

Trust

COMMUNITY

Diversity

Team Building

Academia

Honor

UNDERSTANDING

Decision-making

Scholar

Communication

OPPORTUNITY

COURAGE

LEADERSHIP

Career

RESPECT

Personal Growth

CREATIVITY

Communication

Integrity

Service

Graduation

Contribution

Diploma

DREAM!

Volunteerism

Listening

CHARACTER

Education

Equality

Vision

Confidence

EDUCATION

KNOWLEDGE

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FUTURE LEADERS of IRVING

CLASS OF 2015-16

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CARDWELL Career Preparatory Center



“The mission of Future Leaders of Irving is to identify, educate, and develop our local youth to become future business and civic leaders.”

This is accomplished by exposing participants to the elements and operations of local government, non-profit and businesses through introductions by appropriate role models.

The vision of FLI is to create future leaders who will have greater awareness of, participation in, and contribution to the local community.

FLI is timed to introduce high school seniors to these areas as they evaluate their college and career options. As a result of participating in the program, students have consistently broadened their views of the opportunities available to them.

After each session students have reported an improvement in self-confidence, writing skills, public speaking, decision making, problem solving, leadership skills and personal growth as well as an expanded view of their educational and career options.

“I consider it my honor and privilege to be associated with this program. When I envisioned this program more than five years ago, I had faith and trust in the members of the team and in the students who would participate in Future Leaders of Irving.

“Our sixth class graduated in April 2015. The positive experiences Future Leaders of Irving brings to our students grows with each successful year. I look forward to the continued growth of FLI.” - Al Zapanta, President & CEO, USMCOC



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FLI Team Members



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Leadership
Foundation



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IISD



Gwen Craig
Former Teacher
Volunteer
IISD



Crystal Scanio
Executive Director
Irving Schools Foundation

Special Thanks!

We wish to thank the following groups and individuals who made this year's FLI program a success:

- Irving ISD high school counselors encouraging the students to apply, attending the sessions and joining us on our field trips;
- Don Jensen and the Irving-Las Colinas Rotary;
- All of the individuals and companies who donated supplies, meals and swag;
- The companies who gave generously of their time and expertise to give our students a view into the world of possibilities;
- The nonprofit organizations whose work demonstrated the importance of volunteerism and inspired the students to want to give back to their community; and
- The parents, families and friends and other members of the village who worked together to raise these young people to become the very special people they have become.

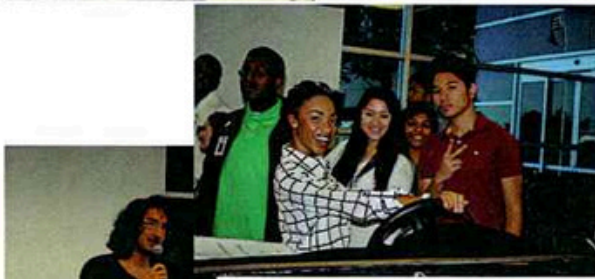
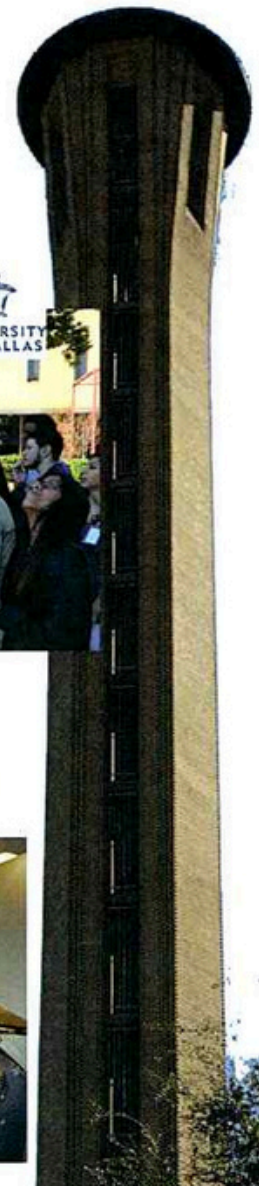
Class #1: Orientation, Leadership and Team Building

October 21, 2015 • Leadership Checklist/ What's in Your Leadership Toolbox?, Michael Brown • Leadership Development: The 10 Traits, Gary Schepf

