

# Alvin ISD Career & Technical Education Cosmetology Students Experience Success

Alvin ISD prides itself on offering an array of outstanding educational opportunities for students, in an effort to prepare them for life after high school. A variety of post-secondary preparatory courses are offered through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program; some of which include programs such as criminal justice, culinary arts, and cosmetology.

Recently Alvin High School and Manvel High School cosmetology students, led by teacher Les Dorsey, enjoyed a bit of success when participating in the SkillsUSA Competition. SkillsUSA is a partnership between educators and industry working together to ensure that America has a skilled work force. The purpose of the competition is to promote leadership and trade excellence in a competitive situation, while giving SkillsUSA Texas students an opportunity to demonstrate basic skills in their elected field.

"I am so thankful for Ms. Dorsey for teaching, encouraging and providing us the opportunity to showcase my skills at the competition," mentioned 12th grade student Temmy Okeyomi of Manvel High School. Temmy plans to take the skills that she has learned in the cosmetology class to earn money while pursuing her medical degree upon graduation.

"It's the motivation and encouragement that comes from our Career and Technical Education staff that allows our students to excel in their chosen fields. We are truly thankful for the outstanding and dedicated teachers that make up the CTE Department," said Christina Rice, Alvin ISD CTE Director.

Alvin ISD educators strive to invest their time and efforts to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Career and Technical Education instruction aims at developing foundation skills, core workplace competencies, and specific skill competencies in various occupational areas. The Alvin ISD CTE program accentuates state and national standards by enabling students to gain entry-level employment in high-skill, high-wage jobs, and/or continuing their education.

"Our Alvin ISD CTE Programs are committed to attracting,



developing, and preparing students for diverse careers that reflect current and future industry trends," Rice said.

The district continues to expand CTE opportunities for students. The construction of a new facility which is under way will allow the addition of new programs such as criminal justice, veterinary technician, a culinary arts, and health sciences.

"I'm extremely proud of each of our students that participated in the recent competition, and I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve them and assist them with reaching their goals" said Dorsey.

The following 12th grade students placed at the SkillsUSA competition: Calista Segura (Alvin HS), Temmy Okeyomi (Manve HS), Jennifer Lopez, (Manvel HS), and Yasmine Levine (Manvel HS).

Each of the students have a desire to continue in their chosen field, while pursuing their college education, and even opening their own businesses.

"This course has been a great experience for me. Not only have I learned a valuable skill while being encouraged to be the best that I can be by my teacher, but best of all it's allowed me to see that I am capable of doing things that I never thought that I could do. The class, my teacher, and competition did that for me," Lopez said.

Cutline: Alvin ISD students Temmy Okeyomi (Manve HS), Jennifer Lopez, (Manvel HS), and Yasmine Levine (Manvel HS), along with teacher Les Dorsey, pose after placing in the recent SkillsUSA competition, where they had the opportunity to showcase their skills in cosmetology.

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# Meridiana Elementary Student Giving from the Heart

The campus leaders, teachers and staff of Meridiana Elementary can be seen with bright smiles on their faces when speaking of 4th grader Avriana Nunley.

"Avriana is a student that has ambition and drive, coupled with a huge heart," mentioned Principal Julie Weiss, when speaking of the young student. "She has many of the qualities that we hope for in all of our students."

You see Avriana can put a smile on your face not only because she is a great public speaker at such a young age, and brightens a room when speaking of ways that she gives back to those in need, but also because her passion for helping others is evident.

With the support of her family and teachers Avriana decided to raise funds for pediatric cancer research, through the St. Baldrick's Foundation. She got the inspiration because in 2014 she witnessed her cousin battle a form of the disease, Rhabdomyosarcoma, at the young age of 4. He passed away at the age of 5. His diagnosis and death left an everlasting impact on Avriana, who is not only raising funds for the cause, but will also become a shavee for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, by shaving her head on March 12th in The Woodlands, Texas.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation website and numerous others, mentions that only 4% of U.S. federal funding is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research. About 60% of all funding for drug development in adult cancers comes from pharmaceutical companies. For kids? Almost none, because childhood cancer drugs are not profitable, according to the website.

"I just don't want other kids and families to go through what my cousin went through, which is why I want to raise money for childhood cancer research," said Avriana.

Avriana first learned of the opportunity to raise funds in this manner after witnessing her grandfather and uncle participate and become shavees themselves. This year she, along with her mother Erica, decided to start their own team.

As mentioned on the website: because kids with cancer often lose their hair during treatment, shavees for the St. Baldrick's Foundation show their support by shaving their heads voluntarily, and inspiring friends and family to donate money to support childhood cancer research.

"I'm so proud of Avriana and her commitment to helping others," mentioned her mother.

