

NEWS NOTES

Film & Photo Festival

The Aldine ISD Film & Photo Committee invite you to the third annual Film & Photo Festival. Aldine Education Foundation is again a sponsor of this amazing event showcasing student creativity. Friday, May 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender.

Citizenship Workshop

Saturday, May 19, 2018, Hambrick Middle School located at 4600 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, TX 77039. Registration begins at 8 am. Please see more details, page 3.

Retirement Celebration

Retirement celebration in honor of Dr. Wanda Bamberg and Dr. Archie Blanson, Thursday, June 7, 2018, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. M.O. Campbell Education Center, 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032. Program starts at 4:15 p.m.

251 Scholarships awarded by Aldine AEF/ASF



STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS last Tuesday night at the Awards Ceremony in M. O. Campbell Center, sit patiently before the program starts. Also seated in the front row are Aldine faculty, Administrators, and AEF/ASF board members. (Photo courtesy ev1pro)

Graduating seniors received scholarships last Tuesday night, at a ceremony in M.O. Campbell Center. 251 seniors received financial help toward their future college education. Awards were made by the Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) to 126 students, totalling \$412,000 and Aldine Scholarship Fund (ASF) to 125 students, totalling \$125,000. A total of 939 applications had been received, and a large committee of volunteers evaluated them to arrive at the recipients.

The program was attended by the students, their parents and families, and Aldine faculty and administrators. Emcee for the evening was AEF Director Michele McGovern. Welcoming remarks were made by Bill Ginder, the president of the AEF board, and Derrick Manns, vice-president of the Lone Star College-North Harris college.

Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg, retiring from office at the end of the

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Welcome reception for new Aldine Superintendent

Hundreds of Aldine ISD employees, community members and business partners attended a reception to welcome Dr. LaTonya Goffney to Aldine ISD on Monday, May 7 at the Child Nutrition Center.

Dr. Goffney was selected by Aldine's Board of Trustees as the lone finalist to succeed Dr. Wanda Bamberg as Superintendent of Schools. The event was hosted by Near Northwest Management District, represented by Wayne Norton, the North Houston Management District, represented by Greg Simpson and the East Aldine Management District, represented by Richard Cantu. Dr. Goffney's husband Joseph also attended the reception.

Pictured with Dr. Goffney, center, are, (l-r): Trustee Rose Avalos, Trustee Dr. Kimberley Booker, State Senator Sylvia Garcia, Board President Steve Mead, Dr. Goffney, Trustee Dr. Viola M. Garcia, Trustees Connie Esparza and Paul Shanklin.



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Davis JROTC Red Tails fare well at national competition



The Davis High School JROTC Red Tails and Flying Falcons teams recently competed at the 2018 National High School Drill Team Championship Challenge Division in Daytona Beach, FL.

The General Benjamin O. Davis Jr. High School Air Force Junior ROTC Red Tails and Flying Falcons teams successfully competed at the 2018 National High School Drill Team Championship Challenge Division in Daytona Beach on May 4.

The Nationals remains the oldest, largest and finest all-service drill and ceremony competition. More than 180,000 cadets, instructors and parents have attended the NHSBTC competition for over the last 35 years.

To reach the Nationals competition, schools must qualify by successfully placing at a designated regional drill meet. The Red Tails Armed Team and Flying Falcons Unarmed

Team both qualified by their overall first-place finish at the Cypress Fairbanks ISD competition.

"I applaud our cadet's commitment to seeking excellence. Out of the 179 school days, our cadets practice well over 150 not including weekends. More than winning, they understand and value the concept that hard work works," said drill team instructor Master Sergeant Anthony Bullock.

The Red Tails armed team earned second-place in regulation drill and third-place in exhibition drill with team commander Adrian Veles placing third. The Flying Falcons unarmed team finished in third-place in regulation drill and fourth-place in exhibition drill with team

commander Esther Jurado placing fourth.

For overall results in the Championships Challenge Division, the Red Tails placed sixth out of 28 in the armed team category and the Flying Falcons placed eighth out of 31 in the unarmed team category.

"I'm extremely proud of our Red Tails armed drill team and Flying Falcons unarmed drill team as well as the JROTC instructors. Their hard work and dedication has paid off as they competed against the Nation's top JROTC programs in the National High School Drill Teams Championships in Florida. They are a great example of our Falcon Pride!," said Davis High School Principal Thomas Colwell.

