

## Seniors Sign Scholarships Help Students Continue Dreams

By Krissy Boxell

**M**any seniors end their final high school year asking the same old question, "What now?" Seniors Angeleena Young and Ryan Lyles answered that question when signing with their future colleges after being granted scholarships to participate with a collegiate organization.

Young realized a lifetime goal on May 9 when she signed with Austin College in Sherman, TX to play on the girls' basketball team. Transitioning from a Ponder Lady Lion to an Austin College Kangaroo, Young will enter into the world of Division III basketball, leaving behind small-town 2A basketball forever. She will play under Head Coach Deb Hunter who is "very excited about having Angeleena" in their program.

"She can flat out shoot the basketball," Hunter said. "We hope that she'll be able to continue the success we've had with small-town kids in our program."

Young is receiving the Austin College Academic Excellence Scholarship valued at \$12,500 per year. In all, it is estimated that 75%-80% of her overall tuition will be paid for.

"I'm really excited," Young said. "This is something I've dreamed of doing ever since I was little."

Lyles has also achieved a goal that he has been working for since his freshman year in high school. He signed with Trinity Valley Community College on April 30, committing to the rodeo team as a Steer Wrestler. Trinity Valley Community College, located in Athens, TX, has agreed to pay 75% of all Lyles' tuition and fees.



Angeleena Young with parents Steve and Katrina and brother Jordan at her scholarship signing.

He has also been awarded the Windy Ryon Rodeo Scholarship of \$1,500. Lyles will compete in ten college rodeos with hopes of advancing to the finals.

While it is certain that the seniors are bound to experience mixed emotions, Lyles sums it up for both by saying, "While I am definitely nervous to take the next step in my career, I am really just grateful for the opportunity to continue with my passion."

## FFA Advance 5 to State

By Kristen Kimmel

**T**he 2008 year has been very successful for the organizations of PHS. Basketball, tennis, UIL and TMSCA all advanced to state this year. FFA can now be added to the list.

Five students have advanced to state after competing in the Area FFA Competition last weekend in Frisco. These students are freshman Morgan Stover, juniors Cole Spann and Terrill Yeager and seniors Courtney Eaton and Seth Reed. Spann placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Specialty Animal Proficiency and Yeager placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Turf Grass Proficiency. Eaton placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Equine Science Proficiency. Reed placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Diversified Livestock Proficiency, and will be making his second trip to the State FFA Competition this year.

"We're very pleased with the success we had at area," Yeager said. "I think we will do very well at state."

This will also be Stover's second trip to state.  
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## Farley Headed to USMM Academy

By Lindsey Allen

**L**ast October, many of senior Keegan Farley's friends awaited his decision after he was nominated by Congressman Burgess for a spot in the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). Farley, after much thought, decided to submit an application. Nearly 8,000 students applied, but the admissions board offered appointments to only 290 of the hopefuls. Farley was among one of these stand-out students and chose to accept.



Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (TX-26) and Keegan Farley Academy Nomination Reception February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008



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Area FFA competitors: Taylor Dunlap, Terrill Yeager, Morgan Stover, Lacoahn Cox, Delanie Darnell and Sealy Vardell.

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appearance at state this year. In area she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Star Greenhand Placement and 1<sup>st</sup> in Prepared Public Speaking. Equally impressive, she is in the top ten for Outstanding Freshman Agriculture Student of the State, which will be announced in Stephenville in June.

“In my last trip to state I got 3<sup>rd</sup>. This trip I’m winning it all,” Stover said.

The FFA State Competition will be held in Lubbock this July.

Several students displayed commendable performances at the District Competition on May 6, advancing them to area. Sophomore Sealy Vardell was elected District V President for next year and sophomore Lacoahn Cox was elected District V 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, a leadership role that will also begin next year. Lone Star Degrees were given to Darnell, Reed, Spann and Yeager. See the table for other awards.

