

Villanueva Will Walk On At ASU

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Quarterback Alex Villanueva will stay close to home as he follows his ambitions to play college football. Villanueva, who stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 204 pounds, was the Western Highlands 1A/2A Conference Offensive Player of the Year last fall. He will attend Appalachian State University this fall as he continues his football career as a walk on with

the Mountaineers. And the Mountaineers will inherit a very talented athlete. A successful football player on the grid iron, Villanueva was also stand out basketball player earning all-conference honors last season, and he was also a three-time state qualifier in men's track. Villanueva, who plans to major in appropriate technology, which deals with solar panels and windmills, hopes to earn a master's degree in petroleum engineering. Villanueva was a three-year varsity starter for the Vikings; he joined the varsity and started Avery's playoff game in 2008 his freshman year.

He was named the WHC 1A/2A Conference Male Athlete of the Year. He threw for 2,387 yards with 23 touchdown passes, and he ran for 756 yards and 12 TD in 2011. He threw for 1,716 yards his sophomore year with 19 TD tosses; but he was injured for part of his junior year. Villanueva was 21-18 as a starting quarterback, and he led the Vikings to the state playoffs three times. His best season came in 2010, when he led Avery to the Class 1A Western Finals. Villanueva will play in the East-West Senior All-Star Game at Grimsley High School in Greensboro, July 18.

Avery coach Darrell Brewer will be an assistant coach with the West team.

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