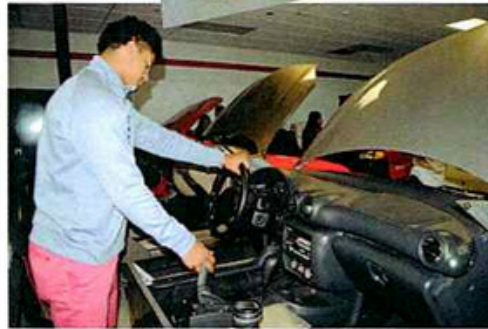


Class #2: Education and Financial Aid

November 18, 2015 • Teambuilding • Personality Test, Gary Schepf, Instructional Coordinator, CTE • North Lake College, Tanisha Shorter, College Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator • Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Shanta Wiltz, David Meierotto, Jennifer Albright • University of Dallas • Universal Technical Institute • Financial Aid, Paula Barnhouse, Career Counseling, IISD and Crystal Scanio, executive director, Irving Schools Foundation • Freddy Gonzalez, FLI graduate and UD student



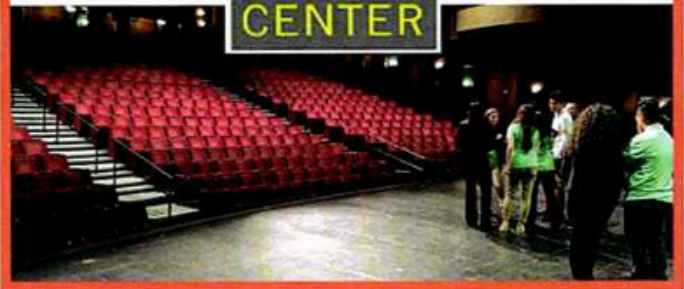
Am I dressed for success?



Class #3: Irving City Government and Departments

December 16, 2015 Teambuilding • Presentations by City of Irving Officials: Irving Police Chief Larry Boyd, City Manager Chris Hillman, City Councilman David Palmer, Director of Irving Parks and Recreation Ray Cerda • Presentation by Justice of the Peace Katie Hubener • Tour of Irving Arts Center, Kass Prince, Asst. Ex. Dir., Operations & External Prgms. • Presentation by Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, Don Williams and Marvin Bond

**Council
In
Session**



Class #4: Nonprofit and Volunteerism

January 27, 2016 • Teambuilding • Irving Cares, Teddie Story, executive director • The Main Place, Sharon Johnston, founder and executive director • DFW Humane Society, Sarah Kammerer, executive director • La Buena Vida House, Joy Goodrum, executive director • Irving Family YMCA presentation, John Muñoz, executive director



VEGGIES
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 GREEN BEANS
 PEAS
 MIXED VEGGIES
 CARROTS
 LEAFY GREEN VEGGIES
 POTATOES / YAMS

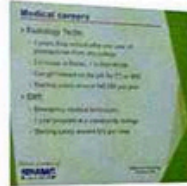


Class #5: Communications and Medical Technology

February 17, 2016 • Teambuilding • DFW Airport Police Training • Overview of hospital systems, John Drake • ICTN Studios tour, Cathy Whiteman, television host • Overview of medical careers • Military recruiters



Team-BUILDING

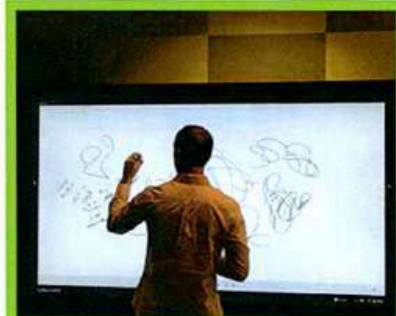


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Class #6: Technology and Hospitality & Tourism

March 16, 2016 • Ambulance and EMS technology and communications • Irving's hospitality industry • Microsoft Technology Center, Paul Kimbel, Director • Irving Convention Center • Mustang Museum, Mary Higbie, Museum director

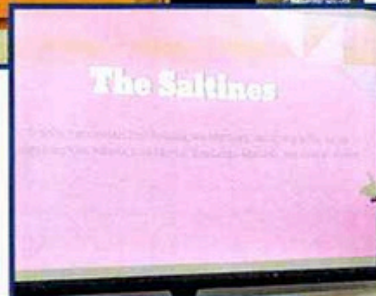


Envisioning Center



Class #7: Project Presentations

April 20, 2016 • We Make You Jelly • Furious 7 • Money Team • Diversity • Saltines • The Raiders



