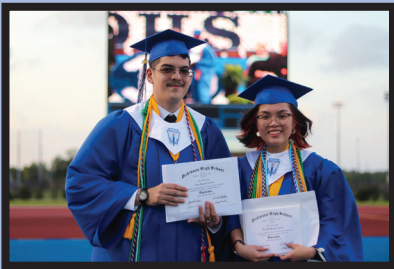


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Thi Nguyen, Alan Estrada lead DHS Class of 2021

Leading the Dickinson High School Class of 2021 are Valedictorian Thi Nguyen and Salutatorian Alan Estrada. They were two of the top 20 DHS graduates, based on grade point average, that were recognized for their high achievements. They were also given the opportunity to recognize a teacher who made a significant difference in their life.

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Celebrating seniors at virtual awards ceremony

Ninety Dickinson High School seniors were spotlighted at the school's annual senior awards ceremony held virtually at the end of April. Learn about the students' plans following graduation and the more than \$3.1 million in scholarships awarded.

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Congratulations Dickinson High Class of 2021

There are 805 reasons to be Gator Proud as the Dickinson High School Class of 2021 embarks on the next chapter of their lives. They are the largest graduating class in DHS history.

In their honor, Dickinson ISD dedicates this issue of "Dialogue" to the Class of 2021 as a way to celebrate their many accomplishments during this challenging school year. Throughout this newsletter you can read more about their senior year activities and honors in academics, athletics and fine arts.

Some of these graduates will move on to pursue a higher education at colleges and universities across Texas and the nation. Many of them have already earned college credit through advanced placement exams, dual credit courses or through participation in the Collegiate High School at College of the Mainland. In fact, thirty of the students have already earned 60 college hours and an associate's degree through College of the Mainland.

Other students will directly enter the workforce, including 113 students with valuable industry certifications earned in a wide-range of career and technical fields.

Leading the Class of 2021 were Valedictorian Thi Nguyen and Salutatorian Alan Estrada, followed 35 Magna Cum Laude students in the top five percent and 68 Cum Laude students in the top 6-15 percent.



"It is with great confidence that we send these incredible young people into the world to build their legacies and to make a difference. I believe that the future of our Dickinson community, the future of the great state of Texas and the future of the greatest nation in the history of the world rests in the very capable and well prepared hands of our students, your sons and daughters," said DHS Principal Dr. Billye Smith at the graduation ceremony. "To our graduates, remember this. You are a proud Gator from Dickinson, Texas where pride in yourself and pride in your community should guide every decision you make."

In the month leading up to graduation, the senior class celebrated their accomplishments in many different ways, including prom, a virtual senior awards ceremony, a cap and gown pickup drive-through parade, graduation practices, senior breakfast and a special Walk of Honor. During the Walk of Honor, the seniors walked through the DHS hallways while underclassmen and teachers cheered for them. The seniors were then given the opportunity to board a school bus one last time to visit a Dickinson ISD elementary, middle school or junior high where they were greeted by cheering students and teachers, congratulatory signs and lots of pictures with younger brothers and sisters or former teachers.



A Message from Superintendent Carla Voelkel...



Carla Voelkel
Superintendent

Dear Seniors,

You Did It! Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your life, high school graduation. Dickinson ISD is very proud to publish this special edition of "Dialogue" just for you. It is filled with memorable events and news from your senior year, and at the center of this edition, is a list of all 2021 graduates, the largest senior class in the history of Dickinson High School. I hope this newsletter will become one of your treasured senior year keepsakes.

During your high school career, you have studied incredibly hard, and you have demonstrated that the Class of 2021 is a strong group of overcomers. At the beginning of your freshman year, many of you experienced devastation to your homes and personal belongings when the flood waters of Hurricane Harvey ravaged our community. You did not let this disaster stop you. Although it was hard, you joined together to help one another and the community, and you persevered through difficult times.

In March 2020, your junior year came to a screeching halt because of the COVID-19 pandemic. You completed the year with remote instruction, and you were stripped of many once in a lifetime events.

As a senior, you have transitioned between remote instruction and face-to-face instruction, you have worn facemasks each day and followed safety protocol, you have dealt with COVID quarantine, you endured school closure and freezing temperatures because of an Arctic Blast, and once again, you have sacrificed many of the special activities and events that make senior year so much fun. Because of these experiences, you have not

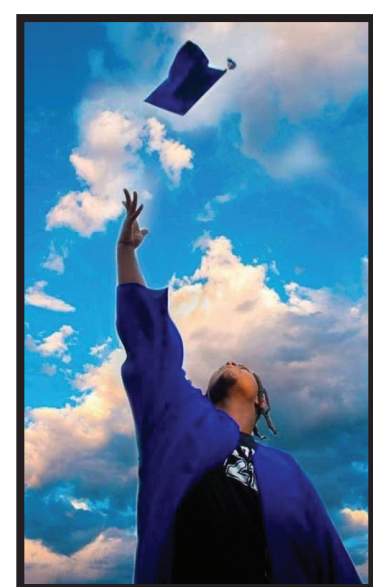
just learned about resiliency and grit, but you have lived it. Although the events you have endured the past four years have stolen part of your high school experience, they cannot steal the bright future that is ahead of you.

Graduation from high school is an exciting time, but the best years of your life are still to come. As you go down life's pathway, work hard and be kind, focus on excellence and be your best, tell the truth and live with integrity, and put service to others above yourself. Faith, confidence, and beliefs will determine the future you create.

I am so proud of the Class of 2021! I am cheering for you, and I am praying that your future is filled with love, grace, protection, wisdom, strength, and wonderful opportunities. Once A Gator, Always A Gator!

Sincerely,
C. Voelkel

P.S. As you make plans to leave home, I know you are filled with excitement. It is exciting for your parents too, but it is also difficult for them to let you go. To you, the past 12 years have taken forever, but to your parents, these years have passed by faster than you can imagine. Take a moment to thank those who have helped you reach this milestone, and as you get busy pursuing a degree or career, do not forget about those who love you the most. They will always be there for you through life's twists and turns, and they need to hear from you often.



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A Message from DHS Principal Dr. Billye Smith

To our 2021 Senior Class of Fighting GATORS from Dr. Smith,

I want to join Peter, Alan, and Thi who spoke to you from their hearts on graduation night reminding you that you are the HOPE and the MORE of tomorrow. With your high school career sandwiched between the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and the World-Wide COVID-19 Pandemic, our graduation speakers—your friends and classmates—reminded you what a special group you are. Peter said, “We are resilient...we are the generation that can change the world for the better.” Alan reminded you of the good times when he said, “The blossoming of friendships, the tears of joy, the fatigue of a job well done, and the happiness of finally reaching the goal.” And Thi, in her quiet and unassuming way, encouraged you when she said, “I don’t know what the future holds, but I do know that each one of us holds the power to shape it. We are young, adventurous, and optimistic. Do what is best fitted for you, take a stance, it’s your life.”

