



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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February 24, 2020

## Westside Senior Featured on Fox 26

Westside senior, Van-key "Blu" Burks, was honored by Fox 26 today on their "Making the Grade" segment. Click [here](#) to view the video featuring Blu along with our cheerleaders, girls basketball team, and the drumline. Principal Stewart, Associate Principal Davis, Blu's basketball coach, Troy Gillespie, and her favorite teacher, Mr. Andrade, were all included in this award presentation. Congratulations to Blu! She has fought to overcome obstacles and inspires others to persevere through tough times.



## Calendar

**February 25**  
Shades of Blue, 6 PM in the Commons

**February 29**  
Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

**March 2**  
**PTO Meeting Canceled**

**March 7**  
Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

**March 16-20**  
Spring Break

## *No March PTO Meeting*

Last PTO Meeting for 2019-2020  
Monday, April 6th  
Learning Commons at 7 PM

If you are interested in serving:  
-PTO Executive Board Committee  
-Teacher Appreciation    -Homecoming 2020  
-Fundraising               -Communications  
Please email: [Whsptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:Whsptovolunteers@gmail.com)



## Photography Students Bring Home 49 Medals from VASE

Thirty Westside Photography students won a total of forty-nine medals at the Visual Art Scholastic Event competition earlier this month. Congratulations to all of our talented artists, including five students who were awarded Area Medals and will advance to the State competition (entries pictured here): Sarah Alvarado, Parker Arbaugh, Maya Cano, Jose Flores, and Dharma Lopez.



Jose Flores—"Gaia"

### Regional Medalists

D. Allen	A. Licona
S. Alvarado	N. Mitri
M. Alvarez	Y. Navarro
V. Baffoni	M. Negash
A. Biek	A. Ortiz
A. Canady	R. Pare
I. Figuerido	M. Perez
V. Haj	Z. Perez
A. Haque	T. Qureshi
M. Hirano	E. Roach
G. Huan	S. Shamaly
K. Lee	H. Vu



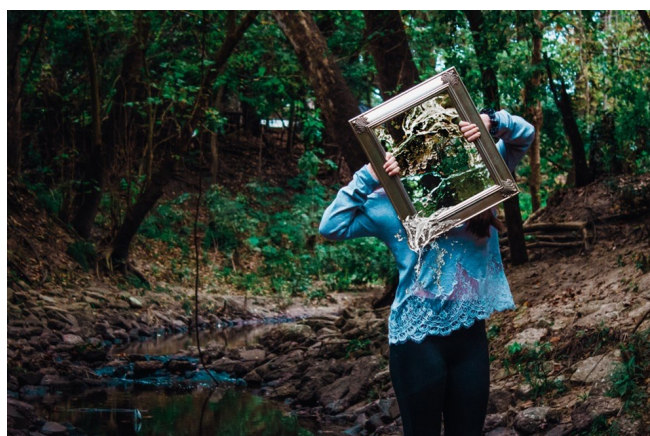
Maya Cano—"Ties of Two"



Parker Arbaugh—"Water Bending"



Sarah Alvarado—"Zenith"



Parker Arbaugh—"The Liquid Frame"



Dharma Lopez—"Boys Don't Cry"



## Two Wolves Wrestle at State

Congratulations to our two Wolves who participated in the UIL State Wrestling meet over the weekend at the Berry Center. Christian Lopez placed 2nd in State in the 120 lb. weight class in a nail-biter championship round. Daelon Clark, 220 lb., made it to the consolation quarter finals and finished 8th in State.

Christian has a high school career record of 188 victories (all-time school record), averaging 47 wins per year. He is a four time District Champ, three-time Regional Finalist, four-time State Qualifier, and three-time State-Placer.

Coach Michael Froehlich tweeted about Christian, "We are very proud of him for fighting through each second with heart". In another Tweet, Coach Travis Carter praised Daelon on how far he has come.

Westside is proud of our Wolves and coaches and all of their accomplishments. Way to go, Wolves Wrestlers!



Christian Lopez, left, in the Championship Round



Daelon Clark, right, finishes in the top 8



## JV Boys Basketball Win District



Congratulations to Westside JV boys basketball team. They won district by defeating Sam Houston in a fierce winner-takes-all season finale! Congratulations gentlemen on an awesome district championship run and a great season. GO WOLVES!!!