Ariana initially set a fundraising goal of \$1,000, and in a very short time has surpassed that goal. Now she is striving to raise even more. To advertise her efforts Avriana, with the help of her mother, created a flyer to share that includes information about how to donate online. Individuals interested in supporting her efforts can donate by visiting https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate, then searching and selecting her name.

When asked how she will feel upon returning to school with a shaved head, Avriana excited proclaimed: "I will be proud!"

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# **Shadow Creek Ranch Swim Team**

Shadow Creek Swim Team announces official acceptance into the Southwest Houston Recreation Swim League!! There will be 4 or 5 competition swim meets for ages 6-18. We will need many volunteers.

### Registration is open: www.shadowcreeksports.org

Key info items for review:

- May 8 June 25. First practice May 8.
- 4-5 competition swim meets Monday evenings 5-9 pm starting in June.
- USA Swimmers welcome but MUST STOP training March 31 with their USA swim club.
- Ages 6-18.
- You are not obligated to participate in swim meets.
- You do not have to make all swim practices.
- Fee = \$145 for those who do not volunteer there is a \$50 "no volunteer" fee required June 1.
- Volunteers: Starters, Stroke Judges, Meet Director, Timers/ Recorders, Head timer, Announcer, Score Keeper & Circlers, Award organizer.

We train beginners but your child needs to know how to swimmust swim one lap 25 yards. If he or she can't make it, then you get a full refund.

Practices @ Shadow Creek Reflection Bay Diving Pool 12115 S. Clear Lake Loop

# Starting May 8 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday evenings

Age 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 6:00-6:45 (Age as of June 1, 2017) Age 11,12,13,14+ 7:00-7:45 (Age as of June 1, 2017)

# Starting June 3 Saturday & Sunday morning

Age 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 9:00-9:45 Age 11, 12, 13, 14+ 10:00-10:45

### Tuesday & Thursday

Age 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 6:00-6:45 Age 11,12,13,14+ 7:00-7:45





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# ASSASSIN & AMBUSH BUGS



Assassin and ambush bugs are predators and are considered beneficial insects. They are generalists that attack a variety of caterpillars, flies, and other bugs. These predators either stalk their prey or wait to ambush prey when they come to a plant. Prey is stabbed with tube-like mouthparts, paralyzed with a toxin, and body fluids sucked up.

Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses

and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

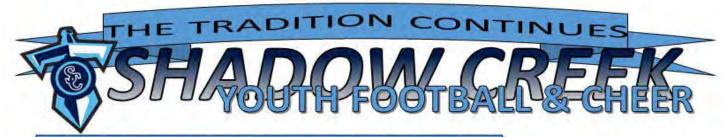
For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site https://kissingbug.tamu.edu/

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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# SPRING IS HERE!

It is time to start thinking about opening your windows and brightening your home. Not sure where to start?

Follow these 3 easy steps from Tarragona Designs:

### 1. Update your walls

Color trends change every year. From light and bright colors to dark and daring, colors don't go out of style, it's just the pairings of different colors that come and go. New color combinations may be just what your walls need for a fresh new look, especially if you've had the same color palette in your home for a long time. My top 5 colors that I recommend are:

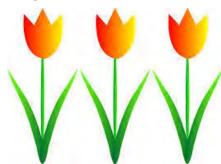
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- 2. Intellectual Gray-Sherwin Williams 7045
- White Flour-Sherwin Williams 7102 3.
- 4. Ancient Marble-Sherwin Williams 6162
- 5. Sea Serpent-Sherwin Williams 7615

### 2. Accessorize

Have your throws & pillows seen better days? It might be time to bring in some new pieces for a fresh & updated feel to your home. You can transform the entire look of a room by changing out some basic design items such as lighting, pillows, throws & artwork.

3. Spring clean your home-lots of work but you will be so glad you did when the weather draws you outside. Pull out your screens and wash the winter grime off your windows, then work on cleaning things like the ceiling fans and fireplaces. Once your cleaning is complete, gather mason jars from your cabinet and pick up fresh flowers on your next visit to the grocery store. Arrange together in groupings throughout your home for a finished and fresh look. Spring is here...

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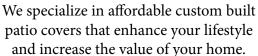
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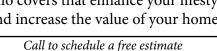


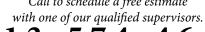
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# 12513 STONEY CREEK DR. PEARLAND, TX 77584

Panoramic Lake View! Zoned to Alvin ISD, this home offers, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms, 3 car garage and 4,593 sq. ft. This gorgeous property also features

a large covered patio w/ ceiling fan, media room w/ raised seating. Minutes away from the Medical Center and Hobby Airport!!

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