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## Richard Cantu named LNH Distinguished Alumni

Leadership North Houston, a function of the Lone Star College,



has named East Aldine's Assistant Executive Director Richard Cantu, as their 2019 LNA Alumni Distinguished Community Leader.

The award was made last month at a luncheon in the Woodlands.

The LNH award recognizes "an alumni who has demonstrated community leadership above and beyond and has the quality of empowering and inspiring others."

Cantu took the leadership training about 10 years ago, and since then he has been an outstanding leader in a number of positions.

In addition to his executive leadership at the East Aldine District, and the community involvement there, he also has successfully chaired Aldine ISD's \$798 Million Bond Election, managed the Connie Esparza campaign for AISD schoolboard, and recruited nearly a dozen precinct chairs.

Cantu successfully ran for Harris County Department of Education board of trustees this year, and is chairman of the Aldine Education Foundation, and a member of the Lone Star College Foundation.

His community involvement and leadership includes dozens of other organizations, and his work has benefitted many in the Aldine/North Houston area.

## Aldine Education Foundation, Aldine Scholarship Fund award scholarships to graduating Seniors

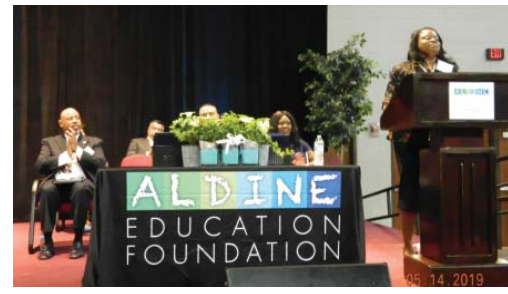
Two hundred-eighty-two Aldine ISD seniors received the opportunity to continue their academic careers by receiving either Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) or Aldine Scholarship Fund (ASF) scholarships during an awards ceremony this spring at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

AEF incorporated in 2012 to enable more Aldine ISD students to receive financial support for colleges of their choice, to award grants to educators for innovative instructional programs and to recognize and reward excellence in educators and students.

ASF, now under the direction of the Lone Star College Foundation, has a permanent endowment totaling more than \$2 million, which sends AISD



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney congratulates an Aldine ISD senior during the Aldine Education's Scholarship Awards ceremony, held Tuesday, May 14 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.



Aldine superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney speaks to the seniors, as AEF president-elect David Brown applauds. Dr. Goffney congratulated them on their achievements, but challenged them to try new things and expand their future goals.

students to Lone Star College.

During the ceremony, AEF awarded 147 scholarships and 135 AISD seniors received ASF scholarships. The scholar-

ships awarded this year totaled \$573,000. That's an increase of 31 scholarships from the 2017-18 school year.

"Because of significant support from Noble Drill-

ing, this is the third consecutive year AEF was able to award a four-year, \$20,000 scholarship to a graduate from each of Aldine ISD's high schools," said AEF Director Michele

McGovern. "Additionally, the amazing support of Aldine ISD staff through payroll deductions funded \$98,000 in scholarship

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## Top 10 Aldine Students -- Graduation this week

**Aldine ISD graduation Ceremonies May 30-June 1**  
Aldine ISD will hold eight graduation ceremonies May 30-June 1 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center (1865 Aldine Bender Road).

The 2019 Class of Aldine High School will graduate on Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.  
On Friday, May 31, the 2019 Class of Hall Center for Education will graduate at 6 p.m., followed by the 2019

Class of MacArthur High School at 7:30 p.m.  
On Saturday, June 1, the 2019 Class of Davis High School will graduate at 8 a.m., followed by the 2019 Class of Victory Early College High

School at 10:30 a.m. The 2019 Class of Eisenhower High School will graduate at 1 p.m., followed by the 2019 Class of Nimitz High School at 4:30 p.m. The 2019 Class of Carver High School will hold the final

graduation ceremony of the weekend at 7 p.m.  
All of the graduation ceremonies will be streamed live on the district's website, www.aldineisd.org.  
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ANTONIO HUERTA  
Aldine HS Valedictorian  
UT



JESUS C. PEREZ  
MacArthur Valedictorian  
Texas A&M



HUNENA BADAT  
Ike Valedictorian  
Rice



ABIGAIL TACK  
Nimitz Valedictorian  
A&M



ALLAIZA SANTIAGO  
Davis HS Valedictorian  
UT



ELENA GILES  
Aldine HS Salutatorian  
UT



PAOLA CANCINO  
MacArthur Salutatorian  
UH



DIEGO ALONSO AGUILAR  
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3D - 4:00 6:30 9:30

**\*MA (R)** 7:00 9:30

**\*ALADDIN (PG)** - 12:30pm, 6:30pm  
**\*ALADDIN (PG)** - SPAN DUB 12:00pm, 5:45pm  
**\*ALADDIN in RealD 3D (PG)** - 3:30pm, 9:30pm  
**\*ALADDIN in RealD 3D (PG)** - SPAN DUB 2:50pm, 8:40pm  
**\*BOOKSMART (R)** - 12:10pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm  
**\*BRIGHTBURN (R)** - 12:15pm, 2:30pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm  
**\*BRIGHTBURN (R)** - SPAN DUB 7:30pm, 9:45pm  
**\*A DOG'S JOURNEY (PG)** - 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm  
**\*JOHN WICK: Chapter 3 - Parabellum (R)** - 1:00pm, 3:50pm, 6:40pm, 9:30pm