## Analyzing Data on Paper Helicopters



Mr. Schroeder's 4th period AP Stats class recorded data on the performance of various paper helicopter designs. They launched the copters from the balcony above the main office and compared the rate of descent with length of rotors and weight as variables.

## Interested in Dual Credit Classes for 2020-2021?

Now is the time to register for Dual Credit classes for next year:

- Dual Credit English (12th)
- Dual Credit U.S. History (11th)
- College Algebra (after 4th year of high school math)

Students must do the following:

### 1. Qualify for Dual Credit

- English – Score of 4000 on English 2 STAAR
- U.S. History – Score of 4000 on English 2 STAAR

(Students take this test in the next few weeks. Scores will not come back until the very end of the year.)

- College Algebra – Score of 4000 on Algebra STAAR
- Students can take the TSIA to qualify. (Directions in packet. They will have to go to HCC to take this assessment. You must register in advance – see Dean Matlock in East 2.)

### 2. Apply to HCC and receive an HCC ID#

### 3. Complete all paperwork and submit to Dean Matlock in East 2 by 5/15/20.

Packets are available in any house office. Need help? See Dean Matlock in E2 or email: [smatlock@houstonisd.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonisd.org)

## T-Pro Wins Awards at Wimberley Theatre Festival

### Westside Wins Big at Wimberley Lone Star Theatre Festival 2020



Luke Stodghill: "Best Performer"

Daniel Phillips: "All Star Cast Member"

Erin Valdes: "Honorable Mention All Star Cast Member"

Emerson Ardon: "Honorable Mention All Star Cast Member"





## Pride Rakes in Accolades & Awards

# Congratulations Pride!



**American Competition**



### Team:

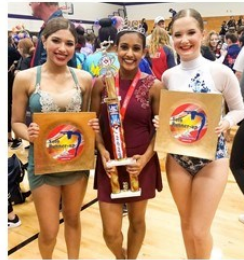
Division 1 Elite Team  
Sweepstakes Award  
Judges Award Team  
Pom  
Silver for technique and  
choreography  
5<sup>th</sup> Overall highest GPA  
2<sup>nd</sup> runner up team

### Officers:

Sweepstakes and Gussie  
Neil Davis Award  
Judges Award Officer  
Jazz  
Judges Award Officer  
Lyrical  
Bronze in choreography  
1<sup>st</sup> runner up officers

### Solos:

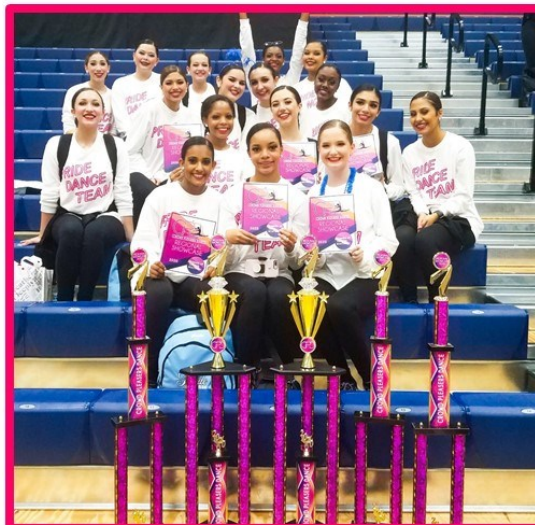
4<sup>th</sup> runner up Marley  
Kiser  
2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Camila  
Corredor  
Winner Sri Kannah



# Congratulations Pride!

### Team:

Elite Team Sweepstakes  
Superior Sweepstakes  
1<sup>st</sup> runner up Elite  
contemporary  
2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Jazz  
Winner Team Kick  
1<sup>st</sup> runner up Team Pom  
2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Overall  
Team

