

I am so happy with the way that the 2018 *Knight* yearbook turned out. While it does have mistakes, I think the book really encompasses McCallum and all of the things it has to offer. I love the cover, and the meaning behind it. I love the reactions people had when they saw it and the things I heard when I walked through the halls in the days after the yearbook came out. But my favorite thing about it is seeing all the glowing and happy faces people make when they look through it. While there are many things I could have done differently, overall I'm very happy with how well this year went. I think the staff whole stepped up and I grew as a leader; I can confidently say that at the beginning of the year when I spoke in front of the class my heart was beating out of my chest, but now I can confidently stand up in front of an audience or group and speak with no nerves at all. I am so honored to have been apart of MacJournalism for four years, three of which were under the direction of the best journalism teacher out there. I am so pleased by all the staff members that stepped up and came fully ready to help create our one of a kind yearbook. I am also surprised at the editors that stepped up and will be in charge next year. This year under my direction, I created many of the spreads, re-designed many of the spreads, edited pages and content, created the cover and the end sheets.

Spring Dance: This spread was created to showcase the spring dance show, I chose to make this an all-photo spread to showcase the talent that our photographers have. There are always so many beautiful dance photos that aren't shown in the yearbook, which is why I designed this page as I did.

The Cover: Our inspiration for this cover was a billboard that our adviser saw at a London Underground Station. After the design group schedule, captured and edited the images, I placed all of them arranged them carefully so that all the photos to fit together and flowed smoothly. I also picked each color to fit each photo and place so they would all fit together and not have any double colors on a row.

Opening: I designed this page to maximize coverage and make the beginning of the book showcase the uniqueness that McCallum has to offer and show why our theme "Beyond Blue" fits this school year to a T.

Varsity Football: I designed this page to showcase the one-of-a kind football season that our team had. This spread covers each game that was played and the memorable play that made each game stand out and go beyond.

Who's Who: On this page I designed and typed each activity that each student participated in. Having a difference in the amount of activities that each student had allowed us to improve the Who's Who spread by adding more by having selected teachers provide a quote about the student, making it more memorable for the winner, more interesting for the reader and more meaningful for everyone involved.



# butterfly effect

dance majors expand horizons in spring show



## REFUSE TO EXCLUDE:

Select members of the McCallum Youth Dance Company perform "Refuse Exclusion," originally performed at the National Dance Education Organization 2017 National Conference, at the annual spring show, "The Butterfly Effect," on March 23 and 24. Photo by Dave Winter.



**SOCK STAR:** Senior Daejha Taylor performs "Stay in there"/"Tunnels." Members of the Pre-Professional Company met with guest choreographer Oluwaseun Olayiwola for eight class period workshoping movement and ideas for this piece. Photo by Molly Odland.

**A WAVE OF YELLOW:** Members of the Pre-Professional Company perform in "Water Transformations" created by the students and shaped by guest artist Kirstan Clifford. "I learned a lot about things I could do with the space around me and how I can fill up time with movement," junior Lexi Battle said. Photo by Annabel Winter.



## BREAKING THROUGH:

Junior Belle O'Quinn performs in guest choreographer, Oluwaseun Olayiwola's piece, "Stay in there"/"Tunnels." "He had a unique way of teaching us," O'Quinn said. "That picture was his assignment to come up with a piece of choreography that we were comfortable with." Photo by Dave Winter.

## FOR THE LOVE OF FLAMENCO:

Freshman Matthew Vargas, freshman Georgia Dover, and sophomore Tosh Arora perform "Love," choreographed by Olivia Chacon. Each year the emerging ensemble work with Chacon to learn Flamenco. "It was a completely different dance for me," Dover said. "The dance was really emotional so I got to show a lot of how I was feeling." Photo by Dave Winter.



## DANCER'S DREAMS:

Partnering with freshman Sophia Tissebaum, freshman Matthew Vargas performs "A Short Ode to Sleep" choreographed by guest choreographer Rachel Meador. "This piece was really fun to get to perform," Vargas said. "It was about people's dreams and was really cool to get to play that character." Photo by Dave Winter.