**\*JOHN WICK: Chapter 3 - Parabellum (R)** - SPAN DUB 12:20pm, 3:20pm, 6:20pm, 9:20pm  
**\*Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG)** - 12:15pm, 5:25pm, 10:00pm  
**\*Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG)** - SPAN DUB 12:00pm, 5:00pm  
**\*Pokémon Detective Pikachu 3D (PG)** 2:40pm, 7:45pm  
**\*Pokémon Detective Pikachu 3D (PG)** SPAN DUB 2:25pm  
**THE INTRUDER (PG-13)** - 12:00pm, 2:25pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm  
**UGLYDOLLS (PG)** - 12:35pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 9:30pm  
**AVENGERS: Endgame (PG-13)** - 12:45pm, 4:45pm, 8:30pm  
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Green Forest Civic Club Meeting

The next meeting will be Tues. 05/29/19 @ 6:30p @ the offices of East Aldine District, 5333 Aldine-Mail Rte. (next to Jed's Hardware). Our meetings are open to the public. For more information, please contact Marina Flores Sugg at [greenforestc1983@gmail.com](mailto:greenforestc1983@gmail.com), or at 281.684.9751.

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Lone Star College-North Harris offers Discovery College summer camp

HOUSTON (May 20, 2019) – The summer camp experience has come a long way since the time of learning to tie knots and sew wallets. Discovery College at Lone Star College-North Harris (LSC-North Harris) provides a safe and fun "college experience" by giving students and their families a comfortable introduction to their local Lone Star College campus through fun and educational programs.  
LSC-North Harris Discovery College delivers fun programs featuring science and math, as well as visual and performing arts, physical activities and more. Discovery College offers more than a dozen exciting and rewarding ways for elementary and middle school students to grow this summer.  
The wide range of classes at LSC-North Harris Discovery College include:  
- Lone Star CSI  
- Rocket Science  
- Introduction to Watercolor Painting  
- Bubbly Oozy Science  
- LEGO Engineering  
- Lemonade Mogul  
- Building Simple Apps for Mobile Devices  
- Robotics  
- Junior Veterinarian  
- Multimedia Drawing

- Good Enough To Eat  
- Crafty Creations from recycled items  
- And more!  
Discovery College camp is provided in a weekly format every Monday beginning June 10-27 and a second session July 8-11. Programs are for ages 7-12 with sessions starting at \$115.  
In-person registration is necessary due to required parent signatures and forms. For more information, call 281.618.5602 or visit [www.LoneStar.edu/youthclasses-northharris.htm](http://www.LoneStar.edu/youthclasses-northharris.htm).  
Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. LSC consists of six colleges, 10 centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognizes Aldine ISD JROTC Cadet at Davis HS



Cadet Eric Morales will receive a \$750 cash scholarship from TXSSAR. Tom Jackson of the Robert Rankin Chapter of the TXSSAR presented the award

1. Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Eric Morales at Davis High School earned second place in the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) Enhanced Junior ROTC Program.  
2. The organization's intent is to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier" as exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented to JROTC cadets selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.  
3. To reach the state level, Cadet Morales was required to complete an application documenting his class rank, involvement in JROTC, extracurricular activities, and community service. Additionally, an original essay was also required on the topic, "How JROTC Has Prepared Me to Be a Better Citizen of the United States."  
4. The TXSSAR serves almost 400 high schools throughout the state and

each school may submit one nominee for this competition. Morales was nominated by JROTC instructor, Lt. Col. Porfirio Muñoz and recommended by Davis HS Principal Anthony Watkins.  
5. Following his nomination, Cadet Morales was selected by the local Robert Rankin Chapter of the TXSSAR to compete at the

state-level society award for his JROTC accomplishments and an essay titled, "The Future Is Out There."  
6. Cadet Morales will receive a \$750 cash scholarship from TXSSAR.  
7. Tom Jackson of the Robert Rankin Chapter of the TXSSAR presented the award in person to Cadet Morales.

Shooting at 3500 West Gulf Bank

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a male at 3500 West Gulf Bank about 12:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21.  
HPD Major Assault & Family Violence Division Sergeant K. Mokwa and Officer D. Garner reported: The victim was on the sidewalk when he was shot by an unknown suspect(s). Paramedics transported the victim to the hospital

in critical condition.  
The suspect is believed to be driving a white pickup truck. There is no suspect description at this time.  
Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Teenager shot at Homestead

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a male that occurred at 7900 Homestead about 8:20 p.m. on Friday, May 17.  
According to Houston Police Officials, the victim, a 17 year-old man, was picking up a friend at a car wash on Homestead when a silver or gray, newer-model Ford Taurus pulled up next to his car. Two unknown suspects fired shots from inside the suspect's

vehicle and struck the victim.  
The victim was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital in an unknown condition.  
At this time there is no known motive for the shooting.  
Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

LSC Foundation StarGala 2019 showcases student success

HOUSTON (May 20, 2019) – The Lone Star College Foundation raised more than \$430,000 during its annual signature event, StarGala 2019.  
"I am very grateful to those who sponsored, attended and donated at this year's StarGala," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "It is a wonderful opportunity to get together and support student success."



Lone Star College Foundation StarGala 2019 raised more than \$430,000 to help support student success. Pictured (left to right) are: Saul Valentin, LSC Foundation Board Chair, Vanessa Ozuna and Massey Villarreal, LSC StarGala 2019 chairs.

