

THE BLACK KNIGHTS' SWORD



NOVEMBER 2023

WHEN THE NATION COMES CALLING...





Cadet Master Sergeant Angel Bustillo enlisted into the United States Army Reserve in October.





Congratulations to Angel Bustillo answering the call of a grateful nation to serve faithfully in the United States Army. In October, Angel, with the approval of his parents, met all the requirements to join the military. He enlisted into the Army Reserve as an 11th grader where he will ship to basic training next summer and return to high school for his senior year. He will train to be an "Aviation Operations Specialist" working with and around helicopters (rotary wing).

His ultimate SMART goal is to apply and be accepted in the United States Military Academy at West Point where he will be able to serve as an Army officer. He is the first person in his family to serve in the U.S. military, and he is extremely excited to meet all requirements, and he will serve this great nation proudly. Congratulate him if you see him in the halls of Sam Houston MSTC!

SUPPORT YOUR BLACK KNIGHTS



SAM HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL AJROTC FUNDRAISER 2023

Fundraising continues to be vital for the success of our program. The funds will help offset costs for equipment, competition, gear, and other JROTC expenses. Each cadet has a monetary goal, please consider donating and sharing via text message, email, and social media so that they may reach it. Your donation is greatly appreciated and you will be emailed a tax-deductible receipt for your contribution. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!





"TO MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE BETTER CITIZENS"



BACK-TO-BACK FALL CLASSIC DRILL MEET CHAMPIONS

OCTOBER 28, 2023

The HISD JROTC hosted the annual "Fall Classic Drill Meet" at Waltrip High School. Under exceptional circumstances, cadets were instructed to wear civilian attire to compete, and the Black Knights opted to wear the Black Knights t-shirt, jeans, and drill shoes.

The team arrived at school just before 6am to finalize all dress requirements, logistics, and accountability. Last year, the team won a decisive victory at the drill meet, and they sought to repeat in that effort. They did exactly that.



ABOVE: Primary and secondary color guards followed by the female fitness team.

RESULTS

Armed Drill: 1st
Unarmed Drill: 2nd

Primary Color Guard: 1st Secondary Color Guard: 1st

Female Fitness: 1st
Male Fitness: 1st
Marksmanship: 11th
Flag Folding: 6th
Archery: 9th

School Scores

Sam Houston: 6590

Scarborough HS:5989

Bellaire HS: 4697

Stafford HS: 4342

Waltrip HS: 4342

Right: Raider Teams competing at Booker T Washington HS for







Left: Black Knights
Express (Unarmed
drill team) prepares
to take the drill pad.
Cadet SFC David
Barajas commands
the team.



Cadet SSG Diego Roldan earned #1 male in the physical fitness competition for Fall Classic with 75 push ups, 88 curl ups, and a 5:30 one mile run. He is the commander of the Raider Team during his senior campaign at Sam Houston.

PRINCIPAL SUPPORT



Dr. Linares supports
the Black Knights as
well as the faculty on
the campus. In fact, a
few teachers showed
up at Fall Classic to
cheer on the team as
they took the drill pad
to compete. The Black
Knights are grateful to
have such wonderful
teachers and
administrators who
support the students in
all that they do.

COLLEGE FAIR SUPPORT



In October, the Black Knights supported the annual Sam Houston MSTC college fair by setting up the tables and chairs, escorting college representatives to their stations, and escorting seniors to the event. Mrs. Tiffany Nixon, coordinator one from North Division of HISD in the office of College, Career, and Military Readiness, coordinated with the JROTC staff to make sure the event was successful. She thanked the Black Knights for their efforts.

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BATTALION COMMANDER

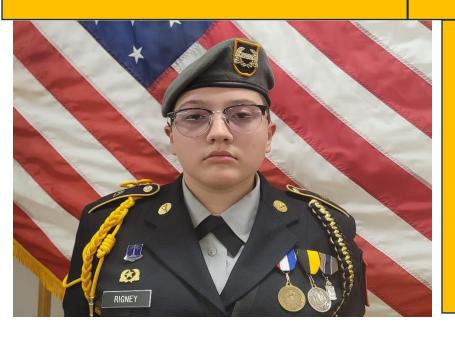
Greetings to all, we are pushing through the year and thriving as we do. Our battalion continues to prove our excellence by winning 1st place overall for Fall Classic. Most importantly, we continue to guide our cadets to become citizens that are leaders, others look up to and follow behind. We prioritize the future of those who come into our program. We do so by giving opportunities to explore options that will best put them in a position of success.



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

Greetings to all, The Black Knights continue to be on a roll as we once again are the Fall Classic overall meet champions. Cadets are doing great things inside the classroom and outside the classroom as they prepare for another upcoming competition on November 18th.

There is much more coming from this historic program as we also prepare for San Antonio. Best of luck to our cadets and may they continue to dominate. GO BLACK KNIGHTS!!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hello Black Knights! We have accomplished so much in only just this month. We are going to continue to strive for the best and more. In all we accomplished this month, I cannot wait to see everything else we will soon accomplish this year. Strive high Black Knights! Staff, out inspection is coming up, so stay focused and ready to present and be the best.