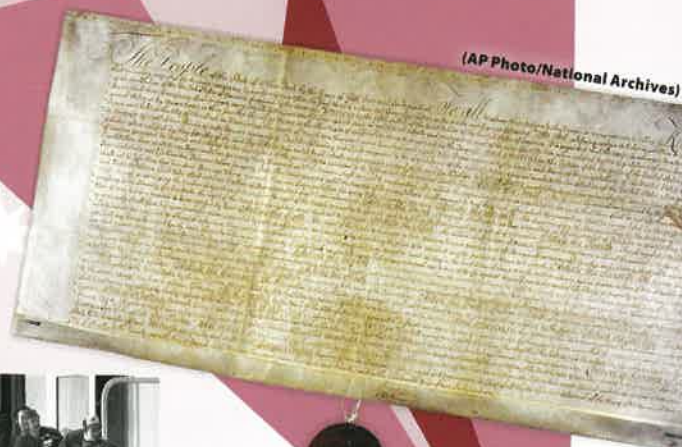
Bean bag chairs, which were hugely popular in the 1960s and '70s, have made a big comeback with a retro style reminiscent of the 1970s and '80s.



## THIS YEAR IN HISTORY

**1951**

The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified in 1951, limiting the number of terms a president may serve.



(AP Photo/National Archives)

**1941**

The U.S. enters World War II in 1941, declaring war on Japan after the Japanese launch a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.



(AP Photo)

**2001**

On September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda launches terrorist attacks against the U.S., hitting the World Trade Center towers in New York City and the Pentagon with jetliners. A fourth plane crashes in western Pennsylvania.



(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

**1981**

The Iran hostage crisis ends in 1981, after an agreement is reached between the U.S. and Iran, resulting in the release of 52 Americans who had been held hostage in Tehran, Iran, since 1979.



(Sipa via AP Images)

**1961**

In 1961, Communists in East Germany built the Berlin Wall, which separated East and West Germany, to stop the fleeing of people from Communist East Germany to the freedom of the West.



(AP Photo/Charles Tasnadi)

**1971**

President Nixon signs the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18 years of age.



### COST OF GOODS

Milk.....	\$3.45
Bread .....	\$2.89
Gas .....	\$3.08
New Car .....	\$28,400

College.....	\$7,605/year
Video Game .....	\$49.99–\$59.99
Movie Ticket.....	\$8.00
Coffee.....	\$1.38

New Release/On Demand...	\$5.99
iTunes Single .....	\$1.29
Blu-ray .....	\$25.00

## TV/MOVIES

### HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, the son of a Viking chief, must learn how to train a dragon and commit other heroic acts in *How to Train Your Dragon*, a series of children's novels written by British author Cressida Cowell.



### MEGA MIND

*Mega Mind* is a very unsuccessful super villain who must save the day when a new villain threatens Metro City in Dreamworks' 3D animated movie *Mega Mind*.



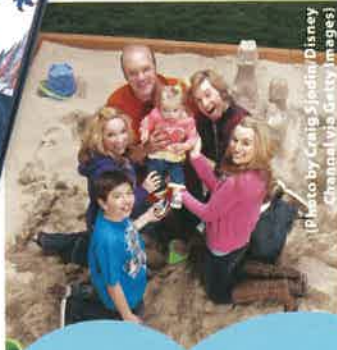
### DANCING WITH THE STARS

She's having the time of her life! Jennifer Grey and Derek Hough are crowned *Dancing with the Stars* Season 11 winners, despite Grey's injuries, at the conclusion of a controversial season.



### NARNIA

The adventures continue for Edmund and Lucy in *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, the third installment in the Narnia series.



### GOOD LUCK CHARLIE

Life changes dramatically for the Duncan family on Disney Channel's *Good Luck Charlie* with the birth of the fourth Duncan, baby Charlotte, a.k.a. Charlie.



### HANNAH MONTANA LAST SEASON

Miley Cyrus stars in *Hannah Montana Forever*, the fourth and final season of Disney's hit series *Hannah Montana*.



### MINUTE TO WIN IT

Guy Fieri hosts NBC's award-winning game show *Minute to Win It*, which first aired in 2010.



### NO ORDINARY FAMILY

The Powells go from ordinary to extraordinary after gaining supernatural powers on ABC's new series, *No Ordinary Family*.



