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**HIGH**  
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# ALMA MATER



**In unity our spirit grows  
We walk as one today.  
As one we lift our voices;  
In unison we say  
Hail! Hail! McAllen High  
You're spirited and true.**

**We proudly lift our voices  
in praise to You.  
Our hearts beat loyally;  
Our memories are bright.  
may you, our Alma Mater,  
be  
A shrine of living light**

• Edythe Jackson Brehm

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



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*Remember deadlines!!*

## Apply to college!

GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG

COMMONAPP.ORG

**College App FEE WAIVERS** available in your **college board** account

**Follow the instructions below and use the waiver as many times as you need!**

1. Log into your college board account
2. Click on the black circle with your name (top right corner)
3. Click My SAT
4. Answer question pertaining to what qualifies you for a waiver-if it asks
5. Click "Don't forget to use your application fee waiver" (right side of the screen-scroll down)
6. Print, sign, and save to upload to colleges (submit the same form to each college you are applying to)



# Scholarships!

# Transcripts!

FINANCIAL AID 101!

## IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER-----APPLICATION OPENS

JANUARY 15TH-----PRIORITY DEADLINE

JUNE 30, 2023-----APPLICATION CLOSES

**SCHOLARSHIP  
PACKETS  
AVAILABLE  
AT THE GO  
CENTER**

**ROOM 115**

**EVERYONE** CAN APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID  
AND POTENTIALLY RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

FEDERAL GRANTS (FREE MONEY)

STATE GRANTS (FREE MONEY)

COLLEGE GRANTS (FREE MONEY)

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS (FREE MONEY)

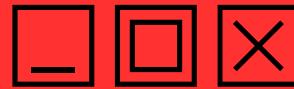
STUDENT COLLEGE LOANS

PARENT COLLEGE LOANS

**APPLICATIONS  
OPEN IN  
DECEMBER**

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# FAFSA STARTS DEC.31

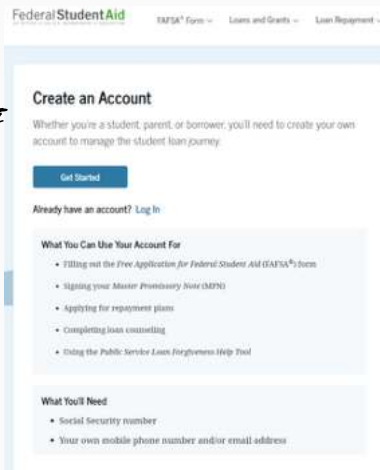


## HOW TO APPLY FOR FAFSA:

STEP ONE: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

[STUDENTAID.GOV/FA-SA-  
ID/CREATE-ACCOUNT/LAUNCH](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch)

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STEP TWO: APPLY NOW/LOG IN

[STUDENTAID.GOV](https://studentaid.gov)

## REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

Request H.S. Transcript sent to College:

[needmytranscript.com](https://www.needmytranscript.com)

Request UTRGV transcript sent to other college:

<https://my.utrgv.edu/home>

Request STC transcript sent other college:

[www.studentclearinghouse.org/transcriptservices/etx/](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/transcriptservices/etx/)

Request UT Austin On Ramps transcript sent to other college:

[onestop.utexas.edu](https://onestop.utexas.edu)

## NEED HELP SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS?

Speak to your  
College Counselor  
Senior Mentor  
College Center

Include College Counselor Info  
[nelda.gutierrez@mcallenisd.net](mailto:nelda.gutierrez@mcallenisd.net)  
956-632-3100

*Pick up Instructions & extra info in the COLLEGE CENTER-RM 115*

# DONT FORGET TO TAKE YOUR TSI SAT AND ACT



Required by all Texas Colleges & Universities  
Free Tutorials and testing for McHi students!  
Sign up in room 100A or 115

Not required by some colleges but is needed for scholarships and opportunities

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## Need a Waiver?

Testing Waivers available in room 115 or request your waiver through email at [nelda.gutierrez@mcallenisd.net](mailto:nelda.gutierrez@mcallenisd.net)



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# IMPORTANT TEST DATES FOR SENIORS

## SAT DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE	ONLINE SCORE RELEASE
March 9, 2024	Feb 23, 2024	Feb 27, 2024	March 24, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024	May 19, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024	June 16, 2024

## ACT DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE	ONLINE SCORE RELEASE
Feb 10, 2024	Jan 5, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	Feb. 20 - April 5
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 23 - June 7
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	June 18 - Aug. 2
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 23 - Aug. 6





# MCHI FOOTBALL

**Aden Sanchez**  
**Senior /Strong Safety**

**Can you share an example of a time when the team faced a challenge and how you contributed to overcoming it?**

Going into the Nikki Rowe game I thought there would be a lot more scoring but neither offense could score. Throughout the game there were multiple times where I thought the defense would just crumble but with great coaching and even better play we held it together. I've been playing football since I was probably like six or seven I was motivated just by the love and enjoyment I received while running around with a football in my hand.



