

**HISD Interim Superintendent to surprise inaugural scholarship recipients**

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| **What:** | HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will surprise nine high school seniors with the inaugural HISD Superintendent and Board of Education Scholar Awards, a scholarship for graduating seniors who have exemplified great character and resilience in the face of adversity.  Moved by their tenacity and inspiring journeys, Dr. Lathan personally selected the nine students she will surprise from among the 44 seniors receiving the scholarship who were nominated by their school’s principal or leadership team.  Designed for students who face hardships or challenges that may make higher education or career/vocational training difficult or even impossible to attain without assistance, the goal of the award is to remove as many obstacles as possible so that students can pursue higher education opportunities.  Students nominated to receive the 2018 HISD Superintendent and Board of Education Scholar Award have overcome incredible hardships ranging from homelessness and neighborhood violence, to being undocumented and the sole breadwinner of their household. Consequently, the district has increased the scholarship award to $2,000 from $1,000 for each recipient, and will now be conferring five $5,000 scholarships to select students instead of three.  The recipients will be presented with a novelty check by Dr. Lathan and the students’ respective HISD Board of Education trustee. |
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| **Who:** | HISD Board of Education trustees, Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan** |
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| **When and Where:** | **Tuesday, May 22, 2018**  **9:30 a.m**.  Northside High School  1101 Quitman St., Houston, TX 77009  **Thursday, May 24, 2018**  **9 a.m.**  Austin High School  1700 Dumble St., Houston, TX 77023  **10:15 a.m.**  Wheatley High School  4801 Providence St., Houston, TX 77020  **12:15 p.m.**  Sharpstown International High School  8330 Triola Lane, Houston, TX 77036  **Friday, May 25, 2018**  **8:45 a.m.**  Sterling High School  11625 Martindale Rd., Houston, TX 77048  **11 a.m.**  South Early College High School  1930 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051  **1 p.m.**  Wisdom High School  6529 Beverly Hill Lane, Houston, TX 77057  **Wednesday, May 30, 2018**  **8:30 a.m.**  Chávez High School  8501 Howard St., Houston, TX 77017  **10 a.m.**  Jane Long Academy  6501 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77074 |
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