## A COLORFUL TWIST:

Sophomore Janet Perez Vences and Cassandra Carrizales and junior Crystal Suarez Vasquez perform "Las Machetes: a song from the state of Jalisco in Mexico" choreographed by Elsa Nelligan. Ballet Folklorico were guest performers in the annual spring show. "We got to show other types of audiences what ballet folklorico is and how fun and pretty it is," Suarez Vasquez said. Photo by Dave Winter.





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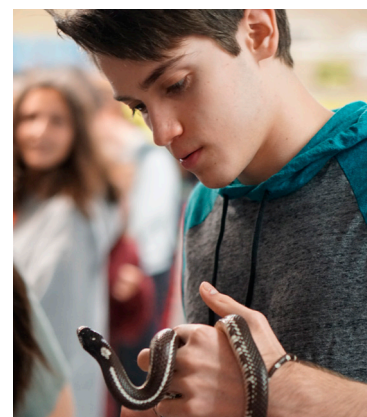
**SENIOR SPIRIT:** Seniors scream in the spirit stick competition at the pep rally before the rivalry game versus LBJ on Sept. 29. "I had torn my ACL and basically lost my independence physically," Stone said. "I still wanted to show my school pride. I wanted to proclaim my disability to the world." *Photo by Madison Olsen.*

**ROCK THE RUNWAY:** Senior Keanna Haynes walks down the runway wearing senior Bethany Raup's line at the annual benefit fashion show at the AISD PAC on Jan. 13. "Bethany's line was one of my favorites," Haynes said. "It has that angsty teen look to it. It was comfortable and I had a lot of fun rocking it for her." *Photo by Elena Henderson.*



**FIRST CHEER:** Clara Young cheers on the players as they run out of the tunnel at the Calallen game on Dec. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. "The football games are always so much fun," Young said. "We got to go out on the field and perform our routine to the fight song while the players came out. This was great because we had never gotten the chance to do it before." *Photo by Madison Olsen.*

**HAPPY SNAKE:** Freshman Rowan Chatterjee holds his California king snake, Oreo, at lunch on Feb. 23 when he brought his reptiles to school for Reptile Club so students could interact with them. "We had an overwhelmingly positive response, which I didn't expect at first," Chatterjee said. *Photo by Dave Winter.*



# OUR WILDEST DREAMS

We chose the theme **BEYOND BLUE** for the 2018 *Knight* because we wanted to celebrate how Mac students develop their talents and pursue what matters most to them **beyond** the walls of our campus. While that theme remains 100 percent accurate, we noticed as the school year started that Mac students were going above and **BEYOND BLUE** in another way. They were setting a standard that was **beyond** the achievement of any student body before them.

Nowhere was that seen more prominently than on the football field where the 2017 Knights completed an undefeated regular season and won four playoff games. With 14 wins and a Final Four appearance, the team is the best to ever wear McCallum **blue**.

The marching band that supported the team along the way went **beyond** as well, competing at state in the same stadium where the football team won two playoff games. And as the Friday night lights dimmed, the lights went up on *West Side Story* and an equally historic run. After a glorious opening night performance, MacTheatre's spring musical sold out all of its remaining shows and generated more box-office revenue and campus buzz than any musical before it. Like the football season, the drama program had gone **beyond** any precedent for success.

We are reminded of the many students who did the same in the activity that makes them feel alive: wrestlers and swimmers who made the state tournament, visual artists who qualified for Scholastic Nationals, and countless others that we don't have enough room to mention here.

The students who made these moments possible take us back to our original meaning of the phrase **BEYOND BLUE**. They will be taking their talents to colleges and traveling across the world doing what they love to do at the highest level. We hope we have done the same in the pages that follow, creating a book that goes **beyond** any that came before it.