As we look through this edition of the Dialogue and celebrate the many accomplishments of the Class of 2021, my hope is that you leave Dickinson High School feeling proud of yourselves and of your class. You have memories—once in a lifetime experiences of biblical proportions (Harvey) and of unprecedented times (COVID shut-down) that you will someday share with your children and grandchildren. The message that you will pass along is that despite the hardships, the setbacks, the disappointments, and the obstacles, you persevered and

accomplished great things for yourselves, for your families, and for your community. Stay the course entering the next phase of your life well-prepared physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically for your life’s journey. Our world is in need of HOPE and you are the generation that can light the spark of HOPE and move us forward.

When I have experienced disappointment, failure, or rejection in my life, I have always relied on my personal belief that God Almighty wants MORE for me than I want for myself and He shuts doors and HE opens doors at just the right times. I believe that the hope for “more” is captured in one of my favorite children’s books by Amy Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld, *I Wish You More*. Their simple, child-like, yet beautiful, words capture my HOPE for you...

I wish you more ups than downs.
I wish you more give than take.
I wish you more tippy-toes than deep.
I wish you more we than me.
I wish you more hugs than ughs.
I wish you more will than hill.
I wish you more can than not.
I wish you more treasures than pockets.
I wish all of this for you...
because you are everything I could wish for.

With all my love,

Dr. Smith



DHS Principal Dr. Billye Smith



Top 20 DHS graduates recognize inspiring teachers at annual recognition banquet

The top 20 graduating seniors in the Dickinson High School Class of 2021, based on grade point average, had the opportunity earlier this semester to celebrate their graduation and accomplishments. Some of the students attend classes at Dickinson High School, while others are DHS students enrolled in Collegiate High School through College of the Mainland. The Academic Recognition Banquet, sponsored by the Dickinson ISD Education Foundation, was also an opportunity for these top performing seniors to honor a teacher who made a difference in the senior’s life. Congratulations to these top 20 graduates, who are listed below in alphabetical order.

Kenneth Bagtas - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Luisito Bagtas and Crizelda Bagtas
- College Plans: Texas A&M - College Station
- Career Plans: Computer Engineering
- Influential Teacher: Emi Millard, DHS 10th grade

Cassandra Clemmer - Collegiate High School

- Parents: Craig Clemmer and Valerie Sherrell
- College Plans: University of Houston - Downtown
- Career Plans: Physics
- Influential Teacher: Richard Davis, COM 11th grade

Charlotte Correia - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Shauna Correia
- College Plans: Southwestern University
- Career Plans: Environmental Studies
- Influential Teacher: Jonnie Gmelch

Alan Gabriel Estrada - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Sergio Estrada and Anita Campos
- College Plans: University of Texas - San Antonio
- Career Plans: Neuroscience
- Influential Teacher: Daniel Glebe, DHS 10th-12th grades

Annabella Gleeson - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Christopher Gleeson and Madeline Gleeson
- College Plans: Southeast Missouri State University
- Career Plans: Musical Theatre
- Influential Teacher: Zachary Foster, DHS 12th grade

Liz Gonzalez - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Jose Gonzalez and Maris Gonzalez
- College Plans: Texas A&M - College Station
- Career Plans: Chemistry and Medicine
- Influential Teacher: Kristi Trahan, DHS 11th grade

Trenten Hill - Dickinson High School

- Parents: James Gilmore and Michel Hill
- College Plans: University of Houston - Main Campus
- Career Plans: Music Composition
- Influential Teacher: Jennifer Blakely, DHS 9th-12th grades

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Dickinson High School VIRTUAL SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT



The Dickinson High Class of 2021 was celebrated in April through a virtual Senior Awards Night, which spotlighted the achievements of 90 seniors who were honored with more than \$3.1 million in scholarships from universities, military branches and organizations within the Dickinson community.

In addition to Valedictorian Thi Nguyen and Salutatorian Allan Estrada featured on page 5, the following seniors were recognized during the Virtual Senior Awards Night for scholarships that will help them as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey.

Abbey Adcock - *College of the Mainland*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400
- Dickinson Alumni Association Scholarship - \$1,000

Julian Aguirre - *College of the Mainland*

- College of the Mainland Welding Scholarship - \$1,000

Emily Alanis - *University of Texas at Austin*

- Chemic Engineers & Constructors, Inc. Scholarship - \$1,000

Ausaru Allah - *University of Concordia Nebraska*

- University of Concordia Nebraska Football Scholarship - \$75,000

Emalee Allen - *Lamar University*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400
- Dickinson Heart Award sponsored by Kona Ice - \$500
- Lady Gators Volleyball Booster Club - \$500

Kaymen Anderson - *Prairie A&M University*

- Dickinson Heart Award sponsored by Kona Ice - \$500

Alfred Barrera - *United States Navy*

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Canon Boone - *Mississippi State University*

- Mississippi State University Football Scholarship - \$95,800

Kyron Bryant - *Undecided*

- Nichols Family Foundation Scholarship - \$500

Adriah Burton - *College of the Mainland*

- Ziegler Family Scholarship - \$750

Allyson Cabali - *University of North Texas*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400

Jathan Caldwell - *University of Louisiana Lafayette*

- University of Louisiana Lafayette Football Scholarship - \$96,440

Juan Camacho - *Texas A&M University Corpus Christi*

- Dienst Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Hannah Cavil - *Louisiana State University*

- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Omega Omega Scholarship - \$800
- Lady Gators Volleyball Booster Club - \$500
- Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Scholarship - \$76,000
- Louisiana State University President's Student Aid Scholarship - \$6,200
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. - Epsilon Kappa Sigma Chapter Scholarship - \$1,000

Aurora Chavez - *College of the Mainland*

- Deats Family Memorial Scholarship - \$500
- Molly Casey Groda Memorial Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000

Robert Chazaro, II - *College of the Mainland*

- DHS Gator Booster Club Scholarship - \$500

Cassandra Clemmer - *University of Houston*

- Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship - \$500

Karrington Collins - *Jackson State University*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400

Keith Cooper, Jr. - *Tulane University*

- Tulane University Football Scholarship - \$189,000

Korey Cooper - *Louisiana State University Eunice*

- Louisiana State University Eunice Baseball Scholarship - \$28,568

Estefania De La Cruz - *University of Texas - San Antonio*

- Dienst Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Isaiah Diaz - *McMurry University*