Event	Student	Place
Courtney Eaton	Equine Science Proficiency	1 <sup>st</sup>
Seth Reed	Diversified Animal Production	1 <sup>st</sup>
Cole Spann	Specialty Animal Proficiency	1 <sup>st</sup>
Terrill Yeager	Turf Graff Proficiency	1 <sup>st</sup>
Morgan Stover	Star Greenhand Placement	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Junior Prepared Speaking	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Delanie Darnell	Senior Prepared Speaking	3 <sup>rd</sup>

*PHS 2008 Awards  
Freshmen ~ Sophomores ~ Juniors*

*Presented May 8, 2008*

**DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS**

- Algebra I ~ Joel Meneses
- Algebra II ~ Luis Gonzales
- ASL I ~ Chrysta James
- ASL II ~ Yvonne Michaud
- Band ~ Miles Johnson
- BCIS I (11th) ~ Jared Newton
- BCIS I (10th) ~ Miles Johnson
- BCIS (9th) ~ Brooke Sanders
- Biology ~ John Wendt
- Business Imaging ~ John Borsch
- Chemistry ~ Patrick Newland
- Choir ~ Nicole Darby
- English I ~ Kavan Cunningham
- English II ~ Sealy Vardell
- English II (Pre-AP) ~ Tonya Dockery
- English III ~ Kara Harper
- Geography ~ John Parsons
- Geometry ~ Chris Russ
- Geometry (Pre-AP) ~ Lacoahn Cox
- Health ~ Krissy Boxell
- Newspaper ~ Krissy Boxell
- Pre-Calculus ~ Jaron Leland
- Health ~ Carlee Garza
- U.S. History ~ Lizzy Schofield
- World History ~ Chelsea Redd
- IPC ~ Jose Meneses
- Spanish I ~ Lacoahn Cox
- Spanish II ~ Chelsea Redd
- Spanish III ~ Krissy Boxell
- Speech ~ Katie Wall

**“AB” HONOR ROLL**

- Aubrey Antle
- Levi Brown
- Morgan Daniels
- Robert Davenport
- Taylor Dunlap
- Blair Hitch
- Chrysta James
- Mariah Leland
- Logan Loiselle
- Richard Malta
- Shelby Melton
- Anna Reed
- Erika Sparkman
- Morgan Stover
- Rachel Vedral
- Trevor Watson
- Jorden Young
- Courtney Antle
- John Borsch
- Kaleb Broadstreet
- Joshua Daniel
- Vanessa De Lira
- Cassie Dockery
- Aaron Esterer
- Tori Helfrich
- Zachary Hendrix
- Joshua Meek
- Yvonne Michaud
- Chelsea Redd
- Amanda Schmeltz
- Jarryd Shirley
- Jeffrey Specht
- Robert Stout
- Sealy Vardell
- John Wendt
- Dylan Ballard
- Alyssa Bassler
- Joel Garza
- Kara Harper
- Landon Hendrix
- Courtney Kitten
- Allison Lemon
- Glenn McBride
- Patrick Newland
- Jared Newton
- Lizzie Schofield
- Kim Singleton
- Ricky Sisk
- Cheyenne Tawater
- Travis Watson
- Keeley Woods
- Terrill Yeager

**“A” HONOR ROLL**

- Emily Liberto
- Joel Meneses
- Abigail Schofield
- Lacoahn Cox
- Tonya Dockery
- Miles Johnson
- Krissy Boxell
- John Boyer
- Kendra Copp
- Brent Fletcher
- Nikki Johnson
- Kalee Josslet
- Kristen Kimmel
- Jaron Leland
- Jesus Lujan
- Sarah Ream
- Jessyca Thomas

# Ponder High School Seniors 2008



**Angeleena  
Young  
Valedictorian**

*Plans ~ To attend Austin  
College*

*In 10 Years ~ I see myself  
as a teacher/coach and  
married, hopefully starting  
a family.*

By Keegan Farley

Valedictorian, a remarkable basketball player and the nickname "Poof" is what senior Angeleena Young has become accustomed to over her 12 years at the Ponder School District. Young has participated in most everything that the school has to offer. She has shown her speed and endurance by competing in cross country and track, both of which she has excelled in, along with sharp shooting and smarts in basketball.

"My most memorable experience in high school was when we made play-offs my junior year," Young said.