A featured speaker at the event, held May 4 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriot, was Anthony D'Souza who shared his Lone Star College experience with the audience. Currently a junior at Rice University, D'Souza attended the Honors College at LSC-University Park as a Chancellor's Fellow, completing multiple honors research projects.  
A current Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship recipient, D'Souza will receive up to \$40,000 per year for up to three years to cover a substantial share of educational expenses including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. D'Souza plans to attend graduate school to study environmental policy and administration.  
"It was very inspiring listening to Anthony speak," said Head. "His sto-

ry is a testament to what hard work can accomplish."  
This year's event, themed "An Evening in Seville", included 580 guests in attendance, who enjoyed dinner, a live and silent auction, and dancing.  
"Supporting student success through Lone Star College Foundation is so incredibly important for our community," said Vanessa Ozuna, StarGala 2019 co-chair. "As a former student, I know the value and opportunities attending Lone Star College can provide."  
"The money raised at StarGala 2019 will help make a big difference for many hard-working and deserving students," said Head, who began his career in higher education as a director of Financial Aid. "I personally know the need to make as many scholarships available as possible."  
"In many cases, 20 or more students will apply for just one scholarship," said Massey Villarreal, StarGala 2019 co-chair. "This event is truly an investment in our future."  
The traditional live auction item, "Golf with the Chancellor," consisting of a day of golf for two foursomes, followed by a dinner with Dr. Head, was one of the most popular items bid on. Other in-demand auction items included throwing out the first pitch before the Houston Astros game on LSC night, along

with an Astros suite for a party of 21; a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Seville, Spain; and two first-class United Airlines tickets to anywhere in the U.S.  
Supporters included: Visionary sponsor – Barnes & Noble College and Noble Energy; Champions sponsor – Berkeley Research Group and Caldwell Companies; Dream Maker sponsor – Harrison Kornberg Architects, Netsync Network Solutions, PBK Architects and Cisco.  
"None of this would have been possible without the dedicated staff and volunteers whose efforts made StarGala 2019 the success it was," said Nicole Robinson Gauthier, LSC Foundation executive director. "Many lives are changed for the better thanks to the support of all the generous donors and sponsors."  
Founded in 1991, the Lone Star College Foundation has expanded its initial investment of \$20,000 into an extensive portfolio of over \$27 million. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$13 million in scholarships to nearly 13,000 students, as well as more than \$4 million in program support. The mission of the LSC Foundation is to change lives through student scholarships and quality educational programs achieved by excellence in relationship building, fundraising and investment management. Visit [LoneStar.edu/Giving](http://LoneStar.edu/Giving) for more information.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Top 10 graduates,

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Hall Center Salutatorian  
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One killed, one wounded in shooting at Haverstock Hills

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male and the wounding of another that occurred at 225 Aldine Bender about 1:05 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. HPD patrol officers responded to a report of a shooting at Harverstock Hill Apartments on Akdube Bender and found one male victim on the ground deceased from multiple gunshot wounds. A second male was located and transported by paramedics to the hospital. Two suspects, described only as black males, were

reported to have fled the scene on foot northbound on Aldine Bender. The identity of the deceased male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The other male, 47, was transported to Houston Northwest Medical Center in critical condition. At this time there is no known motive for the shooting. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Suspect identified in fatal shooting at Keith-Wiess Park

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the fatal shooting of a man that occurred at Keith-Wiess Park, 12300 Aldine Westfield Road about 7:10 p.m. on May 14. The suspect, Martin Vela, 26, is charged with murder. He is not in custody. According to reports, HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting at Keith-Wiess Park and found Mr. Moreno deceased next to a pickup



Martin Vela

truck. Witnesses reported the shooter fled on foot into the nearby park woods. Further information led to the identification of Vela as a suspect in this case and, on Tuesday, May 21, he was charged with murder. He remains wanted at this time. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Vela or on this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Fatal crash on North Freeway leaves 1 dead

Houston police are investigating the fatal crash that occurred at 9400 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) service road about 10:20 p.m. Sunday on May 19. According to Houston Police Officials, the victim, a pedestrian, entered the crosswalk on the North Freeway service road, failed to yield the right-of-way and was struck by a

black Chevrolet Malibu traveling on the service road just past the intersection of West Mount Houston. The driver of the Malibu fled the scene without stopping to render aid. The victim, believed to have been homeless, was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The vehicle was later

found parked at a residence a about three miles from the location of the crash. The front windshield had been shattered during the impact. The passenger of the vehicle was detained at the residence. No charges have been filed at this time, as the investigation is continuing.

Lake Houston spillway dam project reduces lake level



Houston, TX - City Council Member Dave Martin would like to bring to resident's attention that Houston Public Works has lowered Lake Houston by six inches as of Monday, May 20, allowing contractors to begin a critical rehabilitation project on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam. Lake Houston will be lowered another six inches on Tuesday, May 28, following Memorial Day weekend, for a total lake reduction of one foot through the fall of 2020. The Lake Houston Spillway Dam Rehabilitation Project will provide increased stability to the dam through the installation of a new reinforced concrete training wall. This project also includes partial demolition of a splitter wall, which is the device used to break up the flow of water over the spillway. Contractors with Thalle Construction Company will build new concrete anchor blocks at the bottom of the training wall and elevate the Ogee and Stilling pool weirs by seven feet, thus altering the water flow from the spillway. During this project property owners should be prepared for varying lev-

els on Lake Houston through the fall of 2020 as any time the lake is above 41.5 feet, it will be immediately lowered back to 41.5 feet in an effort to minimize disruption of the project. In these instances, advance notice may not be possible and property owners should secure property along the shoreline for this extended period of time. During the time of this project recreational activities will be disrupted and boaters are urged to use extreme caution on the lake due to lower levels as well as increased instances of exposed debris. Contractors will use water pumping and cofferdams for the project allowing them to work on the dam below the water line. The project is expected to

be completed by fall 2020. The estimated construction cost is \$10 million and is being funded by Coastal Water Authority's (CWA) Special Equity funds, designated for CWA through the City of Houston infrastructure improvements fund. It is important that water levels will be lowered to 41.5 feet throughout the entirety of the project. For more information on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam Rehabilitation Project, contact Erin Jones. The project does not include additional gates on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam. That project is still being pursued on the federal level and if approved the design and construction of those gates will be completed within three to

five years of approval. Council Member Martin has worked diligently to secure support for this project from Senator John Cornyn, Senator Ted Cruz, and Representative Dan Crenshaw.

