

Students are "Bright Spots" in Socorro

SPOTLIGHT SISD takes a look at some of the district's outstanding students through **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**, a new feature of this publication. These students exhibit qualities that make them "bright spots" in Socorro's schools.

Kara Endlich is a fifth grade student at Escontrias Elementary School. She received a ribbon and trophy in September when her rabbits were named Best of Show in the El Paso County Stock Show. She is a member of the Lower Valley 4-H Club.



KARA

Kara is an outstanding student, a member of the Safety Patrol and in the school choir. She is participating in the Easter Seals Read-a-thon.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Endlich.

Amanda Casillas is a student at H.D. Hilley Elementary School. In September, she entered the second grade, but was receiving third grade instruction. After she finished her work, she would tutor her classmates in spelling, reading and math.



AMANDA

Two weeks ago, Amanda became a third grade student, promoted on the basis of academic testing.

She works well with classmates and has good leadership and citizenship qualities. She is highly motivated — when she was four years old, she taught herself to read. By first grade, she was reading at a third-grade level.

Last year, Amanda placed third in UIL competition and was narrator for the Christmas play.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Casillas.

PAL Expands to All Grades

The Program for Advanced Learners, **PAL**, is now being implemented at all grade levels in Socorro Schools.

According to B.J. Moore, program director, teachers will implement an enrichment component into the regular classroom, rather than pulling students out of class for enrichment study. Teachers will be trained to meet the specific needs of the high achieving student.

Moore said that there are honors courses at the seventh and eighth grade level.

At the high school level, high achievers will be participating in a mock trial competition where they will learn first hand some of the procedures of the legal system as well as have an opportunity to sharpen communications, group speaking and legal reasoning skills. The mock trial is part of a statewide competition.

A peer involvement program will be implemented soon at the high school. Students identified as high achievers will become tutors for their peers.

Austin Holiday is an all-around student at Socorro High School. He is aggressive academically, ranking seventh in the senior class of 258 students and maintaining a 3.7 grade point average.



AUSTIN

Austin is president of the Computer Club, active in band, Student Council, Debate Team and Chess Club. He has been named to Who's Who and Distinguished American High School Students, and has participated in band, math and science contests. He also participated in the University of Texas Energy Symposium.

His sense of humor makes him especially likeable.

Austin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holiday.

Juan Lerma is a sixth grade student at Campestre Elementary School. He is working especially hard to learn English, is very attentive in class and takes his school work seriously. Juan is always cheerful and tries to cheer up those around him.



JUAN

Juan resides with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Rodriguez. At home, he helps his aunt by doing numerous chores.

Luciano Quintero, a sixth grade student at Socorro Elementary School is a straight "A" student and captain of the Safety Patrol. Last year, he was named Outstanding Patrol Student of the Year for his school and was awarded a 10-speed bicycle.



LUCIANO

Luciano was spokesman for Socorro Elementary in January when he was invited to visit the studios of KHEY radio to record a safety message for airing on the radio.

Luciano is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Quintero.

Rebecca Rangel, a ninth grade student at Socorro Junior High School, placed first in calculator competition in the Ysleta Junior High School math meet in September. Rebecca also placed third in last year's U.T. El Paso Math and Science Tournament.



REBECCA

Rebecca is past president of the Math Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and the Speech Club. She excels academically and behaves well in class.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rangel.