Class #7: Tour of Four Seasons Resort & Spa

April 20, 2016



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Graduation and Reception Four Seasons Resort & Spa

April 20, 2016

CLASS of
2015-16







PROGRAM

- Welcome & Introductions..... Jill Martinez
Coordinator, Future Leaders of Irving
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Chris Allen
*Founder & Chairman of the Board
La Buena Vida Youth Leadership Foundation*
- Keynote..... Chuck Cooperstein
- Presentation of Certificates..... Dr. José Parra
Superintendent, Irving Independent School District
- Announcements..... Jill Martinez
- Reception & Class Photos

**“ANY DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE
IN THEIR LIVES IS FOREVER.”**

— GRANDMOTHER OF FORMER STUDENT



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015-16
YOU ARE TRUE LEADERS AMONG YOUR PEERS.**



FLI Class of 2015-2016 Graduates



Lamisa Abedin

MacArthur High School



Interests: *I like to dance, sleep, read, run, do community service and just generally help people with anything I can.*

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Nimitz High School



Interests: *Soccer, talking to people and listening to what they have to say.*

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Ja'Ron Augustus

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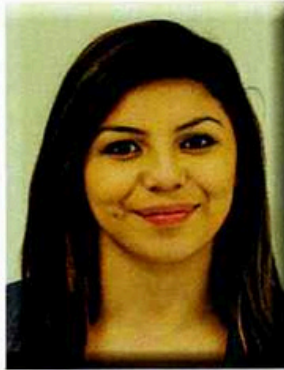
Annalise Baggett

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Interests: *I like to dance. I also love to learn about businesses and be innovative.*

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Laura Barrios

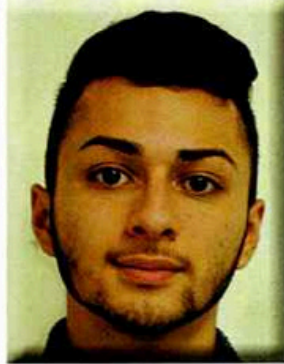
Nimitz High School



Interests: Working with a nonprofit organization to help others. I enjoy helping my mom with her business as well as volunteering at the hospital.

"It was a blessing to be a part of such an amazing group. Very glad I can call myself a "future leader of Irving", and make a difference in my community."

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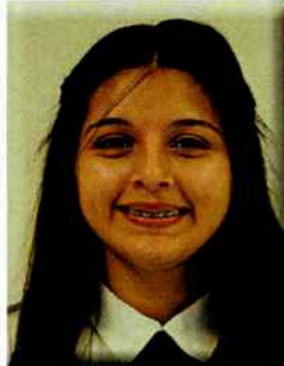
Christian Carrillo

Nimitz High School



Interests: Right now my hobby is playing for a soccer team outside of school.

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Alejandra Carrizales

Irving High School

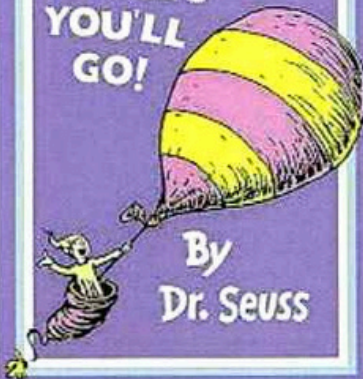


Interests: I enjoy reading and writing about the social issues that the world is facing. I am an intersectional feminist, so I also spend my days learning and teaching how to become more open-minded. I have also played the violin for almost seven years.

Future Leaders of Irving was a wonderful opportunity for me to learn more about my community and it gave me the resources I need to be the leader I dream of becoming

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OH, THE
PLACES
YOU'LL
GO!



