

**Young men in HISD mentorship program to be recognized at first-ever Winter Ball**

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| **WHAT:** | Seniors in HISD’s new Ascending to Men Program (ATMP) will be celebrated at the mentorship project’s first-ever black-tie Winter Ball. Fifty underserved male students who are college-bound or career-bound will perform a waltz and be presented to society at the ball. They will be accompanied by 50 female students.  “This is an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives,” said Dr. Kenneth Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Outreach. “We know that many of our students don’t have access to these types of experiences, so we wanted to create a memorable night for them,” he said.  A total of 745 male students in HISD are enrolled in the Ascending to Men Program.  Donations from supporters are assisting with ball expenses, including tuxedos and gowns for the participating students. The public can support the project by [clicking here to purchase tickets to the Winter Ball](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ascending-to-men-project-winter-ball-tickets-53262143505), by [donating to the ATMP project](https://hisdfoundationfriends.givingfuel.com/hisd-ascending-to-men), or by [becoming a mentor for the program](http://bit.ly/2MD7IkX). |
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| **WHO:** | Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan;** Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Outreach **Kenneth Davis**; Emcees **Chauncy Glover** of ABC 13 and **Sharron Melton** of CW39, HISD students |
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| **WHEN:** | Wednesday, Dec. 12  6 – 9 p.m. |
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| **WHERE:** | Minute Maid Park Union Station, 501 Crawford St., 77004 |