

# GRAD PREP ACADEMY WEEKLY

Motto: "Learning For Life"



## Monthly Scholar Spotlight

Written by GPA Teaching Staff

**This week: Our spotlight scholars are Anthony A. and Jaqueline S.**

**Anthony**, known for his quiet, diligent nature, eloquent speaking, and analytical skills, achieved a remarkable feat by reaching the top earner lists THIS WEEK. His dedication and ability to articulate his ideas effectively have undoubtedly contributed to this impressive accomplishment. We commend him for his hard work and success.

**Jacqueline** has shone out with her bright and bubbly personality, which always brightens everyone's day. Not only does she bring positivity to the classroom, but she also possesses a remarkable understanding of complex calculations, making her a prime role model for other students. Her attention to detail and kind and respectful demeanor make her a standout student, and she deserves a special shoutout for her outstanding qualities.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 3 and 4

Student Holiday/Staff Training Day

All Day

October 5

Boo The Flu Vaccine Event

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

October 14

Student Holiday/Staff Training Day

All Day

October 7, 18, and 21

Go ATX Youth Program

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

October 11 and 25

GPA Focus Group

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

# Wear Your ID!

## Campus ID Badge Policy

GPA students **MUST** wear their student IDs at all times during school and at school-sponsored events. They **MUST** be visible so faculty and staff can ensure the safety of the campus. These cards are **provided free of charge (1st one) to students and are the property of GPA**. Replacement cards cost \$ 5.00 and can be obtained from the Office. **Student ID cards are also required to ride Capital Metro buses for free.**



# Cultural Awareness

## Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 to October 15

A comprehensive tour into the diverse cultures of Guatemala, Chile, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Mexico that focus on the Hispanic Heritage Month 2024 theme - "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together". There will be native crafts and foods enjoyed as well. [Check Us Out on X!](#)

**Hispanic Heritage Month Culture Tour of 2024**

A comprehensive tour into the tour of cultures that focus on the Hispanic Heritage Month 2024 theme - "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together"

**Guatemala**  
From a blend of both Mayan and Spanish influences, we'll discover the diverse color pallets that this country is known for and how it represents its strong values in family, tradition, and hearty meals.  
September 16th to September 20th  
GPA at Travis ECHS

**El Salvador**  
Steeped in religion and strong values of familial bonds, we'll dive into the smallest country in Central America that is known for foods that leave a big impact on the world.  
September 23rd to September 27th  
GPA at Travis ECHS

**Chile**  
Birthplace of the first Latin American woman to win the Nobel Prize, this country of surrealist and abstract ideals has promoted the importance of storytelling and historical recording through art and literature.  
September 30th to October 4th  
GPA at Travis ECHS

**Costa Rica**  
Beyond the cattle ranches and coffee plantations, ANYTHING GROWS! And so will we as we explore the abundant farmland, seas, and jungles that have made Costa Rica a top Latin American food destination.  
October 7th to October 11th  
GPA at Travis ECHS

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"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people."

*"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots."*

**Marcus Garvey**

SOURCE: [HTTPS://LATINO.SI.EDU/LEARN/TEACHING-AND-LEARNING-RESOURCES/HISPANIC-HERITAGE-MONTH-RESOURCES/HISPANIC-HERITAGE-MONTH](https://latino.si.edu/learn/teaching-and-learning-resources/hispanic-heritage-month-resources/hispanic-heritage-month)



## Harassment/Bullying/Cyber Bullying

### Encouraging All Students to Speak Up

Bullying is challenged when witnesses stand up and speak out against the cruel acts of bullying. Establishing new norms, enforcing playground rules, and increasing supervision are policy decisions that can help reduce the incidents of bullying.

Since much of the bullying goes on "under the radar of adults," a potent force are students themselves showing bullies that they will not be looked up to, nor will their cruel behavior be condoned or tolerated.

Students need not be passive bystanders. They can become active witnesses, by standing up for their peers and reporting acts of bullying to parents and teachers.

**Helpful Sources:** [Bullying Tip Sheet](#), [Online Privacy & Security](#), [SafeKids](#), [StopBullying](#)



## GPA First Field Trip

### Weigh Your Options To Plan Your Future

**Special Thanks to TACRAO** for hosting another successful college fair and inviting local high schools to explore the hundreds of colleges worldwide.

This opportunity assisted students in **learning about different colleges and universities** and making informed decisions about their higher education. It allowed students to **explore a variety of colleges**, including four-year public and private colleges, community colleges, trade schools, and technical colleges.

Most students highlighted their meetings with the present admissions representatives, whom they asked questions about their institution. This allows students to **increase their social capital** and "interview" colleges to see which ones meet their criteria.

It was much fun, especially after our brisk morning nature walks through the breathtaking University of Texas campus.

**We look forward to our next trip!**

## TACRAO College Fair Exploration



## Top Three Earners This Week

More Course Completions = Positive Student Progress

Congratulations! Keep Up the Great Work!

