

DREAM SUMMIT SERIES

IGNITE THE DREAM



Purpose of Dream Summit: This is Your Space

Connect you to the community of support within HISD College Readiness. We want to help all immigrant students reach their goals and dreams, especially those who are not U.S. citizens nor U.S. permanent residents.

- Build a safe space to talk about our experiences
- Connect with others who have a similar background
- Offer opportunities, advice, resources, and solutions to help you overcome any barriers



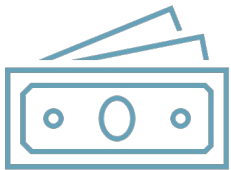
Agenda



- **Legal and Immigration Update** with Ruby Powers



- **Must Know College & Financial Aid Opportunities**



- **Entrepreneurship & Career Pathways** with Immigrants Rising & Sharpstown HS Alum Estuard Guinea



- **Keys to Success: HS and Beyond**

DACA

- USCIS is accepting first-time applicants
- Your HS registrar can help you with academic records for your application
- For assistance applying, contact FIEL. Call at 713-364-3435 to make your appointment.
- Fill out their form to check your eligibility: bit.ly/fiel-daca



Home Is Here! Yesterday, Federal Judge Garaufis ruled to reinstate DACA to it's 2017 state, protecting about 1 million eligible Dreamers. We break it down for you here in a few slides. Reminder that FIEL will help you renew your DACA or help you apply, call us at 713-364-3435.

FIEL HOUSTON TALKS THE RESTORATION OF DACA	RULING MEAN? INTERIM DHS SECRETARY CHAD WOLF'S MEMO TO BE SET ASIDE When Chad Wolf issued the memo to DACA WORK ORDERS The court order extends work permits
RULING MEAN? RE-OPENING OF FIRST TIME APPLICANTS TO BE ACCEPTED Judge Garaufis' ruling ADVANCE PAROLE PRIVILEGES The Federal Government must	NEXT STEPS "We encourage all those DACA eligible youth to apply to this program as soon as they are able to since"

MUST KNOW COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

Presenter:

Ruby Rivera, College & Career Readiness Manager



College Facts

Myth:

My college options are limited because of my status and colleges will consider me an international students.

Truth:

You can apply to and attend ANY college. If you graduate HS having lived 3 years in TX, public colleges will consider you an in-state resident for admissions.

Most Students Have Financial Aid Options

Myth:

If I'm not a U.S. citizen or my parents aren't citizens, I'm not eligible for any financial aid.

Truth:

Your legal status does determine what options you are eligible for, but students born outside the U.S. or without a legal status also qualify for financial aid!

Financial Aid Eligibility Overview

- **Grants: financial aid awarded by the government that does not have to be paid back**
- Some non-U.S. citizens qualify for federal aid grants
- All other non-U.S. citizens may qualify for state aid grants

Federal Aid

- U.S. Citizens
- Permanent Residents
- Refugee or Asylum Granted
- Child of T-Visa or U-Visa (Battered Immigrants)

State Aid

- DACA
- Temporary Work Permit
- Other VISA categories
- Other immigrant students who have resided in TX for at least 3 years

TASFA

Where To See It

- Download application online

Will Need

- Parent(s) tax information
- All families who earn an income must file taxes to complete the TASFA

How to Submit

- Multi-step process that is going virtual, but some schools still require mail or in-person submission
- Your advisor will guide you

2021-22 TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is a free application that collects information to help determine eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid programs administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit fafsa.gov or contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2021-22 award year. **Note:** The federal application covers federal **and** state financial aid opportunities. If you meet the FAFSA filing requirements, you do not need to complete both the FAFSA and TASFA.

The state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is January 15. If you are considered for the most financial aid that may be available to you, it is important to complete and submit your application to the financial aid office **on or before Jan. 15**. **Note:** Texas residency and final eligibility for financial aid are determined by the institution you plan to attend.

