

# HAIS Weekly Newsletter

OCTOBER 9-13, 2023



## PEEK AT THE WEEK

### Hispanic Heritage Month Spirit Week

**Monday, Oct 9, 3:30-4:30:** Debate Practice (206), Robotics Practice (133)

**Tuesday, Oct 10, 345-515:** Cheer Practice

**Wednesday, Oct 11:** PSAT Day

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 3:30-4:30:** Debate (113), Interact (Go Center), Robotics (119A)

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 330-530:** Big Brothers, Big Sisters 9th & 10 Grade Event

**Thursday, Oct 12, 1:00-3:00:** College Fair TACARO

**Thursday, Oct 12, 345-515:** Cheer Practice (Gym)

**Thursday, Oct 12, 4:00-530:** Big Brothers, Big Sisters 11th & 12th Grade Event

**Friday, Oct 13:** No School for Students, Teacher Work Day

\*\*\*There are **no after school** activities on Fridays\*\*\*



## HISPANIC HERITAGE SPIRIT WEEK OCTOBER 9-12

**Monday**

**Celebrity Day:** Dress as your favorite Hispanic celeb

**Tuesday**

**Traditional Day:** Dress in your traditional outfits or Vaquero gear

**Wednesday**

**Flag Day:** Wear the colors of a Hispanic flag

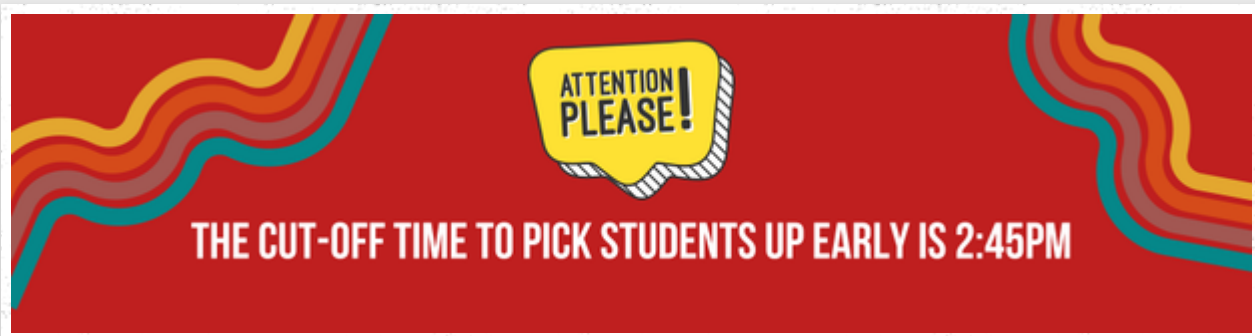
**Thursday**

**Jersey Day:** Wear a Hispanic team's jersey

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 16-20: Character Counts Week
- Oct 19: Magnet Thursday Tour begins
- Oct 20: College & Career Day
- Oct 20, 1-3: Hispanic Heritage Festival
- Oct 27: HAIS Halloween Dance

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



‣ **Student Drop Off & Pick Up:** Please utilize the left-side of Stuart as a drop off/pick up lane between the hours of (730-745; 300-345). The right side is reserved for our HISD busses. Student cannot be picked up early past 245; they must remain in class until dismissal at 330pm.

‣ **PSAT Testing:** HAIS will offer the PSAT 8/9, the PSAT 10, and the PSAT/NMSQT exams on October 11th for all 9th-11th grade students. The exams will be digital so students must bring their device to school that day. The PSAT exams are tests that align to the college admissions SAT exam. They follow a similar format, and they provide scores that help predict students' SAT scores and give insights into how students can improve. For 11th graders, the PSAT/NMSQT is a qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Students with excellent scores from around the country can become finalists as seniors and earn great merit scholarships, but must qualify with a high score on the PSAT. 10th and 11th graders can also use their scores for TSI completion if they meet the benchmarks. 10th and 11th grade students are practicing the test format in their AVID courses, and any student who wishes to do additional study can check out Khan Academy for personalized recommendations and practice based on their previous PSAT scores

‣ **Fri-Yay Treat Donations Needed:** Help show support of HAIS faculty and staff with our Fri-YAY Treat program. Sign up [here](#) to show your appreciation.

‣ **Nurse Alert:** Attention HAIS High School students, please speak to Nurse Ambrosia today if you have a medical diagnosis such as asthma, severe allergies with use of Epi pen, seizures, diabetes, mental health diagnosis, or you are pregnant. To ensure optimal safety we must have an emergency plan in place for you during the school year and especially if you go off campus or school field trip.

‣ **Transportation Announcement from Superintendent Miles:** "This is just a reminder to keep an eye out for updates to your child's bus route. HISD is enrolling more students every day, and as a result, our bus routes will continue to change to meet those needs. If your route is updated or changed, you will be notified directly, but you should also periodically check [Find My Route](#) for updated information. If you have problems or questions regarding your child's bus route, you can call 713.556.9400; press 2."