Separately, during times of inclement weather when the National Weather Service predicts greater than three inches of rain within a 48-hour period, the lake should already be at 41.5 feet which would require no additional lowering unless a more significant rain event is predicted. Lake Houston has a normal pool elevation of 42.5 feet. To monitor current water levels at Lake Houston, visit: www.coastalwaterauthority.org. Again, Property owners should plan to secure property along the shoreline through fall of 2020. Please contact the District E office by phone (832) 393-3008 or email districte@houstontx.gov with any questions.

Metallica and Lone Star College – what do they have in common? Heavy Metal!

HOUSTON (May 23) – Legendary rock band Metallica has awarded Lone Star College \$100,000 to help students find new careers in health care, transportation, oil and gas, and mechatronics. "We are extremely grateful for Metallica's support," said Linda Leto Head, LSC senior associate vice chancellor, External and Employer Relations. "This grant supports job skill training that is relevant and very much in need. They are funding items that make it difficult for a working parent or sole family provider to attend a community college for fast-track training." "The grant can help pay for 'wraparound services' such as day care, work uniforms, as well as drug and alcohol tests for students who need assistance," said Head.

"All of us in the band feel fortunate that music has provided us the opportunity to be successful doing something we are passionate about," said Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich in a released statement. "We want to share our success with others so that they can find a job where they can do the same." In all, Metallica is awarding a total of \$1 million in grants to 10 community colleges across the country to assist more than 1,000 students in obtaining training and help them enter the workforce. The Metallica Scholars grant is provided by the band's All



Within My Hands Foundation in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges. In addition to the Metallica grant, other financial aid options are also available to help LSC stu-

dents and their families pay for college expenses, including tuition, fees, books and supplies. Visit LoneStar.edu/FA-Grants to learn more and request additional information. "This investment Metallica made for our community will pay off for years to come," said Head. All Within My Hands is dedicated to creating sustainable communities by supporting workforce education, the fight against hunger and other critical local services. Learn more at AllWithinMyHands.org.

Suspect wanted in shooting of a teenager

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the shooting of a man at 7900 Homestead Road about 8:20 p.m. on Friday, May 17. The suspect, Trent Brown, 34, has been charged with aggravated assault and felon in possession of a firearm. Brown is not in custody at this time. The male victim, 17, was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital in an unknown condition. According to Houston Police Officials, the victim was picking up a friend at

a car wash at the above address when a silver or gray, newer-model Ford Taurus pulled up next to his car. Two unknown suspects fired shots from inside the suspect's vehicle and struck the victim. Further investigation identified Brown one of the suspects in this case. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Trent Brown or in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.



A November 2017 booking photo of Brown

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OPINION PAGE

**TEXAS SENATE NEWS**  
By Richard Lee

*Senate expands compassionate use law for CBD oil*

(Austin) More Texans could be prescribed a cannabis derivative to treat certain disorders under a bill approved by the Senate Wednesday. Therapeutic use of cannabidiol (CBD) oil was first allowed in Texas under a bill passed two sessions ago, but could only for the treatment of a particular seizure disorder that resists standard treatments. In the four years since the law passed, it has proved its effectiveness, said sponsor and New Braunfels Senator Donna Campbell. "For patients participating in this program, they have had a remarkable and life-altering change because of this," she said. "That's compassion." The bill passed Wednesday, HB 3703, would expand the conditions eligible for treatment with CBD oil.

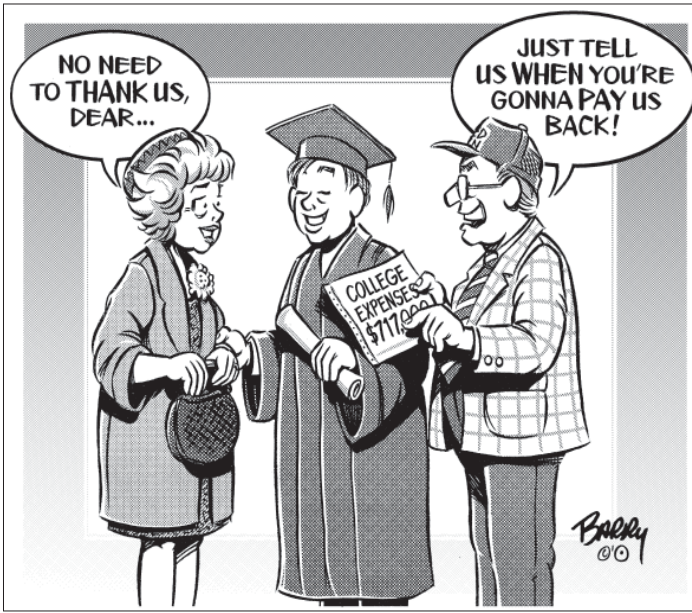
CBD oil cannot get a person high; it contains less than 0.05 percent of THC, the psychoactive intoxicant associated with recreational cannabis use. Still, it falls under the state's ban on cannabis and cannabis derivatives. That was a problem for families who had children with intractable epilepsy, a pernicious disorder that resists standard treatments and can cause hundreds of seizures in a week. CBD oil, however, shows almost miraculous results in treating the disease and far milder side effects than standard epilepsy medications. In 2015, the Senate passed a bill permitting the prescription of this treatment for just this disorder, and only under strict oversight. State law enforcement kept close track of who was prescribing and who was being prescribed the drug, and it required two separate neurologists to sign-off on the prescription and, then only after standard treatments had failed.