To complete this application, answer each item within each section. **If a question does not apply to you, check the N/A box.** For certain items, refer to the **TASFA Notes on pages 6-8**. If you have further questions about this form, visit www.tasfa.org. Institutions have an online version of the TASFA; check with your institution before filling out the form. Your information on the TASFA is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

SECTION ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 5-6)

1. Last Name		2. First Name	
4. Date of Birth		5. Social Security Number, DACA Number, or N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Permanent Mailing Address			
8. City		9. State	
12. Email Address			



Take a look @
HoustonISD.org/TASFA

Opportunities exist, but how about beyond college?

- Valid concerns: limited employment opportunities after college graduation without a legal status
- College education can never be taken away from you
- Entrepreneurship & owning your own business is always an option to turn your passion, knowledge, and skills into financial support for yourself and family

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PRESENTATION



IMMIGRANTS

RISING

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

Immigrants Rising empowers undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation.

- Employment
- Independent contracting
- Business ownership



Entrepreneurship

- **The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA)** states that it is illegal to knowingly employ unauthorized workers in the United States.
 - The IRCA requires employers to verify that every new employee is legally authorized to work in the U.S., through the “I-9 System”.
 - **EXCEPTION** An individual or entity is not required to obtain Form I-9 from independent contractors or sporadic domestic workers.
- **Federal Statute 8 U. S. Code 1324a(a)(4)** prohibits an entity from knowingly engaging an unauthorized individual to provide services as a contractor.
 - Individuals who fail to comply with Form I-9, or knowingly hire or contract undocumented individuals may face civil fines, criminal penalties, or debarment from government contracts.

- Immigrants can start their own businesses in the United States with an ITIN or SSN.
- Folks without work authorization are not allowed to be conventionally employed
- Folks without work authorization are able to work as independent contractors
- All entrepreneurs, regardless of status, are responsible for paying taxes.

Developing an Entrepreneurship Mindset!

What skills have you acquired within your field from the classes you've taken?

What do you enjoy doing for fun? What are you passionate about?

If you could start a business, what would it be?

KEYS TO SUCCESS: HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

Presenters:

Alison Murray and Madeline Castilla, IGNITE



A College Education is for Everyone

Myth:

If you don't have straight A's, it will be hard to get into college or get scholarships.