Four Aldine Child Care Centers complete intensive program



Aldine area Child Care participants.

HOUSTON (May 9, 2018) – Four child care centers in Houston's Aldine neighborhood completed Collaborative for Children's College Bound from Birth program and celebrated with a recognition ceremony in May. All Stars Daycare & Preschool, Alpha Academy 1, Alpha Academy 2, and Young and Gifted Learning Center are the four centers which completed the voluntary, three-year intensive quality improvement program.

Over the course of the three years, center directors and their classroom teachers received coaching, mentoring and professional development resulting in improved quality. Highlights of the program include:

- Center directors received more than 375 hours of coaching and mentoring, and more than 426 hours of professional development.
- All four center directors earned their National Director Credential through Aim4Excellence, an intensive nine-module, 144-hour credentialing program.
- Classroom teachers at the four centers received more than 1,304 hours of professional development, and more than 847 hours of on-site coaching and mentoring.
- Thirteen teachers earned their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, an intensive and highly-regarded na-

tional credential for early childhood educators.

- Centers provided 19 parenting education sessions to families at the child care centers, and reached 369 families through family activity and resource nights.
- Each participating center opened a Parent Library on-site to make parent resources and books for parents and children available to families at the centers.

Program success is measured on nationally recognized rating scales, including the Program Administration Scale, the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale and the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale. The Aldine centers achieved remarkable improvement on all scales in just three years. All scores are out of a seven-point scale. Highlights include:

- Staff Orientation scores on the Program Administration Scale improved from 1.8 to 6.0.
- Staff Development scores on the Program Administration Scale improved from 3.5 to 5.0.
- Internal Communications scores on the Program Administration Scale improved from 1.0 to 4.25.
- Parental Involvement scores on the Program Administration Scale improved from 3.5 to 5.3.
- Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale averages improved from 3.4 to 5.4.

- Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale averages improved from 3.4 to 4.3.

At the recognition ceremony on May 5, Collaborative for Children vice president of programs Ray Mondragon offered his congratulations to the centers for their hard work and achievements. "Today we celebrate the commitment to high quality early childhood that is now the hallmark of each of these centers," he said. "We celebrate the availability of quality care not only to the current families at these centers, but to future families in Aldine who deserve the very best in early childhood education for their children," Mondragon said.

The College Bound from Birth program in Aldine was Collaborative for Children's first replication of the project since its pilot effort in Sunnyside/South Park from 2008-2016. Incorporating learnings from the Sunnyside pilot, Collaborative for Children modified the program model from eight years to three and streamlined program components. Collaborative for Children currently operates the College Bound from Birth program in the three additional neighborhoods of Third Ward, Greater Northside, and Gulfton/Sharpstown, with plans to expand the program to more child care centers across Houston by 2020.

Mothers Day celebrated at Pilgrim Place



Pilgrim Place honored all their mothers in celebration of Mother's Day. The event was made possible by Gloria Flores from World Financial Group, Maria Tapia from Eccompass Health in Humble, Michale Campbell from Ops Solutions, Rep. Armando Walle and Demetria Wallace. The seniors were also visited by and given tokens of appreciation from State Rep. Ana Hernandez and Lolita Guerrero from Senator Garcia's office.

Volunteers needed to assist at Citizenship Workshop

Volunteers who want to help neighbors achieve citizenship, should arrive Saturday, May 19, 2018 by 8:00 am at Hambrick Middle School located at 4600 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, TX 77039

Food and training will be provided for all. Parking is free and plentiful.

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- Information Presentation and Volunteer Training
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For additional information please call 281-799-9076 and 713-471-5832.

Police investigate stabbing of a man

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man found at 50 Berry Road about 1:10 a.m. on Saturday, May 5.

The victim, 33, was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital in critical condition.

According to HPD Major Assaults Unit Detectives V. Habukiha and R. Naughton The victim was found lying in the roadwa. He had been stabbed in the neck and torso. There is no known suspect nor motive in this incident.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults Unit at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Two brothers shot during an argument at W. Little York

The fatal shooting of one man and the wounding of another at 3230 West Little York about 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, is being referred to a Harris County grand jury.

