



## **Press Release**

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## **GPISD Students Attend the Lone Star Leadership Academy**

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Houston, Texas: One thousand, one hundred twenty-one outstanding 4th-8th graders participated in Education in Action's summer 2018 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps. These young leaders were selected for the Lone Star Leadership Academy camps based on demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, an educator recommendation, and involvement in school/ community activities. The participating students, representing communities across Texas, traveled to Dallas/Fort Worth (4th, 5th & 6th graders), Austin/San Antonio (5th, 6th & 7th graders), and Houston/Galveston (6th, 7th & 8th graders) to take part in the camps.

The Lone Star Leadership Academy experience provides a unique opportunity for outstanding students to learn about Texas leaders and what it means to be from the Lone Star State. Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups. In addition, participants have fun meeting other outstanding students and making new friends while adding to their resume of academic achievements, developing leadership skills, and bringing home a wealth of information to supplement what they are learning in school.

Jayla Gonzalez (Cobb Sixth Grade Campus) and William Knowles (North Shore Middle School) attended the leadership camp in Houston/ Galveston, where they toured NASA, went on a boat tour of Galveston Bay with a marina biologist and visited the San Jacinto Monument and Moody Gardens.

Jaquelyn Hernandez (Galena Park Middle School), Arianna DeLeon and Casey Wenner (Woodland Acres Elementary) went to camp in San Antonio/ Austin, where the students visited the Texas State Capitol and the Supreme Court of Texas, went bat watching on the Lone Star Riverboat and visited the Alamo.

GPISD is so proud of these students for being leaders on their campuses!



Pictured: top: Jacqueline Hernandez and Arianna DeLeon bottom: Casey Wenner, Jayla Gonzales and William Knowles

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