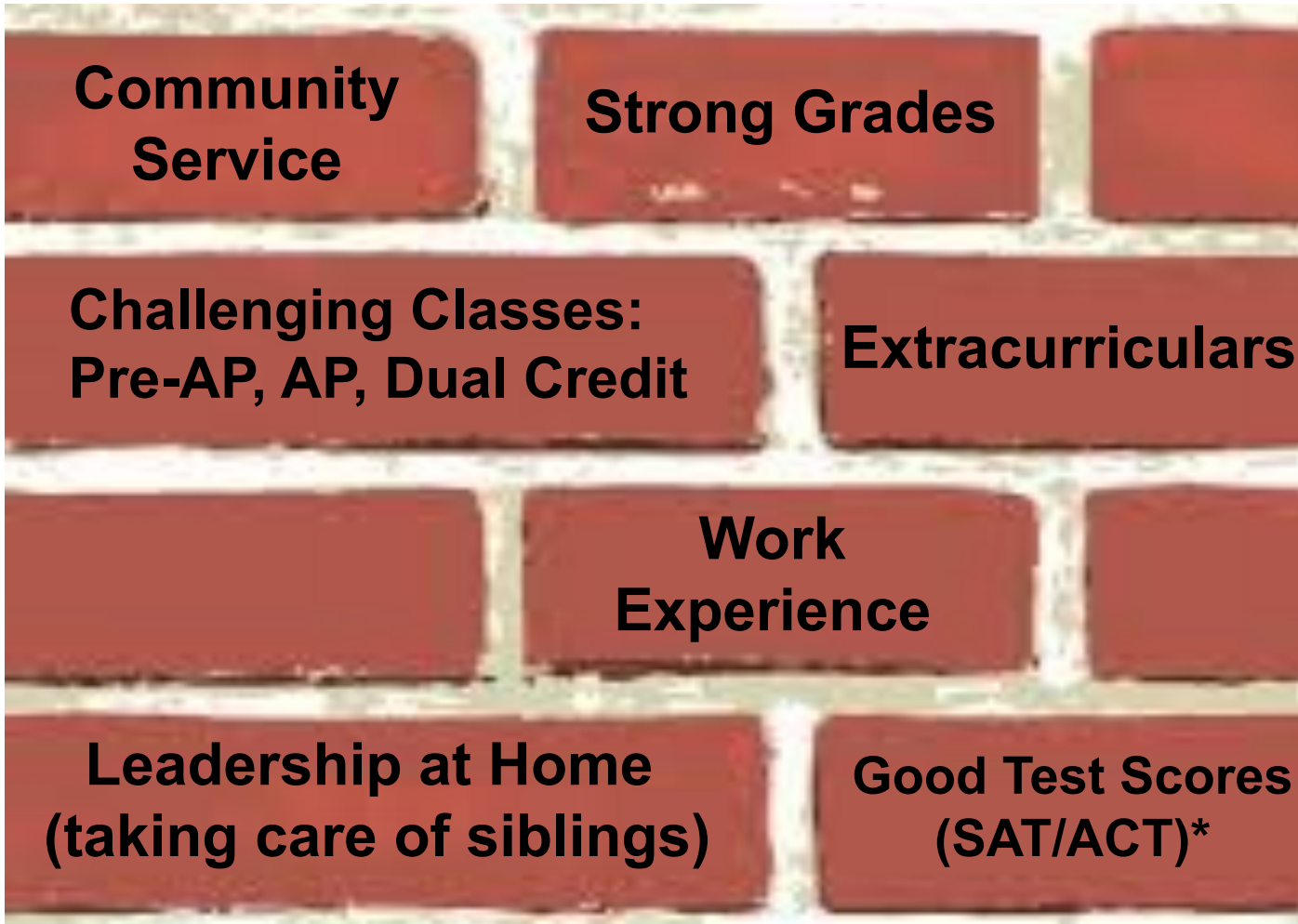
I don't think college is for me.

Truth:

Some colleges / scholarships don't look at grades at all!

College has many options for you to explore. There are many programs at community colleges that are hands-on that can take less than a year to complete.

What makes a competitive student?



A personal, unique essay fills in the gap: as an immigrant, your story matters!

****Test-optional policies due to COVID-19***

Keys to Success for 10th & 11th Grade



**1. STAY ON TOP OF
YOUR GRADES**



**2. EXPLORE
CAREERS**



**3. INTRODUCE
YOURSELF TO
ADVISOR**

What is GPA?

It is an average of final semesters grades throughout the year in all of your classes, added together, and averaged

**GPA is
accumulative**

**It will be a
number
between 0-5**

**Your GPA be a
whole number or
a decimal**

What does my GPA convey?

Numeric Average	Letter Grade	Non PreAP/AP Grade Points	PreAP/AP Grade Points
90 - 100	A	4	5
80 - 89	B	3	4
75 - 79	C	2	3
70 - 74	D	1	2
Below 70	F	0	0

Why is GPA Important?

The higher your GPA, the more opportunities you have



More scholarships, more help



GPA can help you gain access to special programs in high school



Exploring Careers

- <https://hccs.emsicc.com/assessment>

Progress

Select your assessment

We'll help you find out what your interests are and how they relate to the world of work.

Quick Start Assessment
6 questions

Detailed Assessment
60 questions

Your top three traits are...

Social
Social people are friendly and outgoing. They are cooperative and enjoy working with and being around other people. They are understanding and insightful concerning the feelings and problems of others. They like to be helpful to others by serving in facilitative roles such as those of teachers... [Show More](#)

Investigative
Investigative people are naturally curious and inquisitive. They have a need to understand, explain, and predict the things that go on around them. They are scholarly and scientific in their attempts to understand things and tend to be pessimistic and critical when non-scientific, simplistic, or... [Show More](#)

Conventional
Conventional people are well-organized, persistent, and practical in their approach to life. They enjoy clerical and computational activities performed according to set procedures. They are dependable, efficient, and conscientious in accomplishing the tasks in which they engage. They enjoy the... [Show More](#)

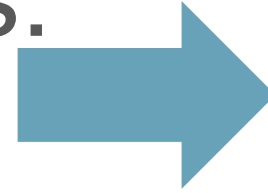
Your top career matches are...