Young has also shown leadership and compassion for the community around her by staying active in PALs, where she has earned a total of 100 hours community service. Young will also be honored at graduation for earning an extra 260 community service hours outside of PALs.

Young plans on attending Austin College in Sherman, TX, where she will continue her basketball career.

"I am excited to play basketball and attend a great school," Young said.

Young's career plans lie in the world of education as a coach and teacher, a tradition which follows in line with her father and coach, Steve Young, and junior high secretary and cheer-leading coach, Katrina Young.

"I will miss being picked on by everyone in the school, especially by my Dad, Coach Holt and little brother Jordan," Young said. "I hope I have left a good impact on this school during my time here. I will miss all of the wonderful people that I got the privilege to know and love."



**Kelly  
Schmitz  
Salutatorian**

*Plans ~ To attend Texas  
Women's University with a  
major in drama.*

*In 10 Years ~ I see myself  
working unless I win the  
lottery.*

By Ashley Laughlin

Attending Ponder since she was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Kelly Schmitz is one of the hardest workers the school has had to date. Up until this year, Schmitz was excelling in the junior class that will graduate in 2009. Now, however, she is part of the senior class and is going to graduate not only a full year early, but also as the class' salutatorian.

"I wanted to get a head start on college and my career," said Schmitz, who plans on attending TWU.

Schmitz will major in drama, but does not plan on being in front of the camera. She would prefer being behind the scenes in a position more involved in the technical parts of film.

In her spare time, Schmitz works as a Sonic car hop and enjoys just hanging out with friends. Being part of the atmosphere of Ponder for so long, Schmitz says she is going to miss her friends and having her mom there every day at lunch working in the cafeteria for the past four years.

"It was difficult to balance all the school work and my job, but I guess now that I'm Salutatorian all the hard work has paid off. I'm going to miss it," Schmitz said, "but I'm kind of ready to start something new."



## PHS 2008 Graduation Commencement Exercises

*Friday, May 30, 2008*

*7:00 pm at*

*The Coliseum at  
University of  
North Texas*

## Congratulations PHS 2008 Senior Class

 <p><b>What are your plans after graduation?</b></p>		<p><i>Lindsey Allen</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT and to major in Journalism (Public Relations)”</p>	<p><i>Dylan Barber</i></p> <p>“To attend Auburn University to be a sports analyst”</p>	<p><i>Kati Barnes</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC or ITT Tech to do computer programming and game simulation”</p>
<p><i>Lucas Boudreaux</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC and to eventually own my own business”</p>	<p><i>Sergio Chavez</i></p> <p>“To attend Collin County Community College and to be a firefighter”</p>	<p><i>Jeffrey Congleton</i></p> <p>“To attend college”</p>	<p><i>Angel Crenshaw</i></p> <p>“To attend college”</p>	<p><i>Courtney Cummings</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT to be a CPA”</p>
<p><i>Zea Davies</i></p> <p>“To attend El Centro College to be a chef”</p>	<p><i>Cory Denning</i></p> <p>“To attend college to get a good career”</p>	<p><i>Courtney Eaton</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC and to be an Arabian Horse Trainer”</p>	<p><i>Miranda Elliott</i></p> <p>“To attend college at NCTC and to be a writer”</p>	<p><i>Larissa Estrada</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT for hospitality management”</p>
<p><i>Keegan Farley</i></p> <p>“To attend US Merchant Marine Academy to major in logistics &amp; intermodal transportation.”</p>	<p><i>Junior Fletcher</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT and to be a professional musician”</p>	<p><i>Marguerite Frugé</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT and to major in interior design and minor in photography”</p>	<p><i>Kyle Futch</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC then transfer to A&amp;M to be a mechanical or aerospace engineer”</p>	<p><i>Andrew Gallegos</i></p> <p>“To attend Devry University to major in electrical engineering”</p>
<p><i>Doug Gustafson</i></p> <p>“To attend Devry University for electrical engineering”</p>	<p><i>Jorge Hernandez</i></p> <p>“To attend Lincoln Tech for diesel mechanics”</p>	<p><i>Josh Holcomb</i></p> <p>“To attend Devry University for game design”</p>	<p><i>Camy James</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC and then UNT”</p>	<p><i>Alexis Jarrett</i></p> <p>“To attend Cisco Junior College to be a special education teacher”</p>
<p><i>Maranda Jeter</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC, then major in marine biology”</p>	<p><i>Erica Kane</i></p> <p>“To attend Stephen F. Austin to be an actor/film maker/writer”</p>	<p><i>Douglas Kennedy</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT and to own my own club”</p>	<p><i>Emily Leach</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC and UNT to major in psychology”</p>	<p><i>Lane Loiselle</i></p> <p>“To attend Oklahoma State University to major in accounting”</p>