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**Ryan Knecht**  
**Senior**

**Offensive left/right tackle**

**Can you share an example of a time when the team faced a challenge and how you contributed to overcoming it?**

One challenge we as a team overcame is all the injuries that happened even before the actual season started. I contributed by being able to sub into those positions so that we were always ready to win.





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# FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

MCHI FOOTBALL 10





# MCHI STEPPERS

**Nate Rodriguez**  
Senior / Captain

**Can you share an example of a challenging routine or performance and how the team worked together to overcome it?**

*For the last pep rally, we had about a week to put together a pom routine for our performance. While the routine was fast and intricate, the team rallied together to clean and perfect the routine. After the performance, I was a very proud Captain. Even though we were pressed for time, the team worked hard and was determined to look our best for the pep rally!*



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**Brisa Silva**

Junior / 2 year veteran

**Can you share some highlights of your experience as a high school dancer so far?**

*As a 2 year member, I most enjoy football season. From the pep rallies to Friday Night Lights, I love the memories we make as a team. My favorite memory so far would be Homecoming 2023! I am also excited about going to Disney for one of our competitions this upcoming season!*

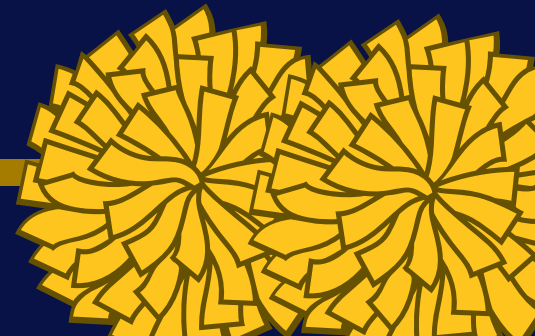






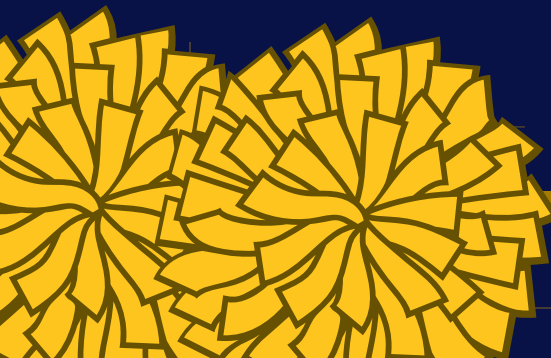
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**Eden Tijerina**  
**Junior / 3-year veteran**  
**What is your favorite part about competing?**

*My favorite part about competition season is the fun trips we take as a team. When we go to out-of-town competitions, we all get even closer than we already are. It's really fun making those memories with each other. I am excited about going to Disney this year!*





# MCHI GOLDEN GUARD

**How did you become involved in color guard, and what motivated you to join?**

*I joined guard through a friend who told me to go to freshman camp. I wanted to try something new so that motivated me to join.*



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**Can you describe a memorable performance or competition that stands out to you?**

*A very memorable performance for me was our pigskin performance! It felt amazing to perform my heart out and experience the traditions! Hearing the division one announcement while in line with the rest of the captains and drum major was a very exciting experience!*

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# MCHI MARIACHI

**Andrew  
Senior / Violin**

**How do you prepare for a competition?**

*I prepare by practicing a lot until I am completely satisfied with how I sound knowing that I'll do good when it comes to competition day.*



**Julius  
Senior / Violin**

**What has been your favorite performance?**

*My favorite performance was definitely the Hollywood bowl because it was such an amazing experience for all of us.*



**Lea Garcia**

**What makes you passionate about mariachi?**

*I am passionate about mariachi because I get to celebrate my culture and create amazing bonds with my teammates. And also coming from a long line of mariachis I feel pride in what I do.*





# MARIACHI HIGHLIGHTS

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# MCHI CHRISTMAS TREES



Library



Seniors



Sophomores



Freshmen



Mchi Staff



Juniors



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