



THE CHALLENGE



October 2, 2020

SHOUT OUTS!

A big welcome to **Ms. Quentisha Puryear**, the new Intermediate IT Customer Service Representative! Her hobbies are building computers, playing WoW: Classic, and learning Mandarin Chinese. She looks forward to handling any of your technological needs!

To **Ms. Patrick**, thanks for all of your help on the tortuous new grading platform. We appreciate you!!
-Mr. Branstetter

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the Challenge ECHS Debate team! After attending their first HUDL tournament of the year, the following students were victorious:

- **Tegann Franco** was awarded 1st Place best speaker and 1st Place Best Debater in JV LD.
- **Joshua Adegoke** was awarded 5th place Best Debater in Varsity LD.
- **Laila McGowan** was awarded 1st place best speaker for JV PF.
- **Laila McGowan** and **Alicia Melendez** were awarded 2nd place best debate team for JV PF.

Cheers to **Nadia Caldwell** and **Casandra Martinez** who received National Merit Semifinalist status through their excellent performance on the PSAT. Go Eagles!

HISD COVID Case Map

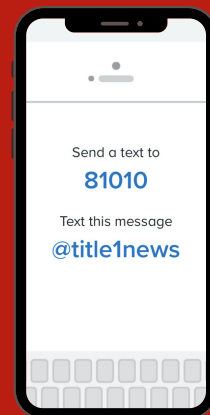
With about 41% of HISD students going back to in-person learning, HISD released an **online dashboard that records the number of student and staff on-campus COVID cases** in HISD. The platform will be updated daily and seeks to help parents when making their choice to send their children back to school. The link to the platform can be found on at <https://linktr.ee/cechs>

Interested in UIL Competitions?

Join the Challenge ECHS UIL team! UIL is a club that hosts regional competitions in multiple categories including Ready Writing, Mathematics, Science, Number Sense, Literature Criticism, and more! This year, all competitions will be held virtually. If interested, please contact epor1@houstonisd.org.

Parent Remind Updates

Parents, sign up for Remind Messages for important news and information. Text **@title1news** to the number **81010**. You will receive a welcome text from Remind. If anyone has trouble with 81010, try texting **@title1news** to **(769) 233-2237**.



Opportunity Updates

All links to applications and extra information can be found under "Outside Opportunities" at linktr.ee/cechs.

Paid Poll Worker: If you are 16 or over, apply to be a poll worker and earn \$17/hr.

National Hispanic Institute: Interested in debate, politics, or community leadership? Join NHI! Programs available for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.

Thrive Scholars: Juniors, apply by January 6, 2021 for the chance to receive college application assistance and other benefits.

Photo of the Week

Names from left to right

Mr. Porter, Laila, Enrique

Ariadna, Alicia, Tegann

Freddy, Joshua



Our amazing debaters and Mr. Porter representing Challenge at the September Houston Urban Debate League tournament!

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