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Alvin ISD Education Foundation Honors Top Graduates and Teachers

The Alvin ISD Education Foundation hosted the 16th annual Celebration of Academic

Excellence on May 15 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland. The celebration recognizes the academic accomplishment of each of the top twenty seniors at Alvin High School, Manvel High School and the top two seniors at ASSETS Academy. In addition, the educators that the students chose as the one who had the most significant influence on their educational career thus far were also recognized. Videos of the students sharing the reason they chose the educator were a special part of the evening. The students shared what a difference the educators had made in encouraging and supporting them. Alvin High School Valedictorian, Sarah Hoffmann chose Kristi

Bell as her most influential teacher and said "Mrs. Bell opened the door to music for me and she was an amazing role model."

"The Celebration of Academic Excellence is always a great opportunity for the Education Foundation to recognize the outstanding students and educators in Alvin ISD," said Sheila Olson, executive director of the Alvin ISD Education Foundation.

"This is one of the events that we love to host," said Amy Roudbari, president of the Foundation board of directors. "It is so heartwarming to hear what all the students have to say about the educators and such a delight to meet these amazing young people," she added.

The students honored from Alvin High School were: Sarah
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Alvin Senior Perry Hector and her most influential educator Carlene Leal, counselor at Alvin High



The top twenty seniors of Manvel High School with student gift sponsors, Stantec representatives



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Manvel High School senior, Maya Iyer, and her most influential teacher Ranjani Sheshardri, teacher at Manvel High School

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Alvin ISD Ready, Set, Teach students guaranteed interviews with district after successful completion of college

In an effort to obtain the best teachers around, the Alvin ISD Human Resources (HR) team is starting early. For the first time ever, the HR team is recruiting their youngest class to date... high school students.

"We strive for excellence in Alvin ISD and are confident that our graduates are the best of the best, and will be extremely successful in their chosen careers," said Kim Alvarez, Alvin ISD director of HR. "That's why we want them here."

The district is excited to guarantee students who are enrolled in the Ready, Set, Teach program, an interview upon successful completion of obtaining their college degree, and meeting state requirements for educators.

The Ready, Set, Teach program is a part of the Career and Technical Education curriculum, and occurs as a part of the Instructional Practice in Education class.

The program is a field-based internship that provides students a background knowledge of child and adolescent development principles, as well as principles of effective teaching practices. Students enrolled in the program have a desire to become educators, and have proven themselves worthy through the completion of the program.

The 2016-17 participants had the opportunity to teach at various

campuses across the district for a year, which allowed them to determine if teaching is the right field for them.

Manvel High School senior Julianna Lopez quickly learned that she was headed in the right direction during her time as an intern teacher in the classroom setting.

"Going into the program, I thought that I would inspire the students, but the students ended up inspiring me."

Twelve Manvel High School students were honored on May 16, while two Alvin High School students were honored on May 17 with a special recognition that included their family members and various staff members who have supported them along the way.

Dr. Bobby Martinez, principal of Manvel High School said, "These students have chosen a career path that is extremely rewarding, and for years to come they are going to do great things. They will have limitless opportunities to leave a lasting impression on generations of students."

At Manvel High School Marisa Carreon, Emily Curnutt, Kai Dunbar, Taia Garza, Imone Harris, Tobie Johnstone, Cheyanne Kulak, Julianna Lopez, Yelitza Martinez, Mazel Salazar, Anavelia Salina, and Tatyana Wright were honored.

At Alvin High School seniors Katherine Andrade and Meaghan
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Moehle were honored for their commitment and dedication.

“These students have made a commitment to the field of education, and we’re making a commitment to them. Once they obtain their degree we are going to offer them the opportunity to come back and interview,” said Martinez.

“It’s a great way to open doors for our very own students,” Alvarez said.

Alvin ISD faculty and staff are focused on ensuring that students are provided engaging learning opportunities that allow for their goal’s to be achievable. The placement of students in the Ready, Set, Teach program, and the offering of an interview to the participants, is just one more way that district leaders are exhibiting their confidence and belief in the students that are products of Alvin ISD.

“By choosing to be a teacher, I am choosing to see the big picture that maybe, just maybe, I can make a huge positive change in a student’s life, and little by little I can make a change in the world,” said Yelitza Martinez, Manvel High School senior.

The Ready, Set, Teach program is preparing the students to do just that.

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We are all very fortunate to call Shadow Creek Ranch home. But, Shadow Creek Ranch is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we’ve become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, “Get to Know Your Neighbors” which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Shadow Creek Ranch a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.

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13 TMEA 2016-17 Freshman Region Band Members

6 TMEA 2016-17 All-District Band Members

21 TMEA 2016-17 All-Region Band Members

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4 TMEA 2016-17 All-State Band Members

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Alvin and Manvel High School Ready, Set, Teach students were recently honored at their campuses for their completion of the educational program and internship that will prepare them to become teachers. The students have a desire to teach and because of their commitment and dedication to the field, Alvin ISD Human Resources provided the students a letter guaranteeing them the opportunity to interview for a position within the district upon their successful completion of a college degree aimed at teaching.



Pictured from left to right from Alvin High School are: Meaghan Moehle and Katherine Andrade



From left to right from Manvel High School (Photo: Ready Set Teach Participants) are: Dr. Bobby Martinez (Manvel High School Principal), Marisa Carreon, Emily Curnutt, Imone Harris, Kai Dunbar, Tobie Johnstone, Cheyanne Kulak, Kim Alvarez (Director of HR), Christina Rice Imumwen (Director of CTE), Mazel Salazar, Taia Garza, Anavelia Salinas, Tatyana Wright, Julianna Lopez, and Manvel High School teachers, Pennie Yancey and Tiffanie van Sant.

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