

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

For second year, HISD to award Superintendent and Board of Education scholarships

Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan to surprise nine select senior recipients

WHAT:

Houston Independent School District Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will surprise nine high school seniors with the 2019 HISD Superintendent and Board of Education Scholar Awards. The scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have exemplified great character and resilience in the face of adversity.

Moved by their tenacity and inspiring journeys, Lathan personally selected the nine students she will surprise from among 44 HISD seniors who were nominated by their school's principal or leadership team and will receive scholarships.

The scholarship awards are for students who face hardships and challenges that may make higher education or career/vocational training difficult to attain. Rather than focusing solely on academic records, school administrators selected recipients based primarily on the qualities they have demonstrated and obstacles they have overcome that make them likely to succeed if given the chance.

The scholarships are generously underwritten by The Coca-Cola Foundation. The nine seniors selected by Lathan will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. The 35 remaining awardees will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

The HISD Board of Education trustee representing each student's school will also present the scholarships.

Media is invited to attend any of the scholarship presentations listed below.

WHO:

HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**; HISD Board President **Diana Davila**, District VIII; First Vice President **Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca**, District VI; Second Vice President **Elizabeth Santos**, District I; Secretary **Sergio Lira**, District III; Asst. Secretary **Sue Deigaard**, District V; Trustee **Wanda Adams**, District IX; Trustee **Jolanda Jones**, District IV; Trustee **Rhonda Skillern-Jones**, District II; Trustee **Anne Sung**, District VII

WHEN AND WHERE: Monday, April 8

1:30 p.m.

North Houston Early College High School
8001 Fulton St., 77022

Wednesday, April 10

10:30 a.m.

Milby High School
1601 Broadway St., 77012

11:30 a.m.

Kashmere High School
6900 Wileyvale Road, 77028

Friday, April 12

9:00 a.m.

Wisdom High School
6529 Beverly Hill Lane, 77057

10:00 a.m.

Sharpstown International High School
8330 Triola Lane, 77036

11:10 a.m.

Westbury High School
11911 Chimney Rock Road, 77035

Monday, April 15

1:30 p.m.

Middle College High School at HCC Felix Fraga
301 N. Drennan St., 77003

2:45 p.m.

Challenge Early College High School
5601 W. Loop South, 77081

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 a.m.

Energy Institute High School
3501 Southmore Blvd., 77004

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