> Education and Training 100% Match
Planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services.

> Health Science 95% Match
Planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

Communicating with College Readiness

For information on events:
bit.ly/HISD2College



To connect with your Ignite
Adviser:
houstonisd.org/ignite

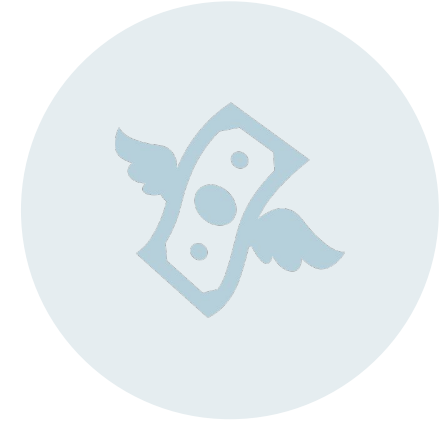
Keys to Success for 12th Grade



1. FIND A SUMMER OPPORTUNITY TO START / BUILD YOUR RESUME



2. GET TO WORK ON YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY



3. FIND OUT YOUR TAX STATUS - HELP PARENTS FILE IF NEEDED

Resume Building



Building a resume early will make applying for scholarships and colleges easier



A resume is a list of extracurricular activities, awards, community service, and any special skills you have that makes you stand out



Start building your resume as early as possible!

Adding to Your Resume-Start Now!

Community Service opportunities in your community (Churches, mosques, food banks, school)

Join clubs while in high school!

Don't have a car? Take advantage of virtual events! (Yes, these count)

Job shadow at clinics/businesses near your home

Connect with your high school college center and adviser about opportunities available to students

What does a resume look like?

Michael Garcia

7504 Bissonnet Street, Houston, TX 77074
Phone: 713-123-4567 E-Mail: mj@thriller.org

ACADEMICS

Sharpstown High School

Expected Graduation: May 2016

- **Weighted GPA:** 4.34
- **Advanced Courses:** AP Biology (4, May 2014), AP World History, Pre-AP Algebra II, Pre-AP Geometry, Pre-AP Algebra, Pre-AP English, Pre-AP Chemistry, Pre-AP Biology
- **Activities:** Sharpstown Summer Scholars Program, Teen Leadership 2, JV Volleyball (Co-Captain), Key Club
- **Awards:** Honor Roll (2012, 2013), Living the Apollo Creed (April 2013), Biology Student of the Month (Sept. 2012)

COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Sharpstown Summer Scholars, Sharpstown High School - Houston, TX

Summer 2015

Accepted into the inaugural Sharpstown Summer Scholars Program which focuses on college readiness skills

- Developed college readiness skills including email etiquette, resume writing, and self advocacy
- Focused on writing completing college application essays through self reflection workshops
- Explored various career opportunities through Career Shadows with Junior Achievement
- Mentored incoming freshmen from Sugar Grove Academy, a middle school that feeds into Sharpstown

Teacher's Assistant, Sharpstown High School - Houston, TX

August 2013 - June 2014

Volunteer with the Pre-AP Biology teacher after school on a daily basis

- Assisted teacher by grading student work and organizing the classroom
- Tutored peers in small groups, focusing on specific topics as assigned by the teacher

Teen Leadership Member, Sharpstown High School - Houston, TX

August 2012 - Present

Selected into the Magnet Leadership Program upon entering Sharpstown

You ARE a Leader!

