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from Westside High School

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February 17, 2020

Westside's Teachers of the Year!

Congratulations to Westside's Teachers of the Year; Ms. Kaitlin Kindred and Ms. Ashley Strickland. Ms. Kindred was selected as Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Strickland as Beginning Teacher of the

Year, by their peers at Westside.

As part of HISD's program recognizing teaching excellence, our honorees will be considered among Teacher of the Year winners from other campuses across the district.

All of the nominees will be honored on May 1st at HISD's 2020 Celebration of Excellence recognition banquet.

Both of our honorees this year are US History teachers. In addition to being skillful and dedicated teachers, the most important criterion in the evaluation process is the teacher's ability to inspire a love of learning in students from all backgrounds and abilities. Congratulations and good luck in the District selection process!



Kaitlin Kindred, left, and Ashley Strickland, right.

Calendar

February 18

Course Selection Night for Incoming 9th Grade, 6 PM in the LC

ComedySportz, 7 PM at Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow

February 20

School Tour, 1:30 PM

February 22

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

February 25

Shades of Blue, 6 PM in the Commons

February 29

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

March 2

PTO Meeting in the Learning Commons, Social at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7 PM

Wolf Wrestlers Headed to State

By Coach Froehlich



For the 8th consecutive year, Westside is sending multiple wrestlers to the STATE tournament.

This past weekend, Westside had 5 Regional place winners and finished in the top 5 in the Team standings again for the 3rd time in the last 4 years.

Seniors Christian Lopez and Daelon Clark made the Regional Finals.

This was Christians 3rd consecutive time in the Regional Finals. He beat the #4 Ranked wrestler in the State and was crowned Regional Champion.

Regional place Winners :

- ◆ 113- Rendy Pelayo 4th Place (STATE QUALIFIER)
- ◆ 120- Christian Lopez Regional Champion (STATE Qualifier)
- ◆ 132- Freddie Pagan 5th Place (STATE qualifier)
- ◆ 182- Carter Bennett- 6th Place
- ◆ 220- Daelon Clark 2nd Place (STATE Qualifier)

The STATE Tournament is HERE IN HOUSTON this Friday and Saturday at the Berry Center. We hope that you all can make it to cheer these kids on in their hunt for a STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Inertia Makes Impression at MA Dance

Congratulations to the Inertia Dance Company for receiving the following awards at the MA Dance Competition:

- 1st Place - Small Ensemble Boys
- 1st Place - Large Ensemble Girls
- 2nd Place - Large Ensemble Boys
- 1st Place - Novelty Team Dance
- 1st Place - Contemporary Team Dance
- 1st Place - Open Team Dance
- 1st Place - Hiphop Team Dance
- Super sweepstake Award
- 2nd Place Overall Team
- Award for Outstanding Choreography
- Award for Dance Technique
- Judges award for Open Team Dance
- Judges award for Boys Large Ensemble
- 1st Place Award for outstanding team

Awards for soloists/duets:

- 1st Place - Arnol Nolasco (Collegiate)
- 2nd Place - Zoe Ly (Senior 16-17)
- 3rd Place - Andrea Minotti (Senior 17-18)
- 3rd Place Duet - Tassi Atchala and Yildiz Ulugun
- 5th Place - Brianna Dorantes (Senior 17-18)
- 5th Place - Kaiya Williams (Senior 17-18)

Go Wolves! Way to represent Westside!

HISD MA COMPETITION

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE INERTIA
COMPANY FOR
WINNING THE
FOLLOWING AWARDS**

- Super Sweepstakes Award
- First Place Dance Team
- Outstanding Choreography and Dance Technique
- 1st Place in all Team Dances
- Judges Award for Ensembles
- AND MORE!



Wolves Dissecting Sharks



Juniors and seniors in Westside High School's Aquatic Science classes completed a dissection lab last week. The groups dissected Dogfish Sharks and compared to the anatomy of the Blue Tilapia that they have been raising in their aquariums this spring semester.



Tennis Team Takes 2nd Overall at Harlingen Invitational

By Coach Leija

Congratulations to the Westside Varsity tennis team for an outstanding performance over the weekend at the Harlingen Elite Invitational tennis tournament in Harlingen, TX.

Jordan Jovtchev claimed the boys singles title to improve his season record to 16-2, while Samuel Sperling placed 5th in the competition.

Moira Silva and Elisa Rodriguez truly dominated their competition to win first place in girls doubles. The doubles pair won 48 straight games and didn't lose a single game to claim the title.

Lucia Rodriguez and Mario Urdaneta took home 2nd place in Mixed Doubles, while Megan Heng had a strong showing by placing 4th in girls singles.