Campbell, a licensed physician by trade, said that there is growing evidence that CBD oil is an effective treatment for a number of other disorders, enough to carefully expand the scope of this treatment. "I wish there was a lot of measurable science, good, controlled, double-blind studies like is required for other medications, we don't have that," she said. "Narrowly crafting this gives us a walk with some assurance, not a race into something that may have a lot of unintended

consequences." Her bill would ease the restrictions on who can prescribe CBD oil to a single board-certified specialist. It would allow doctors to prescribe CBD oil to treat multiple sclerosis, spasticity, incurable neurodegenerative disorders like Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's Disease, autism, and as a palliative treatment for people with terminal cancer. State law enforcement would still keep a close eye on the program.

For Senator José Menéndez, whose wife has a neurodegenerative condition, this is a personal issue. He filed a bill this session that would allow the use of cannabis as a treatment for a number of debilitating disorders, but the measure never got a hearing. He praised Campbell for her work in expanding the use of CBD oil in Texas. "There are many, many people that have been asking me to present amendments, asking me to replace this bill with my bill," said Menéndez. "I'm not going to do that, not because I don't think we can do better, but because I think we must extend the compassionate use of cannabis products to more people. I want to thank you for joining us in our fight as a medical doctor." Menéndez said he hopes that one day, Texas will join 33 other states in allowing some form of medicinal cannabis beyond CBD oil.

As chair of the Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee, Campbell has been a long-time advocate for veteran issues. Many who fought in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have advocated this session include in this bill disorders like post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and others common among those returning home from combat. Campbell said that she's heard their petitions, and hopes that one day CBD oil can be approved for treatment of those disorders. "We just don't have the data, good, scientific data, for PTSD that we can put in this bill at this time," she said. "I hope - I hope - that we can get definitive research necessary to be able to include PTSD, TBI and those other illnesses that are very difficult to measure." Passed unanimously by the Senate, the bill now heads to the governor's desk for his signature.



*Much remains on table as Legislature begins final week*

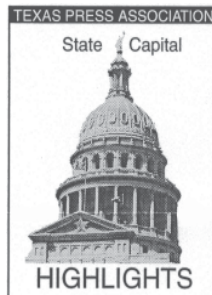
AUSTIN — As the Texas Legislature entered the final week of its 140-day 86th regular session, Texans continued to wait for lawmakers to wrap up priority issues: the 2020-2021 state budget, property tax reform and school finance reform.

Of the more than 7,000 bills Senate and House members have filed proposing to create, amend or repeal a law, only 56 had passed and been forwarded to the governor's desk for final approval as of Sunday, May 19. This is a low number of bills to have survived the threshing floors at both ends of the Capitol at this point in the session. Lawmakers with bones to pick with each other have used and may continue to use parliamentary maneuvers to speed or slow the movement of bills between now and May 27, the last day of the session.

Meanwhile, last week, the House and Senate passed and forwarded to the governor the following bills: —HB 253 by Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, provides for development and implementation of a five-year strategic plan to improve access support services for postpartum depression. —HB 621 by Rep. Victoria Neave, D-Dallas, prohibits an employer from taking any adverse employment action against a child-care or education professional who reports possible child abuse or neglect. —HB 869 by Rep. Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, provides for the prosecution of the interception, use or disclosure of certain communications, notably credit card skimming, as organized crime.

—HB 1218 by Rep. Stephanie Klick, R-Fort Worth, requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to establish a schedule for the distribution of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as "SNAP" benefits, that en-

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling



constitutionally approved transfers to the state highway fund may be executed.

**Jobless rate drops again**

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased another tenth of a point to 3.7 percent for the month of April, the Texas Workforce Commission reported May 17.

Growth in the Texas economy continued in April, with 28,900 seasonally adjusted non-farm positions added over the month. April was the 108th consecutive month of annual growth for total non-farm employment. "Our state's ongoing success is linked to the innovation and competitiveness of employers in a range of industries providing Texans more opportunities to demonstrate their world-class skills," said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "In fact, Chief Executive Magazine has named Texas the Best State for Business for the 15th year in a row."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded April's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 1.7 percent, followed by the Odessa MSA at 2.0 percent. The Amarillo MSA recorded the third-lowest rate: 2.1 percent.

**Sales tax holidays are set**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 15 announced state sales tax holidays would be conducted across the Lone Star State May 25-27. According to comptroller's office, shoppers will save about more than \$12 million in state and local sales tax during the Memorial Day weekend sales tax holidays.

Products displaying a "WaterSense" label or logo may be purchased tax-free for personal or business use. These include shower heads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls.

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**Social Security Matters**

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor  
Russell Gloor  
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*Ask Rusty — Worker received overpayment notice from Social Security*

**Dear Rusty:** I have a problem with Social Security. They told me if I went over the annual earned income limit they would withhold \$1 for every \$2 I went over. But they did not tell me about the monthly rule for the first year of retirement and now they want \$13,000. I am a part time bus driver with irregular hours and cannot afford this. Can you help? Signed: Feeling Wronged by SS

**Dear Feeling Wronged:** The so-called "first year rule" is one which surprises many who claim benefits early and continue to work. That rule says that if your monthly income, in your first year after your benefits start, exceeds a certain limit (\$1470 in 2019), you are not entitled to SS benefits for that month. In your specific situation there are two things in play that I suggest you focus on.