**THE MASTER HIMSELF:** Senior Jack Masters celebrates with his teammates after they defeated Alice 33-8 on Dec. 2. "[Beating Alice] felt amazing," Masters said. "It was great to get revenge for the 1966 team. The '66 team was there and congratulating us. It made me think about that we may be those guys years from now, which is crazy to think about." *Photo by Madison Olsen.*

**BEST ACTRESS:** Freshman Helena Lang performs "America" in *West Side Story* on Jan. 30. Lang earned a Best Lead Actress nomination from the Greater Austin High School Musical Theater Awards. "I hope this nomination shows others that it doesn't matter how young you are: you always have the ability to do something you're passionate about." Lang Said. *Photo by Harper Cummings.*

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Photo by Madison Olsen

“Jack Switzer is an outstanding young man, and I am honored to have worked with him in a variety of ways throughout his tenure at McCallum High School. I have witnessed Jack’s kindness to others as he walks down the hall in between classes; he has a smile for everyone, and he is sincere with his smile. He has a great sense of humor and knows both how to lightly poke at someone without going too far and is also gracious when someone pokes at him. He has long-standing friendships that he treasures and I have loved watching Jack with those friends. They kid around, respect each other and mostly truly care about each other. I will miss Jack’s face in the years to come. He makes me laugh, he has earned my respect, and I look forward to hearing about his next adventure.”

—english teacher Diana Adamson

Jack Switzer   
torchbearer

“Imagine a student with chameleon-like super-powers. They could be an inspiring leader or an enthusiastic team member. They could offer creative ideas or engineering-like problem solving. They work with peers or young students with equal compassion. They could help a classmate with math or writing or discovering their spirit animal. Their versatility is so profound that teachers dread the day they graduate. Turns out, that student attends McCallum. Charlie Holden.”

—math teacher Richard Cowles

Charlie Holden   
torchbearer

Photo by Madison Olsen

who’s *who* We are proud to recognize 11 seniors for their accomplishments, service

## Jack Switzer

Student Council (9-12), class president (9-11), student body president (12), football (9-12), JV football (9), varsity football (10-12), football captain (11-12), co-team MVP (10), team MVP (12), second team All-District tight end (10), All-District backer honorable mention (10), first team unanimous All-District defensive end (11-12), All-District offensive line honorable mention (11), ultimate Frisbee (9-12) ultimate Frisbee co-captain (11-12), fashion show (9-12), head model (12), Key Club (10-12), tech crew for Mr. McCallum (9-11), Student Advisory Council (9-10), Parent Teacher Student Association (9-10), JV track (9-10), sixth place 400-meter All-District meet (9), National Honor Society (11-12), student announcement team (12), Mr. McCallum (12), *West Side Story* (12), *Me and My Girl* (11), AISD Trustee’s Scholar (10), EF Tour Member (10) *Spring Awakening* (10), *Titanic the Musical* (10), wrestling (9).

## Charlie Holden

Newspaper (10-12), asst. ed. (11), co-ed.-in-chief (12), NSPA/JEA Write-Off excellent rating, headline writing/copy editing (12), Quill and Scroll Yearbook Excellence Award Gold Key winner (12), International Writing and Photo Contest, news photo (10), SIPA Best Writing, second place, news outline (11), ILPC, second place online computer art; first place online student artwork; first place news photo; second place print entertainment photo; second place photo portfolio; third place online photo slideshow (10). CSPA Gold Circle Awards, cert. of merit, personality profile (11); cert. of merit, on-campus personal opinion (10). UIL second place, editorial writing (10), Visual Arts Academy Major (9-12), VASE State Qualifier (9,11,12), Top Marks at Regional VASE (9,11,12) Scholastic Gold Key Winner (12), Scholastic Honorable Mention (11), AISD Trustee’s Award (9-11), National Honor Society (11-12), Writing Center (11-12), PALS (11-12), Climbing Club (10-11), National Art Honor Society (9-10), Visual Arts Fine Arts Academy Ambassador (12), *Excalibur* Design Chief (11), Current Events Team (11), Speech and Debate Team (10).

