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## The Legacy Lives On In The Melgoza's Family



LADY MOOSE— The Basketball team honors Melgoza with shirts. They huddle up and talk about the importance of the game, with the goal to make Melgoza proud.



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ragedy hit Alamosa High School on ■ January 4th, 2023. The respected and appreciated Erik Melgoza passed away due to a brain injury.

Erik Melgoza was the Athletic Director here at AHS but he was also a mentor, a friend, a coach, a teacher, a father, and a grandfather.

His impact was huge at Alamosa and he never left a heart untouched. He is an honorable man.

Not only did Melgoza leave a long legacy at Alamosa he has a legacy that followed him here. In 2017 Melgoza led Lamar's girls basketball to the state title.

Melgoza took pride in coaching and he always inspired other to be the best version of themselves

Coach Melgoza has a record of 200 wins in his coaching career. Anyone who club, and always tried to help in any way had a conversation with Melgoza never re- he could. ally left the same.

Melgoza was compassionate, and had the biggest dreams for AHS.

He wanted to make this school better as well as each individual student a better person.

Melgoza had a way of making everyone feel heard and like they could always

His doors where always open and he built amazing bonds and relationships with many students and athletes. Melgoza took on the Girls Basketball head coach posi-

tion last year the season of 2021-2022. This decision was questioned but Melgoza never failed to prove himself over and over.

Melgoza supported every sport and

The week of Melgoza's passing, AHS girls basketball had a game against the Sanford Mustangs, rowdy crowd honored Melgoza with the theme of Duke Blue because that was his favorite color.

Games across Colorado took a moment of silence before games to honor him.

The mean moose basketball team now has was warm-ups that say "Coach Melgoza, God Speed".

Alamosa High School is helping students grieve by having counselors here and open, as well as places to write letters

to Melgoza or to his family. Melgoza will never be forgotten at AHS.

Melgoza's funeral was held on January 15, 2023 at 2:00 in the Gym at AHS.

The gym filled with friends, family, coworkers and many more.

Following behind Melgoza was his immediate family then the Alamosa High School girls basketball team.

There where many stories and memories shared celebrating Melgoza's amazing life.

There where many people who came to AHS on the 15th of January which showed the impact that Erik Melgoza not only at AHS but all throughout Colorado. AHS gives condolences to Melgoza's family and friends. One thing is for sure, he will

## **CAREER FAIR**



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n February 1st 2023 AHS held a Career Fair.

This gave a multitude of opportunities to the student body. Careers all over the valley came to Alamosa High School and set up a booth, as well as teachers set up a booth.

The eighth graders from the middle school came over and it gave them an opportunity to explore the classes offered at Alamosa High School as well as build a preferred schedule for the upcoming year.

Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors also had the opportunity to build their schedule.

This gave them a chance to look at careers they may have interest in and base the classes they want to take off of them.

Juniors really took advantage of this opportunity, as their lives are getting more serious.

They will be seniors next year so they where looking at career paths that may be the perfect fit for them.

This is an amazing thing offered at Alamosa High School and it allows students to pre-plan and see the reality of some careers.

The career fair also showcased clubs and highlighted fun classes that were upcoming or that can be interesting for students.

## **Upcoming Events**

State Wrestling Feb. 16-18

Girls and Boys Basketball Vs Bayfield Feb.16@Home

No School February 17 or February 20

February 27th 1st Official Practice for Spring Sports







