2026 Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival
Queen's Attendants:
Mia Altermatt, Lucero Andrade Vargas,
Jimena Cisneros, Jocelyn Garza, and Jaylene Luviano

Mia Altermatt

Hello, my name is Mia Altermatt, and I am a 17-year-old senior at Lindsay High School. My story begins with my family, whose sacrifices and values have shaped every part of who I am.

My father, Mark Altermatt, is the son of a pastor and was born and raised in Lindsay. My mother, Silvia Rangel, immigrated from Michoacán, Mexico. She comes from a large family whose hard work laid the foundation for my future. My grandparents, uncles, and aunts have had a great impact on my success. Without them, and my parents, I would be nowhere. Growing up between two cultures taught me resilience, gratitude, and the importance of never letting an opportunity pass without giving my best effort.

I come from a family of six with three sisters, Cala, Cameron, and Emma. My parents raised me to work hard and stay driven. I have always wanted to show them that every sacrifice they made was worth it. My mother is the most selfless and hardworking person I know, and my father is naturally intelligent and gifted. I see both of them in who I am becoming, and I am proud of the values they have given me.

Education has always been extremely important to me because my parents did not have the same opportunities I do today. Becoming a first-generation college student is one of my biggest goals. I began my educational journey at Jefferson Elementary School, where I joined Team Empower and Builders Club, which sparked my love for leadership and learning.

At Lindsay High School, I have challenged myself academically while staying involved in programs such as California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Rural Education for Americans Project (REAP), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Cardinal Early College Academy (CECA), National Spanish Honor Society, HOSA (Future Health Professionals of America- where I serve as Vice President), Interact Club, and the Nursing Assistant Training Program. Through these opportunities, I have completed over ten college courses, earned a 4.16 GPA, and ranked in the top ten of my class.

Some of the most meaningful experiences of my high school career have come from the Biomedical Pathway, HOSA, and the Nursing Assistant Program. These programs showed me that healthcare is not just a career, but a way to serve others. I have also gained hands-on experience through internships and volunteer work at Kaweah Health, Sierra View Medical Center, and Lindsay Gardens Nursing Home.

After high school, I plan to attend a four-year university and become a first-generation college student while continuing to serve my community through a healthcare career. I am proud to represent Lindsay and honored to be part of the Orange Blossom Festival. I hope my story inspires others to believe in themselves and strive for greatness.

Lucero Andrade Vargas

Lucero Andrade Vargas is the daughter of Antonio Andrade and Lucia Vargas. Throughout her life, she has watched her parents incessantly work in the fields to provide for her and her five siblings. With grueling effort, her parents managed to create a life for themselves in a foreign country, swallowing the

embarrassment of not knowing how to speak English properly, so that their children could speak without shame. They eventually established themselves in Lindsay. A small, yet charming town filled with agriculture and community involvement.

Even though Lucero's parents avoided having her work in the fields alongside them under the scorching sun or the blistering cold, she observed and quickly learned that faith, perseverance, and determination were key to getting ahead in life. Her parents taught her the value of family, hard work, and their faith in God. Ever since she was old enough to comprehend the sacrifices her parents made, she strived to take advantage of the valuable opportunities provided to her. In school, being academically successful was always a priority. Lucero developed her work ethic at Roosevelt Elementary School, which followed her all the way to Lindsay High School.

Throughout her time at LHS, Lucero has been involved in multiple extracurricular activities. She is currently the vice president of the Genesis Club (Catholic Club), the treasurer for the Guitar Club, a member of the Cardinal Guitar Ensemble (CGE), and a member of the Spanish Honors Society. She is also a member of the Rural Education for Americans Project (REAP), the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), and the Migrant Program.

Aside from her extracurricular involvement, Lucero has demonstrated academic excellence by earning multiple awards. She has received the Outstanding Student award, has been on the Honor Roll every semester of high school, and earned the Migrant Student of the Year award. Lucero plans to continue striving for excellence in college. She hopes to attend Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts and obtain a degree in Cardiac Sonography.

Lucero feels blessed to have the opportunity to be part of the 2026 Orange Blossom Court. She fondly remembers attending every year as a child, anxiously waiting for the queen and her attendants' float. She never imagined that one day it would be her turn. Lucero is incredibly grateful to be able to relive one of her most cherished, nostalgic memories of her hometown.

Jimena Cisneros

My name is Jimena Cisneros, the proud daughter of Alma and Efrain Cisneros, who came from a small rancho in Michoacán, Mexico, called Huatajo. My parents sacrificed familiarity and comfort in search of a better life for my siblings and me. My parents chose Lindsay to be the "village" that would help raise and nurture our family. Lindsay is home. I am the middle child of six; my brothers are Favian and Victor, and my sisters are Samantha, Briana, and Esmeralda. My family has always been my role models and my reason to become a better person, especially my older brother Victor, who sadly passed away when I was around 12 years old. Victor was always my biggest motivator. He encouraged me to put myself out there, try new things, and just live life to the fullest. Being selected as an Orange Blossom Festival Attendant pays homage to his memory, and I am living life to the fullest. I am honored to represent the community of Lindsay at this year's Orange Blossom Festival.

My amazing parents have always emphasized the importance of receiving an academic education. They have always encouraged me to do well in school so that I wouldn't have to know the struggle of working in the fields. My parents prioritized my education above all else, though they didn't have the same opportunity themselves. From my mustang beginnings at Jefferson Elementary to a cardinal at Lindsay High School, my academics have been at the forefront. During this time, I received multiple academic awards, joined clubs, completed community service hours, and participated in extracurricular activities.