## Congratulations PHS 2008 Senior Class

<p><i>Amanda Louchery</i></p> <p>“To attend college”</p>	<p><i>Tiffany Lowry</i></p> <p>“To attend TWU and to become an orthodontist”</p>	<p><i>Ryan Lyles</i></p> <p>“To attend Trinity Valley Community College”</p>	<p><i>Orion Maple</i></p> <p>“To attend Devry to be an electrical engineer”</p>	<p><i>Megan Martin</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC for nursing”</p>
<p><i>Adam Martinez</i></p> <p>“To attend college to get a good job”</p>	<p><i>Ashley McBride</i></p> <p>“To attend TWU for teaching”</p>	<p><i>Katie McCullough</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT to be an English/ Spanish translator”</p>	<p><i>Micah McKenna</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT to become a forensic biologist”</p>	<p><i>Nathan McPherson</i></p> <p>“To go to college to earn a degree for a successful career”</p>
<p><i>Angie Meadows</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC and major in surgical technology”</p>	<p><i>Tate Moore</i></p> <p>“To attend Weatherford Junior College”</p>	<p><i>Jeanette Morales</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC and UNT for child psychology”</p>	<p><i>Kendabl Netterville</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT and then to become a tattoo artist”</p>	<p><i>Jamie Nunn</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT then transfer to A&amp;M to become a veterinarian”</p>
<p><i>Jordan Parr</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC to get a successful job”</p>	<p><i>Calvin Redfearn</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT and to own my own business”</p>	<p><i>Seth Reed</i></p> <p>“To attend Clarendon College for Ranch Management”</p>	<p><i>Chase Richman</i></p> <p>“To attend UNT to help get a nice job”</p>	<p><i>Jessica Rizer</i></p> <p>“To attend college and then be a cosmetologist”</p>
<p><i>Summer Sadiyeh</i></p> <p>“To attend TWU for fashion design”</p>	<p><i>Salvador Sandoval</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC”</p>	<p><i>Betty Sciscoe</i></p> <p>“To attend TCCC for aircraft management then be a corporate pilot”</p>	<p><i>Sky Sciscoe</i></p> <p>“To attend TCCC then OSU for aircraft management”</p>	<p><i>Mark Sevigne</i></p> <p>“To attend TWU for nursing”</p>
<p><i>Candice Smith</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC for radiology and sono tech”</p>	<p><i>Rachel Whited</i></p> <p>“To attend NCTC to be a sign language interpreter”</p>	<p><i>Chancy Williams</i></p> <p>“To attend college to be an amp mechanic”</p>	<p><i>Jackalyn Yancy</i></p> <p>“To go to college and to become an elementary teacher and a model”</p>	<p><i>Mark Yarrington</i></p> <p>“To go to college and be a teacher and coach”</p>

# Senior Awards



## DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Accounting ~ Lane Loisel  
ASL III ~ Ryan Lyles  
BCIS (12th) ~ Angeleena Young  
Business Law ~ Amanda Louchery  
Drama ~ Erica Kane  
Economics ~ Doug Kennedy  
English IV ~ Kelly Schmitz  
Government ~ Angie Meadows  
Newspaper ~ Lindsey Allen  
Personal Finance ~ Angeleena Young  
Physics ~ Angie Meadows