- McMurry University Football Scholarship - \$7,000

Alexis Dominguez - *United States Army*

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Guadalupe Duarte - *Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi*

- Diamonds Booster Club Scholarship - \$400
- Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Achieve Scholarship - \$12,000

Kayle Duran - *College of the Mainland*

- Big Crawfish Bash Scholarship - \$1,000

Taylor Edwards - *College of the Mainland*

- Big Crawfish Bash Scholarship - \$1,000

Victor Esquivel, IV - *Texas A&M University - College Station*

- Bigger than Ball Scholarship sponsored by the Brantley Family - \$500
- DHS Band Booster Club Scholarship - \$500

Alexis Fletcher - *Undecided*

- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Omega Omega Scholarship - \$1,000
- Dickinson Rotary Club Scholarship - \$1,000
- Ziegler Family Scholarship - \$750

Julius Fraser - *United States Air Force*

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Emily Garcia - *San Jacinto College*

- San Jacinto College South Softball Scholarship - \$12,960

Alycia Garza - *Prairie View A&M University*

- Dienst Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Melany Garza - *Houston Baptist University*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400
- Houston Baptist University Legacy Scholarship - \$18,000

Natalia Garza - *Texas A&M University - College Station*

- Bigger than Ball Scholarship sponsored by the Brantley Family - \$500
- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400
- DHS Gator Booster Club Scholarship - \$500

Annabella Gleeson - *Southeast Missouri State University*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400

Taylen Graham - *West Texas A&M University*

- Bettie Lobit Optimist Club Scholarship - \$1,000
- Big Crawfish Bash Scholarship - \$1,000

Ana Effio - *College of the Mainland*

- Molly Casey Groda Memorial Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000

Sarah Hartzog - *Southern Nazarene University*

- Ronald Hillman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000
- Southern Nazarene University Academic Award - \$24,000
- Southern Nazarene University Cheer Award - \$6,000

Caitlyn Heard - *Texas Tech University*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400
- Texas Tech University Presidential Merit Scholarship - \$4,000

Nataley Hernandez - *Texas State University*

- Dickinson Alumni Association Scholarship - \$1,000
- Lady Gators Softball Booster Club - \$500
- Lady Gators Volleyball Booster Club - \$500

Daylon Hill - *Kilgore College*

- Deats Family Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Donovan Hill - *Texas State University*

- Deats Family Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Trenten Hill - *University of Houston*

- Don Owens Legacy Scholarship - \$2,000

Salaya Holmes - *Labette Community College*

- Labette Community College Basketball Scholarship - \$11,112

Zahria Murray - *Galveston College*

- High Family Future Healthcare Hero Scholarship - \$500

Osiel Juarez - *United States Army*

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Kody Kneip - *United States Navy*

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Andrew Laws, IV - *Hastings University*

- Hastings University Football Scholarship - \$72,000

Raul Lerma, Jr. - *Blinn College - TEAM Program*

- Big Crawfish Bash Scholarship - \$1,000
- Texas A&M University Regents' Scholarship - \$6,000

Kaylynn Manney - *Blinn College*

- True Cross Women's Club Scholarship - \$1,500

Alexis Martinez - *Benedictine University Illinois*

- Benedictine University Illinois Soccer Scholarship - \$22,000

Ayanna Mays - *Undecided*

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$1,000
- John F. Austin Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Taslyn McClure - *University of Houston*

- DHS Athletic Hall of Honor Scholarship - \$500

Korbin McVean - *East Texas Baptist University*

- Dickinson Heart Award sponsored by Kona Ice - \$500
- East Texas Baptist University Soccer Scholarship - \$32,000

Jimena Medina - *College of the Mainland*

- College of the Mainland Adopt a Gator Scholarship - \$500

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Two DHS AVID students named Dell Scholar Semifinalists

Estefania DeLaCruz and Aurelia Solano were named Dell Scholar Semi-Finalists. They were selected from a pool of more than 8,000 applicants and were a part of the 1,000 students named as semi-finalists.

The 2020-2021 DHS AVID program included 30 senior students, who were accepted to over 100 colleges and universities and amassed more than \$400,000 in scholarships and grants.

Estefania, who started AVID five years ago, plans to attend Texas State University and is leaning toward a major in business.

“It’s like a family -- a place to be yourself,” said Estefania. She credits AVID for encouraging her to do better and pursue a higher education, as well as teaching her to be organized and work together with other people.

Aurelia has been part of the AVID family for six

years. She plans to attend Lamar University to pursue a degree in pediatrics.

“I have learned time management skills which have helped me since I work, so it is hard to manage school, work and babysitting,” Aurelia said.



Jessup Johnson named National Merit Commended Student

Jessup Johnson, a Dickinson High School senior, was named a National Merit Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Over 1.5 million students took the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and

entered the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The 50,000 highest scorers are recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

12 seniors makes plans to enter military service

Twelve Dickinson High School seniors have informed DHS about their plans to join the military after graduation. We thank them for their service to our country and wish them health and safety on this next chapter of their lives. Class of 2021 graduates who plan to enter the military include:

Air Force

Julius Fraser

Army

Alexis Dominguez

Osiel Juarez

Anton Verbylo

Brent Willey

Marines

Giana Resendez

Draven Wootton

Navy

Alfred Barrera

Joshua Corona

Kody Kneip

Delaney O’Keefe

Jason Wallheimer, Jr.



DHS Class of 2021 honored at Senior Awards Night

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Sarah Melton - College of the Mainland

- Dickinson Rotary Club Scholarship - \$1,000
- Dorothy McDermott Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Jennifer Moran - Texas A&M University - College Station

- Molly Casey Groda Memorial Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000

Kyle Nixon - University of Texas - San Antonio

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400
- Dickinson Heart Award - \$500

Adriana Nunez- College of the Mainland

- Jim Butler Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Lino Nunez - Alvin Community College

- Bigger than Ball Scholarship - \$1,500
- DHS Gator Booster Club Scholarship - \$500
- Ziegler Family Scholarship - \$750
- Alvin Community College Baseball Scholarship - \$8,424

Delaney O’Keefe - United States Navy

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Nevaeh Ortega - College of the Mainland

- Calder Road Elementary Alumni Scholarship - \$400

Cierra Ortiz - Sam Houston State University

- Lady Gators Volleyball Booster Club - \$500
- Sam Houston State University Chemistry Academic Scholarship - \$500

Melanie Ortiz - San Jacinto College

- Ann Tacquard Scholarship sponsored by the Pilot Club of Dickinson - \$500

Waylon Presley - Undecided

- DHS Athletic Hall of Honor Scholarship - \$500

Emilio Renovato, Jr. - University of Texas at Austin

- DISD Staff & Foundation Cornerstone Scholarship - \$1,000
- University of Texas Dell Scholars - \$1,750
- University of Texas Leadership Network Scholarship - \$5,000
- University of Texas UT Award - \$4,423