**Mang** worked **40 hours** online on Imagine Edgenuity  
+ Completing **49 Quizzes and 9 Tests**

**Josh C.** worked **26 hours** online on Imagine Edgenuity  
+ Completing **27 Quizzes and 5 Tests**

**Maria R.** worked **23 hours** online on Imagine Edgenuity  
+ Completing **25 Quizzes and 6 Tests**



## Upcoming Colleges Visiting Our Campus

[More Information at GPA College and Career Center](#)

College	Date	Ratio	Top Major
	OCTOBER 8	RATIO: 19:1	BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
	OCTOBER 9	RATIO: 24:1	BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, AND MARKETING
	OCTOBER 10	RATIO: 25:1	COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES



# This Is NOT A Drill!

## Shelter In Place Drill on September 30, 2024

### Safety, Emergency Procedures, and Drills

Thank you students, teachers, and staff for following emergency procedures late afternoon on September 30th.

Shelter-in-place drills are practice exercises that teach people how to stay safe during dangerous situations, such as a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or natural disaster.

Please continue to review our emergency procedures with your classes and remember that safety is priority not just a drill!



## City Youth Programs

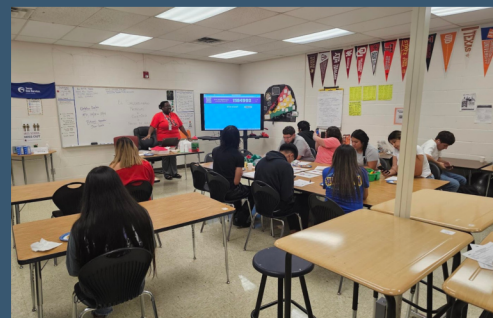
### Career Learning and Employment Opportunities

The GPA Teaching Staff recently undertook an initiative to educate students on the **importance of paying taxes**. Recognizing that taxes often carry a negative connotation and are seen as a burdensome chore, the staff **aimed to shift perspectives** by highlighting how taxes contribute to society's well-being.

They celebrated **Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM)** in a lively and engaging session by incorporating cultural elements, including delicious pupusas with curtido and refreshing fresco de chan, a strawberry chia drink. This **cultural immersion** made the learning experience enjoyable and sparked students' curiosity.

They became enthusiastic and inquisitive, asking insightful questions about audits and the reasons behind owing taxes, demonstrating a newfound appreciation for the role taxes play in maintaining public services and infrastructure.

## GPA Focus Group Income Tax 101



## Lunch in the Courtyard

Fall is Coming! Cool Weather Soon? We hope. . .

Students are now allowed to eat in the courtyard during lunch.

Unfortunately, our Lone Star state *hasn't gotten the memo* and persist to roast Central Texas longer than anticipated, however, the courtyard will be open for leisure. Mind the weather~

- **YES**, you are able to play music.
- **NO**, you may not leave trash or litter.
- **YES**, enjoy the atmosphere.
- **NO**, you may not order food for delivery from outside.

Remember to Pick Up after Yourself and Have Fun!



## Upcoming Community Events

More Information at [GPA Calendar Events](#)

**SENDERO HEALTH PLANS** **APH Austin Public Health** **AUSTIN** Independent School District

# Boo THE FLU!

An Austin/Travis County Community Event

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024**  
11 AM. - 2 PM.

Allison Elementary School  
515 Vargas, Austin TX 78741

- Get your Flu Shot (uninsured or underinsured)
- Community Resources
- Vision Screening
- Treats • Prizes
- Fun Activities
- Games • Music

**LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!!!**

For more information, call Cynthia at **(512) 978 8944**

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# ¡Boo THE FLU!

Evento de la Ciudad de Austin y Condado Travis

**SÁBADO, 5 DE OCTUBRE, 2024**  
11 AM. - 2 PM.

Allison Elementary School  
515 Vargas, Austin TX 78741

- Tome su vacuna contra la Gripe (Personas sin seguro médico o de bajos recursos)
- Recursos Comunitarios
- Exámenes de visión
- Golosinas • Premios
- Actividades Divertidas
- Juegos
- Música

**¡DIVERSIÓN PARA TODA LA FAMILIA!**

Para más información, llame a Cynthia al **(512) 978 8944**



# Community Resources

## Near Our Campus

### Family & Wellness Programs

- ACC Food Access
- Free Health Clinics
- Manos de Cristo Organization
- Neighborhood Services Unit
- And MANY MORE!

### Learn More:

Scan the [QR Code](#) for Our Full List of resources for Family Wellness, Health Care, Immigrant Assistance AND MORE!



## Our Mission

To provide a non-traditional high school educational experience that supports academic and personal growth through personalized instruction to meet our students' academic and emotional needs through community-building and fostering solid relationships.

## Our Vision

For every student to graduate with the necessary skills to be successful in life.

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**"Your time is now.  
Start where you are,  
use what you have,  
do what you can."**

**— Arthur Ashe**

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