- Leadership is not just at school, but in the workplace, at home, and the community.
- On resume & applications, emphasize your **impact and how you contribute**

Watch over my brothers and sisters at home



Help siblings with homework
teaching skills
Help maintain home and prepare meals
organizational skills
Translate for parents
cross-cultural communication skills

Momentum Resume Services

Free resume editing services if you need a resume for a scholarship or college app

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YOUR RESUME?**

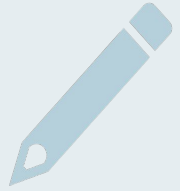
**SEND YOUR RESUME AS A GOOGLE
DOC OR WORD DOC TO
RESUMES@MOMENTUMEDU.ORG**

- In the email, please include your name and high school.
- Please ensure your resume is editable by anyone if it is a google document.
- You will receive edits within 7 days.

**CONTACT CHRISTI NGUYEN AT
CHRISTI@MOMENTUMEDU.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



Essay Tips & Timeline



Copy essay prompts in Google Docs (do this right after you look over application & scholarship forms)



Brainstorm ideas and create outlines: We all have a story even if we think it's not worth sharing.



Set personal draft deadlines so someone can review your essay.
(Ask in advance so someone can review at least **3 weeks before due**)
Give them at least a week to review. Thank them! More drafts, the better.

Momentum Essay Services

Send it your essay to
be reviewed and
edited for free!

**DO YOU NEED EDITS ON YOUR
APPLICATION ESSAYS?**

**SEND YOUR ESSAYS AS A
GOOGLE DOC TO
ESSAYS@MOMENTUMEDU.ORG**

- On the document, please include your name, high school, essay prompt, word count, and if the essay is for a scholarship or college application.
- Please ensure your essay is a google document that is editable by anyone.
- You will receive edits within 7 days.

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Consider Private Schools

- **Over 50** private colleges offer great financial aid for undocumented students
- **Financial aid can cover 90% to 100% of college costs**
 - Can be more affordable to attend than Texas A&M / UT
- Work hard for that acceptance: need strong application, rec letters, and essays
- Review the list of schools on our website


Most located outside of TX

- Occidental, Pomona (CA)
- Franklin & Marshall (PA)
- Oberlin (OH)
- Bryn Mawr, Holy Cross (MA)
- Rice (TX)
- Skidmore, Colgate (NY)
- Trinity, Yale (CT)



Scholarships for Dreamers


- List on HISD Dreamers Website
- Updated 3 times a year



Empowering students.
Launching futures.

COLLEGE READINESS

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO STUDENTS
WITHOUT U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS / SSN



Reaching Dreams. Alcanzando Sueños.

State / National Scholarships	Local Scholarships
<p>Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: December 6, 2020 • Amount: Up to \$3,500 • Website: https://bit.ly/3kiqv7r <p>Children's Defense Fund Texas – Beat the Odds Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: December 9, 2020 • Amount: Up to \$5,000 • Requirements: Recommendation Letters and Essay • Website: https://bit.ly/35F3Wic <p>Charles Butt Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: Varies by college (most are between December 2020 to February 2021) • Amount: up to \$40,000 over 4 years • Requirements: Recommendation Letters and Essay 	<p>Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: February 13, 2021 • Amount: Up to \$1,000 • Requirements: Essay • Website: https://bit.ly/shpe-houston <p>Dream.US Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: February 25, 2021 • Amount: Up to \$33,000 over 4 years • Requirements: Essay and enrollment at UH or other state colleges • Website: https://www.thedream.us/ <p>Out for Education Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: February 28, 2021 • Amount: Up to \$1,000 • Requirements: Essay and Interview • Website: https://bit.ly/ofe-houston

College Scholarship Programs



HCC Honors College: Up to cost of tuition & fees

Great for students who intend to transfer. If selected, take classes with same group of students; learn with a small community of driven students.



UHD Scholars Academy: Additional scholarship up to \$4,500 / year

Great for STEM majors. Additional tutoring / mentoring support.



Dream.US: UH, TAMU-San Antonio, UNT-Dallas up to \$33,000 (4 years)

Receive help with choosing classes, get connected with campus resources, and join a national alumni network

File Taxes with Baker Ripley

- Non-U.S. citizen adults without a SSN must apply for a different number (ITIN) from the IRS
- FREE tax assistance
- Income taxes are due June 15, 2021
- **Family concerns?** Set up an appt. with your advisor or contact BakerRipley directly



Mental Health Resources



YOU WOULDN'T LET THIS
HAPPEN TO YOUR PHONE.
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO
YOU EITHER.