First, you should immediately request a repayment plan on the grounds that you cannot afford to repay the entire amount right away and that forfeiting your benefits until the \$13,000 is repaid will result in a hardship for you. Although the Overpayment Notice you received asked you to refund the money within 30 days, it also suggested repayment options if you cannot afford to do so. I recommend you contact Social Security immediately to arrange a repayment plan, which is affordable for you. You can do this by submitting form SSA-632, which you can find at this link: [www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-632.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-632.pdf). Be aware that if you don't get a favorable initial response from your first contact with Social Security, you have the right to appeal at several levels, including a review of your case by an independent Administrative Law Judge. But please note that it might take up to 60 days for Social Security to complete your repayment plan request. If you do not get action within that timeframe you should contact them again to determine your status.

Next, I suggest that, since Social Security informed you of the annual limit but neglected to inform you of the rule which limits your monthly income in your first year of early retirement, you may also have grounds to request a waiver of the entire overpayment. Social Security's own rules state that if your overpayment was caused by misinformation received from Social Security, you may be found "without fault" for any overpayment in your first year of early retirement. You may even want to download Social Security's own rules on this topic at this link: <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0202250061>. The onus will be on you to prove that the overpayment occurred as a result of misinformation supplied by Social Security, and you will need the name of the person(s) who supplied the incorrect information as well as the date and time. And as with all contact you have with the Social Security Administration, you should keep a complete written record of each transaction. In resolving this issue, you can and should use the appeals process if necessary, and you may even want to consider asking your local Congressional Representative to intercede on your behalf.

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Four Davis High soccer players sign with Jarvis Christian College



Four senior soccer players from Davis High School recently signed national letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at Jarvis Christian College. Pictured are, front row (l-r): Juliana Aparicio, Krissia Barahona, Jennifer Benitez and Yatzary Hernan. Back row, (l-r): Aldine ISD Director of Athletics Fernando Salvador, Davis High head girls' soccer coach Mikela Dillon and Davis High Principal Anthony Watkins.

Twenty-seven Aldine High student-athletes earn scholarships



Pictured are 22 of the 27 Aldine High School student-athletes who recently signed national letters of intent with a number of college and universities from across the country. Pictured with them are Aldine ISD Executive Director of Athletics Dre' Thompson, Head Football Coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator Hank Semler and Aldine High Principal Walter Stewart.

Aldine High School recently held a signing day ceremony for 27 student-athletes who signed national letters of intent with a number of colleges and universities from across Texas and the United States.

Football players who earned scholarships were Jacorey Howard (Texas Southern University), Josue Torres, Michael McLennon and Preston Anderson (Texas A&T), Nicholas Villanueva and Christopher King (Bethany College), Patrick Duarte, Moises

Sanchez and Dylan Jackson (Central Iowa), Traymon Alfred (Carthage College), Reginald Jackson (Dakota State), Tyreek Mills (Blinn College), and Gabriel Johnson (Hiram College).

Baseball players who earned scholarships were Adrian Martinez (Cedar Valley College) and Jonathan Lomas (Wiley College).

Soccer players who earned scholarships were Melissa Olivares (Navarro College), Rocio Rojo, Chelsey Monroy and Maria

Gamez (Ranger College), Jennifer Lopez (Paul Quinn College), Isis Gil (LSU Eunice), Gabriela Salas and Jennifer Sosa (Southwestern Assemblies of God).

Swimmer Devani Thomas signed with Nova Southeastern University, while basketball players Alydashien Adrian signed with Blinn College and Jordan Jones signed with Southwestern College.

The scholarships earned by the 27 Aldine High student-athletes had a value of \$3,410,000.

Children's Summer Camp, Tropical Symposium, and more

Lunch Bunch: Behind the Scenes at Mercer Botanic Gardens. Wednesday, June 12, from noon to 2 p.m. Learn about the collections housed at the Mercer Botanical Center and exciting facts about plants and their habitats. Presented by Mercer Botanical Collections Curator Suzanne Chapman and botanist Anita Tiller. Participants should bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Lunch Bunch is a free program offered at Mercer's East Side

Gardens and is recommended for participants ages 12 and older.

Garden Explorers: Butterflies and Bees. Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Explore the gardens and observe the pollinators that flap, fly, and flutter among the flowers during this lively, three-day summer camp. With guidance from Mercer Botanic Gardens Education Director Jennifer Garrison, children will scout for butterflies and the flowers

they are attracted to, explore the importance of honeybees, participate in nature-themed games and activities, and much more. This camp is designed for children ages 6 to 8. A suggested donation of \$30 is requested to cover the cost of materials. Space is limited, and registration is required.

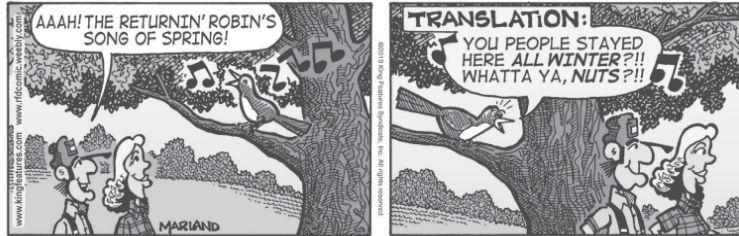
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**  
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Apron is missing. 2. Boy's cap is turned forward. 3. Shorter are longer. 4. Items are missing from shelf. 5. There are more wall bricks. 6. Pipe is lower on wall.

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31 Strong adhesive  
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be born a U.S. citizen?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the elite shopping district called Rodeo Drive located?
3. MOVIES: Which 1990s movie featured the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?
4. HISTORY: In which country did the Mau Mau Uprising take place?
5. TELEVISION: What kind of creature was the animated character Foghorn Leghorn?
6. SCIENCE: What is a tornado at sea called?
7. LITERATURE: Which poet wrote, "April is the cruellest month"?
8. ARCHITECTURE: Who designed Central Park in New York City?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for April?
10. U.S. STATES: In which U.S. state was the first atomic bomb tested?