In boys doubles, Evan Luo and Raymond Noble claimed 4th place while Reshmanth Gummadi and Carlos Rincon placed 7th.



The Westside tennis team placed 2nd overall in the team competition falling a few points short of 6A Regional Semi-Finalist Harlingen South.

Congratulations once again for an outstanding performance this past weekend!

Go Wolves!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOSA MEMBERS/OFFICERS GOING TO STATE!



- LORI YOUNES (12)
- JOSHUA HUBBARD (12)
- CHRIS LOH (12)
- JULIO AULAR (12)
- MAILEY KEY (12)
- EVAN LUO (12)
- PRANAV GOPALAKRISHNAN (12)
- PEDRAM HAJYKARIN (12)

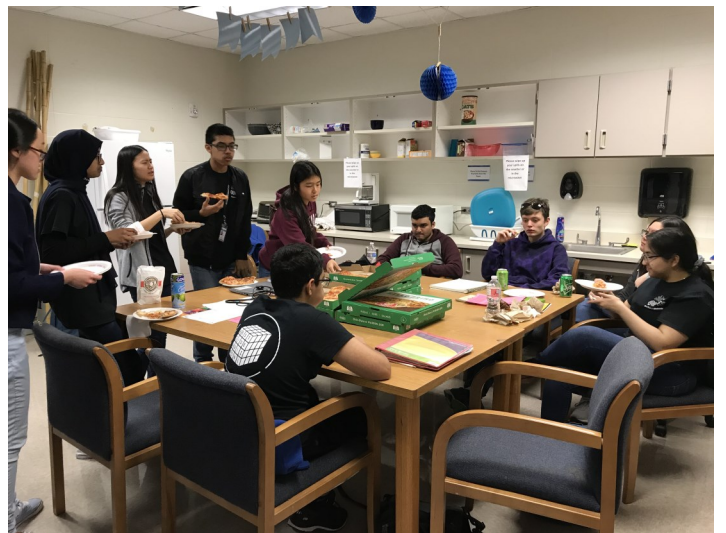


Quiz Bowl Team Hosted Tourney

Westside High School hosted the Wolves Den Invitational Quiz Bowl Tournament on Saturday February 8, 2020. Twenty-eight teams from regional public and private high schools participated. The top 8 teams qualified for the National Quiz Bowl competition to take place in Atlanta In May.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, inter-scholastic activity where teams compete to answer questions quickly and correctly.

Quiz bowl questions range over the entire spectrum of a high school curriculum, including questions about Arts, Literature, History, Geography, Science and Math. Quiz Bowl topics also include a certain amount of current events, sports, and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Quiz Bowl can reinforce classroom lessons and also encourage players to go beyond their assignments to master other areas as well.



Drone Club Gets Second at Flight Event

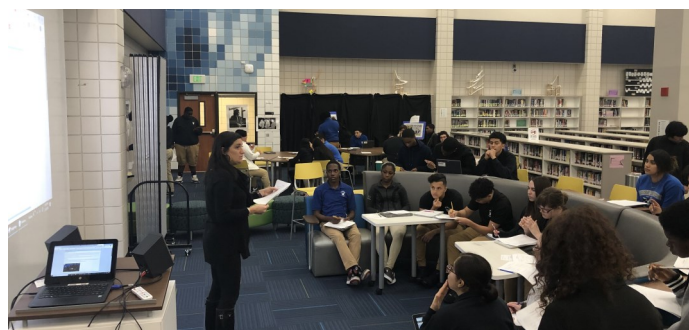
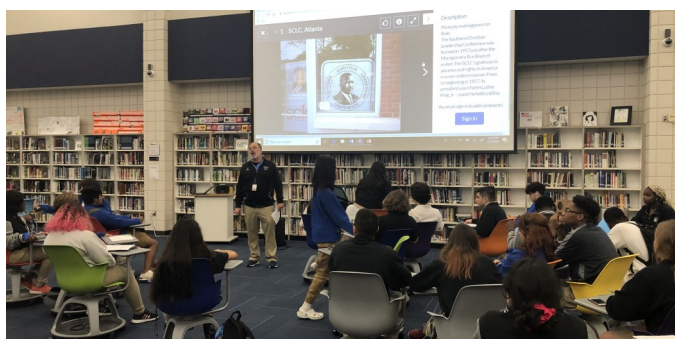


The Westside Drone Club competed in the HISD Drone Competition on Saturday, February 15th at Booker T. Washington High School. The students did a great job representing Westside and placed 2nd in the Coding/ Autonomous Flight event. This is only the second year Westside has competed and first time they have placed. Congrats to all that competed!