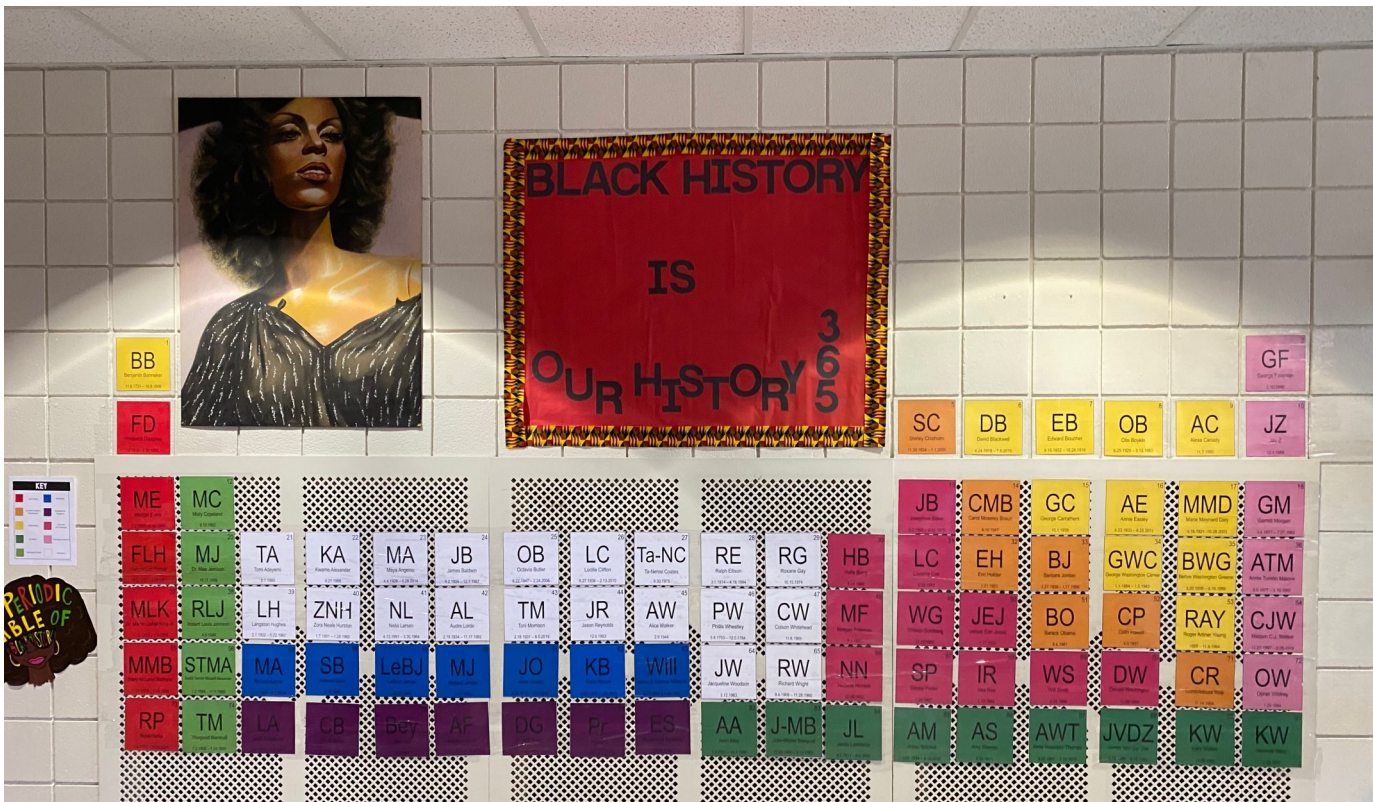


### Officers:

Superior Sweepstakes  
1<sup>st</sup> runner up Officer  
Jazz  
1<sup>st</sup> runner up Officer  
Lyrical  
Winner Officer Prop  
1<sup>st</sup> runner up Officer  
Grand Champion



# February is Black History Month



Westside's Campus Instructional Technologist, Ms. Merriweather, worked with students to create this Periodic Table of Black History. Students can log in to the Hub to participate in an online trivia contest. It references the lives and contributions of artists, activists, politicians, authors, musicians, entrepreneurs, and more featured in the table.

## U.S. Census 2020

### They grow up so fast. Now's your chance to shape their future.

**A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.**

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

**You have the power to shape your future, and the future of all children, by counting everyone in your home in the 2020 Census.**

Learn more about how you can shape your future at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV).

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at [CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](https://CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS).

Shape  
your future  
START HERE >

### Los niños crecen tan rápido. Ahora es su oportunidad para darle forma a su futuro.

**Un niño de kinder que se cuente en el Censo del 2020 estará comenzando la escuela secundaria cuando llegue el próximo censo en el 2030. Eso equivale a 10 años de artículos escolares, maestros, almuerzos escolares y mucho más. Esto es su oportunidad de ayudar a garantizar que los niños tengan un futuro brillante.**

En este momento, los estudiantes a través de todo el país están aprendiendo sobre el Censo del 2020 por medio del programa Estadísticas en las Escuelas. Este programa ofrece materiales y recursos gratuitos a las escuelas para ayudar a preparar a los estudiantes a vivir en un mundo cada vez más orientado a los datos.