The deceased victim is identified as Marlo Brown, 48. His brother, Tayo Olu Brown, 37, suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

According to Houston Police Officials, Marlo and Tayo Brown got into an argument which led to a confrontation with a pistol. As the brothers fought over the gun, both suffered gunshot wounds. HFD paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced Marlo deceased. Tayo was transported to the hospital after sustaining a gunshot wound to the face.

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DPS reminds Texans to prepare for hurricane season now

AUSTIN – With the hurricane season less than one month away, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) urges all Texans to use Hurricane Preparedness Week to learn how to protect themselves and their families from hurricanes and tropical storms. Hurricane season starts June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

“Hurricane season is unpredictable, and as we saw last year with Hurricane Harvey, these powerful storms can cause dangerous conditions and leave behind major devastation,” said Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who proclaimed this week as Hurricane Preparedness Week in Texas. “By preparing ahead of time, we can help ensure our state is ready when natural disasters strike. I encourage all of my fellow Texans to plan now in advance of hurricane season, and to closely monitor any weather warnings and evacuation orders in the coming months.”

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes and tropical storms. It is possible for a storm to severely impact our state, even prior to or without making direct landfall in Texas. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines, and winds can vary from 74 to 157 miles per hour (or higher). In addition, hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create dangerous coastal water conditions, including storm surges, and cause extensive flooding damage. Also, the rainfall associated with a tropical system can have an extremely wide reach, so monitoring changing weather conditions during hurricane season is critically important for all Texans.

“As Texans know all too well, the damage caused by a hurricane can be catastrophic, and the impact these storms have on our lives does not go away when the storm warning expires,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Our neighbors along the coast are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Hurricane Preparedness Week offers an impor-

tant reminder for everyone to be diligent, and by taking a few simple steps — like developing a hurricane plan and assembling an emergency disaster kit — we can ensure we are ready when a storm hits. It can mean the difference between life and death.”

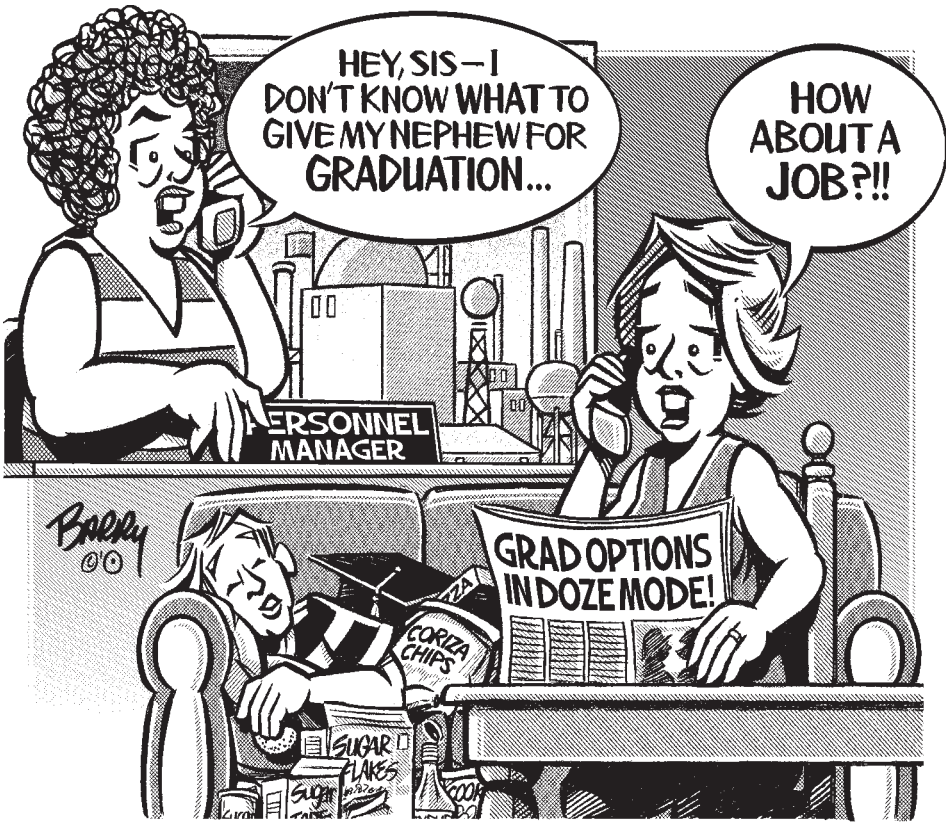
Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.
- Review hurricane evacuation maps, and select a route for you and your family.
- Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely.
- Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.
- Follow the instructions of local officials if a storm develops.