### THE FLINTSTONES

*The Flintstones*, an animated television series starring a Stone Age family that started in 1960, celebrated its 50th anniversary in September 2010.



### THE MIDDLE

*The Middle*, starring the Heck family, represents the average American Midwestern family trying to survive work, kids and everyday life.



### FISH HOOKS

Milo, Bea, and Oscar are the stars of Disney's new animated series *Fish Hooks*, which follows the comical exploits of three teenage fish as they navigate the uncertain world of high school.



### CAKE BOSS

Buddy Valastro is the master baker of Carlo's City Hall Bake Shop in Hoboken, New Jersey, supervising his family on TLC's fun reality series *Cake Boss*.



### FRED: THE MOVIE

Jennette McCurdy and Lucas Cruikshank star in the Nickelodeon film *Fred: The Movie*, which showcases the story of Fred (played by Cruikshank) as he tries to get his neighbor Judy to fall in love with him.



### LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS

The Owls of Ga'Hoole is an animated fantasy adventure movie that follows a young owl, Soren, and the mythic guardians as they fight to save owl kind from evil.



### BIG TIME RUSH

Kendall, James, Carlos, and Logan are four friends from Minnesota who get the chance to go to Los Angeles to become the newest pop sensation on Nickelodeon's *Big Time Rush*.



### RAPUNZEL

Disney's *Tangled*, a Rapunzel story featuring the voices of Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi, is the most expensive animated movie to date, with an estimated budget of \$260 million.



### SECRETARIAT

Disney's *Secretariat* chronicles the amazing true story of Secretariat, a race horse who won the Triple Crown in 1973, and his unlikely owner, a housewife with little knowledge of horse racing.



### VICTORIOUS

Tori Vega, an aspiring singer, is a new student at Hollywood Arts, a performing arts high school, who has to figure out how to shine in and out of the spotlight.

## GADGETS

### YAHOO TOP 10 SEARCHES

The BP oil spill tops Yahoo's Top 10 Searches for 2010, the first time a news story has ever ranked #1 in searches.

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|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. BP Oil Spill | 4. Kim Kardashian | 7. Megan Fox       |
| 2. World Cup    | 5. Lady Gaga      | 8. Justin Bieber   |
| 3. Miley Cyrus  | 6. iPhone         | 9. American Idol   |
|                 |                   | 10. Britney Spears |



### 3D TV

The television watching experience is going 3D, complete with Panasonic's 3D Full HD glasses and 3D video camcorder.



### iPAD

The Apple iPad wins Gadget of the Year and Readers' Gadget of the Year at the 2010 Stuff Gadget Awards.



### NOOK

Barnes & Noble introduces Nook Color, an electronic reading device that boasts a full color, "just-like-paper" touchscreen.



### DROID PRO

Motorola launches the Droid Pro business smart phone, the first Android phone with global capabilities.



### NANO

Apple releases the newest iPod nano, redesigned with Multi-Touch and just half the size of its predecessor.

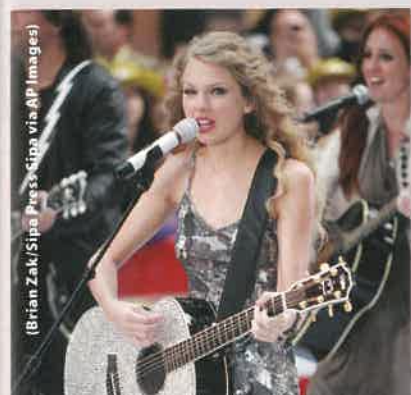
### XBOX KINECT

No controller needed with Microsoft's Kinect Controller for Xbox 360. The Kinect software responds to body movements and the sound of the user's voice.

## MUSIC

### BRAD PAISLEY

Brad Paisley wins the award for favorite country male artist for a second time at the 38th Annual American Music Awards show.



### TAYLOR SWIFT

Taylor Swift's becomes the first female in six years to sell over a million copies of her album, "Speak Now," in its first week.

### MERCYME

Selling over 6 million albums since 2004, MercyMe takes home the award for favorite contemporary inspirational artist at the 2010 American Music Awards.