## Madison Olsen

Newspaper (11-12), photo editor (12), Yearbook (11-12), managing editor (12), Quill and Scroll Yearbook Excellence Sweepstakes Winner, organizations photo; Gold Key winner, organizations photo. (12). Southern Interscholastic Press Association Best Writing Awards: first place, sports outline; (12), second, feature outline; second, sports outline; second, news outline (11). Interscholastic League Press Conference first place, Photo Story (11), Interscholastic League Press Conference, Tops in Texas Feature Photo of the Year, first place, feature photo; first place captions; second place, photo story; second place, captions (11). Commercial photography (10-12), Scholastic Gold key recipient (12), Best of Show, ATPI photography scavenger hunt (11), earned a 4 at the VASE (10, 12). Rock Climbing Club (10-11), president (11). Photography Club (12), Mac Justice Coalition (11-12). Key Club (11-12). National Honor Society (11-12). Softball (9-10). Trustee’s Scholar Award (9-11). President’s Award (11). Public Art Club (10-11).

Photo by Elena Henderson

“Madison Olsen whirled into my classroom as a sophomore, full of energy and an infectious passion for all things photography. Over the next three years, she dedicated herself to learning and growing not only as an artist/photographer but also as a photojournalist and yearbook and newspaper editor. She has logged countless hours interviewing and documenting all things McCallum, creating an inclusive welcoming presence that draws people to her. Madison’s concerns have developed into a social consciousness. She uses her camera to awaken her audience to injustices. She has become a force for change. As her teacher, I am proud of the photographer she has become and the voice she has found to confront injustice and to empower both the subjects she photographs and the audience that views her images.”

—photography teacher Carey West

Madison Olsen   
torchbearer



# the road to the playoffs

Memorable moments  
from the varsity team's  
perfect regular season



Anderson, 48-28

Lehman, 55-17



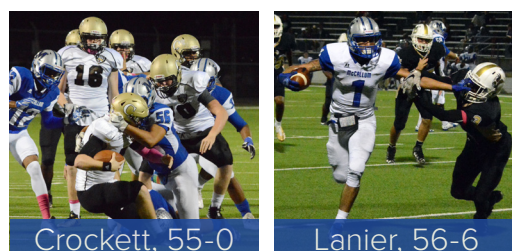
Seguin, 63-31

Akins, 34-21



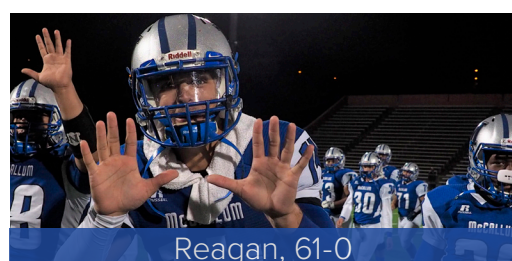
LBJ, 38-33

Travis, 72-0



Crockett, 55-0

Lanier, 56-6



Reagan, 61-0



**1. MAC MAULS MEDINA:** Senior Kegan Aleman and freshman Connor Boggs celebrate the team's 37-14 bi-district playoff win against Medina Valley in Castroville on Nov. 17. "The first half of the game was rough until we found out how the team worked and then the game was all ours," Aleman said. "After that game, I thought to myself, my team is going to go far." *Photo by Madison Olsen.*

**2. SCOOP AND SCORE:** Junior Gabe Williams recovers a Terry Ranger's fumble in the second round of playoffs and returns it 44 yards for a touchdown that made the score 42-24 on Nov. 24. "We were able to capitalize on their error," Williams said. "I think it was really helpful to get our momentum back up in the game." The Knights ended up winning, 52-24, at Navasota. *Photo by Bella Russo.*

**3. MASON MAKING HISTORY:** After the Knight defense held tough and stopped an Alice drive, senior Mason Bryant stuns the stadium with a half-ending Hail Mary catch that gave the Knights a 14-8 lead. The Knights rolled from there, defeating Alice, 33-8, at the Alamodome on Dec. 2. The victory avenged a 51-year-old loss to Alice, which ended the 1966 Knights' storybook season at 11-1. *Photo by Ian Clennan.*

**4. REMEMBER THE ALAMODOME:** Seniors Joshua Levinston and Jacob Greenberg tackle a Calallen punt returner immediately after he caught the ball in the second half of the 5A D2 Region 4 final at the Alamodome on Dec. 9. The Knights sped to a 20-0 lead, and then held on to win 20-7 and advance to the fifth round. "We needed to make a play," Greenberg said. "I just needed to hit him as hard as we could and show them we were the tougher team." *Photo by Dave Winter.*