Residents are also encouraged to review their property’s flood risk and current insurance coverage, and to consider whether a separate flood policy should be part of their home protection plan. (Remember most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period before taking effect.) For more information, visit the Texas Department of Insurance website.

If you or someone you know might need assistance during a disaster, register now with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) — a free registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information about the needs in their communities. To register, contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state’s free 24-hour helpline. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community resources.

For more information about hurricanes and how to prepare for the 2018 hurricane season, visit the DPS website and www.texasprepares.org.



Paxton leads multi-state lawsuit challenging DACA program

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on May 1 filed a lawsuit against the federal government to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

The attorneys general of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia joined Paxton in the lawsuit.

Paxton and the other attorneys general urged the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to declare DACA unlawful and to stop the federal government from issuing or renewing any DACA permits in the future.

Paxton noted the suit does not ask the federal government to remove any alien currently covered by DACA, nor does it ask the Trump administration to rescind DACA permits that have already been issued.

“Our lawsuit is about the rule of law, not the wisdom of any particular immigration policy,” Paxton said. “Texas has argued for years that the federal executive branch lacks the power to unilaterally grant unlawful presence and work authorization. Left intact, DACA sets a dangerous precedent by giving the executive branch sweeping authority to ignore the laws enacted by Congress and change our nation’s immigration laws to suit a president’s own policy preferences.”

U.S. District Judge John D. Bates of the District of Columbia on April 24 ordered the Trump administration to accept DACA applications, but stayed the order for 90 days to give the Department of Homeland Security an opportunity to make its arguments contesting the legality of the DACA program.

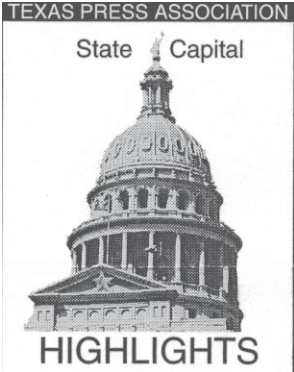
Revenue totals higher

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 2 announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.7 billion in April.

The amount is 13.4 percent more than reported in April 2017.

April state sales tax collections grew significantly across all major economic sectors, Hegar said. “While the strongest growth was in remittances from oil and gas-related sectors, tax receipts from retail trade and restaurants

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also grew briskly,” Hegar added.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2018 was up 9.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections. Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in April 2018.

Amnesty program starts

Comptroller Hegar on April 30 reminded Texans about the temporary tax amnesty program giving certain delinquent taxpayers a chance to make their accounts compliant with state tax law without incurring penalties and interest on tax due.

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program began May 1 and runs until June 29. The program applies to periods prior to Jan. 1, 2018, and only includes liabilities that have not been previously reported to the Comptroller.

Passed by the Texas Legislature in 2017, Senate Bill 1 requires the Comptroller of Public Accounts to establish a tax amnesty program to encourage voluntary reporting by:

- Delinquent taxpayers who do not have a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit or are not registered for a tax or fee administered by the Comptroller’s office; and
- Taxpayers who have a permit but may have underreported or owe additional taxes or fees.

Engineers list projects

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 1 released an initial list of projects to address high-priority needs in states recently impacted by natural disasters, including several in Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

According to the Corps of Engineers, an allocation of some \$360 million will be used to address 32 projects in 12 states. The funding is included in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump in February.

“As Texas continues on the road to recovery, our shipping channels and bayous are among the highest priorities for investment and repair,” said Gov. Greg Abbott. “These projects and improvements will address concerns in a number of local communities affected by Harvey and help combat future flood events. I thank the Army Corps of Engineers for their commitment to these initial projects and look forward to expanding upon this list as Texas continues to recover and rebuild.”

Among plans on the list of Texas repair projects are:

- Buffalo Bayou and tributaries;
- Corpus Christi Ship Channel;
- Galveston Harbor and Channel;
- Gulf Intracoastal Waterway;
- Houston Ship Channel;
- Matagorda Ship Channel;
- Sabine Neches Waterway; and
- Wallisville Lake.

Gov. Abbott authorizes Harris County Emergency Special Election For Flood-Control Projects

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today sent a letter approving a request by the Harris County Commissioners Court to hold an emergency special election for a bond referendum on Saturday, August 25th.

