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.
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!
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 Reshamth 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.
Girls Soccer Breaks Bellaire's Winning Streak

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.

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)
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!
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2020 FOUR STAR LEADERSHIP

FOUR STAR LEADERSHIP IS UNIQUE. Students will be challenged with practical leadership and ethical scenarios and then asked to address these issues as a part of their public speaking and critical thinking skill development as well as their college admissions application.

The program includes team-building exercises, spontaneous prompt speaking 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 experience and valuable leadership experience. Students who attend Four Star Leadership with General Tommy Franks will have a distinct advantage heading to college and in their early careers. Many former attendees have received letters of recommendation to colleges.

PROVEN SUCCESS. Since 2000, Four Star Leadership has welcomed over 600 U.S. high school students from all 49 different states as well as 13 international students. Working with a range of topics, discussing leadership, teamwork and character, students have explored current national and international issues such as education reform, foreign policy and entitlement spending.

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

- $6,000 - First Place Persuasive Speech
- $3,000 - Second Place Persuasive Speech
- $2,000 - Third Place Persuasive Speech
- $2,000 - First Place Humorous
- $1,000 - Second Place Humorous
- $1,000 - Third Place Humorous

FREE, ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

EXPERT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PROVEN LEADERS. Students have received 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. Housing, 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 tend for by trained, professional adults 24 hours a day.

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 open to new ideas, eager to engage in active dialogue, willing to develop independent ideas and able to communicate efficiently.

Students will be asked to:
- Engage national and global leaders
- Collaborate with peers
- Research and debate issues
- Develop creative solutions
- Write and present a persuasive speech
- Participate in written exercises
- Participate in team challenges
- Display the core leadership principles:
  - Character
  - Common Sense
  - Communication and Caring

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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

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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
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COURSE SELECTION NIGHT
FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS
FEB 18 6 PM
Bring most recent Student Report Card

SCHOOL TOURS OFFERED 5-6 PM
Hosted by WHS students!

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!

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MONDAY | 03.16.2020 | 8:00 AM-6:00 PM
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**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!**

**Click here for the Westside Tutorials Schedule**

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