Pictured is Ridwan Islam, Grade 9, and Mahmood Al-Omeri, Grade 11, with their Silver Medal.

Civil Rights Day in the LC

American History students participated in Civil Rights Day event in the Learning Commons. They traveled through stations and used QR codes to link to videos about famous people who worked in the Civil Rights movement and events that took place during that time. At another station they saw Civil Rights artifacts and took a sample literacy test that African Americans would have had to take in order to vote.



Girls Soccer Breaks Bellaire's Winning Streak



Lady Wolves Soccer win one for the books last week with overall amazing team effort and energy! Varsity defeats Bellaire 1-0, snapping the Cardinals' 46-game district unbeaten streak. Go Wolves !

Speech & Debate Update

By Mr. Schwerdtfeger

Congratulations to our TFA State Qualifiers! Students needed to earn 12 points in their event in order to qualify. The following students will be representing Westside at the State tournament in El Paso March 4-8, 2020.

- Sprio Hoxha
(Lincoln Douglas Debate)
 - 2 Points at Cy-Creek
 - 4 Points at Cy-Ridge
 - 2 Points at Jersey Village
 - 6 Points at Elkins
- Mahintha Karthik and Townes Schultz
(Policy Debate)
 - 8 Points at Cy-Creek
 - 6 Points at Cy-Fair
 - 6 Points at Dulles
 - 4 Points at Katy Taylor
- Sripad Yadagiri and Asia Hossain
(Policy Debate)
 - 8 Points at Kingwood
 - 4 Points at Elkins

Congratulations to our City Championship Qualifiers! Students qualified by placing in the top 16 teams in Policy and Lincoln Douglas Debate, and placing in the top 8 teams in Public Forum. The following students will be representing Westside at the City Championship at the Jack Casey Federal Courthouse February 22, 2020.

- Runtian Du (Lincoln Douglas Debate)
- Aishi Gulati (Lincoln Douglas Debate)
- Megan McKay (Lincoln Douglas Debate)
- Sripad Yadagiri and Asia Hossain (Policy Debate)
- Daniel Ensandoost and Sarvesh Jadhav (Policy Debate)
- Gaurav Dutta and Amaya Jacob (Public Forum)



TFA State Qualifiers

Left to right: Mahintha Karthik, Townes Schultz, Spiro Hoxha, Sripad Yadagiri, Asia Hossain



City Championship Qualifiers

Left to right: Megan McKay, Runtian Du, Aishi Gulati, Gaurav Dutta, Asia Hossain, Amaya Jacob, Sripad Yadagiri, Sarvesh Jadhav (not pictured), Daniel Ensandoost (not pictured)

Photography Students Receive Gold, Silver Key Awards

Ms. Schrynemeecker's Photography students have made an impressive showing in the first round of the Scholastic Art & Writing competition.

Thirteen Westside students received honorable mentions for their work. Additionally, 5 received Silver Key awards and their works will go on display at Texas Art Supply. Five Wolves earned Gold Key

awards; their entries will be displayed at The Galleria and considered for advancement to regional/national level honors.

Silver Key Award Recipients

- Valentina Baffoni
- Layla Rocke
- Ashley Canady
- Jose Flores
- Michelle Delgado

Gold Key Award Recipients



Gloria Huan—"Allegros in Nature"



Parker Arbaugh—"The Liquid Frame"



Valentina Baffoni—"Patient"



Melany Perez—"Whispers of Fire"



Rilyn Paré—"Touch of Color"

Announcements

Come Out & Support
PlayOffs Round 1
TUESDAY
FEB 18
6 PM
@ DELMAR
vs. Cy-Fair

Lady Wolves
BASKETBALL



ATTENTION STUDENTS WHO CONTRIBUTED
TO SouperBowl OF CARING!!

PICK UP YOUR WRISTBAND FROM YOUR HOUSE
SECRETARY ON TUES, 2/18 OR WED, 2/19 FOR
YOUR ALTERNATE DRESS DAY ON 02/20/20!



Announcements

2020 FOUR STAR LEADERSHIP

FOUR STAR LEADERSHIP IS UNIQUE. Students will be challenged with practical leadership and ethical scenarios and then asked to address them individually in a persuasive speech and writing competition as well as collaboratively in an Ethics Bowl competition.

The program includes team-building exercises, spontaneous problem solving and coaching in persuasive speaking and writing. The program is FREE to students.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE. Students have an opportunity to earn scholarships, gain internships and invaluable leadership experience. Students who attend Four Star Leadership with General Tommy Franks will have a distinct advantage heading to college and in their early career. Many former attendees have received letters of recommendation to colleges.