“As you know, I consider responding to matters concerning Hurricane Harvey to qualify as an emergency,” writes Governor Abbott. “As this request for an emergency special election was duly passed by a unanimous vote of the Harris County Commissioners Court, I hereby grant approval as Governor of Texas for this emergency special election to be called for bonds to fund flood-related mitigation projects that respond to Hurricane Harvey.”

The Governor’s letter details the billions in federal funding sources currently available to Harris County for flood and hazard mitigation projects, including: funds for buyouts and elevations of flood prone properties; drainage and reservoir projects that reduce future flooding; other projects that lessen the frequency or severity of flooding; flood risk reduction projects such as dams, retention basins, levees, floodwalls, seawalls, jetties, sand dunes, and large-scale channeling of waterways; and countless other projects.

Importantly, the Governor points out that Congress “purposefully provided much of those matching dollars through Community Development Block Grant funds so that local governments would not need to match the federal grants.” For example, funds are available today for Harris County to draw from the \$500 million in FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and Harris County may choose to use Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for the HMGP cost-share match for eligible projects.

Additionally, Harris County and the City of Houston, together, have already been allocated \$2.27 billion in CDBG-DR funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Canoeing and citizen scientist workshops offered at Jones Park in Humble

Gardening Daze: Wednesdays, May 16, 23, and 30 at 8:30 a.m.

Join Horticultural Coordinator Matt Abernathy Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. for native plant landscaping and habitat restoration in the park. Volunteers assist with gardening outside the Nature Center, tending to plants in the greenhouse, removing invasive species, assisting with habitat restoration, and other horticulture projects. Park staff and volunteers also work in the heritage garden at the pioneer homestead after 10 a.m. Closed-toed shoes, gloves, a hat, sunscreen, and water are recommended.

Tai Chi: Wednesdays, May 16, 23, and 30 at 9 a.m.

Interested in trying a new healthy outdoor activity? Doug Ebeling, volunteer Tai Chi instructor, leads this class based on the 24-step Yang form of T'ai Chi. The one-hour class includes low-impact stretching, breathing, and range of motion exercises held in the outdoor classroom near the Nature Center.

Tadpoles Club: Wednesdays, May 16, and 23 at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

This interactive program helps introduce preschool-aged children to nature through stories, crafts, puppets, short walks, and animals. This staff naturalist-led program provides a great opportunity for parents and children to learn about and enjoy nature together. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, April 5. Ages 3 to 4 only. Parent must accompany child. No younger or older siblings.

Dragonfly Workshop: Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon

Workshop attendees will learn about and participate in a citizen science project to help monitor migratory butterflies in our area. Identification characteristics and reporting methods will be covered first, followed by a walk into the park to practice photographing and identifying them.

Jesse Jones Park Volunteer Meeting: Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Join Jones Park staff and volunteers for their monthly volunteer meeting to learn more about what's new at Jones Park, upcoming events and programs, and volunteer opportunities. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. with a guest presentation.

Invasives Beware: Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Join Jones Park staff and the Jesse Jones Park (JJP) Eradicator's to assist in finding, documenting, and removing invasive plant and animal species as well as conducting other habitat management tasks in Jones Park. Closed-toe shoes required, gloves and long pants are recommended. Ages 16 and up or accompanied by adult.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive in Humble. Jesse Jones Park Volunteers (JJPV) welcomes applications from interested participants. For more information about the park or any of the activities and programs offered, please call 281-446-8588 or visit www.hcp4.net/community/parks/jones.



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3. To whom did Naaman the Syrian ask forgiveness after worshipping the god Rimmon? Saul, Christ, Elisha, Darius

4. From John 3, who was a Pharisee and ruler among the Jews? Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Judas, Peter
5. Who was known as the "Supplanter"? Aaron, Moses, Jacob, Hosea
6. What was the name of David's first wife? Rachel, Priscilla, Michal, Ruth

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Absalom; 3) Elisha; 4) Nicodemus; 5) Jacob; 6) Michal



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Blanson Career and Technical Education High School applications now open for admission

The multi-million-dollar, state-of-the-art campus set to open in August 2018, is looking for applicants.

Interested eighth, ninth and 10th grade students should visit the Blanson CTEHS website <http://ctehs.aldineisd.org/> to complete an online application today. The application is available in English and Spanish.