‣ **Transportation Concerns/Requests:** If you have transportation needs (new request, change of address, stop change request due to concerns) click here to [complete our campus transportation tracking form](#)\*. \*Note that there is a minimum 2-week district processing time.

Please be sure to arrange for alternative transportation until you received your transportation update from the district and/or me.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Review the [Homework and Assignment Tracker](#) to check in with your students' academic progress, see their weekly learning objective, and note any important class announcements. Navigate through the tabs at the bottom of the page to view different subject areas. If you have questions about a particular assignment, please contact the teacher.

## STUDENT SERVICES

Please scan for assistance with the campus counselor or campus Wraparound Specialist.

# Reasons to Submit a SAF

		Yes	No
	My mom lost her job	✓	
	Life is wonderful!		✗
	I broke up with my partner	✓	
	Classes are tough and I am struggling with keeping my grades up.	✓	
	I am fine!		✗
	I don't have the resources to feel successful in school	✓	
	I don't know		✗
	I feel sad all the time	✓	
	I have concerns about issues going on with my family	✓	
	My best friend told me that his dad passed away	✓	





## HCC INFORMATION

### HELPFUL HCC RESOURCES

Want to know how to log into your Canvas? What do you do if you have trouble accessing your HCC Email? How do you register for academic services?

Check out our HCC Resources page [here](#).

## STUDENT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Follow @HAISstudyabroad on Twitter and Instagram and check out our updated [website](#) for more information on upcoming deadlines. **Don't miss out on your chance to see the world!**

**2024-2025 Applications are now open!**



Study abroad this summer,  
experience the world!



**Choose from 35+ amazing global destinations and study abroad for 3 to 4 weeks.**

Immerse yourself in a new language and culture or focus on your passion, whether it's theater, creative writing, wildlife conservation, engineering, social justice or entrepreneurship, and more.

Meet like-minded teens from all over the U.S. to explore and learn together in the real world.

**Come home with new skills, new friends, and memories to last a lifetime.**

**Ask about our scholarships!**  
Every year, we award more than \$6 million based on academic merit and financial need.

*"It was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so many new things about language, culture and myself"*

- Wynne H.  
CIEE Global Navigator Alum

*"It was a positive and transformative experience for both of my children"*

- Peter B.  
Parent of CIEE Global Navigator Alum

**Apply by December 1**  
for a chance to win  
a free flight!



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(866) 583 0332

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### All our programs combine

- ☑ **Interactive classes** you won't want to miss, all taught by local teachers and experts.
- ☑ **Daily cultural activities** and excursions to top landmarks and attractions.
- ☑ **24/7 support** from our local and U.S.-based teams.

*9 out of 10 alumni say they improved communication skills and became more independent & globally-aware.\**

### WHY CHOOSE CIEE?

We've been around for over 75 years and are the largest study abroad nonprofit organization in the country. Each year, we support over 40,000 students!

### Good to know

- **Dates:**
  - Language programs last 4 weeks.
  - All other programs last 3 weeks.
  - Session 1 starts June 2\*\*, 9 or 16.
  - Session 2 starts June 30\*\* or July 7.
- **Eligibility:**
  - Complete grade 9 - graduating seniors.
- **Housing:**
  - Host families on language programs and select program locations.
  - Shared accommodations on other programs.
- **Tuition**
  - Starts at \$4,750 and includes housing, all meals, classes, activities, ground transportation abroad, and student travel insurance.
  - Tuition does not include airfare, passport or visa costs.
  - Scholarships can cover up to 100% of tuition costs.

### WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- See the world and broaden your horizons.
- Meet high school students from all over the U.S. who share your interests!
- On Language & Culture programs, earn 4 college credits\*\*\* and the Global Seal of Biliteracy\*\*\*\*.
- On select Social Change programs, earn up to 50 hours of service learning.
- Stand out on college applications.

Explore more at  
[ciee.org/summer2024](https://ciee.org/summer2024)

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All dates and details subject to change. Check our website for latest information.  
\*CIEE post-program satisfaction survey, 2017-2022 \*\*Only Paris Language & Culture program due to 2024 Olympics \*\*\*Optional and requires payment of an additional \$150 transcription fee to our school of record \*\*\*\*Earning the Global Seal of Biliteracy requires a final score of 5 (Intermediate-Mid) or higher in all 4 testing categories.





# Join us in Costa Rica, Panama, or Ecuador this summer!

## What is AMIGOS?

AMIGOS offers summer immersion and service learning programs in Latin America for students aged 15-19. You'll volunteer with local organizations, practice your Spanish, live with a host family, and experience life in a new country!



## Summer 2024 Program Offerings

### 2 weeks

Group Travel Only

### 2-3 weeks

Group Travel with Homestay

### 4-9 weeks

Community Immersion with Extended Homestay



## Earn Service Hours and College Credit



Get 12 service hours per week volunteering with organizations like the National Park Service, a women-led agricultural cooperative, or a sea turtle protection agency. Register to receive up to 3 college credits.



## Live Like a Local

Practice your Spanish, live with a host family, and become part of the community! Explore areas most tourists don't get to see.



