

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Laurel Dorminy

Laurel has a daunting list of extracurricular activities at Lake Highlands High School including varsity cheerleading, the Wranglers country western dance team, student council, Presidency of the LHHS chapter of the National Charity League, and participation in many other service projects and clubs. However, Laurel is most proud of her #4 ranking in the graduating class while taking many advanced placement classes and maintaining a busy calendar.

After graduation, Laurel plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison to earn a degree in computer engineering. She thinks more women should demonstrate the confidence to pursue careers in math and science. She plans to make an impact by contributing to the promotion of women into positions in STEM fields”.

Lest you think that Laurel is all work and no play, she was voted by her classmates as “Most Humorous Senior Girl.” She confesses that she has never met a pun that she didn’t like. Jo Leeper, who we lost this year and greatly miss, was a longtime member of the Altrusa scholarship committee and the provider of this scholarship. She would have loved to have met Laurel Dorminy.

Jo Leeper Scholarship Awardee



Brandon Beller

Lake Highlands High School student Brandon Beller is quite the Renaissance man dividing his free time among a wide range of extracurricular interests from playing basketball for his school team to dancing for the Wildcat Wranglers country western dance team to presiding over the LHHS Latin Club. He also finds time to serve as a middle school leader/mentor for Young Life and to run his own L-Streets Lawn Care Company. Despite his busy schedule, Brandon is ranked #3 in his class of 583 students. He plans to attend Texas A & M and pursue a career in business or possibly medicine.

When asked to choose his proudest accomplishment over his school career, Brandon mentions his efforts to be kind and non-judgmental as he negotiates high school life. He will be a great representative of Altrusa and our values.



Gavin Campbell

Gavin is a graduating Senior at Lake Highlands High School with plans to attend Texas A & M at Corpus Christi to study nursing next fall. Gavin has been deeply involved in choir, theater and musical theater during his high school career, holding leadership positions in both theater and choir while achieving an “A” average GPA. Gavin is skilled in both the performing and technical sides of theater and is also interested in creating magic and performing as a magician.

Gavin wants to focus on a career that helps others and betters his community. He found inspiration in the caring team of nurses that helped his mother in her losing battle with cancer. This experience led Gavin to choose nursing as his path to reach his goals for making a difference.



Maricarmen Hernandez

Pearce High School graduating senior Maricarmen Hernandez credits the hard work of her parents as the inspiration for her own hard work to achieve an excellent high school record. She juggles many extracurricular activities and maintains an “A” average GPA, all while working 25 hours per week throughout high school. She is a Pearce athletic trainer, holds leadership positions in the school’s chapter of Healthcare Occupations Students of America (HOSA), is a Richardson Healthcare Career Academy Ambassador, and enjoys being part of the AVID program. Maricarmen was also one of 12 RISD seniors selected for the prestigious Superintendent’s Student Advisors Council (Super SAC) which provides student perspectives on many current topics to the Superintendent and School Board.

Maricarmen plans to pursue a master’s degree in architecture, possibly at UT Arlington. Her dream is to design beautiful structures that will be enjoyed by future generations. The sky’s the limit for this highly focused Altrusa scholarship winner!



Ravienne Hodgson

Ravienne dealt with childhood trauma to become an impressive senior at Pearce High School as well as developing a personal mission to improve mental healthcare services for children. She is #14 in her class at Pearce, resurrected the school's mental health club (raising \$600 for suicide prevention in just 24 hours), and was selected three years for the all-region choir. In her spare time, she studies advanced French on-line. She is currently enrolled for her second year in the Pearce AP Capstone program doing college level research studying the efficacy of various ways to treat depression in children.

Last summer Ravienne participated in the Mayor's Summer Internship Program interning at a community center that helps refugee women find success in this country. After her paid internship was completed, Ravienne has continued to volunteer weekly for this important non-profit.

Ravienne plans to complete an advanced degree in Clinical Psychology and hopes to develop a career that focuses on providing better trauma therapies for children, reforming pediatric psychiatric care, and giving abused children better access to legal justice and a better safety net. Ravienne is well prepared to meet these great goals.



Victor Macias

Victor will graduate from J.J. Pearce High School this May. During his time in high school, he has been part of the AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and enjoys mentoring middle school students in ways to better serve their community. He also enjoys doing service projects with St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

Victor's dream is to pursue a career in the auto/diesel industry, eventually opening his own shop, expanding his business, and creating his own brand. He will be attending Universal Technical Institute to earn an Associate degree along with his Diesel Mechanic's certification. Victor loves everything about this industry and is passionate about creating a successful business in his chosen field. We on the Altrusa Scholarship Committee look forward to being a small part of Victor's vision for his future.



Charles Thompson

Pearce High School senior, Charles Thompson, realized in tenth grade that the baseball team in which he had invested a great deal of time was no longer a source of happiness. But band (where he was also involved) did make him happy. At that point, he quit baseball, devoted the extra time to practicing the trumpet, and took a deep dive into all the different musical activities Pearce had to offer with band being his particular passion. Charles also enjoys being a Pearce SOS lifeguard which is a mentorship program with upper classmen being available to a group of freshman students to help them succeed in high school.

Charles will graduate in the top 10% of his class and plans to attend Louisiana State University with the goal of becoming a band director. He believes that as a music educator he will be in a position to potentially transform kids' lives. Charles shares that the diversity of band encourages kids to be inclusive, to try new things, and to develop positive leadership skills. He looks forward to helping kids lead successful lives.

