


VIPS VOICE

VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS


JULY – SEPTEMBER • 2021

VIPS Happenings

 **The President's Volunteer Service Award: Student Recognition**
HISD is giving its students the opportunity to become recipients of The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) for their volunteer and civic engagement. The PVSA is a national award bestowed upon volunteers for their outstanding volunteer service and civic participation. Students as young as 5 years of age, can gain national recognition for their volunteer efforts by tracking their hours within a 12-month period and submitting them to the HISD Community Partnerships Department for certification. In addition to the national recognition from the President of the United States; our student change agents will be able to cite community service hours that can be used on college and scholarship applications.



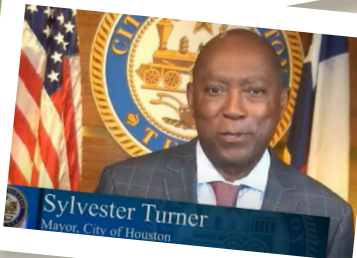
To find out more information, check out the VIPS website at www.HoustonISD.org/VIPS and click on President's Volunteer Service Award.

 **Ready, Set, Volunteer!**
The 2021-2022 School Year
In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, the VIPS Raptor 6 Volunteer management System will be reset on July 31, 2021. All volunteers must register again in Raptor for the 2021-2022 school year beginning in August 2021. Volunteers will be able to create their own Raptor Portal Account and begin keeping track of their volunteer engagement at HISD campuses. We are excited to welcome you back! www.HoustonISD.org/VIPSlogin

 **Future Volunteer Opportunities for Next School Year**
Looking for volunteer opportunities? Want a new project to support?
Check out our VIPS website for a list of future volunteer opportunities that will make a difference in the district. The Volunteer Opportunities calendar will list one time and ongoing events that could use volunteer support.

www.HoustonISD.org/VIPS

VIPS 50th Virtual Anniversary Celebration



A snapshot of VIPS 50th Anniversary Virtual Celebration Participants: Top left, Malcolm Thomas, MC; bottom left, Mayor Sylvester Turner; top right, Cherise Story, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; mid-right, Pat Rosenberg, Community Volunteer Speaker; and bottom right, Rachel Reagan, Junior League of Houston

VIPS celebrated its golden anniversary during the **VIPS 50th Anniversary Virtual Celebration** held on Friday, April 22, 2021. It was a wonderful opportunity to walk down memory lane and reflect upon the past 50 years of VIPS and honor the numerous contributions of volunteers. Both the Honorable Mayor Sylvester Turner and the HISD Board of Trustees, led by Dr. Patricia K. Allen, issued proclamations in celebration of this milestone. The anniversary celebration took a stroll down memory lane with a presentation exploring the history of the VIPS program and highlighting its founding groups, the Junior League of Houston and the VIPS Advisory Board. The virtual attendees included: HISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan, HISD Board of Trustees members, volunteers, honorees, community partners, and HISD employees.

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VIPS 50th Celebration

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The virtual celebration honored congregations and faith-based groups, nonprofit organizations, universities, and corporations whose volunteerism made a significant impact over the last five decades. The honorees were categorized into the following groups:

The Difference Makers whose efforts focus on meeting students basic needs. These volunteers led school supply drives, food campaigns and gathered prom dresses and suits.

The Expanding Horizons volunteers provide college and career opportunities for young learners and high school students, forever changing their lives with transformative experiences.

The Learning Guides create innovative educational experiences so that students can excel academically. These are our tutors who served as reading buddies and promoted STEM in schools.

The Shaping Leaders volunteers are mentors who support the social-emotional well-being of students. They are listeners, advocates, and friends who believe that shaping a student's self-image will remove barriers and open doors to new beginnings.

The Make It Happen volunteers are those parents and individuals that "make it happen" when things need to get done on the campus!

Check out
a complete list
of honorees and video
recording of the event at
www.HoustonISD.org/VIPS.

