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Three HISD students among top 10 finalists at international health conference

July 8, 2019 – Students from Baylor College of Medicine Biotech Academy at Rusk placed in the top 10 at the recent Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) International Leadership Conference in Orlando.

The Houston Independent School District students competed alongside 11,000 students from around the world, including China and Italy. Three Baylor Academy at Rusk students finished in the top 10 among middle school students. This was the first time that students from the school participated in the international conference.

Sixth-grader Juriel Rosa competed in the Healthy Lifestyle category. He presented his results on a personal goal of running a mile in 15 minutes or less and practicing healthier eating. He collected data over a five- to six-month period, placing 10th. Eighth-grader Francisco Chavez placed sixth for his high score on the competition's Nutrition Test. The multiple-choice exam required students to study college-level textbooks. Seventh-grader Kamden Terry placed second in the Speaking Skills category, for which he wrote and delivered a speech on defining one's purpose.

"The results our students achieved at the international health occupations conference offer more proof that HISD is producing global scholars in a variety of disciplines," said HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan. "We congratulate them along with each and every one of their instructors."

Principal Jesse Herrera said his students put in several months of hard work to prepare for the competition.

"These students chose their categories at the beginning of the year and fully committed to them," Herrera said. "We are proud of their abilities to excel in such a challenging competition."

The goal of the HOSA Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference is to provide an engaging learning environment for students interested in entering the medical field. Participation is open to students in middle school, high school and college.

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