## "A" HONOR ROLL

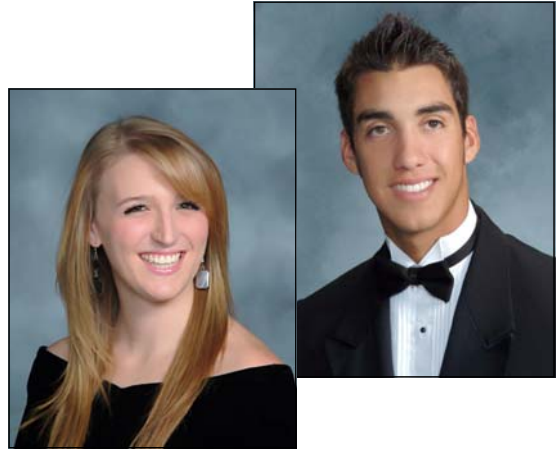
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Keegan Farley  
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Lane Loisel  
Megan Martin  
Katie McCullough  
Jamie Nunn  
Christopher Reed  
Kelly Schmitz

## "AB" HONOR ROLL

Jeffrey Congleton  
Courtney Cummings  
Larissa Estrada  
Edd Fletcher  
Kyle Futch  
Cambron James  
Alexis Jarrett  
Doug Kennedy  
Emily Leach  
Tiffany Lowry  
Ryan Lyles  
Orion Maple  
Angela Meadows  
Tate Moore  
Jordan Parr  
Summer Sadiyeh  
Lindsey Schmitz  
Angeleena Young

## CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Lindsey Allen



**Mr. and Miss PHS 2008**  
**Nathan McPherson &**  
**Katie McCullough**

*To remember the past  
of years gone by,  
My, how memories seem to fly.  
12 great years of life,  
love and friends,  
This is where the high school  
story ends.  
Now, on to the reality of life  
known true  
Where the real story ends  
is up to you!*

## Rodeo Finals Next Weekend

By Parker Brooks



The regular rodeo season has finished up for Ponder cowboys with only the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals left before the summer comes and the season ends. Only the competitors that finish in the top 15 of their event standings are allowed to proceed to this last rodeo. Several of Ponder's cowboys will be competing in the finals rodeo May 29-31 at the Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Senior Ryan Lyles who is the leader in the Chute Dogging competition will advance in that event as well as in the Steer Wrestling contest.

Another senior cowboy who will advance is Lane Loiselle who is going for the Calf Roping championship. Fellow cowboy Sophomore Taylor Stout will be his toughest competition as the incoming leader in calf roping. Stout has also advanced in ribbon roping.

Another sophomore cowboy in the finals is Cody Carmack who is ranked fifth in the Saddle Bronc event.

The freshmen who will be advancing are Tyler Ashman and Logan Loiselle. Ashman is advancing in the chute dogging and steer wrestling events, and Logan is moving forward in the ribbon roping and calf roping competitions.

The team is ranked fourth overall in team standings.

## Vercelli's

By John Boyer



When Max's Restaurant in downtown Krum called it quits, the Italian eatery Vercelli's made the former restaurant's building its new home. With several nearby competing restaurants, Vercelli's shouldn't worry, given their wide, enjoyable variety of traditional Italian cuisine.

Vercelli's is open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Though billing itself as a pizza and pasta joint, hungry patrons can be treated first to appetizers, with choices from Italian Nachos, calamari and Buffalo wings, then move on to salad. The main courses are a multifarious assortment of plates consisting of, along with pizza and pasta, calzones, Stromboli and Poutine, which Vercelli's menus designate as a "Canadian favorite."

If, after all this steaming-hot, herb-seasoned garlic bread, appetizers and rich entrées, a patron still has any bit of appetite that needs to be satiated, Vercelli's also sports an enjoyable variety of delectable

desserts, stored and displayed in a multi-shelved glass case from which customers can choose. Options include several types of cheesecake and the Italian favorite tiramisu.

Besides all that, the prices are quite reasonable. The most expensive item is the large Meat Lover's pizza at a mere \$16- preferable to the taste and quality of an equally priced, large pizza from any fast food place. If you've got a young kid with you, or you're just strapped for cash, Vercelli's also has a kid's menu with cut prices and cut portions. However, the down-home, chicly modest atmosphere of a quaint Italian restaurant in a small Texas town is free.

