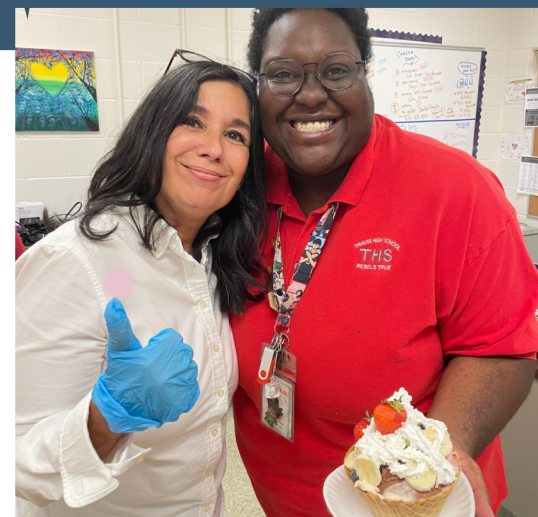


# GRAD PREP ACADEMY WEEKLY

Motto: "Learning For Life"



## Monthly Scholar Spotlight

Written by GPA Teaching Staff

**Maria R.** is a dedicated and hard-working young lady who prides herself on helping others and aspires to be a nurse. She **aspires to work in labor and delivery**; she feels it's a rewarding way to give back to her community, and she loves caring for children. She has been selected for the spotlight shout-out due to her resilience as a **continual Top Earner of the Week** and her willingness to participate in the Go ATX program.

**Monse S** has a go-getter attitude that sets her apart from her peers as an **entrepreneur and trendsetter** who encourages other students to work harder. Her attention to detail when working with others shows her interpersonal skills that she will need to work in the medical field. She **aspires to work in her community to find ways to help the homeless**. She has been selected for the spotlight shout-out due to her compassion for others.

**R. L.** is a quiet young man who manages his time well and prides himself in caring for his business and family. He aspires to work on the front line as a firefighter to protect those who cannot protect themselves. He has been selected for the spotlight shout-out due to his respectful demeanor and superb work ethic, **completing six courses in six weeks**.

*It usually takes a student 1.5 weeks to complete one course.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

September 24

[TX League of Women Voters at Travis ECHS Library](#)

11:01 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.

September 26

[TACRAO College Fair at Delco Activity Center](#)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

September 27

[Focus Group with GPA](#)

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

October 3 and 4

[Student Holiday/Staff Training Day](#)

All Day

# 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](#)



## EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to **protect and expand voting rights** and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through **advocacy, education,** and **litigation**, at the local, state, and national levels.



## Every. Vote. Counts.

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Our students learned about how to register to vote, how to appreciate voting rights in the United States, where to research voting ballot representatives, and where to find job opportunities to give back to their community by assisting others in the voting process!

**Register to Vote,**  
**Find your Polling Place,**  
**Look Up your Ballot,**  
**and MORE at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).**

## LWV South Central ATX Voter Registration



## Top Three Earners This Week

More Course Completions = Positive Student Progress

Congratulations! Keep Up the Great Work!

**Mang worked 62 hours** online on Imagine Edgenuity  
+ Completing **65 Quizzes and 8 Tests**

**R. L. worked 38 hours** online on Imagine Edgenuity  
+ Completing **24 Quizzes and 4 Tests**

**J. Romero worked 30 hours** online on Imagine Edgenuity  
+ Completing **6 Quizzes and 1 Test**



## Upcoming College / Career Field Trips

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

 **AUSTIN** College, Career & Military Readiness  
Independent School District



**WANT TO KNOW WHICH COLLEGES WILL BE ATTENDING?**



**CLICK THE QR CODE**

AUSTIN ISD PRESENTS  
**TACRAO COLLEGE FAIR**  
HS Seniors will have the ability to connect with 100 colleges and universities nationwide!

