



THE CHALLENGE

February 26, 2021



WINTER STORM RESOURCES

Are you still without food, water, or power? Do you need a safe place to talk about your experience? Please contact ablocker@cis-houston.org for assistance. All submissions are kept confidential.

Houston Food Bank

Find the nearest food bank and their service hours at houstonfoodbank.org/find-help/agency-locator/

Broken Pipes and Home Repairs

For funding to assist with plumbing and home repairs, please text **HOUSTONFREEZE** to **898211**. Also, act with caution when seeking home repairs from contractors. For signs of scams and best practices, visit trla.org/home-repair-scams.

FEMA Relief

To apply for federal emergency funds, visit disasterassistance.gov or call **1-800-621-3362** or **1-800-462-7585**. Funding is available for businesses and individuals.

Access a complete list of HISD resources (including food distribution, financial aid, and legal assistance) at houstonisd.org/winterstorm.



Manuel Bernardo Villatoro

May 21, 1997- February 12, 2021

The Challenge Early College High School community mourns the loss of Manuel Villatoro - Class of 2015. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family, friends and other loved ones.

As a member of the Class of 2015, Manuel made everyone around him laugh and enjoy the moments they got to share together - and those memories will be cherished by all of us who had the opportunity to work with Manuel.

One of Manuel's most memorable quotes came from a class-wide project where he said: "Something that I know is that I like it when people doubt me because I like proving people wrong." One thing that is beyond doubt is how deeply he will be missed and how many people's lives he touched in a positive way.



OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES

If you have any questions or need application advice regarding these programs, please reach out to **Yarselyn Flores** on GroupMe or Teams

National Hispanic Institute

NHI strives to develop community leadership skills in high school youth. The first meeting for Houston NHI is this **Sunday, February 28th from 12 pm to 2 pm**. Click this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/nhimeeting1>

Atlas Scholars

The application for this paid professional development internship is due **March 12th**. Join the **informational session on Wednesday, March 3rd** using this link <https://tinyurl.com/atlasinfosess>

Student Achievements

At the HUDL/CASE City Tournament preliminaries, the entire Challenge Debate Team was honored with the HUDL City-Wide Spirit Award. Kafi Umma Tul also earned the 2nd Outstanding Speaker Award and placed 2nd in JVLD with a 4-0 record. Congratulations Eagles!

Virtual Study Hall

Having difficulty in your AP class? Then join the Virtual Study Hall every Tuesday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Get personalized feedback, advice, and tutoring from other AP teachers in a variety of subjects across the district. Use this link to join: <http://bit.ly/VirtualStudyHallAdvanced>

Selection Period

Parents will have from **Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 5**, to select their child's mode of instruction through the HISD Connect Parent Portal "Forms" section. The 5th six-week period begins on March 22. If parents would like to keep their selection as-is, no action is needed.