Jazmin Reyna - University of Texas at Austin

- University of Texas Dell Scholars - \$6,725

Camryn Richardson - Prairie View University

- Ann Tacquard Scholarship sponsored by the Pilot Club of Dickinson - \$1,000
- Deats Family Memorial Scholarship - \$500
- Dickinson Rotary Club Scholarship - \$1,000
- Pamela Brown Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Arnoldo Rodriguez, II - Texas A&M University - College Station

- DHS Band Booster Club Scholarship - \$500
- DHS Gator Booster Club Scholarship - \$500

Laly Rodriguez - University of Houston - Downtown

- DISD Staff and Foundation Cornerstone Scholarship - \$1,000

Colter Roznovak - Tarleton University

- Tuscan Lakes Homeowners Association Scholarship - \$2,500

Amy Sanchez - University of Houston - Clear Lake

- DISD Staff and Foundation Cornerstone Scholarship - \$1,000

Brionna Scales - University of Houston - Clear Lake

- DISD Staff and Foundation Cornerstone Scholarship - \$1,000

Daniel Schusteritsch - Univeristy of North Texas

- Donna Kautz Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Destiny Smith - University of Houston

- University of Houston Track Scholarship - \$97,800

Tracy Smith - Baylor University

- Deats Family Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Dickinson Rotary Club Scholarship - \$1,000
- Galveston Council of Greeks Scholarship - \$500
- Gates Scholar - estimated at \$275,128

Keslyn Stonum - Texas Lutheran University

- Texas Lutheran University Presidential Scholarship - \$80,000

Mallory Tate, Jr. - Southern University and A&M University

- Southern University and A&M College - David Scott JAGSTARS USDA 1890 Scholarship - 4-Year Scholarship
- Southern University and A&M College SUBR/DXC Technology Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year

Ming Tate - Xavier University of Louisiana

- Xavier University of Louisiana Board of Regents Scholarship - 4-Year Full Merit Scholarship

Peter Valez, III - Dominican University

- All Saints Community Service Scholarship sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church - \$1,000
- Dominican University Founder’s Scholarship - \$60,000

Camryn Williams - Dillard University

- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Omega Scholarship - \$800
- DISD Staff & Foundation Cornerstone Scholarship - \$1,000
- Ronald Hillman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Elizabeth Williams - Texas A&M University - College Station

- Texas A&M University Support Award - \$500

Iverson Williams - Houston Baptist University

- Dienst Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Draven Wootton - United States Marines

- Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefit - estimated at \$150,000

Congratulations to the Dickinson High School Class of 2021



Valedictorian

Thi Thi Phuong Nguyen

Salutatorian

Alan Gabriel Estrada

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Esmeralda Alanis

Thea Jade Arnold

Kenneth Bagtas

Cassandra Alena Clemmer

Charlotte Merle Correia

Haley Alyssa Craton

Sterling Marie Gibbs

Annabella Grace Gleeson

Liz Anahi Gonzalez

Ana Belen Guerrero Eflio

Trentan Javan Hill

Lisa Khat

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Adam Lewis Logan

Kellee Halan McLean

Kellsee Halle McLean

Hannah Marie Medina

Jennifer Moran

Cameron William Myhaver

Emilio Renovato, Jr.

Luz Mireya Renovato Lerma

Alejandro Requena

Jazmin Reyna

Camryn Amey Jonai Richardson

Arnoldo Rodriguez, II

Tracy Tremane Hayes Smith

Ming Kimora Tate

Jeffrey Guy Tiberi

Jaqueline Nicole Villanueva

Tiffany Huynh-thi Vu

Camryn Anle Williams

Elizabeth Ann Williams

Cum Laude

Margarita Irene Agüero

William Aguirre

Kaymen Ashley Anderson

Desma Rhiannon Ay

Madalyn Isabella Bazan

Nickolas Ray Buchanan

Gage Jasper Buckley

Jathan Lloyd Caldwell

Juan Jesus Camacho

Amy Alexandra Castillo

Hannah Ariel Cavil

Aurora Angelina Chavez

Kayle Ayssa Duran

R-Jun Thomas Santos Felices

Alexis Ann Fletcher

Sophia Flores Arguello

Victor Rojelio Galvan

Melany Susana Garza

Natalia Domini Garza

Alycia Angel Garza

Thayla Renee Graham

Si'Anden Cary Grant

Cierra Jone Guillory

Alyssa Nicole Hanson

Nataley Marie Hernandez

Norjelly Herrera

Ada Lizbeth Jaramillo

Jessup Dixon Johnson

McKenna Nikkole Jordan

Jacey Lea Keys

Kaley Marie Lawrence

Raul Lerma, Jr.

Jessica Lopez

Tiffany Janette Lopez

Leonel G. Loredto, Jr.

Kaylynn Anne Manney

Karen Lizeth Martinez

Sarah Elizabeth Melton

Jackson Christopher Mills

Marleigh Lauren Moncrief

Kasey Nghiem

Mike Viet Nguyen

Minh Nam Nguyen

Kyle Ethan Nixon

Jesus Noriega

Melanie Ortiz

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Jayla Kiera Peoples

Mariela Rodriguez

Daniel Anthony Schusteritsch

Kamrie Janae Scott

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Jordan Nicole Sivy

Samantha Jaramillo

Valorie Jean Stout

Sidney Mercedes Tarango

Homero Villarreal

Bryce Kamron Waggoner

Olivia Grace Williams

Mia Jade Witherspoon

Alisen Leonor Yampey

Dickinson Continuation Center Graduates

Sierra Rosemarie Adams

D'Asia Simone Bailey-Williams

Adriana Barboza

Jaylee Lizbeth Becerril

Cindy Ann Beeler

Kayla Angel Bennett

Abby Jo Bertolino

Vanessa Lynn Bertsch

Jordan Xavier Booker

Madison Renee Botting

Xavier Drake Bowden

Shyheim Kaleb Dayveon Brent

Audrianna Therese Brock

Sabrina Shea Brown

Lisbeth Castillo

Audrie Casie Marie Chandler

Caylee Nicole Chandler

Aliza Denise Chavana

Isabelle Marie Dawson

Johnson Ribaldo De Paz

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Skyleigh Rose Flemister

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Valerie Michelle Flores

Abigail Nicole Fowler

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Abigail Christine Hart

Miliana Skye Hunkins

Emma Grace Hyatt

Asjia Joldette Isoken Idusuyi

Samantha Jaramillo

Isaiah Johnson

Osiel Juarez

Brooke Allison Kimbrough

Kaylei Michelle Langlois

Jeritzhon Alexandra Leal

Christiana Ruby Lee

Christian Scott Kadin Long

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Benjamin Kevin Richey

Erinana Shavon Rivera

Kameron James Arthur

Ubaldo Atonal, Jr.

