

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Dreams of college to take shape for hundreds of students at annual summit

Fifth annual HISD Dream Summit takes place Saturday, Dec. 7

WHAT: For the fifth year, the Houston Independent School District's Dream Summit will take place this weekend to provide students with avenues to pursue college careers and receive financial aid to pay for higher education. Many students who attend the event are HISD DREAMers, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients, visa holders, permanent residents, refugees, and asylum grantees. They and their families will receive hands-on instructions from HISD representatives regarding financial aid requirements and the college application process.

The summit will also give students an opportunity to complete a free affidavit if they have been a Texas resident for at least three years, which is a college admissions requirement.

Representatives from several Texas institutions of higher education will be present to answer questions.

HISD's College Readiness and Multilingual Programs host the Dream Summit each year to educate and assist hundreds of students who may not be aware that opportunities exist for them to achieve their goal of attending college.

The event is free, and transportation will also be provided. Students should contact their campus college-access coordinator, counselor, or college and career readiness advisor to arrange transportation. Five seniors will have a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

More information is available on the HISD DREAMers [website](#).

HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will address students and their parents at 10 a.m.

WHO: HISD Board of Education Trustees, Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer **Rick Cruz**, Education Advocate and Keynote Speaker **Jose Luis Zelaya**, HISD students, parents and staff

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 7
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 W. 18th St., Houston
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