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26**  
10:00 - 12:00PM  
DELCO ACTIVITY CENTER

Connect with us via Let's Talk at 512-866-6434 or via email at [college.advisor@austinsisd.org](mailto:college.advisor@austinsisd.org)  
Follow us on Twitter @AustinISD\_CCR

TRAVIS ECHS FIELD TRIP

# College Fair

Thursday Sept 26 **DELCO CENTER**  
10:30AM - 12:30PM

College Ready!

*Find your next college by talking to over a hundred representatives of national and international colleges.*

SIGN UP WITH THIS CODE, you will also need a completed permission form



vamonos!  
lets go visit some colleges

For more information: IG: @rebel\_ccc  
[jose.dominquez3@austinsisd.org](mailto:jose.dominquez3@austinsisd.org)



# This Is NOT A Drill!

**Fire Alarm Incident on September 23, 2024**

Safety, Emergency Procedures, and Drills

Thank you students, teachers, and staff for following emergency procedures late afternoon on September 23rd. The fire alarm incident was due to a minor cooking accident and has been taken care of swiftly and safely due to all staff and students following protocol to keep our campus safe.

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**

Ms. Mo invited a special guests from the City of Austin, **Shay Currie**, Youth Development Coordinator. She presented the students with the expectations of City of Austin employment, internship opportunities that can flourish into full-fledged careers, and how excited she is to work with our students.

Her energy reflected the students' excitement as she spoke about the work-study program that allows students to get paid to go to school! In the coming weeks, students will be tasked with completing impromptu calls, mock interviews, and building their resume to match the jobs they are looking to get in to. We can't wait to share their growth and success in the coming months!

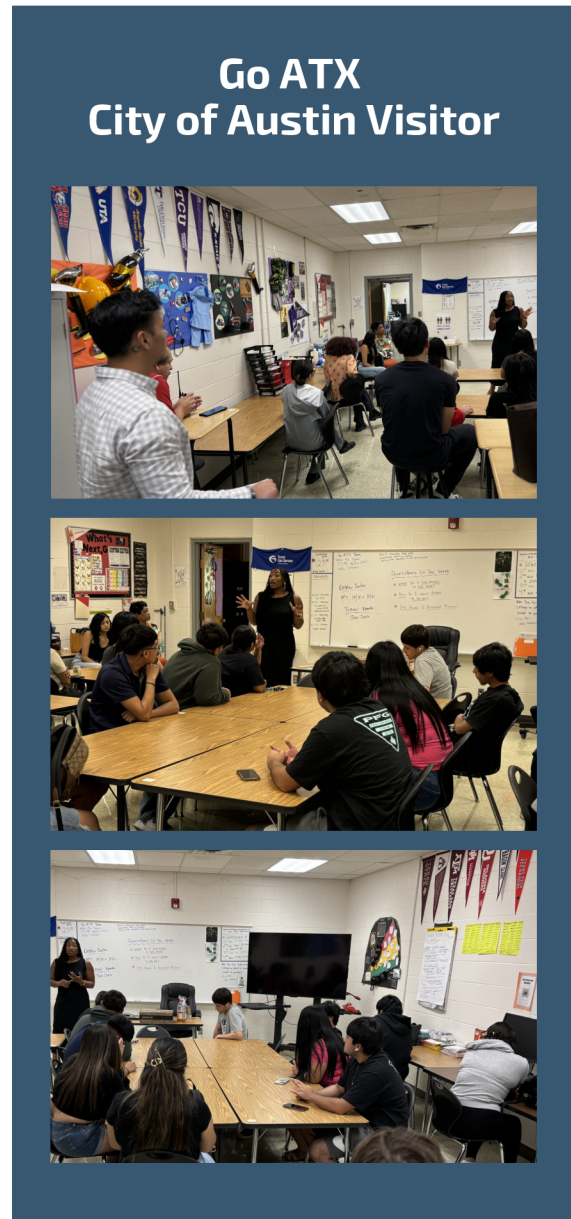
**City of Austin Programs include but are not limited to:**

**Austin Youth Development (AYD)**

Monique Tyler (Ms. Mo)  
Ariel Ximenes  
Shay Currie

**Community Youth Development (CYD)**

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## 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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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**