VIPS Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

VIPS Volunteer Recognition Award Winners

Volunteers are an invaluable asset to HISD, and we are so grateful for the myriad of ways that volunteers impact student achievement. We are pleased to announce our VIPS Volunteer Award Winners for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. **Congratulations!**



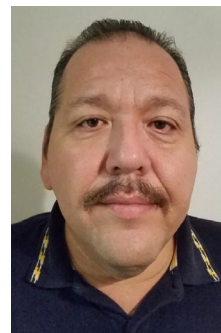
2019-2020 VIPS Award Winners



Jean Davis Myers Volunteer Service Award

Texan-French Alliance for the Arts/Be the Peace Be the Hope

Pictured from left to right:
Cynthia Ouedraogo, Irene Greaves, Karine Parker, Andrea Watson



Parent Partner of the Year Award

Jose Velez (left) and Christina Mendoza (right)



Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Student for Cause

ZeeShawn Wani (left) and Hannah Wani (right)



Charles Harding Senior of the Year Award

Eugene Anthony Tuckwiller

VIPS Volunteer SPOTLIGHT (continued)

2020-2021 VIPS Award Winners



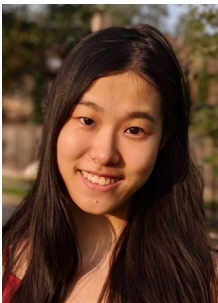
Jean Davis Myers Volunteer Service Award

West University Elementary School PTO



Parent Partner of the Year Award

Alvina Reynolds Randolph



Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Student for Cause

Shirley Zhu (left) and Annie Zhu (right)



Charles Harding Senior of the Year Award

Ertha Stacey



The President's Volunteer Service Award Winners

This year, HISD became a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. The award recognizes the contributions of outstanding volunteers. Individuals listed below have donated more than 100 hours of their time to support students in our schools. We are excited to be able to honor these volunteers.

PVSA Award Winners 2020-2021

- ★ Maribel Arroyo
- ★ Ada Drake
- ★ Danielle Louise Facundo
- ★ Stacy Lopez
- ★ Alice Phillips

Volunteers make a difference!

Steps for becoming a VIPS Volunteer for the 2021-2022 school year

- STEP 1** Register in VIPS at www.HoustonISD.org/VIPSlogin beginning in August 2021
- STEP 2** Create your free Raptor Volunteer Portal Account to track your hours
- STEP 3** Identify your preferred campus VIPS Coordinator
- STEP 4** Attend the campus volunteer orientation
- STEP 5** Consider what types of volunteer opportunities interest you and sign up for them!

VIPS Coordinator SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to the following VIPS Coordinators who nominated the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 VIPS winners. They are key to creating successful volunteer engagement opportunities and supporting community partnerships that impact student achievement. The VIPS team appreciates each of you for all that you do every day on our campuses.



Nohelia Rodriguez
Sutton ES

Nominated: Be the Peace Be the Hope/Jean Davis Myers Volunteer Service Award and Eugene Anthony Tuckwiller/Charles Harding Senior of the Year.

Ms. Rodriguez “loves to have that connection and relationship with parents and be able to support them in any way possible.”



Tomica Fontelroy-Linzer
West University ES

Nominated: West University Elementary School PTO/Jean Davis Myers Volunteer Service Award

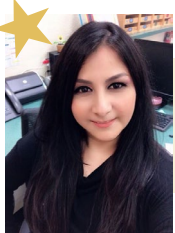
Ms. Fontelroy-Linzer is “an avid volunteer inside and outside of HISD, committed to promoting volunteerism and developing the potential of volunteers.”



Miriam Mulet
Bellaire HS

Nominated: Annie Zhu and Shirley Zhu/Youth Volunteer of the Year

Ms. Mulet shares that she is thankful for the numerous ways that volunteers impact her school and community.



Erica Gamez
De Zavala ES

Nominated: Mr. Jose Velez and Ms. Christina Mendoza/Parent Partners of the Year Award.

Ms. Gamez believes this “is a great opportunity to do what I love.”



Ignacia Holguin
McGowen ES

Nominated: Alvina Reynolds-Randolph/Parent Partner of the Year Award

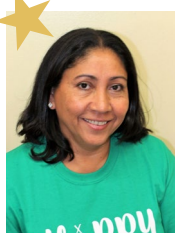
Ms. Holguin shares that she “loves working with the parents and volunteers.”



Annetta Randel
High School Ahead

Nominated: Ertha Stacey/Charles Harding VIPS Senior of the Year.

Ms. Randel shares “I love giving my time and talents to our seniors and I enjoy when others give their time back.”



Rosa Castro
Grissom ES

Nominated: Student for Cause (Hannah Wani and ZerShawn Wani)

Ms. Castro shares “I love helping out at the campus and working with the volunteers.”

VIPS Contact Information

Interested in volunteering with HISD?

Register online to become a volunteer at

www.HoustonISD.org/VIPSlogin

Telephone:
713-556-8477

Email:
VIPS@HoustonISD.org

Fax:
713-556-7244

www.HoustonISD.org/VIPS