SELF CARE IS A PRIORITY,
NOT A LUXURY.

IMMIGRANTS RISING'S

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FOR UNDOCUMENTED YOUNG PEOPLE

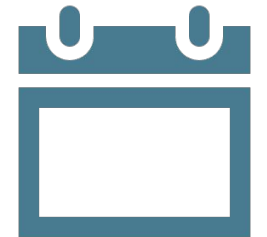
WEDNESDAYS 5-6 PM PST | 8-9 PM EST
immigrantsrising.org/wellnessgatherings

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Top 5 Things to do Before the Summer

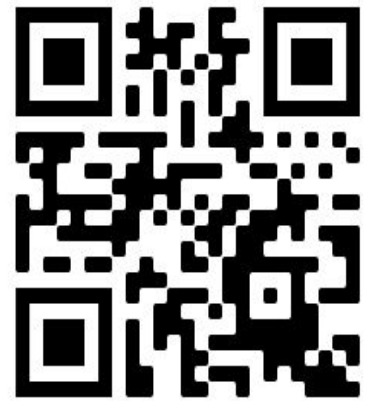
1. **Find or apply for a summer opportunity** to add to your resume, using DiscoverU or college center resources
2. **Ask parents or guardians what their tax filing status is & file for an ITIN application** if needed
3. **Brainstorm outlines for essay prompts** for college applications (if needed)
4. **Make an appt. to meet your advisor**
5. **Attend any summer workshops or programs** offered by your HS Advisors / College Centers to start on your college research & apps



Setup an appt. with your advisor!

Work with your
Advisor

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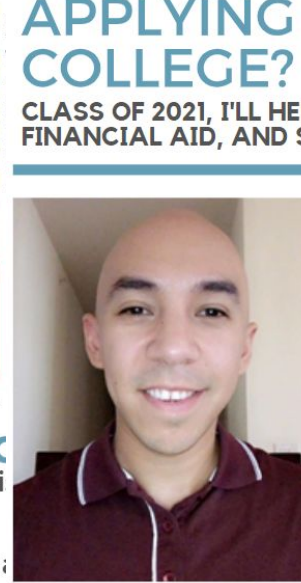
MS. NOEMI BRITO
Noemi.Brito@houstonisd.org
Hours: MTF 12:00-2PM
Remind: @jfa21
Book an appointment at bit.ly/HISDcr12



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Book an appointment at bit.ly/Rod_Advis

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MR. BRIAN THOMPSON
Brian.Thompson@houstonisd.org
(409) 241-6449
Book Appointment: bit.ly/HISD2College

SIGN UP FOR THE
bit.ly/HISD2College

Junior Survey

If you're in **11th grade**, please fill out this survey so we can know more about you!



The flyer is set against a background of crumpled paper. At the top left, it reads 'COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SURVEY'. At the top right is the HISD logo with the text 'College Readiness' and the tagline 'HIGHER EXPECTATIONS. HIGHER EDUCATION.' Below the title is the slogan 'HELP US HELP YOU' next to a speech bubble icon. The flyer is divided into two sections. The top section is for Juniors, featuring the URL 'BIT.LY/HISDJRSURVEY21', the word 'JUNIORS' in large blue letters on a black background, an arrow pointing to a QR code, and the instruction 'SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE THE SURVEY'. The bottom section is for Seniors, featuring the URL 'BIT.LY/HISDSRSURVEY21', the word 'SENIORS' in large blue letters on a black background, an arrow pointing to a QR code, and the instruction 'SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE THE SURVEY'.

For More Resources



HoustonISD.org/dreamers

Follow us on
Twitter & IG
@HISD2College
@HISD_Wings

Thank You! Before you leave...

Future Events

- Dream Summit Series will continue next year. Invite friends who did not attend!

To qualify for the final giveaway,
fill out exit survey:
bit.ly/ITD-2021-survey

