



2024 Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival
Queen's Attendants
Danalyn Alvarez-Perez, Rashelle Jauregui-Espinoza,
Alyssa Ramirez, and Ashlynn Wilcoxson

Danalyn Alvarez- Perez

My name is Danalyn Alvarez Perez, the daughter of Jorge Alvarez and Rebeca Alvarez. My dad was born in El Pescadito, Jalisco and my mom was born in Nogales, Sonora. From a very young age, my parents instilled in me the importance of education and the ongoing pursuit of learning. My dad remains a big role model to me. Even though he comes home from work every day tired and worn down, he still manages to attend college courses online and will soon obtain his Master's in Theology. Despite the physical toll his work has on him, he persists through because of the love he has for his family. I'm so proud of him. As for my mom, she has been my biggest supporter, taking me to and from school activities, and has always brought a comforting presence in my life. She is the bravest woman I know, leaving Mexico after marrying my dad and moving to Texas surrounded by a language she didn't know. Whilst pregnant with me, my mother learned how to drive, got her license, and passed her adult English proficiency classes while taking care of my three other siblings.

I have three older siblings, Jonathan, Damaris, and Jared. Although it has been difficult to connect with Jonathan because of our ten-year age gap, his actions taught me anything is possible if you set your mind on something. Despite his fall-out with attending college, he pushed through Navy boot camp, graduated, and is now working on giant machine guns while earning medals along the way. My brother Jared added the perfect balance to my life. He taught me to never take anything too seriously and how to find a laugh in anything. I could have accidentally impaled myself with a stick (true story) or had a really bad day at school, but he still manages to make me laugh. My one and only sister is Damaris, she has been a role model to me since day one. Since the day that I could walk and balance myself, we have been best friends, whether we were playing Barbies and arguing over who got the brunette Ken or watching princess movies in the living room, we have never stopped caring for each other and listening to each other rant about our struggles. She taught me how to lead, use my voice, get out of my comfort zone, and has always reminded me to be the best version of myself.

I have been able to call Lindsay my home for fourteen years. My academic career began when I started preschool at Lincoln Elementary. Entering kindergarten, I transferred to Kennedy and stayed there until I reached the 8th grade. My Freshman year of high school was not like any ordinary freshman year experience like sitting with friends during lunch or attending club rush. I spent it in front of a screen and connected with learning facilitators through email and Zoom. Although the year was not aligned with my expectations, I still managed to get involved in school. It was at the end of my Freshman year that I was appointed as Treasurer for Lindsay's

FBLA Chapter for my Sophomore year. I still remember attending the ceremony over a Zoom meeting and feeling nervous yet excited.

During my time in high school, I have occupied my evenings with sports, internships, extracurriculars, and church events. Whether I'm hopping on a bus to compete at a different school's tennis court, clocking into my internship at the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, attending an officer meeting with my FBLA team, or attending Wednesday worship at my church, I enjoy every minute of it. From all these activities, I have been blessed with connections with amazing people who I can laugh with, learn with, and ultimately grow with.

I had to make sure I was taking full advantage of all the resources available, so I joined CSF and REAP. By joining these two organizations it worked as a form of accountability of reaching for higher grades while getting recognition for it. AVID and CVP at UCLA have been one of the most influential organizations in my life. They have not only given me a community to laugh and cry with but also have given me exposure to different ideas and opinions as well as the different avenues of education one can take.

My plans for the future include majoring in business with a concentration in entrepreneurship with the set goal of becoming a full-time business owner in the charming city of Lindsay. This dream has been brewing in my mind since the summer of Freshman year with my first ideas consisting of selling lip gloss and candles. I plan on attending a college that can offer me that major where I can build connections, and flourish my business ideas.

Rashelle Jauregui-Espinoza

Hello! My name is Rashelle Jauregui-Espinoza and I am a 17-year-old who is currently a senior at Lindsay High School. My family consists of me and my devoted parents, Roxanne Jauregui and Rene Espinoza as well as my younger siblings, Reanna and Roman Espinoza. My parents have always had high expectations for me pushing me to do my best and be an example for those around me. They have taught me many things and have worked hard to provide for my siblings and me, giving us everything we could ever need and more. I was raised to be independent, respectful, and determined which in turn has made me the person I am today and given me many opportunities such as this one.

For as long as I can remember an ultimate goal of mine was to be a first-generation college student. Therefore, my education has been and continues to be one of the most important things to me. The earlier years of my education began at Lindsay's Kennedy Elementary where I was taught by outstanding learning facilitators who fostered my enjoyment of learning and taught me concepts I still utilize today. These past four years I've academically applied myself as much as possible. I'm a part of the honor roll, California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Rural Education For Americans Project (REAP), Upward Bound, Advancement Via Self Determination

(AVID), and Cardinal Early College Academy (CECA). Each program prepares me to further my education whether that be financially or academically. Currently, I've completed 12 college courses along with 3 that are in progress, maintaining a GPA of 4.19, and holding a top 5 placement in my class. Regarding my academics, I'd like to thank Mrs. Caballero, Mr. Gonzalez-Lopez, my parents, and my aunt for endlessly encouraging and supporting me throughout my high school career.