Los estudiantes están aprendiendo que el Censo del 2020 es el conteo de todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos y en sus territorios. Responder al formulario del censo ayuda a que su comunidad reciba los fondos que necesita. Los resultados del censo ayudan a determinar como más de \$675 mil millones en fondos federales se distribuyen cada año a los estados y comunidades para escuelas, clínicas de salud y hospitales, carreteras, transporte público, centros de recreación, servicios sociales y más.

**Usted tiene el poder de darle forma a su futuro y al futuro de nuestros niños al contar a todos en su hogar en el Censo del 2020.**

**Aprenda más sobre cómo puede ayudar a darle forma a su futuro en [2020CENSUS.GOV/ES](https://2020CENSUS.GOV/ES). Obtenga más información sobre el programa de Estadísticas en las Escuelas en [CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](https://CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS).**

Dale forma  
a tu futuro  
EMPieza AQUÍ >



## Announcements

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# SHADES OF BLUE

**2020**

**TUESDAY, FEB 25, 2020**

**WESTSIDE HS COMMONS**

**\*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

## 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
- \$2,000 - First Place Ethics Bowl

*per team member*

**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, Prosech Dumas, Martin L. Edman, Karl Rove, Col. Allen West, Dermot Ahern, former Irish minister, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur, Sen. Stephanie Bice and Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell.

Students at the 2020 Four Star Leadership with General Tommy Franks program will get to listen and speak to current leaders that are shaping our world.

**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](http://FOURSTARLEADER.COM)

**THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS.**







## 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**  
**SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY**

Meet new like-minded people in a place for budding brainiacs. Learn skills such as public speaking, research, and more! Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to have your voice be heard and make your case to **WIN! WIN! WIN!**










## HOUSTON PEACE

Youth Violence Prevention Coalition  
*"Providing Youth Opportunities" Houston's Hope For Peace*



## "SPRING INTO ACTION" YOUTH SUMMIT

MONDAY | 03.16.2020 | 8:00 AM-6:00 PM  
 GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER | 3RD FLOOR  
 1001 AVENIDA DE LAS AMERICAS HOUSTON, TX 77010  
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**A DAY OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT!! YOUTH (7TH-12TH GRADE)**

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- RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- YOUTH INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
- PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS
- PANEL DISCUSSION
- JOB OPPORTUNITIES
- RESOURCE MARKETPLACE
- AND MUCH MORE!!!



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- TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
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**REGISTRATION OPENS 02/03/20-03/08/20**  
**REGISTER AT: [WWW.HOUSTON4PEACE.ORG](http://WWW.HOUSTON4PEACE.ORG)**  
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

**REGISTER HERE!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**  
[HOUSTONPEACE@HOUSTONTX.GOV](mailto:HOUSTONPEACE@HOUSTONTX.GOV)







## Announcements

### Saturday Tutorials

# February

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!*

*Click [here](#) for the  
Westside Tutorials  
Schedule*

They may attend any teacher's  
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## Announcements



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OF THE  
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CANIDAE

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BOOK**

**YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE**  
**ONLINE:** [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

&

**WESTSIDE'S**

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**AT SCHOOL: IN A216**

**\$85**

Questions?

See Ms. Roberts, A216

**VIPS** 

Do you plan to **VOLUNTEER**  
this year?

Athletics ~ Band  
PTO ~ Field Trips ~ T-Pro

- You must be cleared through HISD
- Renewal required every year

Click [here](#) to get cleared!



**City of Houston 2020 Summer Jobs Program**

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

- Must be 16-24 year old
- Resides within Houston city limits
- Must commit to be available to work from June 8 - July 31
- Able to work 32 hours per week
- Earn \$8 per hour

**SAVE THE DATE**  
FEBRUARY 10 -  
MARCH 20

**450+ positions available!**

**OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN A VARIETY OF CITY DEPARTMENTS:**

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- Neighborhoods
- Office of Business Opportunity
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning & Development
- Police
- Houston Public Works
- Solid Waste Management

**Apply Online!**  
FEB. 10 -  
MAR. 20

**QUESTIONS?**  
Email: [summerjobsprogram@houston.tx.gov](mailto:summerjobsprogram@houston.tx.gov)

Please contact us if you need more information or accommodations to complete the application.

**WORKFORCE**  

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