



SWISD Board Recognitions

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Jonathan Rodriguez

Student of the Month

Big Country Elementary

Big Country would like to recognize Jonathan Rodriguez for his outstanding perseverance, positive attitude, and commitment to his education.

Jonathan and his family are currently navigating an incredibly difficult season as his mother, a valued SWISD employee, bravely fights cancer. While Jonathan's world has been impacted in ways no child should have to experience, he continues to show remarkable strength and resilience.

Each day, Jonathan comes to school ready to learn, bringing with him an amazing attitude and an awesome smile. He continues to work hard academically, engage in his learning, and demonstrate the kind of perseverance that inspires those around him.

Jonathan reminds us that academic success is about more than grades and test scores. It is also about showing up, continuing to grow, and giving your best even when life is difficult.

We are incredibly proud of Jonathan and would love the opportunity to recognize him for his academic commitment, resilience, and the positive example he sets for others.

Emiliano Arriaza

Student of the Month

Bob Hope Elementary

Emiliano is a true sponge for knowledge! He eagerly absorbs wisdom and is always excited to share what he has learned with those around him. As one of the first students to arrive each day, Emiliano comes ready to learn and brings his harness so he can jump right in and help others as soon as he enters the classroom.

Whether he is passing back papers, collecting supplies, or lending a helping hand, Emiliano does it all with a smile on his face and encouraging words for his



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classmates. He embraces every moment as a “teachable opportunity” and continually looks for ways to learn, grow, and help others do the same.

Emiliano is a model student whose kindness, enthusiasm, leadership, and willingness to help make a positive difference in our classroom every day. He truly is a student worth recognizing.

Maddison Torres

Student of the Month

McAuliffe Middle School

McAuliffe would like to recognize 8th Grader, Maddison Torres, as September's Student of the Month. Maddison is an outstanding example of what it means to live out **The R.O.C.K.E.T. W.A.Y.** every day. She brings an optimistic attitude in and out of the classroom, treats others with respect and kindness, and is always willing to help her classmates succeed. Through her leadership roles and willingness to step up, she demonstrates confidence, enthusiasm, and a commitment to achieving her best and always wanting to do better. Most importantly, she reminds those around her that **You Matter** and does not let adversity stop her!

Maddi's parents describe her as a dedicated student-athlete who excels in the classroom, on the softball field, and in mariachi, where she enjoys playing the violin and singing. Mr. Ibarra, her Mariachi Instructor, shared that Maddi's leadership skills were a big part of winning state last year with Mariachi Dulce Alegria.

Maddison plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to study law, while pursuing her dream of playing collegiate softball and using her education to make a positive impact on others. Keep up the great work Maddi!

Liliana Nerio

Student of the Month

CAST STEM High School

Liliana Nerio is a senior at CAST STEM High School and is on track to earn her Associate of Science from Palo Alto College. During the summer, Liliana participated in a pilot internship program in partnership with The Dee Howard Foundation and The



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Center for Health Empowerment of South Texas. During this internship, Liliana and her team used drones to map out parks on the Southwest side of San Antonio to discover the walkability of the parks, analyze the data, and report to city and county officials the findings of the studies to help improve the overall conditions, safety, and walkability of our local parks. Throughout the years, Liliana has shown immense leadership skills and academic acuity. After she graduates, Liliana plans to attend college to major in biology and then attend school to become an optometrist.