Jesse Edward Austzon, Jr.

Alejandro Ayala

Camila Ayala

McKinley Elle Baker

Andrew Ashley Clark

Jacques Anthony Ballou, Jr.

Samantha Ryan Sawyer

Alicia Marie Segura

Adrianna Eulalia Sifuentes

Morgyn Jade Simmons

Alisha Mae Smith

Storme Nicole Snow

Mya Danielle Soliz

Adrian Joel Soto

Ja'Kyrin Tileigh Temple

Matthew Joseph Tinney, Jr.

Madison Taylor Tracy

Kevin Alejandro Vega

Christopher Alexander Vilchez

Shamori Do'Nae Walker

Tiffany Hailey Watkins

Kayleigh Erin Weeks

Cheyenne Rene Williams

Lauren Marie Williford

Taylor Janice Windham

Dickinson High School Graduates

Jorge Eduardo Abarca Barahona

Abbey Simone Adcock

Juan Martin Aguilar

Brian Aguilera Lopez

Julian Aguirre

Anneth Cabrera

Eliena Benjamin Cadena

Raul Pono Calderas, IV

Yazmin Calzonci

Jaime Raul Camacho

Jaylen Joseph Campbell

Kiara Renee Campbell

Ricardo Javier Campos

Diana Isela Campos Beverland

Brandon Michael Canales

Domingo Manuel Cantu

Jael Iridian Carlos Martinez

Jose Luis Carmona, Jr.

Juliana Angeline Carranza

Frank Ned Carroll, Jr.

Leticia Yuleisy Cartagena Giron

Da'veyon Peyton Carter

Dylan Lane Carter

Angie Gabriela Castro Ramirez

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Audrey Abbygail Clark

Morgan Ashley Clark

Anthony Josue Claros Hernandez

Allison Nichole Cobb

Karrington Alexandrya Collins

Alianis Nicole Colon Garcia

Alfredo Contreras Contreras

Keith LaShawn Cooper, Jr.

Korey John Cooper

Matthew Aaron Cooper

Zaire Ra'Shard Cooper

Esperanza Beatriz Cordova

Joshua Stephen Corona

Mirali Noemi Saucedo Cortez

Nathan Jeremiah Cortez

Oracio Oliver Cortez

Temimba Coulibaly

Jordan De'ow Crownder

Zane Michael Cumber

Denisse Ibarra Cruz

Darein Danae Burton

Jacob Alexander Bush

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Jordan De'ow Crownder

Zane Michael Cumber

Denisse Ibarra Cruz

Terrian Willie Davis

Estefania De La Cruz

Alfredo Homer De Leon

Kevin Jose De Leon

Alfredo De Leon Martinez</

Gator athletes earn \$931,017 in scholarships to play college sports

Dickinson High School seniors will be attending universities throughout the United States this next school year to play college sports thanks to \$931,017 in scholarships they have earned for basketball, softball, soccer, football, baseball and track.

BASEBALL

- Lino Nunez - Alvin Community College - \$8,424
- Korey Cooper - Louisiana State University Eunice - \$28,568

BASKETBALL

- Salaya Holmes - Labette Community College - \$6,500

SOCCER

- Korbin McVean - East Texas Baptist University - \$32,000
- Alex Martinez - Benedictine University Illinois - \$22,009
- Jessica Lopez - Southwest Assembly of God - \$40,000
- Brianna Chadwick - Coffeyville Community College - \$7,600

FOOTBALL

- Keith Cooper - Tulane University - \$189,200
- Canon Boone - Mississippi State University - \$95,800
- Jathan Caldwell - University of Louisiana Lafayette - \$96,440
- Ausaru Allah - University of Concordia Nebraska - \$75,000
- Andrew Laws - Hastings University - \$72,000
- Pete James - Hastings University - \$80,000
- Isaiah Diaz - McMurry University - \$7,000

SOFTBALL

- Emily Garcia - San Jacinto College South - \$7,685

TRACK

- Destiny Smith - University of Houston - \$97,800
- Thea Holmes - St. Thomas University - \$65,000



Powerlifters earn Regional second place

The Dickinson High School Powerlifting Team placed second overall at the Regional Powerlifting Meet. Three Gator senior athletes placed in the top five in their respective categories, and one advanced to the state meet in March. The three senior honorees include:

- Jason Pinder placed second in the 220 class at regionals and 15th place at the state meet.
- Dandrea Hutchinson placed third in the 114 class at regionals.
- Andrew Laws placed fourth in the 220 class at regionals.

Jade Solis wins third place in athletic trainer student poster contest

Congratulations to Dickinson High School senior and Student Athletic Trainer Jade Solis, on winning third place in the Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society's Student Poster Contest for her poster on Olecranon Stress Fractures.



All-District honors for senior athletes

Girls Soccer All-District

- Team Most Valuable Player: Brianna Chadwick
- First Team All-District: Brianna Chadwick and Kayla Hernandez
- Honorable Mention All-District: Jessica Lopez

Boys Soccer All-District

- First Team All-District: Alexis Martinez and Bryant Huerta
- Second Team All-District: Brandon Trejo
- Honorable Mention All-District: William Aguirre and Jorge Abarca

Volleyball All-District

- Second Team All-District, Academic All-District, Honorable Mention All-Galveston County and Team Co-MVP: Emalee Allen
- Second Team All-District, Academic All-District, Honorable Mention All-Galveston County, Team Defensive Player of the Year and Team Academic Award: Hannah Cavil
- Honorable Mention All-District and Academic All-District: Nataley Hernandez and Cierra Ortiz

Tennis All-District

- Honorable Mention All-District in #1 Girls Doubles and #2 Girls Singles - Cecilia Chong

Softball All-District

- First Team All-District: Emily Garcia
- Academic All-District: Nataley Hernandez

Boys Basketball All-District

- First Team All-District: Keith Cooper
- Honorable Mention All-District: Canon Boone
- All-Academic Team: Jackson Mills

Girls Basketball All-District

- First Team All-District and Second Team All-Galveston County: Salaya Holmes
- Second Team All-District and All Academic Team: Cecilia Chong
- All-Academic Team: Sterling Gibbs

Varsity Football All-District

- First Team All-District: Canon Boone, Jarell Simpson, Ausara Allah, Jathan Caldwell, Marlon Allen, Mallory Tate, Keith Cooper and Kyron Smith
- Second Team All-District: Trevor Wardlow and Gage Hardilek

Baseball All-District

- First Team All-District: Edwin Lue, Lino Nunez and Miguel Ortiz,
- Second Team All-District: Johnny Garcia
- Honorable Mention All-District: Daniel Bell, Graham Ledbetter and Korey Cooper

Touchdown Club of Houston recognizes three DHS football senior athletes

Two Dickinson High School Varsity Football senior football players kicked off the season this past school year by being named to the Touchdown Club of Houston's 2020 All-Greater Houston Pre-Season High School Football Team. Offensive Lineman Canon Boone and Defensive Lineman Keith Cooper were among 40 athletes selected from Houston area high schools that were honored this past school year with the awards via a virtual presentation in September.