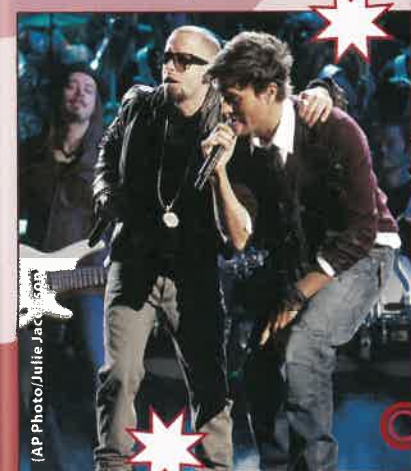
### SUGARLAND

Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush of Sugarland win vocal duo of the year at the Country Music Awards.



### JACKIE EVANCHO

10-year-old Jackie Evancho, a contestant on America's Got Talent, releases "O Holy Night," a holiday album that goes platinum, selling over one million copies.



### ENRIQUE IGLESIAS

"I Like It," performed by Enrique Iglesias at the 11th Annual Latin Grammy Awards, reaches #2 on the American Top 40 Charts.



### THE BLACK EYED PEAS

The award for favorite pop rock band at the 2010 American Music Awards goes to Black Eyed Peas for the third time in this category.



### TAIO CRUZ

Taio Cruz's hit single "Dynamite" from his Rokstarr album soars to #1 on the American Top 40 Charts for four weeks in September 2010.



### JUSTIN BIEBER

Justin Bieber scores big at the American Music Awards, taking home four awards, including Artist of the Year, making him the youngest recipient of this top honor.

## SPORTS

### DREW BREES

Drew Brees, quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, is named Sports Illustrated's 57th Sportsman of the Year after winning Super Bowl XLIV.



(PR NewsFoto/Sports Illustrated)

### SEATTLE STORM WINS WNBA

The Seattle Storm finishes its undefeated postseason streak by securing their second WNBA Championship after beating the Atlanta Dream.



(AP Photo/Eric S. Lesser)



(Kyodo via AP Images)

### SPAIN WINS WORLD CUP

Spain celebrates its first FIFA World Cup title after defeating Netherlands in overtime in Johannesburg, South Africa.



(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

### SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

The San Francisco Giants seize their first World Series title since 1954 when they won as the New York Giants.



(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

### LA LAKERS WIN NBA

The Los Angeles Lakers celebrate victory over the Boston Celtics in a seven-game series to win their second consecutive NBA Championship.



(Jim Barcus/Kansas City Star/MCT via Getty Images)

### PENN STATE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

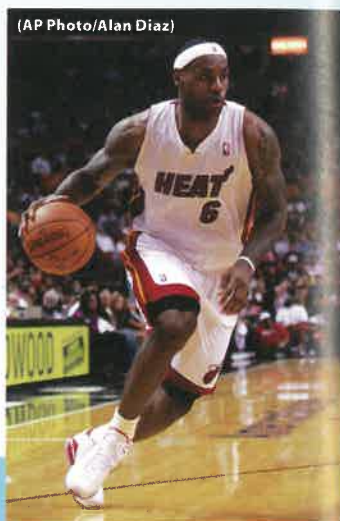
Penn State defeats California to win its fourth consecutive NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship.



AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

### COACH PATERNO

Penn State's Joe Paterno becomes the first major college coach with 400 wins after his team defeats Northwestern 38-21.



(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

### LEBRON JAMES

NBA star LeBron James announces he is leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers and signing with the Miami Heat.



(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

### MANNY PACQUIAO

Manny Pacquiao claims the World Boxing Council's Super Welterweight title, becoming the only fighter to win belts in eight different weight divisions in his career.



(AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File)

### ZENYATTE HORSE

Zenyatta's 19-time winning streak comes to an end as the horse loses to Blame by a head at the Breeders' Cup Classic.



(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

### TACKLING INJURIES

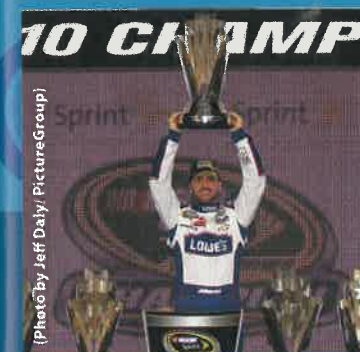
The National Football League announces that it will begin suspending players for extreme hits that violate the League's rules after several players sustained head injuries during the 2010 season.



