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Yates High School students receive \$50,000 donation from Academy Sports + Outdoors Scholarship Fund

June 10, 2022 – For a second consecutive year, Academy Sports + Outdoors honors seven college-bound high school seniors from Yates High School with scholarships and a donation to the school totaling \$50,000.

Academy has pledged to award Yates High School \$250,000 by 2025 to encourage and celebrate actions that promote equality within the Houston Independent School District. Funding comes from the Academy Sports + Outdoors Scholarship Fund, established in 2020.

[Photos from the presentation](#)

“A college degree is a life-changing accomplishment for our students, said Superintendent Millard House II. “This is an extremely generous five-year commitment from Academy Sports. It is seed money that will produce generations of positive change. A college degree leads to great jobs, and a better life for our students and their children. We are extremely thankful for the kindness of Academy Sports.”


The following students earned scholarships:


- Denecya Odom \$20,000
- Kennedy Colen \$10,000
- Elun Ferrel \$2,000
- John Carswell \$2,000
- Kiyanna Mensah \$2,000
- Kynadi Demore \$2,000
- Mario Alvarado \$2,000

The Yates High School campus also received a \$10,000 donation.


Students were selected after submitting essays on how their participation in extracurricular activities or work in the community helped with the advancement of equity, empowerment, and education.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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