In addition, Quarterback Graham Ledbetter was selected later in the school year as a finalist for the Touchdown Club of Houston's Football Scholar-Athlete Award. He was one of 25 finalists from across Houston area school districts who was honored by the Touchdown Club for this achievement.



Canon Boone



Keith Cooper



Graham Ledbetter

Two DHS band students named Texas All-State Musicians

Two Dickinson High School senior band students were selected for the prestigious honor of being named Texas All-State Musicians through the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA). Honored were Trenten Hill, on flute, and Camryn Williams, on contra-bass clarinet. The recognition is quite an accomplishment, especially given the many challenges faced this year due to the pandemic and having to accomplish so much virtually.

TMEA sponsors the Texas All-State audition process to promote students' dedication to their musical knowledge and skills and to encourage educators to support their students in this development. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive.

Over 50,000 students from around the state initially entered the audition process, and 1,800 students were selected for 2021. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of jobs who rank each instrument or voice part. From the ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to a TMEA All-State music group. Unfortunately, because of the impacts of the pandemic, TMEA was not able to host a 2021 performance event.



Trenten Hill



Camryn Williams

One Act Play named UIL 6A Alternate State Qualifier

The cast and crew of the Dickinson High School One Act Play had a very successful UIL season with performances of the play, "The Ruby Sunrise." They were recognized as District 24-6A Champions, Bi-District 23/24-6A Champions and Regional Qualifiers and were the Alternate State Qualifier, which places them as one of the top 12 schools in 6A for theatre in Texas.

Two DHS seniors were part of this year's One Act Play cast and crew. DHS senior Annabella Gleeson was recognized for her performances by earning All Star Cast at the district level and Honorable Mention All Star Cast at the bi-district level. Senior Valorie Stout also contributed to the outstanding DHS One Act season performances.



TAFE students qualify for national future educators contest

Three sets of Dickinson High School students have qualified for the Texas Association of Future Educators national competition later this summer after top performances in the virtual state competition. Senior students qualifying for nationals include Deczarie Menguito and Emily Streams for Research Learning Challenges, and Guadalupe Duarte for Interactive Bulletin Board. In addition, seniors Angela Martinez and Keyhla Nieto both earned blue ribbons at the state contest for their Interactive Bulletin Boards.



Destiny Smith earns top track rankings in state and nation

Dickinson High School senior Destiny Smith was recently named the VYPE Houston Area Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Destiny represented DHS in the UIL State Track and Field competition and her performances resulted in both top state and national rankings.

In the 300 meter hurdles, she ranked third in state and sixth in the nation. In the 100 meter hurdles, she ranked second in the state and fourth in the nation.



Three DHS teachers recognize seven grads as "Ascending Seniors"

Dickinson High School teachers Kat Bruyssaard, Bridget Maloney and Jennifer Sumrall recognized six seniors and (due to COVID) one Class of 2020 graduate at a special dinner on May 12. These students were given the "Ascending Senior" awards for completing graduation requirements while persevering through challenging situations. The students included 2020 graduate Maycol Funez Grande and 2021 graduates Jason Wallheimer, Victor Rocha, Reygan Kadle, Ayanna Mays, Kashawnta Ross and Kaylee Klyng.



Robotics seniors qualify for VEX World Championships

Seven DHS seniors -- Haley Craton, Gavin Smith, Brandon Munoz, Steven Ly, Nathan Cortez, Anderson Sosa and Saul Guzman -- were on robotics teams that qualified for the VEX World Championships held in May. It is the first time DHS has been to Worlds since the school started VEX four years ago.

Two seniors part of DHS Academic Decathlon success

The Dickinson High School Academic Decathlon Team competed virtually in the state competition this school year. Contributing to the team's success this school year were two senior students, Alan Estrada, who earned a bronze medal for math at the regional meet and also Cameron Myhaver.

FFA seniors earn honors at Galveston County Fair & Rodeo

The Dickinson High School FFA Program had several students show animals and earn awards at the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo. Congratulations to the following DHS seniors for their accomplishments.

- Tyler Tegeler - Santa Gertrudis Breed Champion Breeding Heifer; 2nd Place Brahman Breeding Heifer
- Colter Roznovak- 6th and 7th place with Market Lambs
- McKenna Jordan- 7th place in Market Exotic Steer; 7th place in Market Swine
- Lane Doyle- 7th place in Market Exotic Steer
- Chrislyn Richardson-Williams- 10th in class with Market Swine
- Asha Turner- 10th in class with Market Swine

Skill certifications give DHS seniors a head start on career opportunities

In addition to a high school diploma, 113 Dickinson High School seniors graduated with a total of 176 Career and Technical Education certifications that enable them to directly enter the workforce in several areas such as healthcare, cosmetology, audio-visual, welding and engineering. These students passed an industry-approved exam at the end of their CTE courses which demonstrated they had the knowledge to complete the required job responsibilities.

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the following certifications.

