



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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SFDR CISD HONORS 2022-2023 NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM SCHOLARS

San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District honored a total of twenty-nine Del Rio High School and Early College High School seniors at a reception and recognition ceremony during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees last night. This is the largest number of national recognition awards to have been awarded to students in the school district's history in any given year.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of over 16,000 Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. SFDR CISD is proud to announce that Jacob P. Moss, a senior at Del Rio High School, and son of Dora Moss and Michael Moss, has been recognized as a 2022-2023 National Merit Scholar. He plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in Architecture. His goal is to attain a Bachelor's Degree (possibly Master's Degree) and work with a well-established architectural firm.

College Board has four national recognition programs — the National African American Recognition Program, National Hispanic Recognition Program, National Indigenous Recognition Program and National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program. Each program awards academic honors to underrepresented students.

Students who take eligible administrations of the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams are considered for awards. Students must also identify as African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous, or attend high school in a rural area or small town. This is not a scholarship program; however, students can include this academic honor in their college and scholarship applications. Sophomores and juniors are score eligible if they score in the top 10% on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 within program by state in the eligible exam periods. This year, thirteen Del Rio High School students and sixteen Early College High School students received one or two of these awards. They are as follows:

Del Rio High School

- **Desiree Alderete**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award) – Desiree is the daughter of Jessica Ortiz. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio to major in Cybersecurity and minor in Digital Forensics.
- **Jordan Becker**, (National Rural and Small Town Award) – Jordan is the daughter of Christina and Warren Becker. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania and Major in Medicine. Her goal is to earn a doctorate and specialize in Forensic Pathology.
- **Sara Cadena**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award) – Sara is the daughter of Dr. Veronica Cadena and Dr. Antonio Cadena. After graduation, she plans to attend Texas State University and major in Music Education. Her goal is to become a teacher of music for high school students, she would also like to obtain a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree and teach at the university level.
- **Axel Cannon** (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Axel is the son of Ms. Linda Cannon. After graduation, he plans to attend Harvard University and major in Neuroscience. His goal is to obtain a PhD in Neuroscience and become a Computational Neurologist.
- **Christopher Chaney**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award) – Christopher is the son of Teresa and Shawn Chaney. After graduation, he plans to attend Clemson University to major in Medicine and minor in Business. His goal is to become a Doctor and obtain an MBA.
- **Liliana Hajek**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award) – Liliana is the daughter of Rachel Hajek. After graduation, she plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and major in Aerospace Engineering. Her goal is to obtain a Ph.D. and work with NASA.
- **Samuel Ledesma**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Samuel is the son of Amalia and Samuel Ledesma. After graduation, he plans to attend Texas A&M University – College Station and major in Aerospace Engineering. His goal is to obtain a Doctoral Degree in Astrophysics, to become an astronaut and go to space.
- **Amaris Leon**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Amaris is the daughter of Brandy and Sergio Leon. After graduation, she plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Engineering. Her goal is to go to Law School after University and become an Intellectual Property Lawyer.
- **Jacob Moss** (National Merit Scholar) – Jacob is the son of Dora Moss and Michael Moss. After graduation, Jacob plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in Architecture. His goal is to attain a Bachelor's Degree (possibly Master's Degree and work with well-established architectural firm).

- **Daniel Peterson**, (National Rural and Small Town Award) – Daniel is the son of son Edith and Dan Peterson. After graduation, he plans to attend John Hopkins University and major in Emergency Medicine and Immunology. His goal is to become a physician.
- **Hunter Quist**, (National Rural and Small Town Award) – Hunter is son of Teresa Veylupek. After graduation, Hunter plans to attend Brigham Young University - Idaho and major in Material Engineering/Welding Technology. His goal is to obtain and Master's Degree in Welding Technology, become a SWI and be a Welding Engineer.
- **Sarah Smith**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award) – Sarah is the daughter of Ana and Dennis Smith. After graduation she plans to attend University of Houston, she plans to major in Health. Her goal is to help as many people as she possibly can.
- **Joshua Trevino**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award) – Joshua is the son of Judith Olivarez-Trevino and Jaime Trevino. After graduation, he plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Electrical Engineering. His goal is to obtain a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.
- **Emiliano Zuniga**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Emiliano is the son of Blanca Reyes and Ruben Zuniga. After graduation, she plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Nuclear Engineering. Her goal is to obtain a Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering.

