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Welcome Students to AHSP/STEM! Academies Induction Ceremony October 15, 2019

Welcome back or welcome to the Academy of Health Science Professions/STEM. I am your counselor Ms. Deborah Zamora and my role as your counselor is to provide you with academic counseling services as well as helping each student with their college and career readiness. I also am available to talk to students about their emotional and mental health. As per counseling guidelines, all conversations remain confidential unless you disclose that you wish to hurt yourself or others. Other services I provide are letters of recommendation, TSI information, dual enrollment information etc. If you wish to speak to me, please come by the front office and ask for me or sign up to see me with the clerk.

College Tours 2019-2020

This year, college tour participation will be based on 98% attendance and referrals. You must have no referrals and must have 98% attendance to qualify to attend the college tours. Tours will take place at different times of the year this school year; please see below for proposed schedule.

11th Grade:

Texas A&M College Station: Friday,
Oct. 4, 2019

University of Texas at Austin:
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019

10th Grade:

Texas A&M Kingsville:
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019

University of Texas San Antonio: Friday, March 6, 2020

9th Grade:

UT-RGV: Thurs. Nov. 14, 2019 (all 9th)

STC Nursing & Allied Health: Spring
2020 (Health Science students)

Texas A&M-McAllen: Spring 2020
(Engineering students)

Credit Checks

During the month of September I will provide you a copy of your transcript to review for a credit check in your AVID class. During this credit check, make sure that all classes you have taken for high school credit are posted to your transcript, this includes all college-level work as well. Seniors, submit any changes by Friday Sept. 6, 2019.

This credit check is in preparation for ranking, which has the following schedule per grade level:

RANKING

12th grade: 10/11/2019/1/17/2020/4/17/2020

11th grade: 10/11/2019/1/17/2020

10th grade: 10/11/2019/1/17/2020

9th grade: 1/17/2020

Academy Induction Ceremony for 9th Grade to be held October 15, 2019

Practice: 4:00pm, Dinner: 5:15pm, Ceremony: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Attire: Khaki pants and white shirt. Boys will be given ties to wear and girls scarves to wear courtesy of the Academy Department.

Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Campaign September 2019

La Joya ISD is promoting the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Campaign during the month of September. Wear Yellow every Tuesday to support this campaign.

During this month, we will be drawing attention to the problem of suicide and advocating the prevention of this terrible tragedy.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24. It is also one of the leading causes of PREVENTABLE death. We lose approximately 113 young people to suicide each week. Four out of five teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs. That means in 80% of these cases we have an opportunity to intervene and possibly save a young person who is at-risk.

What can you do if you or someone you know is feeling suicidal? TALK! Reach out and talk to someone.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

At the following football games there will be an activity highlighting the Suicide Prevention Campaign:

Juarez Lincoln HS vs. Sharyland Pioneer: Sept. 5, 2019

La Joya HS vs. Sharyland: Sept. 13, 2019

Palmview HS vs. Donna: Sept. 20, 2019

A Friend Asks App

A Friend Asks is a smart-phone app that all AHSP students are being asked to install on their smart-phones.

It provides information and resources to help a friend (or yourself) who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide.

Search "jasonfoundation a friend asks" and install on your phone.

Seniors:

College Fair 2019 is happening on Monday September 23, 2019 at Palmview High School. Our time slot is 2:00pm to 2:50pm.

At this event there will be over 50 college representatives and military to meet with you and give you more information on their school.

Take your TACRAO Bar Code so the universities can scan your information into their database and begin corresponding with you.

<https://register.gotocollegefairs.com/>

[Registration/StateSelect](#)

Select Texas/TACRAO/9/23-9/27/Rio Grande Valley

Buses will leave at 1:30 from campus and we should return by 9th period. This is your only fall college fair at school so make plans to attend!

TSI Testing for all Students

Students,

All students will be evaluated in their AVID classes for TSI testing. As soon as you are cleared to test, you can sign up at the front office, prices are as follows:

All three sections-\$14.00

Writing only-\$7.00 (Wednesdays)

Reading or Math only-\$4.00 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

If you feel you are ready to test, please talk to your AVID teacher about setting up a test date.

You may pay for your exams before/after school or during your AVID class only.