Patient Care Technician - 65 Students

Evangelique Armas, Samantha Arredondo, Alexandra Benavides, Adria Burton, Darein Burton, Kiarra Campbell, Amy Castillo, Aurora Chavez, Robert Chazaro, Cecilia Chong, Matthew Cooper, AnnaMarie Cordero, Hannah Courtney, Cesia Cubias, Ramya Dharmendran, Nyla Coronila, Raina Downey, Annabelle Dumas, Maliyah Elahie, Alan Estrada, Gabriela Fernandez, Sophia Flores Arguello, Kayla Flores, Julius Fraser, Christopher Garcia, Emily Garcia, Katherine Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Jesus Garza, Natalia Garza, Liz Gonzalez, Precious Goodwin, Monterra Gray, Sarah Hartzog, David Hernandez, Zahria Hubbard Murray, Jade Hudson, Abigail Jasso, Karlie Lambert, Julisa Luna, Mikalia Mallet, Kaylynn Manney, Kylie Mata, Hanna Medina, Sarah Melton, Kasey Nghiem, Mike Nguyen, Jesus Noriega, Melanie Ortiz, Jayla Peoples, Daniella Ramirez, Luz Renovato Lerma, Gabriela Reyna, Natalie Richard, Cindy Rincon, Karina Rodriguez, Citlale Saavedra Sanchez, Kamrie Scotte, Keylee Shannon, Karina Trejo, Meadow Vela, Dane Watkins, Olivia Williams, Kaylee Wyble and Kelly Zapata



Registered Dental Assistant - 9 Students

Joseph Bennett, Shawna Dailey, Ashely Galvan, Destiny Gomez, Diego Gutierrez, Emma Johnson, Elijah Lopez, Mihn "Nam" Nguyen and Esthefany Rodriguez Galdamez

Pharmacy Technician - 5 Students

Nyia Daughtry, Jessup Johnson, Jennifer Moran, Thi Nguyen and Ming Tate

EKG - 53 Students

Evangelique Armas, Samantha Arredondo, Alexandra Benavides, Adria Burton, Amy Castillo, Aurora Chavez, Robert Chazaro, Cecilia Chong, AnnaMarie Cordero, Hannah Courtney, Cesia Cubias, Ramya Dharmendran, Nyla Doronila, Raina Downey, Annabelle Dumas, Maliyah Elahie, Alan Estrada, Sophia Flores Arguello, Kayla Flores, Julius Fraser, Christopher Garcia, Emily Garcia, Katherine Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Jesus Garza, Natalia Garza, Liz Gonzalez, Precious Goodwin, Monterra Gray, Sarah Hartzog, David Hernandez, Zahria Hubbard Murray, Abigail Jasso, Karlie Lambert, Kaylynn Manney, Kylie Mata, Sarah Melton, Kasey Nghiem, Mike Nguyen, Jesus Noriega, Melanie Ortiz, Jayla Peoples, Daniella Ramirez, Gabriela Reyna, Natalie Richard, Cindy Rincon, Karina Rodriguez, Citlale Saavedra Sanchez, Kamrie Scotte, Karina Trejo, Dane Watkins, Olivia Williams and Kelly Zapata

Cosmetology Operator License - 2 Students

Jessica Lopez and Roselynn Martinez

Solidworks Associated (CSWA) - 3 Students

Dawn Kay, Raul Lerma and Kyle Nixon

Adobe Certified Associate Premier Pro - 12 Students

Jacques Ballon, Allyson Cabalie, Ethan Dominey, R-Jun Felices, Tristen Hayles, Kody Kneip, Jacob Lopez, Nicholas Michael, Dylan Miley, Johnathan Perez, Eric Savoie and Miles Schincke

Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop - 2 Students

Adriana Nunez and Antony Sanchez

ASE: Entry Level Brakes - 7 Students

David Alvarez, Alexis Dominguez, Elizabeth Lopez, Jacob Munos, Joaquin Olvera, Javier Sanchez and Fernando Soriano

NCCER Core - 9 Students

Issac Acuna, Oscar Argueta, Jaylen Campbell, Jorge Cruz, Jonathan Ibarra, Pete James, Julian Rutherford, Rafael Salazar and Evan Thompson

NCCER Welding I - 6 Students

Jacob Bush, Ricardo Campos, Jacob Chapman, Efrain Gutierrez, Jr., Jeremiah Rocha and Thomas Stokes

AWS D1.1 - 3 Students

Matthew Champion, Gilberto Escalante and Rafael Salazar

AWS D9.1 - 2 Students

Efrain Gutierrez, Jr. and Evan Thompson

COM Opening Doors Promise Scholarship now available to City of Dickinson students

Students living within the city limits of Dickinson, Texas City, La Marque, Hitchcock or Santa Fe can participate in the Opening Doors Promise Scholarship program at College of the Mainland.

The City of Dickinson recently joined the program thanks to a \$301,576 donation from the Dickinson Management District No. 1. Through the scholarship, every qualifying City of Dickinson student will be able to attend COM full time with all tuition and fees covered starting in fall 2021.

The Opening Doors Promise Scholarship program is part of COM's ongoing effort to expand access to affordable, high-quality education throughout the college's neighboring communities.

"We want our students to come home and come back to us with good, high-paying jobs, and education means a lot to that effort," said Dickinson Management District No. 1 President, Mary Dunbaugh. "It's our hope that our students will have an opportunity for a higher education,

and they will bring that knowledge back to the community and help the community grow."

"The best thing that we can do as a management district is to try to enrich economic development to create a more qualified workforce," said Dickinson Management District No. 1 Vice President, Pastor Johnnie Simpson, Jr. "A more qualified workforce means higher income earners, more productive citizens and a better city overall."

This phase of the program will provide a "last-dollar scholarship" for Class of 2021 high school students residing in Dickinson by offering funding to fill the gap for the remaining tuition and fees after grants or scholarships have been applied. With the scholarship, students can earn an associate degree or complete a workforce training certificate program with no tuition or fees in fall 2021.

For more information about the Opening Doors Promise Scholarship and eligibility requirements, visit www.com.edu/promise or call (409) 933-8144.

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Thi Nguyen and Allan Estrada lead the DHS Class of 2021 as Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Dickinson High School seniors Thi Nguyen and Allan Estrada received top honors this year as they lead the Class of 2021 with the top two grade point averages earning them the honors of Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Thi Nguyen, Valedictorian

Thi will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station. She is leaning toward a career in pharmacy but is considering other options as well.

Thi will go to college with more than \$12,000 in scholarships, including the Ann Tacquard Scholarship for \$500 sponsored by the Pilot Club of Dickinson and a Valedictorian Tuition Waiver estimated at \$11,726.

Thi was seven when she came to the United States from Vietnam. After a short time in Arizona, her family came to Texas

and settled in Dickinson ISD where she attended Hughes Road Elementary, Dunbar Middle School, McAdams Junior High and now DHS. While at DHS, she was involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Science Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She was also involved in the school's Career and Technology pharmacy program and earned her Pharmacy Technician certification.

Being valedictorian isn't something she set out to do, but instead she just tried hard in all her classes and one day found her hard work had pushed her to the top of the class for grade point average.

When asked about her time in Dickinson ISD, she highlighted the "Gator spirit, nice teachers and the community support."

Allan Estrada, Salutatorian

Allan will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio to major in neuroscience to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon.

Allan's achievements were recognized recently by receiving the Molly Casey Groda Memorial Endowed Scholarship for \$2,000.

He moved to Dickinson ISD from North Carolina in first grade and attended Silbernagel Elementary, Barber Middle School and McAdams Junior High before moving on to DHS. While at DHS, he has been involved in National Honor Society and Academic Decathlon. He was also able to compete in the state competition this year as part of the DHS Academic Decathlon Team.

