## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Name:** Tim Mowery
**Age:** 17
**School:** Sharyland High School
**Grade:** 12th grade
**Parents:** Kathleen Mowery
**Hobbies/Extracurricular Activities:** Tim is a member of the National Honor Society, varsity tennis captain, varsity basketball captain and a member of student council. He attends St. Paul's Catholic Church youth group and choir. In his spare time he enjoys reading books by Stephen King and Tom Clancy.

***What school course/subject do you think will be most useful to you when you graduate and why?** I took a concurrent enrollment Calculus class at UTPA and I think it will be the most important class when I graduate. This is because I had the opportunity to experience the next educational level - college.

***Where do you hope to be in 10 years? What profession, branch of service, school and city?** In 10 years, I will have received my accounting degree and completed my MBA. I plan to work for a major corporation.

**How do you compare your school district to other school districts in the Valley? Advantages, disadvantages?** I think our school offers the best education in the Valley. Discipline and dedicated teachers have been the key to making our school a successful learning environment. Our school does not receive as much funding as other schools due to our size. Also, there is definitely something wrong with the Texas school system because everyone is taught on an average scale and the students are not pushed to their highest limits.

***What problems facing the world today do you think will still be around in 10 years? What do you think can be done about it today? If something is being done about it, what other approach do you think needs to be implemented to solve, or cure, the problem?** AIDS - I think education is the key to the reduction of AIDS because most people do not understand how the disease is acquired. People are not very careful about AIDS prevention because they do not realize that it is a deadly disease without a known cure. The problem of AIDS has impacted relationships and increased health care and insurance costs.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Name:** Lorena Lee Cavazos
**Age:** 18
**School:** Sharyland High School
**Grade:** 12th grade
**Parents:** Mr. and Mrs. Armando Cavazos
**Hobbies/Extracurricular Activities:** Lorena is student council president, a member of NHS, Rattlers Against Drugs, FCA and participates in UIL spelling and journalism events.

**•What school course/subject do you think will be most useful to you when you graduate and why?** The two concurrent enrollment classes that I took in Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus at UT-Pan American will be the most useful to me when I graduate. These courses gave me a good idea of what my college experiences will be like after high school.

**•Where do you hope to be in 10 years? What profession, branch of service, school and city?** In 10 years I hope to be actively pursuing a law career after having graduated from St. Mary's University with a degree in political science.

**•How do you compare your school district to other school districts in the Valley? Advantages, disadvantages?** An advantage that I feel Sharyland has over other school districts is that discipline and high academic achievement are strongly stressed. Although increasing in size, Sharyland has a unity that other school districts do not possess which is clearly shown through the relationships between the teachers and the students. However, because Sharyland does not offer as many classes as other schools, some students are not always challenged to their full potentials.

**•What problem facing the world today do you think will still be around in 10 years? What do you think can be done about it today? If something is being done about it, what other approach do you think needs to be implemented to solve, or cure, the problem?** Racial tensions and discrimination are a problem that I think will still be around in 10 years. The government tries to ease these tensions and end discrimination by passing legislation to help minorities. While some of this legislation does work, I do not think the solution lies entirely within our government. This is a problem that people have grown up with all of their lives. It is sad, but true, that there will probably always be one person who will never view people equally here in America.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Name:** Amy McClure
**Age:** 18
**School:** Sharyland High School
**Grade:** 12th grade
**Parents:** Mr. and Mrs. William A. McClure
**Hobbies/Extracurricular Activities:** Amy is NHS president, Texas Alliance of Minorities in Engineering president, math team captain, National Engineering Design Competition captain, peer tutoring chairperson, Rattlers Against Drugs member, Masterminds contestant student council member, volunteer announcer at football games, and UIL number sense, calculator, mathematics and science participant.

**•What school course/subject do you think will be most useful to you when you graduate and why?** The concurrent enrollment classes that I took at UTPA last year in trigonometry and pre-calculus. They gave me insight into how college classes are and what is expected of a college student.

**•Where do you hope to be in 10 years? What profession, branch of service, school and city?** I hope to be just completing medical school after I have already received a degree in biomedical engineering. I hope to go into the medical research field.

**•How do you compare your school district to other school districts in the Valley? Advantages, disadvantages?** Sharyland is a wonderful school. Everyone knows each other and the teachers sincerely care about all of their students. The one-on-one attention that we receive due to our small size helps us to excel in academics. The only disadvantage is in our inadequate science laboratories.

**•What problem facing the world today do you think will still be around in 10 years? What do you think can be done about it today? If something is being done about it, what other approach do you think needs to be implemented to solve, or cure, the problem?** AIDS will always be a threat to our society. Hopefully, new drugs will be found to help the victims of this terrible disease. But until we learn to take responsibility for our actions, there will be no end to AIDS. We must act responsibly and join together with our fellow man to fight this deadly disease.