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College and Career Readiness Month launches with Parent University: College Nights

Showcase event to take place at Wheatley High School

Oct. 1, 2019 – October marks the second annual College and Career Readiness Month in HISD, which kicks off with Parent University: College Nights for parents of senior students at several high school campuses today from 5-8 p.m.

HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will attend the showcase session at Wheatley HS, where students in the culinary program will prepare and serve desserts. There will be dinner and a resource fair that will take place between 5-5:45 p.m. The kick-off event will begin at 5:45 p.m. There will be four \$500 scholarship drawings for graduating seniors who are present at the Wheatley event.

Throughout the month, Parent University: College Nights will take place at various high schools in the district. For the complete list of locations, dates and times, click [here](#).

College and Career Readiness Month is set aside to introduce parents and students to a variety of college and career options. Topics covered will include college admissions, financial aid and scholarship processes, as well as career and military pathways. There will be door prizes, and a light dinner will be provided.

College and Career Readiness Month will also offer opportunities for fun, creative activities at HISD elementary, middle and high school campuses. Schools are encouraged to compete weekly for college swag, scholarships, college tours and other prizes. Winners will be announced on Nov. 22, 2019. Campuses must complete at least one college and career activity each week and post pictures and videos on Twitter. Contest details can be found at [this link](#).

During October, HISD will also present the [Financial Aid Roadshow](#), [Top-Tier College Night](#), [Parent University](#), campus college fairs, and programs for elementary and middle school students.

Media interested in covering events must RSVP to PressOffice@houstonisd.org or 713-556-6393.

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