He will be starting college having earned two certifications -- EKG Technician and Patient Care Technician.



Valedictorian Thi Nguyen



Salutatorian Allan Estrada

Dickinson High School honors Top 20 graduates

continued from page 3

Lisa Khat - Collegiate High School

- Parents: Steven Khat and Sokha Yourk
- College Plans: Texas A&M - College Station
- Career Plans: Biomedical Science
- Influential Teacher: Pamela Presley, McAdams Junior High (now at Dickinson Continuation Center)

Adam Logan - Dickinson High School

- Parents: David Logan and Hera Logan
- College Plans: Texas A&M - College Station
- Career Plans: Aerospace Engineering
- Influential Teacher: John Bruyssaard, DHS 10th grade

Kellsee McLean - Collegiate High School

- Parents: Keith McLean and Colis Decoteau
- College Plans: University of Texas - Austin
- Career Plans: Psychiatrist
- Influential Teacher: Elizabeth Barkmann, McAdams Junior High 7th grade

Jennifer Moran - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Juan Moran and Ana Maria Lugo
- College Plans: Texas A&M University
- Career Plans: Psychology
- Influential Teacher: Jenny Hightower, DHS 11th-12th grades

Thi Nguyen - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Ngoc Nguyen and Han Nguyen
- College Plans: Texas A&M - College Station
- Career Plans: Pharmacy
- Influential Teacher: Autumn Thomas, DHS 10th grade

Alejandro Requena - Collegiate High School

- Parents: Jose A. Requena and Leticia Requena
- College Plans: University of Houston
- Career Plans: Petroleum Engineering

Jazmin Reyna - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Miguel Reyna and Juana Reyna
- College Plans: University of Texas - Austin
- Career Plans: Architecture
- Influential Teacher: Patricia Everist, DHS 10th-11th grades

Camryn Richardson - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Clarence Richardson and Cherisse Richardson
- College Plans: University of Houston
- Career Plans: Nursing
- Influential Teacher: Tracey Moore, DHS 11th-12th grades

Arnoldo Rodriguez - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Arnoldo Rodriguez and Jessica Rodriguez
- College Plans: Texas A&M - College Station
- Career Plans: Engineering and Medicine
- Influential Teacher: Christina Kenjura-Brooks, DHS 9th grade

Tracy Smith - Collegiate High School

- Parents: John Doherty and Leanna Doherty
- College Plans: University of Texas - Austin
- Career Plans: Biochemistry
- Influential Teacher: Lena Jones, COM 11th-12th grades

Ming Tate - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Lemar Washington and Tasha Washington
- College Plans: Xavier University of Louisiana
- Career Plans: Psychiatry
- Influential Teacher: Delisha Morris, McAdams Junior High 7th-8th grades

Camryn Williams - Dickinson High School

- Parents: Byron Williams and Terry Dennis-Williams
- College Plans: Dillard University
- Career Plans: Biochemistry and Medicine
- Influential Teacher: Krystal Cannon, DHS 9th grade

Elizabeth Williams - Collegiate High School

- Parents: Chris Williams and Stacey Weiner
- College Plans: Texas A&M University
- Career Plans: Biology
- Influential Teacher: Janet Klein, DHS 9th grade

2021 Countdown to Graduation Video Series

In the days leading up to the Dickinson High School Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony, the district featured a special countdown to graduation video series spotlighting the seniors with the top 20 highest grade point averages. Scan the QR code to the right to watch the video series and learn about these outstanding students.





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Celebrating our 2020-2021 Teachers, Substitutes and Principals of the Year

Teacher Appreciation Week kicked off this year in Dickinson ISD with a special awards ceremony celebrating the 2020-2021 Campus Teachers of the Year, Substitute Teachers of the Year and Principals of the Year. These 26 individuals were recognized for their contributions to the 11,500 students and 1,800 employees that call Gator Nation home. The grand finale was the announcement of the district's overall Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Campus Teachers of the Year are Sylvia Sanchez, Bay Colony; Courtney Cunningham, Calder Road; Carol Williams, Hughes

Road; Courtney Junemann, K.E. Little; Darlene Lira, Lobit Elementary; Rocio Marquez, San Leon; Cristina Samuelson, Silbernagel; Sarah Weisenbaugh, Barber Middle School; Nicole Marak, Dunbar Middle School; Maryvel Quintanilla, Lobit Middle School; Amanda Ryan, Kranz Junior High; Cedric Davis, McAdams Junior High; Clara Snelson, Dickinson High School; and Jason Cheatham, DCC/DALC.

Substitute Teachers of the Year included Jovon Dotson, Ofelia Ferman, Maria Gonzalez, Samantha Levige, Darly Moreno, Jaycie Palmer, Samantha Schultz, Maggie Teatsworth, Pamela Turner and Lisa Vitale.

*District Elementary
Principal of the Year*



*Kelly Jackson
Hughes Road Elementary*

*District Secondary
Principal of the Year*



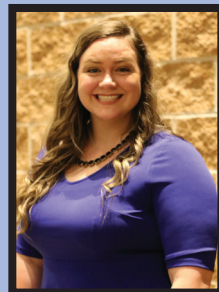
*Temeka Brown
Dunbar Middle School*

*District Elementary
Teacher of the Year*



*Courtney Cunningham
Calder Road Elementary*

*District Secondary
Teacher of the Year*



*Clara Snelson
Dickinson High School*

Four top teachers, principals honored for 2020-2021

Four overall top educator awards were announced as part of the 2020-2021 Dickinson ISD Awards Ceremony held in May. They included the Elementary and Secondary Teacher and Principal of the Year awards.

Courtney Cunningham earned the Elementary Teacher of the Year honor. She has 11 years of experience, all in Dickinson ISD and is a Special Education teacher at Calder Road Elementary. Clara Snelson from Dickinson High School received the Secondary Teacher of the Year award. She has five years of teaching experience, all in Dickinson ISD. She is an Algebra I and AVID 9 teacher, as well as a volleyball and basketball coach.

Kelly Jackson was honored with the Elementary Principal of the Year award. She has 27 years of education experience, including the past six years in Dickinson ISD all as principal at Hughes Road Elementary. Temeka Brown received the Secondary Principal of the Year award. She has 19 years of education experience, including the past three years in Dickinson ISD.

These four educators were each presented with a \$250 gift card from AMOCO Federal Credit Union in honor of their award. A special thank you to AMOCO for their continued support of Dickinson ISD employees and families.



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2020-2021 Dickinson ISD Substitute Teachers of the Year

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