Several of the 17 programs are near capacity, while others are filling up fast.

However, there are still a few programs with plenty of seats available. Potential candidates will be strongly considered on a space-available basis for the following programs:

- Process Control & Instrumentation Technology
- Distribution & Logistics
- Machining
- HVAC (Heating, Ven-



This is an architectural rendering of the Dr. Archie L. Blanson Career and Technical Education High School. The campus, which is set to open in fall 2018, is currently accepting applications.

- tilation & Air Conditioning Technology)
- Collision Repair
– Diesel Technology
– Hospitality Services
- (aka Hotel & Restaurant Management)
Students interested in
- attending Blanson CTEHS should consider a first choice program as well as

a second choice and third choice program. The Admissions Committee will mostly consider students for their first choice program and will review them for their second or third choice if they are unable to accept them for their first choice.

A 3-Step Admission Process

- Complete an application online.
- Accepted applicants will be notified via Email. The campus will send email to the email address the applicants include on their application.
- Students and parents/legal guardians must attend a Commitment Night session (Blanson CTEHS staff will provide dates/locations to candidates.). This is an important step in the process. By attending this event and signing the Commitment Contract, the students will secure their place in the program.

Scholarship,

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year, gave her famous "Challenge" talk, to the enjoyment of the audience. Entitled "Last, First" she pictured all the Last events graduates would experience, but challenged them to make the most of their Firsts as they head off to college and their futures.

A highlight of the opening talks was made by Alex Elizondo, a previous scholarship recipient who is now studying at Houston Baptist University. Addressing the seniors, he said he felt good about their future. He admonished them to look at college as an opportunity to grow, but also to keep in mind who you are, know yourself, and be yourself. While at college, he said to be involved, and make the most of this opportunity.

Presentation of the 251 scholarships was made individually by Richard Cantu, president-elect of the AEF, and Michele McGov-

ern, with the help of donors of the scholarships.

Among the many scholarships named for the donors, major amounts were made by the AEF Board, Aldine staff, East Aldine District, Noble Drilling, Aldine ISD, Lone Star College-North Harris, and many others. Scholarship amounts varied from \$1000 to \$20,000, the latter a generous award from Noble Drilling to each of 8 seniors over a 4 year period. East Aldine District awarded scholarships in the names of George Acosta, John Broussard, Vic Mauldin, and John Meinke, friends or past EAMD board members.

Closing remarks were made by Scott Brady, board member of the Lone Star College Foundation. After the ceremony, students took the time to remember the night with photos together.

Drew Academy nurse Martha Stancil named one of the top 150 nurses in Houston

Drew Academy nurse Martha Stancil was named one of the Houston area's top 150 nurses by the *Houston Chronicle* in their annual salute to nurses.

She and her other honorees were honored recently with a luncheon to salute their service to nursing. Joining Stancil at the luncheon was Maisha Guillory, Aldine ISD's program director of health services.

Stancil knew at an early age that she wanted to enter the nursing profession.

"When I was 10, my grandmother moved in with our family. She was ill and required 100% assistance," Stancil said. "Both my father and mother worked, so the day that school was out for the summer I became her caretaker. Caring for my

grandmother that summer cemented my desire to become a nurse."

Stancil has been a registered nurse for 34 years. She earned her bachelor's of science in nursing from Prairie View A&M University and a BA in Administration from Our Lady of the Lake University. She completed the Nurse Leadership Program at the prestigious University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business and has served as a Fellow for the National Association of Public Hospitals.

Prior to joining Aldine ISD, Stancil worked at Jefferson Davis Hospital as a critical care nurse and OB



The Houston Chronicle named Drew Academy nurse Martha Stancil one of the top 150 nurses in the Houston area.

latory Care Specialty Clinics at Ben Taub and at St. Joseph's Hospital as the medical surgical director.

During her 34-year career, Stancil has earned many honors. She received the Nursing Excellence Award for Innovation and Creativity, the Administrative Excellence Award from the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing, and was a member of the Ambulatory Care Service Best Nursing Team in 2004 for Texas and Louisiana.

She was elected chairperson of the Hospital District Foundation Steering Committee, which was charged to assess the readiness and implementation of an electronic medical record and business system that would serve the entire Harris County Hospital District.

emergency care nurse and at LBJ Hospital as an emergency care/ambulatory care manager. She's also served as director of Am-

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