

PBIS MODEL MATADORS!

Brandy Nguyen



Brandy points to his sister as the most influential person in his life. Her ability to always maintain a strong work ethic, set short and long term goals and approach everything in life with patience make her an outstanding role model for him. For Brandy, Matador pride is being proud to uphold Bolsa's ideals and striving to create a community in which everyone feels welcomed. Being proud of the work we do in the classroom is an important part of being a Matador for Brandy as he works toward educational opportunities after high school. Mr. Tourtellotte attests to these qualities in Brandy stating that, "Brandy has a sincere desire to learn and improve, which leads not only to his own success, but to a better culture of learning among those around him. He asks thoughtful questions, seeks assistance when he needs it, takes responsibility for his mistakes, and has a positive attitude even when things get difficult. I couldn't ask for a better student." Brandy finds the most rewarding part of being selected as a Model Matador as being able to be a positive image for his fellow Matadors.

Diana Vu



Both Mr. Melrose and Mrs. Wood see Diana as an ideal Model Matador. Each of them sites her willingness to help those around her who are struggling as one of the qualities that make her a model student. Even moreso, Diana is resourceful and rather than giving up seeks solutions and finds the help she needs to be successful. Mr. Melrose sees Diana as a leader who excels in group work and always supports those around her with a generous spirit and a smile. He believes it is these qualities that make her the leader she has become here at BGHS. Diana has been inspired by Mr. Melrose as well, citing him as the most influential person in her life. This is because of the motivation he gives her as well as the support he provides when she struggles. Diana is a proud Matador and to her this means being kind to others and taking life's responsibilities seriously. She feels honored to be chosen as a Model Matador and being considered a leader by example.

Veronica Arredondo



Veronica believes Matador Pride to means representing Bolsa Grande's guiding principles, getting involved in the school community and caring about your academic success. Mrs. Steele agrees that Veronica is a model student who represents the ideals of BGHS. She describes Veronica as someone who "as a person is kind and respectful and as a student is prepared and focused on her work every day. Veronica goes out of her way to help others without being asked. She is a true leader in class who consistently makes positive choices." Veronica points to her mom as helping to guide her in life and help her become the person she is today. Throughout her life, Veronica has emulated her mom who is always respectful to others and shows her what it means to be a strong woman. Veronica feels the most rewarding part of being selected as a Model Matador is knowing that she is making a positive impact in the Bolsa community and is able to be a role model for her peers.

Vincent Ya



For Vincent, Matador Pride is simply his pride in being a student here at Bolsa Grande. As a Matador, he believes it is important to have a good work ethic both inside and outside of school. His father has been a very significant influence in his life. Having overcome great obstacles (leaving family, learning a new language completing college) to come to the United States and earn a job in the medical field, Vincent sees his father as an inspiration. He sees being selected as a Model Matador as an opportunity to be a role model for others as his father has been to him. Vincent believes in the importance of his work ethic being a model for students. His teachers certainly see Vincent as a positive role model. Ms. Fajardo attributes Vincent's successes to the fact that he takes initiative, works hard and consistently advocates for himself. Ms. Doan describes Vincent as a diligent scholar and open minded individual who is always willing to help others. She states, "his level of integrity is unparalleled, his kindness immeasurable and his attitude always positive. Vincent defines what a true Matador is."