

# Azim Momin, named as one of the top Nederland graduates

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NEDERLAND — Jesi Mooneyham and Azim Momin are poised for success.

Mooneyham, the valedictorian, and Momin, the salutatorian, of their Nederland High School graduating class set goals they are determined to achieve.

Mooneyham, 18, earned a 4.450 grade point average. She plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in biology with a minor in Spanish.

She sees herself 10 years from now finishing up her residency and becoming a doctor, she said.

“My mom and God are who inspired me to reach academic success,” she said.

Advanced placement physics gave Mooneyham the most difficulty. And yes, she did set out to be the top of her graduating class.


Mooneyham is the daughter of Martha Picazo and Tracy Moneyham.

She is a member of the Westernairs, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club and Terrific Nederland Teens.

Her non-school related civic/social involvement include: St. Charles Life Teen Youth Ministry, St. Charles Master of Ceremonies and dance classes at Taylor Dance Studio. Her hobbies include dancing and reading. She also enjoys most comedies and musicals but doesn't have a favorite movie.

Momin, 18, has dreamed of being at the top of his class since his freshman year and earned a 4.4438 grade point average. He plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, and major in environmental engineering.

He sees himself making the environment a better place 10 years from now.



“I see myself helping the environment by creating efficient cleaning systems for our air and water,” Momin said. I also see myself pursuing my music.”

The biggest influences in his life are his parents.

“They didn’t have a great opportunity to receive an education and sacrificed a lot so I could have one,” he said.

U.S. government classes were the most difficult for the salutatorian because, he said, he never realized just how complex our government was.

His favorite movie? Zombieland “because it was flat out hilarious.”

Momin is the son of Akbar and Zohra Momin.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, University Interscholastic League literary criticism and varsity track.

His non-school related civic/social involvement include: Church volunteer corp. member, religious education teacher and church student council.

His hobbies include playing the piano and guitar.

“I also enjoy writing my own music and in my free time I play some basketball,” he said.

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