## Good luck to the seniors who guided our staff



## Nathaniel Carr, Editor-in-Chief

When I was an eighth grader, planning out my schedule for the next four years of my academic career, I remembered what my brother, Ryan, said. A few weeks prior, he told me to join theatre and newspaper. I expected to move on to other things after a year of it. I surprised myself though. I ended up pursuing both heavily and became prominent figures in both. I stepped foot into the journalism class, and just a few weeks in it changed my life forever. It gave me the opportunity to tell stories about people who deserved it, helped break me out of my comfort zone and introduced me to a second mother, so-to-speak, and a truly unique group of people that helped form me into the person I became. I certainly fumbled during my time on staff, but from

my mistakes came lessons and experiences that I will never forget. For that, I thank everyone who stepped foot in room A201 and made it the environment that I know.

### Andrea Salazar, Photography Editor

These past years have gone by faster than imagined. I have enjoyed being part of the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Thank you Mrs. Alano, for allowing me to be part of these staffs. I have cherished every memory made in room A201 from every late night to the last day working on the publications. I will not only hold most of these memories in pictures, but also in my heart. Being the photography editor for *The Journal* was a great honor for me. Thank you to all the staff members on both publications, it has been a great pleasure getting to work with such great people. Thank you!



"Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still." -Dorothea Lange



### Alejandra Ruiz, Staff Writer

Dear Newspaper Staff, although I wasn't in any of the newspaper or yearbook class periods, I will still miss you all. The few times I had time to walk in during 4th were the best because I always walked in when something inexplicable was happening. Nate, thank you for being an amazing, laid back editor this year. I really appreciate you trying to include me in everything even though I wasn't in a newspaper class period. Taryn, you are one of the most inspiring editors I have had. Even though we didn't talk much, you were always sure to write a small encouraging note on my edits, and I very much appreciate that. Nathan and Cate, I didn't get to see you much this year, but I will never forget the countless times you brightened my day last year. Andrea,

you take phenomenal photos, and are a joy to be around. You're one of the quietest yearbookers, and I respect your strong work ethic. Thank you for providing the best photos for both publications, and making them the best they can be. Eden, Jada, Magen and Lindsay... you all are an amazing addition to our growing journalism family. Keep working hard to bring incredible content to *The Journal*, and cherish your time here because your years of high school will fly by quick. And last, but certainly not least, Alano. Thank you for believing in me during my freshman year. Joining this wonderful staff has truly brought me out of my shell. No words can describe how thankful I am for you! Not only are you a great teacher, you're also an amazing friend. My fellow staffers in Newspaper helped shape me into who I am today, and I will forever be grateful for them. In the last 3 years, I have had the privilege of working alongside 16 different staffers. This year, it has been amazing working with 5 staff writers and 4 photographers, each of whom I respect dearly. I truly will miss you all, and A201! #bringbackthecouches



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