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1. Martin Van Buren; 2. Beverly Hills, California; 3. "Home Alone"; 4. Kenya; 5. A rooster; 6. A waterspout; 7. T.S. Eliot; 8. Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux; 9. Diamond; 10. New Mexico

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Answers  
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LIFESTYLE

Leave Your Mark

"And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good..." (Acts 10:38a NLT)

The verse continues, of course, but let's stop here today. Jesus, having been anointed by God, went around "doing good." Everything He did - casting out demons, healing the sick, etc. - can really be covered in these two words. The whole time He was on this earth, Jesus was doing good. As Christ followers, we are to do as He did, so what is our job? We are to go around doing good.

As long as we focus on doing what Jesus did, as

long as we set our hearts on always doing good to others, serving them as they need to be served, we are naturally going to fulfill the Great Commission (Mark 16:15 - "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."). Our very lives, if they are spent in doing good to others, will be sermons; they will cause us to be lights in the darkness. And people will be drawn to that light.

What does doing good look like? It looks like us regularly choosing to be miracles in other people's lives. Individually, it can mean mowing a neighbor's lawn, caring for a child

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THOUGHTS FROM  
MARANATHA CHURCH  
By Dr. Mark Trice



while Mom is sick, or tutoring a friend's son in math. As a church, it can look like our church's Operation BAM, which has encompassed such things as taking hundreds of gifts and vehicles full of willing workers to assist at a battered women's shelter; carrying boots, blankets, and socks to the homeless in Houston; and sending our disaster response truck out with supplies in the wake of natural disasters.

Speaking for our congregation, do you know who

was helped the most in each of those instances? We were! While we were focusing on being the light in other people's darkness, the light began to shine more brightly for us: Few things can compare with being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Every year, we've done more, reached out more, and every year the experience has inspired us to reach further. In fact, we recently began to shift our focus even more outwardly, to expand our vision to

help our congregation actively develop a habit - a culture - of service and community involvement that would even more directly impact the world we live in. Our goal is to keep our eyes and arms open, to be a light in the darkness.

Which is exactly what Jesus did. He came as a light into darkness, and the darkness fled before His face. He didn't just walk around enjoying the notoriety of being known as "Rabbi;" He reached out to the unreachable, touched the untouchable, and left His mark everywhere He went. No one was foul enough that He wasn't willing to meet them in their need if only they would open up to receive what He had to offer.

Be like Jesus: Be the light and leave your mark!

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. In Matthew 8, what prophet's words did Jesus claim to be fulfilling as He was healing people? Iddo, Esaias, Gad, Medad
  3. Who wrote, "Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court"? Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea
  4. In scripture, what did God rain down upon Sodom and Gomorrah in addition to fire? Hail, Lightning, Brimstone, Mud
  5. Whose grave was marked by a pillar erected by her husband Jacob? Abigail, Lillith, Puah, Rachel
  6. From Judges 16, who slept through a haircut? Manoah, Samson, Adam, Uriah
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Esaias; 3) Ezekiel; 4) Brimstone (Gen 19:24); 5) Rachel; 6)

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## SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

### Aldine Scholarship awards,

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funds for 26 students."

Prior to the awarding of the scholarships, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney delivered the Superintendent's Challenge to this year's scholarship recipients.

"You have done so much to get yourselves here – skipped social events to study, stayed after school to work on projects, all the things that it takes to meet your goals," she said. "It is those traits – hard work, determination, and sacrifice that make you a true scholar and those same traits will suit you well as you go into the next chapter of life."

She also challenged the scholarship recipients to embrace this next chapter in their lives.

"Try things you have never tried before, go places you have never been before and take full advantage of the opportunities presented to you," Dr. Goffney said. "You have somewhat of a head start. The scholarships you received here are deposits literally into your 'future' bank. Don't waste it."

McGovern then introduced former scholarship recipients Gabrielle Harrison and Kitzia Soto who encouraged this year's recipients to take full advantage of the opportunity that is before them.

Harrison, a 2014 AEF recipient and graduate of Aldine High School, earned her degree from Texas A&M University and is now a college advisor at Nimitz High School. Receiving an AEF scholarship was the jumpstart she needed to pursue a college degree.

"The AEF scholarship, among others, made going to college even more of a reality," she said. "The scholarship made me feel like there were people out there who believed in me and wanted me to be as



Aldine ISD Board President Steve Mead presents a scholarship certificate to an Aldine ISD senior during the Aldine Education Scholarship Awards ceremony held Tuesday, May 14 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.



East Aldine District is a strong supporter of the Aldine scholarship programs. Above, Susan Hill and Patti Acosta participate in the awards to 9 AEF scholars, 25 ASF scholars, and 4 named awards, for Vic Mauldin, George Acosta, John Broussard, and John Meinke.

successful as possible in furthering my education."

Harrison encouraged this year's recipients to set goals and to believe in themselves.

"You will do great things and accomplish anything you set your mind to," Harrison said. "Like many of you, I was a first generation college graduate, and if anyone asked me what my hopes and dreams were 15 years ago, graduating from college would not have been on that list. So, I will leave you with this,

when you are pulling all-nighters or you might feel like giving up, remember that Aldine ISD and Aldine Education Foundation want each and everyone one of you to succeed."

Soto, a 2013 AEF recipient and graduate of MacArthur High School, is also a Texas A&M graduate. She currently serves as an AmeriCorps Member for Texas A&M and works with seniors at Eisenhower High School to assist them in applying for scholarships.

"I am responsible for the futures of 542 students, and to this day I remind myself of that," she said. "Students come into my office for the first time and have to trust a person they have never met before. I cannot tell you how many times I have sat in my office crying after reading a student's essay; essays about homelessness, foster care, bullying and medical conditions. These kids are perceived in a negative light just because of where they grew up or what high school they attended, but in reality they are just like anyone else trying to break barriers – whether it be through academics, community involvement or social media."

