

Avery Torres

Avery's parents are Jennifer and Jesus (Jesse) Torres. Jesse is a proud alumni member of the Class of 1996. She plans to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara and major in English. That major will should allow her to pursue a career in editing and publishing, and ultimately lead to a career as a book editor.

Avery's academic achievements are nothing short of exceptional. Her commitment to academic excellence is evident through her impressive coursework, including a range of Honors and Advanced Placement courses taken throughout her high school career. She has earned an impressive overall 4.41 GPA and is ranked 10th in a very competitive senior class.

Avery has been very involved in athletics, including Track & Field and Cross Country; she served as Manager for Boys' Varsity Basketball for all four years. During her last two years, she performed on the LHS Cheer Team. Apart from sports, she also organized the school's assemblies and made the daily school's announcements over the P.A. system. Avery was very involved in the ASB, serving as vice-president in 11th grade, then as ASB president in her senior year. Avery was named to the California Scholastic Federation, & National Honor Society for academic excellence during her last three years of high school and was recognized as Elks Student of the Quarter for two years.

Her leadership abilities are equally outstanding: she was named Copy Editor and Editor in Chief for the school newspaper and the yearbook. Avery's commitment and pride in her school and community were evident not only with her participation in various school fundraisers, but also with community and church events. She also volunteered her time at Fillmore Elementary School.

Avery found it very rewarding to become a paid intern for UCLA Chicano Studies. That program, which demonstrated her commitment to research and community engagement, was in partnership with a non-profit group called Lompoc Youth and helped to collect data to create new teen centers and activities for the city's youth.

Avery has made impressive contributions to her school and community and will excel in her future endeavors. Congratulations Avery, we wish you the best!