"I thought that the restaurant was very good, and I'm glad that Krum finally has an Italian place," junior Kristen Kimmel said.

## Farley

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"The academy just had more options than what the Naval and Air Force Academies could offer me," Farley said.

Last month, Farley departed from Love Field and landed in Kings Point, New York for orientation. Just outside New York City, Farley took a subway to the USMMA campus, where he stayed for two nights. During the daytime, he enjoyed sailboats and listened in on actual classes.

"It was a totally different world to me," Farley said, "but it was really neat to meet people who were similar to me in the way that we have the same goals."

Farley plans to major in logistics and intermodal transportation. During his second year at the USMMA, he will spend at least 300 days on a commercial ship to get on-job training. Instead of

sitting down in a class room during this time, he will work on projects to earn credit. When Farley nears graduation, he will have the option of going active military or taking a job in the shipping industry.

"I'm really hoping I'll get a naval flight spot because my heart lies with aviation," Farley said.

He leaves July 10 for indoctrination, similar to boot camp, and will not return home until Christmas Break.

"It is really sad because 2,000 miles is a long way from home," Farley said, "but everyone got along really well at the academy. I can't wait to be included in the Class of 2012."

**Iron Man & Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian**

By Kaleb Broadstreet

The summer movie season kicked off in May with the premieres of two blockbuster hopefuls: *Iron Man* and the second *Chronicles of Narnia* film—*Prince Caspian*.

*Iron Man* opened to rave reviews and huge crowds, making over 100 million the first weekend. In it, Tony Stark is a wealthy industrialist who has it all—money, power and women. But when he is kidnapped and forced to make a missile for his captors, he has a change of heart. Instead of building a missile, he builds an iron suit to help him escape from the captors. When he returns to the United States, he announces that his company will stop making weapons and he then uses his new suit to help people.



*Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* opened last weekend and finished first in box office sales. The storyline continues after the Pevensie children have returned from Narnia. They have been in the real world for one year when they are taken back to Narnia. Although it's only been one year for them, it has been a thousand years for Narnia. They return to find that an evil king has taken over Narnia. The Pevensie children then meet a young man named Prince Caspian with whom they team up to restore the rightful heir to the throne.

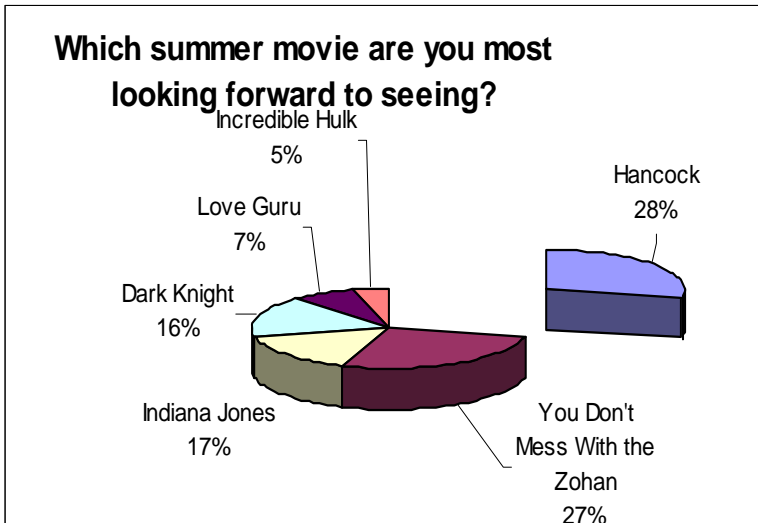


Both films are full of fantasy and action. *Ironman* is rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, and brief suggestive content. *Prince Caspian* is rated PG for epic battle action and violence.

**Movie Review**



**Summer Movie Poll**



**Movie Poll & Word Search**

by Kaleb Broadstreet

- GETSMART
- HANCOCK
- HELLBOY
- INDIANAJONES
- IRONMAN
- LOVEGURU
- MIKEMEYERS
- THEDARKKNIGHT
- THEINCREDIBLEHULK
- WALLE
- WANTED
- WILLSMITH
- ZOHAN

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