

Seniors

CLASS OF 2019

AUSTIN PORRAS

LOVES TO PLAY IN THE MUD Senior, Austin Porras was interested in sculpting art work ever since he started his sophomore year when he enrolled in Ceramics I. From throwing mugs to vases, Porras preferred making anything that involves throwing pottery. "I enjoy making anything thrown on the wheel, but especially bigger vases. They come from a really simple beginning form but can be transformed into so many things, which makes them fun to make," said Porras. All artists have their inspiration for their work, for Austin, it came from another student at Ponderosa. "This kid named Thomas Dickson was in AP ceramics during the same period as me, and when I saw his art work, I just liked it a lot, which made me want to get better. So the following semester I just spent both of my off periods in the ceramics room and began to learn how to throw and from there, I just stuck with it, but Mr B has been a big inspiration to me, art wise, I declared myself unartistic before I took his class. through his teaching style and the fun I was able to have in his class, I was able to re-evaluate

and figure out that I was good at least one form of art," said Porras. Taking his dedication, sweat and a whole ton of clay to make the artist he is today, Austin finished his final year at Ponderosa with a 4.4 GPA. After highschool, Porras still hopes to continue this hobby all throughout his life, "I see ceramics as a long time hobby, not really a job, I just do my best to finish my homework and once I'm done, I can move onto having more fun. It's amazing how much faster work goes by when you're giving it 100% attention," said Porras. Everyone has their hobbies and enjoyments, but Austin will always stick to ceramics. "I really enjoy how relaxing ceramics is and how satisfying it is when the form comes out correctly. I bought a wheel last year and have been able to do ceramics outside of school and over the summer, I imagine that I will continue using pottery throughout college and the rest of my life as a hobby," said Porras.

What defines mustangs



"When it's made properly, the clay flows easily, making the piece a lot easier to work with," Porras said.



"It's amazing how much fun you can have once your important work is completely finished," Porras said.