A crucial part of my success in high school has been my pathway. It not only set me on the path that I hope to continue pursuing, but it opened me to even more opportunities and experiences. I am in the Business and Finance Pathway. Here I became certified in the basics of personal finance, accounting, and entrepreneurship and was able to start my own business with a \$1,000 grant. Through my pathway, I was introduced to FBLA, an international student organization, that allowed me to develop skills that prepare me for careers in business in addition to competing and networking with students from around the world. I was able to place first in multiple competitive events, meet new people, and learn a work-life balance as a professional.

Aside from FBLA, other extracurricular activities include Key Club Treasurer, Block L, Genesis Club, Skills USA, and Interact/ Rotary Club. Apart from getting to know my community, participating in these provided me with the fulfillment of getting to give back to it as well. I am also the Class of 2024 President for the second time, arranging events to create memorable experiences for those in my graduating class. In addition, I've participated in sports such as cheerleading, softball, and soccer where I learned teamwork, discipline, and commitment. I have done both cheer and softball for the majority of my life so once I joined high school I was offered to coach for both. Although my time coaching was not long, I learned many valuable lessons and hope I have positively impacted some of the younger kids. I've really enjoyed being able to meet new people, learn more about my community, and contribute to improving our town.

After high school, I plan to attend a four-year university, achieving my goal of becoming a first-generation college student. However, regardless of where I go or what I do, I hope to continue to represent this community in a valuable way. I'm extremely thankful to God for my blessings, those who nominated me, and those who simply supported me and all my decisions. I am honored and excited to be an attendant for the 2024 Orange Blossom Festival. I feel proud of the strides I have made that put me in the position to represent my hometown of Lindsay.

Alyssa Ramirez

Hello everyone, my name is Alyssa Anai Ramirez. I am the daughter of Geraldine Lopez and Robert Ramirez. The sister of Mireya, Aubrey, and Naomi, and the grandchild of Dora Lopez. Fun fact about me, I'm a military baby. I was born in Killeen, Texas during my dad's service in the military. Because I was born in Texas, my mom calls me "Sandy Cheeks" from SpongeBob. That is one of the many nicknames I have. Following my parent's divorce, my mom relocated, and Lindsay became my home. I remember my first Orange Blossom parade, I was five years old and was on my mom's work float. Since then, I have been in the parade every year with either Girl Scouts, Lindsay Youth Baseball and Softball (LYBS), or Lindsay Youth Football and Cheer (LYFC), and recently as a coach to some of our youth programs. It is an honor to be in this year's parade as an attendant of the court.

Growing up, I have always had a great support system; my biggest supporter is my mom. She always encouraged me to participate in everything from sports to clubs and even plays. No matter what I do, she is always by my side supporting me every step of the way. She taught me to be brave, determined, accountable, and kind to others. Without her, I wouldn't be who I am today and I am extremely grateful for her. I also appreciate my dad; although he's not near, from afar he's always supported me.

Every chance I had to participate in school activities, I was there, even during the pandemic, when it became difficult to participate in sports. I was only able to play one sport freshman year because of the pandemic, so I chose softball. Since then, I have been on the varsity softball team all 4 years of high school, and have been able to participate in varsity soccer, varsity volleyball, and varsity cheer.

During my athletic career at LHS, I have received multiple recognitions such as, "First Team All-League" for both volleyball and soccer. I also received an award for, "Second Team All-League" in softball, "The Most Improved," and "MVP" for volleyball, "The Cardinal Award" for softball and cheer, and "The Defensive Player of the Year," and team captain in softball. As an athlete, I have been fortunate enough to learn from the best coaches such as; Amanda, Angel, Carlos, Freddy, Gonzo, Juan, and Kass, who have taught me discipline and pushed me to grow as an athlete and a leader. Due to my participation in sports, I met one of the greatest inspirations and mentors in my life, our athletic trainer Megan Hernandez. I aspire to have the same passion she has for treating LHS athletes when I become a nurse.

Aside from sports, I have taken various leadership roles in high school. I am currently ASB president, I serve as the student council's ASB Secretary. I've partaken in committees like Homecoming and the LHS CESPYS. I've also participated in clubs such as Block L, Key Club, EMPOWER, Breaking Down The Walls, Captain's Council, and AVID.

Outside of school, I've also been actively involved in various community programs. In Girl Scouts, I remember visiting Lindsay Gardens and assisting the residents. We also organized many events like toy drives to help those in need during the holidays. I have volunteered for Lindsay's annual Rib Cook-off with the LHS softball program. With LYFC I have helped Lindsay Police Department with their annual toy drive. I also work with LYFC with their ticket booth and

concessions. I've also helped the LHS Boosters organization during football season and with their tournaments. Through all of these experiences, I have learned the importance of giving back to the community that has given me so much.