Soto closed by reminding this year's scholarship recipients of the wonderful opportunity they have been afforded.

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your college adviser, to be the shoulder you can cry on, but more importantly, thank you for making a commitment to higher education. Remember, you are our future. This won't be easy, but it will be worth it," she said.

AEF Present-Elect Pastor David Smith delivered the welcome and introduced special guests. Dr. Gerald Napoles, president of Lone Star College-North Harris delivered remarks on behalf of the college and Abel Garza, assistant superintendent of community and governmental relations with Aldine ISD and AEF Director Michele McGovern presented this year's scholarship recipients. Saul Valentin, chairman of the board of the Long Star College Foundation, delivered closing remarks.

Approximately 1,000 people attended the event to celebrate these students' successes.

### Lone Star College student selected for prestigious international program

HOUSTON (May 15, 2019) – Lone Star College-Kingwood student Matthew Molinar has been selected to participate in the n+i Engineering Institutes Program. This study abroad program takes place in France in partnership with the French Embassy.

"We are very proud of Matthew and what he has been able to accomplish at Lone Star College," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "Only one student from the United States is selected each year, so this is quite an achievement."

The n+i program is for students or young engineers with a degree in engineering science. The network offers training for engineers aspiring for an international career.

"This was a very important opportunity to me because it offers a pathway to finish my education as well as applying theory to practice while learning a new language and culture," said Molinar. "My most immediate career path involves helping make clean energy economical in the U.S. to combat climate change."

"Such unique opportunities would not be possible without the leadership and the dedicated honors directors and faculty who facilitated these students' studies and research" said Christel Outreman, director, Campus France Washington, French Embassy Higher Education Attaché.

Molinar is the third recipient to be selected from LSC. Daniela Markovic and Diego Ortiz Vigil were past beneficiaries of the n+i scholarship. LSC students have also received scholarships for the embassy's short-term pre-professional seminars in Paris, Montpellier and Normandy over the last three years, with six selected to participate this summer.

"This prestigious program will provide Matthew a full scholarship for a Master of Engineering Degree," said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC associate vice chancellor, Honors and International Education. "This includes language training, living



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allowance and an internship at a French corporation."

"The LSC Honors College definitely helped me earn entrance into this program because of the research component that all Honors students engage in," said Molinar who graduated with an Associate of Science, General Math & Science degree. "Additionally, Lone Star College has a large variety of high-level STEM courses that better prepare its students for opportunities like these."

"The French Embassy is delighted to work for a third year in a row with Lone Star College," said Katrin Gebhard, French Embassy Higher Education Attaché. "Students from the Honors College at Lone Star College have been very impressive – academically and personally. These outstanding students are able to take on the challenge of a long term study abroad program that is transformative and life-changing for them. Building on a very comprehensive and high-level curriculum, Honors College prepares the students for an opportunity leading them to a Master of Arts Engineering."

The n+i network is a consortium of over 50 French Grandes Ecoles d'Ingénieurs. These schools have elected to combine their international cooperation operations so as to offer a better service to foreign students.

### Lone Star College students receive prestigious scholarships

HOUSTON (May 21, 2019) – Three Lone Star College students were awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Transfer Scholarship making it possible for them to complete their bachelor's degrees at a selective four-year college or university.

"The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awarded scholarships to only 61 deserving students nationwide this year," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "To have three chosen from Lone Star College is quite an accomplishment."

Selected for the scholarship were LSC-Kingwood students Diego Degenhart and Alberto Gonzalez, and LSC-University Park student Christina Ware.

Each will receive up to \$40,000 per year for up to three years to cover a substantial share of educational expenses including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. These recipients will also receive all-inclusive educational advising from foundation staff to guide them through the processes of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing for their careers. In addition, they will also be eligible to apply for \$50,000 annually for graduate school.

"Waking up to an email declaring me as a Jack Kent Cooke scholar felt like the continuation of a dream," said Degenhart. "I was immediately overwhelmed with unparalleled joy, as the unavoidable barriers for achieving my dreams (finances) were essentially removed."

"This scholarship means so much more to me than winning a typical award," said Ware, who was also named a 2019 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar. "It means that I am now a part of a community of high-achiev-



Lone Star College students Diego Degenhart, Alberto Gonzalez and Christina Ware were awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship. Pictured (left to right) are Diego Degenhart, LSC-Kingwood; Dr. Katherine Persson, LSC-Kingwood president; Christina Ware, LSC-University Park; Dr. Shah Ardalan, LSC-University Park president; and Alberto Gonzalez, LSC-Kingwood.

ing students whose purpose is to excel academically while serving and making a difference in their campus and community."

"I am still in awe," said Gonzalez. "After focusing so much of my attention on finances for school for so long it is a completely new feeling to know that I no longer have to. I have never been more excited to continue my education, meet other scholars and have the opportunities to help others reach their academic goals."

Nearly 1,500 students applied for the 2019 Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The foundation reviewed the submissions based on academic ability, persistence, leadership and service to others.

"Lone Star College had 21 semi-finalists named for this important scholarship this year," said Head.

"This is, in large part, due to the Honors College at Lone Star College which offers our students the opportunity to travel to off-campus educational and cultural events, conduct high level research projects, travel abroad and participate in other co-curricular activities."

The 2019 recipients chosen represent 18 different states and have a median household adjusted gross income of \$28,000, with an average GPA of 3.93. This year's cohort of Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholars has applied to the nation's most selective institutions.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded \$190 million in scholarships to nearly 2,500 students from eighth grade

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