**5. KNIGHTS ON THREE, FAMILY ON SIX:** Senior JB Faught leads his teammates onto the field before the Knights squared off against eventual state champ College Station at NRG Stadium on Dec. 16. The Knights' storybook season came to end with a 49-21 loss in the 5A D2 state seminal game. *Photo by Ian Clennan.*



**PARTY TO THE MAX:** After beating Calallen 20-7 in the fourth round of the 5A D2 playoffs on Dec. 9, senior Max Perez and defensive coordinator Thomas Gammerdinger lead the team's postgame celebration. It was the second of two wins for the Knights in San Antonio's Alamodome. "The feeling of winning this game is indescribable," Perez said. "Calallen is a really good team and that win really showed how much our hard work paid off." *Photo by Madison Olsen.*

# a perfect 10-0 and then 4 more

After an 11-2 season in 2016, the varsity began the 2017 season with a loftier goal: to match the 1966 team's undefeated regular season and state quarterfinal appearance: "We knew we had something special this year," senior linebacker JB Faught said. "Coming out with a win over Anderson proved it."

With nondistrict victories over Lehman, Seguin and Akins, the team arrived at 4-0, the same record it had after four games a year ago. To get to 5-0, the team had to get through LBJ, the only district team that beat them in 2016. Before a packed crowd at Nelson Field on Sept. 29, the Knights led by five points in the game's closing moments when the Jags faced a fourth down on the Mac 10-yard line. A Jag receiver caught a pass and seemed headed for the game-winning touchdown when senior Tyrell Washington tackled him on the 3-yard to save the game and the team's unbeaten streak.

"Winning the LBJ game was our goal since freshman year," senior Davis Roe said. "We gained a lot of confidence from that game that helped fuel us for the rest of the season."

The Knights cruised through their next six games, winning them by an aggregate score of 300-19 to end the regular season 10-0 for the first time since 1966.

"The hype near the end of the playoff run was insane," senior Jackson Masters said. "We had local news covering our practices. AJ and I were on the radio; we had interviews after games, people in newspapers were writing about us. It was just really cool to be put in the spotlight like that. There was definitely some added pressure for me and for everyone. I didn't want to let anybody down."

The Knights lost the round-one coin toss and had to travel to Castroville, where they beat the Medina Valley Panthers, 37-14, to

# 2017 Knights broke previous school records to become the winningest varsity football team in Mac history

advance to the second round. The day after Thanksgiving, Knights boarded charter buses and went to Navasota to play Rosenberg Terry. At halftime, the team held a seemingly comfortable 11-point lead. If they could hold onto it, they would set the record for most wins in a single season. The team's 12th victory was secured in the third quarter when Faught blew up an option play, creating an errant pitch that junior defensive back Gabe Williams recovered and ran for a 44-yard touchdown. After the 52-24 win, the Knights were headed to the Alamodome and a date with the Alice Coyotes, the same team that ended the Knights' historic season in 1966.

With members of the 1966 team present, the 2017 Knights avenged the 51-year old loss, scoring 33 unanswered points to cage the Coyotes 33-8, and advance to the 5A D2 quarterfinal where they faced Calallen, the team favored to win the state title. The Knights ambushed the Wildcats from the beginning, taking a 20-0 lead that the defense protected throughout the second half. After a 20-7 final score, the Knights were in the 5A Division 2 Final Four.

"As a whole our defense played great, and shutting down a great offense like that is just fun," Masters said. "We were all playing our hearts out and really just playing for fun and for each other."

At NRG Stadium in Houston, the Knights took on the College Station Cougars. The Knights gave it their all but came up short, losing 49-21 to the eventual 5A D2 state champs.

The loss ended the season but did not diminish it. The 2017 Knights won more games than any Mac team before it; they were the first to advance to the state semifinals: "The memories you make last a lifetime," senior quarterback Max Perez said. "This team, this season, has been the highlight of my life so far."