(AP Photo/Giovanni Auletta, File)

### LINDSEY VONN

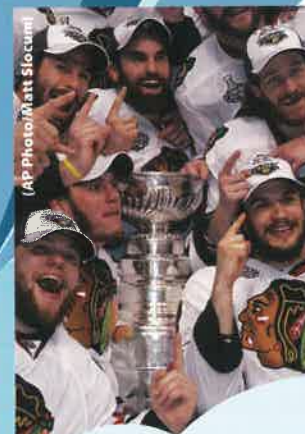
Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn is named the Associated Press 2010 Female Athlete of the Year, becoming the first skier to ever win the award.



(Photo by Jeff Daly/PictureGroup)

### JIMMIE JOHNSON

Jimmie Johnson, driver of the # 48 Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet, wins his 5th straight NASCAR championship in Homestead, Florida.



(AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

### CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

The Chicago Blackhawks defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 to clinch their first Stanley Cup in 49 years.

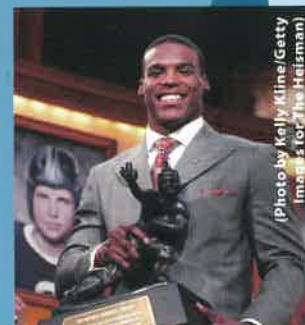


(AP Photo/Mike Groll)

### U.S. OPEN WINNER

American tennis stars Liezel Huber and Bob Bryan are awarded the mixed doubles champions trophy at the U.S. Open tournament in New York.

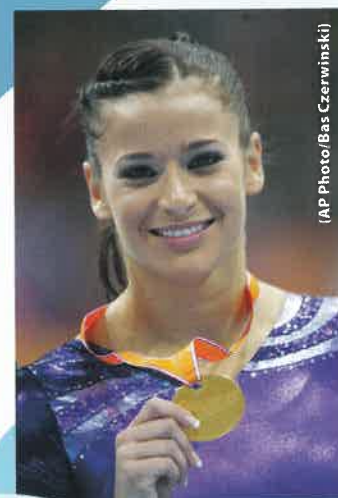
## SPORTS



(Photo by Kelly Kline/Getty Images for The Heisman)

### CAM NEWTON

Cam Newton, quarterback at Auburn University, is named the 76th Heisman Memorial Trophy winner in December 2010.



(AP Photo/Bas Czerwinski)

### ALICIA SACRAMONE

Alicia Sacramone wins the vault gold medal at the 2010 World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands, becoming the second U.S. woman to ever win the title.

# FACES



(AP Photo/Jeff Christensen)

## SELENA GOMEZ

Actress and singer Selena Gomez is UNICEF's youngest goodwill ambassador, working hard to eliminate preventable deaths that plague children all over the world through initiatives like the Trick-or-Treat campaign.



(Photo by Michael Becker/Fox/PictureGroup via AP)

## AMERICAN IDOL JUDGES

Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler join Randy Jackson as American Idol's newest judges, with host Ryan Seacrest.

## MONOPOLY GAME

Parker Brothers' classic board game, Monopoly, celebrates its 75th anniversary, and is the most played board game in the world.



(Photo by Off-Scarf/Getty Images)



(ROLAND WEIHRACH/AFP/Getty Images)

## PAUL THE OCTOPUS

Paul the Octopus—who correctly picked the winners of all of Germany's matches during the World Cup series, and correctly picked Spain as the World Cup champions—dies at the age of 2½ years.



(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

## WILLIAM AND KATE

Prince William and Kate Middleton announce their engagement in November 2010 with plans to marry in 2011.

**TIME PERSON OF THE YEAR**  
Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook, is named Time's Person of the Year for 2010.



(PRNewsFoto/TIME Magazine)



(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

## MEDAL OF HONOR

Army Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta receives the Medal of Honor from President Obama for his bravery and self-sacrifice in the war in Afghanistan, making him the first living recipient to receive the honor since 1976.



(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

## EDISON PENA

Less than one month after his rescue from the collapsed Chilean mine that trapped miners for 69 days, Edison Peña finishes the New York City Marathon.



(AP Photo/Scanpix/Helko Jung)

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to an empty chair because the recipient, Liu Xiaobo, a Chinese human rights activist, is being held as a political prisoner in the People's Republic of China.

