



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## UNITED ISD NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: **27 United High School students receive achievement award**  
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Twenty-seven United High School students received the Texas Student Achievement Award from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading, and science to have a successful college freshman experience.

The students receiving this recognition are: Fidel Ayala, Amando Chapa, Lauren Deliganis, Eriberto Elizondo, Alberto Garcia, Kelly Garcia, Amanda Garza, Santos Gomez, Karina Gonzalez, Josue Guzman, Aric Hagy, Marissa Lira, Diego Lopez, Veronica Maldonado, Jose Melero, Amanda Mendez, Gerardo Mendoza, Juan Niño, Christopher Nuñez, Tara Pratz, Aldo Ramos, Issa Ramos, John Ramsey, Christian Rios, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Marcelo Rodriguez, Jose Sepulveda.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development. ACT, Inc. is the publisher of the ACT Assessment, the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that this achievement is the result of a strong commitment by United High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

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