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- **Eric Roel Alvarado**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) - Eric is the son of Roel Alvarado and Silvia Fuentes. After graduation, Eric plans to attend St. Philips College to major in Aviation Maintenance and Texas A&M - San Antonio to major in Business Administration. His goal is to start his own business in Del Rio.
- **Andrea Carolina Berain**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) - Andrea is the daughter of Homero and Carolina Berain. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Biology. Her goal is to become a physician.
- **Daniel Carrillo**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Daniel is the son of Jesus and Maribel Carrillo. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and follow the pre medical pathway. His goal is to become a physician and open up his own practice.
- **Rachel Katherine De La Mota**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Katie is the daughter of Elizabeth and Jacques De La Mota. After graduation, she plans to attend Baylor University and major in Music Education and Flute Performance. Her goal is to obtain a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree and specialize in teaching flute.
- **Rodolfo Hernandez IV**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Rodolfo is the son of Joanna Hernandez. After graduation, he plans to attend Texas State University and major in Criminal Justice.

- **Trinity Danielle Martinez**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Trinity is the daughter of Betsy Guevara and Ruben Martinez. After graduation, Trinity plans to attend Rice University and major in Biochemistry. Her goal is to become a neurosurgeon.
- **Samantha Belen Mata**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Samantha is the daughter of Gloria and Antonio Mata. After graduation, Samantha she plans to attend Baylor College of Medicine and major in nursing. Her goal is to become a nurse anesthetist.
- **Natalya Marie Mead**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Natalya is the daughter of Ms. Ana Mead. After graduation, Natalya plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and major in anesthesiology. Her goal is to become an Anesthesiologist.
- **Andres Antonio Palacios**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) Andres is the son of Leslee and Jose Palacios. After graduation, he plans to join the United States Air Force and become a member of the Air Force Special Warfare Pararescue specialists.
- **Ana Camila Rendon Flores**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Ana Camila is the daughter of Fabiola Flores and Javier Rendon. After graduation, she plan to attend The University of Texas at Austin. She plans to major in Speech, Language and Hearing Science. Her goal is to become a Speech Pathologist.
- **Hector Antonio Rodriguez**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Hector is the son of Marisol Romo and Hector Rodriguez. After graduation, he plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Civil Engineering. His goal is to own an engineering firm.
- **Annaliz Renae Rustad**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Annaliz is the daughter of Ms. Della Meza-Rustad. After graduation, she plans to attend Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts. Her goal is to become a head chef and restaurant owner.
- **Alexis Marie Segura**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) Alexis is the daughter of Janice and Antonio Segura. After graduation, Alexis plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and major in criminal justice. Her goal is to become a criminal lawyer.
- **Juan Vera**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) Juan is the son of Ms. Claudia Vera. After graduation, he plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and major in computer science. His goal is to pursue a career in cybersecurity or video game programming.
- **Mia Mareli Villarreal**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Mia is the daughter of Ms. Deyanira Perales. After graduation, Mia plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and major in finance. Her goal is to earn a Doctorate in Finance degree and become a financial consultant.
- **Susana Raquel Zapata**, (National Hispanic Recognition Award) – Susana is the daughter of Ms. Blanca Camargo. After graduation, Susana plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in nursing. Her goal is to become a registered nurse

San Felipe Del Rio C.I.S.D. is exceptionally proud of the great accomplishments reached by these students. We congratulate them for achieving such great honors for their hard work and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

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