## Choose the Project for You

Whether you're looking for a six-week homestay or a two-week group trip, we have a variety of two, three, four, and six-week projects to fit your schedule and interests.



Attend a virtual information session or chat with a program counselor!

[amigosinternational.org](https://amigosinternational.org)

## CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE (CBYX)

A program of the U.S. Department of State, [the CBYX program](#) provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to spend an academic year of study and cultural immersion in Germany! Scholarship recipients will gain a new perspective on global current affairs and German social, economic, and political life, all while learning the German language through day-to-day life in the culture, attending a local high school, and living with a host family. The CBYX program is accepting applications for the 2024-25 program through **November 1, 2023**. Encourage students to start their application [TODAY](#).

## KENNEDY LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY (YES) ABROAD

A program of the U.S. Department of State, [the YES Abroad program](#) provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to live with host families and attend a local high school for an academic year in countries like Egypt, Ghana, India, Senegal, Thailand, Turkey and more. YES Abroad students promote mutual understanding between the U.S. and the host country by building relationships with the local community. We expect the 2024-25 program application to open in September 2023 –click [HERE](#) to be notified when the application opens!

## NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH (NSLI-Y)

A program of the U.S. Department of State, [the NSLI-Y program](#) provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to learn one of eight critical languages: Persian, Indonesian, Hindi, Turkish, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, Korean, and Arabic! Summer and academic year programs are available, with all programs including language instruction, cultural lessons and activities, conversation practice with local peers, and a host family component. We expect the 2024-25 program application to open in September 2023 –click [HERE](#) to be notified when the application opens.

## CELEBRATING ALL THINGS HAIS



### #PHOENIXRISING

SHOUT OUT GOES TO...

**Tony Ned:** It's his birthday month, and he is a good student that participates a lot in English 1301.

- Kristal Romero

**Ms. Nance:** Thank you for helping us with college applications and scholarships.

- Angelina Vera

[Submit your Shout Out for next week's newsletter.](#)

## GET INVOLVED!

# INNERVIEW – HOW TO

## TRACK YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Did you know you can earn graduation regalia by completing 200 hours during your time at HAIS? Use our tracking system on Innerview. If you need assistance on how to get started, see below or Ms. Alderete.



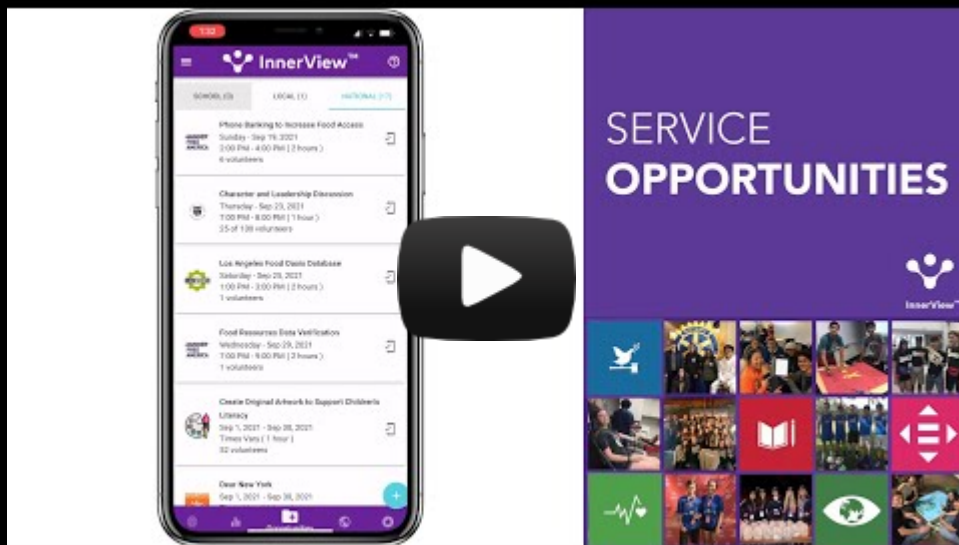
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## FINDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Service Opportunities



PTO





**We need your help to make the  
2022-2023 school year a success!**



### **Donate to the PTO!**

If every HAIS family donates \$50, the PTO will be able to fund the Halloween Dance, gifts for teachers and staff, and so much more.



### **Volunteer your time!**

We will have many opportunities throughout the year to help.



### **Sign Up Genius!**

Watch for opportunities to donate food, supplies, and more throughout the year.

To donate and for more information:

[haispto.org](https://haispto.org)  
[haispto@gmail.com](mailto:haispto@gmail.com)

## **PURCHASE HAIS GEAR AND SUPPORT YOUR HAIS PTO**

Show off your HAIS pride and support the HAIS PTO. You are able to choose your color of choice for most items. Check out the site and order now!

[Click here to place your order and have it delivered directly to you.](#)





## SHOP ONLINE, DONATE TO HAIS

**Online shopping?** Shop Amazon through <https://smile.amazon.com/>, and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to your favorite charitable organization. Please consider selecting "HAIS PTO" as your AmazonSmile charitable organization!



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