PROVEN SUCCESS. Since 2008, Four Star Leadership has welcomed over 600 U.S. high school students from 48 different states as well as 48 international students. Working with a range of leaders, including dignitaries, politicians and star athletes, students have explored critical national and international ethical issues such as education reform, foreign policy and entitlement spending.

Four Star Leadership is a world-class summer leadership program allowing 70 top high school students to have face-to-face experiences with inspirational leaders. Four Star Leadership 2020 will be held July 12-17 in Oklahoma City. The deadline for applications is April 20.

FREE, ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

EXPERT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PROVEN LEADERS. Students have face-to-face experiences with national and international leaders.

EXPERIENCES. Students will visit several halls of leadership including the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum, the Oklahoma State Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, The Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum and more.

ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS AND TRAVEL. Rooms, meals and transportation are provided at no charge to the participants. Rooms are provided by Oklahoma Christian University and meals are provided and furnished by the generosity of our sponsors. Students will be supervised and cared for by trained, professional adults 24 hours a day.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. Students will have the opportunity to earn more than \$30,000 in scholarships, learn life-changing lessons and receive endorsements and recommendations for future leadership positions.

- \$5,000 - First Place Persuasive Speech
- \$2,500 - Second Place Persuasive Speech
- \$5,000 - First Place Journaling
- \$2,500 - Second Place Journaling
- \$5,000 - First Place Four Star Leader
- \$2,500 - Second Place Four Star Leader
- \$2,000 - First Place Ethics Bowl per team member



LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS. Four Star Leadership is looking for top high school leaders from around the globe. Attendees should have the ability to build relationships and motivate peers to action. They should be quick on their feet, eager to engage in active dialogue, willing to develop independent ideas and able to communicate effectively.

- Students will be asked to:
- Engage national and global leaders
 - Collaborate with peers
 - Research and debate ethical issues
 - Develop creative solutions
 - Write and present a persuasive speech
 - Communicate through written exercises
 - Participate in an Ethics Bowl
 - Exhibit the core leadership principles: Character, Common Vision, Communication and Caring

★ APPLY TODAY!

Are you ready to take the challenge and accept the opportunity?
Join us by applying today at
FOURSTARLEADER.COM

THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS.



Four Star Leadership SPEAKERS

Every year Four Star introduces students to dynamic speakers and leaders that are experts in their field. Four Star provides an opportunity for students to engage those presenters in discussion.

While this year's speakers are still being scheduled, past speakers provide a snapshot of the quality of the program:

King Abdullah II, Gov. Mike Huckabee, Gov. Mary Fallin,

Sec. Jack Kemp, Gov. Bill Richardson, Judge Napolitano, Sen. James Inhofe, Olympic gold-medalist Michelle Smith, Pirooah Dumae, Martin L. Edelman, Karl Rowe, Col. Allan West, Dermot Aherm, former Irish minister, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur, Sen. Stephanie Bice and Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell.

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FEBRUARY 27, 2020

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Announcements

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SHADES OF BLUE

2020

TUESDAY, FEB 25, 2020

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RSVP FOR DINNER (\$15)

DANCING: FREE

CONCERT ADMISSION: FREE

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

RSVP HERE!

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2020

*Graduation
Ceremony*

**JUNE 6
3 PM
NRG STADIUM**

Lunch & Learn

*EC for History
classes!*

**GUEST SPEAKER: IMPACT
OF THE MIGRATION
OF HORSES THROUGHOUT
TIME**


*Pack your
lunch*

Feb. 21

*11:34
in the LC*

Sp Adobe Spark

Announcements



Presented by
Westside
Principal &
Deans

Choose your
courses for next
year

Info on Westside's
Career Pathway
options

COURSE SELECTION NIGHT


**FOR INCOMING
9TH GRADE
STUDENTS & PARENTS**

Bring most
recent
Student
Report Card

FEB 18 6 PM

LEARNING COMMONS

Westside High School
14201 Briar Forest
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SCHOOL TOURS OFFERED 5-6 PM

Hosted by WHS students!

For more information contact E. Jane Miller: emiller4@houstonisd.org/(281)920-8000, ext. 4



Submit safety and security recommendations to improve safety across the district.

Click [here](#) to submit
your feedback.

HOUSTON URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

2020 SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE

DATE: SUN., JULY 12 - FRI., JULY 17
LOCATION: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MAIN CAMPUS
COST: IT'S FREE!
DEADLINE: FRI., APRIL 3
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Announcements

Saturday Tutorials

February

22nd & 29th

9-10 AM

10-11 AM

11 AM-12 Noon

Bring ID's, laptops, and assignments!
No hoodies please!

*Does your student
need some extra help?*

*Send them to
lunch / after school
tutorials!*

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