One of the most fulfilling things I've done has been coaching. I coached Bantams Cheer for LYFC for one year and T-ball for LYBS for two years. It was so much fun to be able to teach the fundamentals to the future athletes of Lindsay. I loved seeing their growth and to this day, see them continue to prosper. My favorite part is that even years later after coaching them, when I see them around town I get the big bear hugs. It is rewarding to know that I was a positive influence on their little hearts.

Academically, I took advantage of the dual college/high school program that LHS offered. I have completed courses from the College of the Sequoias. Since my freshman year, I have regularly made the honor roll. After high school, my goal is to become a travel nurse. I have already been accepted to a few schools but hope to be accepted into the nursing program at UCLA. The medical pathway at LHS has helped to prepare me for my future endeavors.

I am at a loss for words to express my gratitude and honor to have been selected as an attendant for this year's Orange Blossom Court. I am excited to represent the community that has provided so many memories and has brought the people that I hold close to my heart, into my life. The village that helped me become who I am today. I look forward to all of the memories I will create being part of Lindsay's Orange Blossom royalty. Thank you for this great opportunity.

Ashlynn Wilcoxson

Hello, My name is Ashlynn Wilcoxson. I am honored to be one of the Orange Blossom attendants. I am the daughter of Jesse and Deanna Wilcoxson and sister to Steven, Chuey, and Emma Wilcoxson. Throughout my life, I have looked up to my parents who taught me to be a kind, respectful, and passionate young woman. Although I live on a little ranch just outside of Woodlake, California, I have always considered Lindsay my hometown. I've been involved in the Lindsay community ever since I was a small child.

I started my schooling in Lindsay at Washington Preschool and eventually attended Washington Elementary. Truth be told, I have never thought of myself as the smartest person in the classroom. I struggled to keep up with the others in my learning environment. Thanks to a wonderful reading teacher, Ms. Costa, who taught me how great I really could be. Till this day I will be forever grateful for her, who taught me the skills I needed to be a successful reader. I started my freshman year at Lindsay High School during Covid. This kind of start made me unsure of how much I would be able to learn in high school. There are so many learning facilitators that empower me to succeed and be a lifelong learner. When we came back from online learning, adjusting to in person was difficult. However, my high school years have treated me very well. Ms. Quintero supported me throughout all four years and when I needed help with academics I knew she was the person to go to. I have made many friends through clubs

and classes. When I entered my senior year I finally decided I was ready to be in dual enrollment courses. For me personally, I think waiting to take dual enrollment classes prepared me for higher education. I have received A's in all my COS courses.

I have been involved in FFA (Future Farmers of America), Honors Guitar, and HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) throughout my four years in High school. When I was a freshman and a sophomore I was a Top 10 FFA member. During my time in FFA, I raised hogs (Jett Williams and Willamina), competed, and went to conferences. However, I stopped participating in FFA because my focus changed. One of my targets was the competing guitar group for the High school, which I am the president of. The Cardinal Guitar Ensemble otherwise known as Honors is where I found my second family and life-long friends. In this competing group we placed superior at summit, and command at CMEA (California Music Educators Association) in which we placed the highest scores. We will be going to the state CMEA in the spring. While we don't only compete, we volunteer around the community to play for events such as the Orange Blossom, Veterans Memorial, Parades, and other events. Our amazing Learning Facilitator Ms.Wills is someone who I will hold dearly in my heart and I thank her for the amazing music experience. Another focus of mine was HOSA which also is connected to my pathway the Academy of Health Science. This club has not only been fun but has prepared me for my future career. Last year we went to Sacramento for our competing event in which I made it to the final round. It was an amazing experience meeting new people, sightseeing, eating, and witnessing medical history. With all of these clubs and activities came involvement in community service. I was always happy to give my time and help the Lindsay community.

My future career is to become a Nurse Practitioner. I knew I wanted to work in the healthcare setting since I was a little girl. My Grandmother Terry Wilcoxson sparked my interest, while seeing her battle cancer as a nurse she always asked for my assistance. That's where my interest started. Many people in my family have battled different diseases and illnesses which I love to help. This led me to select the Academy of Health Science Pathway. Coach Powell showed me what to expect in science-based classrooms. I have learned all about the different medical careers which have been helpful in many aspects. Now, in my senior year, I joined NATAP (The Nursing Assistant Training Program) so I will become a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant). Having this title will provide me with the opportunity to obtain a CNA position right after high school. This will put me through college while gaining experience in the medical field.

I have grown so much as a person and I have the community of Lindsay to thank. Lindsay has supported me through every decision that I have made and has empowered me to continue in the moments I have felt my goals were out of my reach.