During high school, I became more involved in academics, clubs, volunteering, and sports, and achieved many things. I decided to try out cross-country and track and field, and to my surprise, running became something I loved! It became my safe place, where I could hide from all my problems and struggles. I'm glad I joined these sports, as they became my home for 4 years, where I earned many awards, including MVP and Most Improved. Being a captain in these sports brought me much joy, knowing I could lead and inspire my teammates. I am forever grateful for these sports because I got to meet the best and closest friends that I love very much. During high school, I also helped out with Football Friday Nights by selling snow cones! I enjoyed it very much because not only did I get to spend time with people I enjoy being around, but I also learned skills such as teamwork, communication, and empathy. In my senior year, I joined the Genesis Club, where I strengthened my relationship with God and learned more about him.

When I graduate, I plan to attend Fresno State and receive my bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts. Through the support and guidance of my teachers, I have been inspired to follow in their footsteps. I am passionate to help grow and inspire the next generation to reach their goals and dreams. I am excited to learn and develop my craft as a Fresno State Bulldog!

As my high school career comes to an end, a bittersweet feeling looms over me. I am proud of everything I have accomplished in my beautiful community, but sad to know the next chapter will send me elsewhere. No matter where I go, I will continue to take on challenges and strive to become a person my family and community continue to be proud of.

Jocelyn Garza

In Lindsay, dreams are nurtured by the biggest dreamers. I am proud to be one of them. Molded by this community, inspired by its people, and forever grateful to call it home. My name is Jocelyn Garza, and I am honored to serve as a Queen Attendant for this year’s Orange Blossom Festival. I am 17 years old, a senior at Lindsay High School, and the daughter of Joe and Dolores Garza, whose love has shaped who I am today.

When I was three years old, my parents signed me up for T-ball through Lindsay’s Youth Softball and Baseball program, creating the foundation for my high school softball career. I am a four-year varsity athlete and two-year captain. The most meaningful part of that journey became a full circle when I returned as a volunteer T-ball coach during my freshman year. The support and guidance I’ve received from Lindsay inspired me to give back in every way I could.

At the age of six, I discovered my second passion, which would play a major role in who I became. Cheer! Lindsay’s Youth Cheer program prepared me with skills such as leadership, confidence, and teamwork. I continued as a four-year varsity cheerleader in high school, proudly serving as captain for two years. During my junior and senior years, I returned as a volunteer cheer coach, guiding the next generation of athletes. Leading my 8U team, we placed first and won Grand Champion titles. However, the most rewarding part was helping these young athletes develop life-long skills. Through these experiences, I accumulated over 780 hours of community service and learned that leadership is measured not by accomplishments, but by the lives we touch.

Just as I have given back to my community, I have dedicated myself to my academic and career dreams. I have maintained a 4.0 GPA, became a life-time member of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and Cardinal Early College Academy, where I am working toward my AA/AS degree. I am part of the Academy of Engineering at LHS, and I plan to major in Architecture or Civil Engineering at a four-year university. I want to build structures, but more importantly, help build stronger communities. I have embraced leadership roles that challenge me. I serve as ASB City Council Representative, class Vice President, and Master of Ceremonies for major school events. I also represent Lindsay High School as SkillsUSA reporter. Most recently, I completed an eight-month internship with CAPS (Climate Action

Pathways for Schools), supporting efforts to create more sustainable and cost-effective learning environments in our district.

As I continue on my journey, I will carry the values Lindsay has instilled in me, leadership, service, and heart, into everything I do. I am honored to represent Lindsay and celebrate its spirit at this year's Orange Blossom Festival-Citrus Dreamin'.

Jaylene Luviano

My name is Jaylene Luviano, the youngest of four children born to Ninfa Luviano and Antonio Cruz. My father was born in Michoacán, Mexico, and immigrated to the United States at the age of 25. My mother was born in Yakima, Washington, but was raised in a small pueblo in Michoacán known as El Camalote. Both of my parents immigrated in search of a better life. After being together for 16 years, my parents moved back to Lindsay in 2010, where they planted permanent roots and built the life we share today.

My mother was raised by my great-grandmother, whom I lovingly knew as Mama Chuy. She instilled in my mother the values of independence, resilience, and hard work, qualities that have been passed down to me. Witnessing my parents' sacrifices and perseverance has shaped my ambition and strengthened my desire to succeed not only for myself but for my family.

Throughout high school, I have been actively involved in FFA for all four years. My Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects included raising market goats and a market hog, along with competing in welding competitions whenever possible. Although I did not hold a formal leadership title, I proudly represented the Agricultural Mechanics pathway as a young woman in a traditionally male-dominated field. I have worked to be a source of encouragement for other young women, proving that we are equally capable of thriving in agriculture and skilled trades.

Service has been a meaningful part of my journey. Through FFA, I have volunteered at annual toy drives in partnership with the Lindsay Police Department, helped clean and restore the Springville Rodeo grounds, and taught preschool students about agriculture at the Lindsay High School farm. These experiences have shown me the power of community involvement and mentorship.

Academically, I have maintained Honor Roll status all four years and began taking dual enrollment courses during my junior year. I have earned my State FFA Degree, the Workhorse Award, and other honors that reflect my dedication and strong work ethic.

After graduation, I want to attend a four-year university to pursue a degree in nursing to become a pediatric nurse. I aspire to one day work at a Children's Hospital, where I can provide compassionate care to children and families. Although my goals are ambitious, I am determined to achieve them. With the unwavering support of my family, friends, and teachers, I am honored to represent Lindsay and set an example for future generations.