By
Dr. Seuss

#Purplebus

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Perla Castruita

MacArthur High School



Interests: *I love dancing, playing volleyball, football, basketball, and softball. I basically love sports. I love being physically and actively involved.*

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Oscar Contreras

MacArthur High School



Interests: *I am an avid enthusiast of sports and history. I love to read and also participate in sports. I also have a large interest in the medical and scientific fields.*

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Ace Crook

Jack E. Singley Academy



Interests: *I love to play my game system. I collect old American currency but my biggest interest is dentistry because its the field I plan on settling in after college.*

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Ruby Cruz

Barbara Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory



Interests: *I love to run, read Nicholas Sparks books. spend time with my family and go shopping. i love to clean my house every day and swim.*

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Mary Reed Drake

Ranchview High School



Interests: *I am interested in athletics, music, community service, hanging with my friends, and laughing.*

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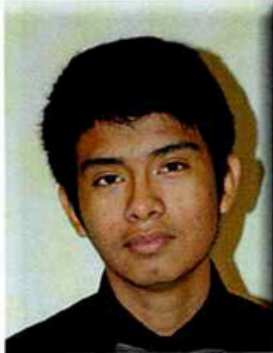
Felix Garcia

Nimitz High School

Interests: I enjoy helping others, singing and acting. I'm really big into Kpop with that being Girls Generation. I also like to make sure that everyone in stuco feels like family.

Future Leaders of Irving Has given me Network Skills and opened my eyes to my own city that I live in

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Alexis Gutierrez

Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory

Interests: Drawing, music, reading, and gaming

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Bri Henriquez

Nimitz High School

Interests: My hobbies/interest include reading and writing, dancing, and JROTC.

"Be the leader everybody wants to follow"

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Giselle Hernandez

Irving High School

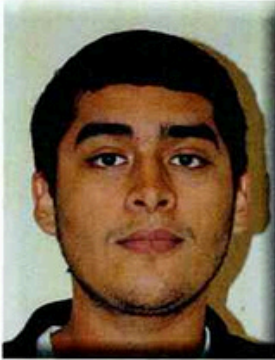
Interests: Biking, playing the flute, volunteering, playing tennis, listening to music, photography, watching movies, camping, traveling and archery

'So who is going to be the group leader if we are all leaders?'

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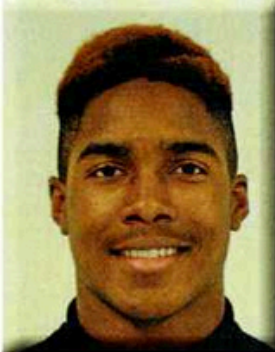
Jorge Hernandez

Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory

Interests: *Focusing on school work, clubs, and anime.*

"To thrive your goals, you need some set plans that you are able to follow through."

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Jonathon Horta

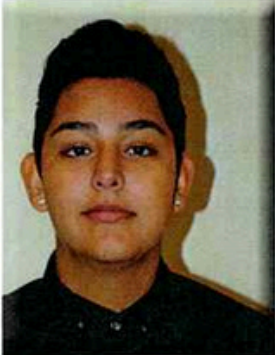
Nimitz High School



Interests: *Playing sports and learning about mechanics on my free time.*

"A leader is born within the courage of not having fear."

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Kim Iraheta

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Interests: *Sports*

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Joseph John

Irving High School



Interests: *Outdoor work, running, and swimming*

"Use one day of every month to know about your city" participate in Future Leaders of Irving for senior year."

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Guadalupe Mariano

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Interests: *My hobbies include: painting, reading, learning about FX makeup, and walks around the park.*

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Ale Martinez

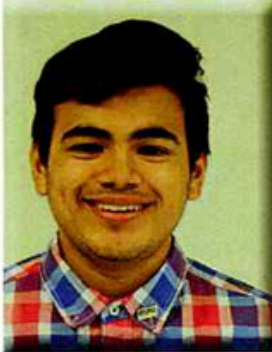
MacArthur High School



Interests: *My hobbies are learning about new cultures, creating new experiences, reading and painting. I love to take photographs of landscapes and self-portraits.*

“FLI is like a tree that has given me the reaching transcendence to be the leader that I want to be.”

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Jess Merlos

MacArthur High School



Interests: *My hobbies are practicing my clarinet, working, and going out and playing on my free time.*

“FLI has given me the opportunity to see what career is out there that and how to be a better person and leader.”

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Darius Miller

Irving High School



Interests: *Basketball, football, hanging out with friends.*

“Education is a powerful weapon.”

