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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Tzuria Malpica

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Tzuria Malpica, 17, senior at New Vista High School

Accomplishment: Tzuria is a member of New Vista's Community Adventure Program, a class that teaches high school students essential camping and wilderness survival skills and encourages them to tackle environmental issues. She is also a student leader of "Natural High," a group dedicated to preventing substance abuse.

Q: What kinds of events does "Natural High" put together?

A: One of our most recent ones was a sober Friday night rave. We had about 120 students come to September High School where there was dancing, tea and a meditation journey at the end. It was a really good sober environment for people to have fun.

Q: What do you like about high school?

A: I like that it's an opportunity to gather knowledge and information. Then you get to take that to the next level and decide what you want to be.

Q: What would you change about high school?

A: I would make it mandatory for students to do some sort of service, such as helping to restore natural parks.

Q: What do you do for fun?

A: I'm into photography right now. I'm creative by nature so I also like to paint. I also am very into herbal studies, and I live up in the mountains, so I like to explore.

Q: What do like about photography?

A: I like to capture the natural expressions of people. It's incredible when you can capture someone's essence in a single picture.

Q: What was the last book you read?

A: "The Clan of the Cave Bear," by Jean M. Auel.

Q: What was the last song you downloaded to your iPod?


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A: I think they'd be dark side of the moon.

Q: What do you want to do after high school?

A: I'd like to continue studies in natural medicine. I'm also curious to travel and see other mountains, and I've got relatives in Mexico that have a small farm I would like to visit.

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