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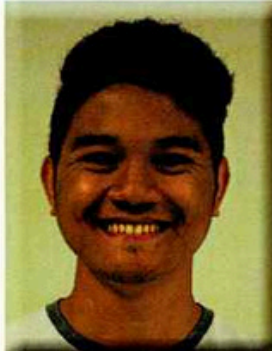
Luis Muñoz

Nimitz High School



Interests: *My hobbies are spending time with family, playing sports with friends, and doing community service at my former elementary school and church.*

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Matthew Nguyen

Irving High School



Interests: *I like to sing, play guitar, piano. I also like long-boarding.*

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Jack E. Singley Academy



Interests: *Some hobbies and interests would be to play sports and watch sports in my spare time.*

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Ndidi Okah

MacArthur High School



Interests: *Watching shows on Hulu, shopping, doing makeup, and nails, and spending time with friends and family*

"Future Leaders of Irving has taught me that a leader is all encompassing and in order for people to want to follow in your footsteps you have to embody more than just an authoritative demeanor but you must embody humility, patience, empathy, and compassion."

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Ashley Parent-Brito

Irving High School



Interests: *I'm interested in many things, but some of my favorite topics include politics, theater, and psychology.*

"FLI exposed me to the many different opportunities available in the city around me, whether it's volunteering or starting a career."

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José Perez

Jack E. Singley Academy



Interests: *I love to play musical instruments and play basketball.*

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Shirley Perez

MacArthur High School



Interests: *I enjoy playing tennis and singing as well playing the piano.*

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Preston Revis

Ranchview High School



Interests: *Tennis, cross country, business, economics, finance, stocks (bonds, etc.), currency securities and food.*

"FLI taught me to work cohesively with my community and was a great opportunity to prepare me for the future."

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Tori Rosales

Jack E. Singley Academy



Interests: *Marching band and volunteering at my church. I also love reading and working with kids. And most importantly becoming a police officer.*

"I loved the experience...and the bus rides. #Saltines"

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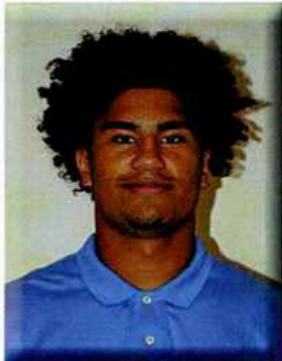
Yelsie Santiesteban

Irving High School



Interests: *My bobbies are babysitting, playing the guitar and piano as well as singing, helping other people.*

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Bruno Turati

Ranchview High School



Interests: *Aviation, running, exercising, studying, learning new languages, Travelling, and socializing with friends.*

"FLI has been such a great opportunity to learn more about how a city works and this program will open a lot of doors for me in the future."

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Lupita Victoriano

Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory



Interests: *My interests are learning about history and space science. I love to watch documentary videos/movies about history. I also love to spend time with my family and friends.*

"I enjoyed learning about our City of Irving and loved meeting other students from other campuses!"

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Joselyne Villalta

Nimitz High School



Interests: *My hobbies are sports and working out. I enjoy traveling a lot as well.*

"Being in FLI taught me that there's so much more to Irving than what I thought there was."

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Jennah Walker

Irving High School

Interests: *My hobbies are athletic training because I love taking care of people--being someone they can lean on and helping them get back on their feet. I swim laps for fun like to because it clears my thoughts.*

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Cyrah Williamson

Ranchview High School

Interests: *Track and field, helping animals, cheerleading, photography, babysitting/child-care.*

"Going to the nonprofit organizations was my favorite part of this year. Seeing how many ways I can help out the community and actually getting a head start on that is what made this program special."

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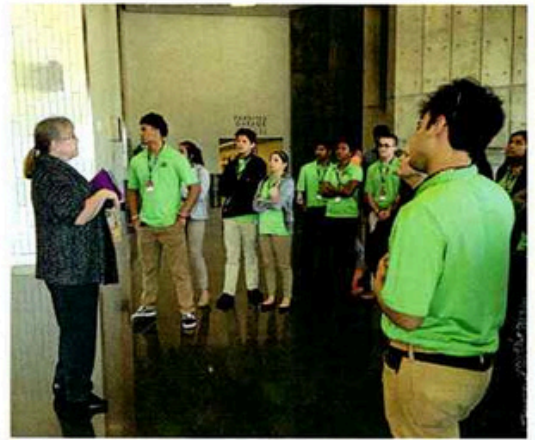
Liz Zuniga

Nimitz High School

Interests: *My hobbies are reading on my free time and sometimes draw.*

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