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### ***From the Co-Founders***

Lone Star Leadership Academy participants are developing leadership skills, experiencing Texas government, geography and history first-hand and having a great time! (Check out 'Overheard' inside for participant and parent quotes.) Seventy students representing 17 Dallas/Fort Worth area school districts and two private schools took part in the 2002 spring and summer Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. Delegates represented the following school districts: **Allen, Arlington, Birdville, Carroll, Carrollton/Farmers Branch, Coppell, Crowley, Frisco, Grand Prairie, Grapevine/Colleyville, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Highland Park, Keller, Mansfield, Northwest, Plano and Richardson.**

In between the summer programs, Education in Action met with social studies and gifted and talented curriculum directors and coordinators in several D/FW area school districts. Many curriculum directors and coordinators provided Education in Action with the opportunity to present the Lone Star Leadership Academy program to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade educators in their districts during August 2002 back to school inservice meetings. Others provided program information to the educators in their districts themselves. Education in Action thanks the following curriculum directors and coordinators: **Mitci Allen, McKinney ISD; Nancy Bray, Birdville ISD; Dr. Charles Chernosky, Coppell ISD; Nika Davis, Keller ISD; Bettye Edgington, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD; Laura Holt, Lewisville ISD; Janice Houston, Mesquite ISD; Pat Jones-Cole, Highland Park ISD; Marie Medina, Mansfield ISD; Debbie Midkiff, Grand Prairie ISD; Sherry Perkins, Irving ISD; Eileen Russell, Garland ISD; Polly Schlosser, Plano ISD; Marci Smith, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD; Melinda Smith, Richardson ISD; Judy Wilkinson, Grand Prairie ISD; and Tony Zahn, Birdville ISD.** Education in Action also thanks **Joanie Patrick, Counselor at Hillwood Middle School in Keller ISD,** for providing Lone Star Leadership Academy information to the other counselors in her district. It is the hope of Education in Action that these presentations and distribution of information will facilitate educators nominating their outstanding students and make the Lone Star Leadership Academy experience available to all outstanding D/FW area 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

The start of the 2002-2003 school year signals the time for educators to nominate their outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for participation in the Lone Star Leadership Academy. **Education in Action encourages every 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to nominate a minimum of ten outstanding students.** (A nomination form is attached/enclosed and is available on our web site, [www.eiatx.org](http://www.eiatx.org).) The early registration deadline for 7<sup>th</sup> grade spring break programs (\$50 savings) is **November 15, 2002**, less than two months away! Education in Action looks forward to receiving educators' nominations and to their students' participation in 2003 programs! *For more information on the Lone Star Leadership Academy, visit [www.eiatx.org](http://www.eiatx.org).*



*June 24-29 Lone Star Leaders pose for a picture during the cowboy cookout with K.R. Wood, a.k.a. "Camp Cookie."*



*July 15-19 program participants visit the floor of the House of Representatives after visiting their state legislators' offices.*



*Participants on the July 29-August 2 program enjoy a riverboat cruise on Austin's Town Lake.*

**Jennifer Pasteur, Co-Founder**

**Monica Florida, Co-Founder**

### ***Birdville ISD Receives Grant***

Kudos to **Ms. Nancy Bray, Social Studies Consultant K-12, Birdville ISD!** Ms. Bray requested, and received, a grant from Birdville's Foundation for Educational Excellence to provide scholarships for two outstanding students from each of Birdville's seven middle schools to participate in 2003 Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. Many school districts have education foundations that provide funding for innovative educational strategies. If you are an educator and would like to apply for a grant from your district's education foundation, Education in Action is ready to assist you in any way possible.

### ***A Texas-Sized Thank You to 2002 Texas Historical Commission Volunteers***

Education in Action thanks the employees of the Texas Historical Commission for volunteering their time to be career speakers during Education in Action's 2002 spring and summer programs. These volunteers enhanced the Lone Star Leadership Academy participants' experiences by introducing them to a wide variety of future career opportunities they might not have otherwise thought to consider. Volunteers included: **Tracey Althans**, Director of Visionaries in Preservation Program; **Ed Baker**, Archaeologist; **Bob Brinkman**, Historian; **Linda Henderson**, Writer and Historian; **Debbie Head**, Public Relations Coordinator; **Michelle Mears**, Librarian; **Brad Patterson**, Architectural Reviewer; **Karen Riles**, Public Historian; and **Dan Utley**, Assistant Director of the History Programs Division. An extra special thank you goes out to **Linda Henderson**. Not only was she a career speaker, she also coordinated sign-ups of all the other career speaker volunteers. Thank you, Texas Historical Commission, for enhancing the Lone Star Leadership Academy participants' experiences.

### ***Lion's Clubs & Rotary Clubs Learn About Education in Action***

Thank you to the Haltom City Lion's Club, the Northeast Rotary Club and the Arlington Lion's Club for allowing Education in Action to present at meetings for these groups. Education in Action appreciates the opportunity to get the word out about the organization, its mission and its programs and enjoyed meeting and discussing ideas with the members of these organizations.

### ***Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented Offers Scholarships (TAGT)***

The TAGT offers scholarships of up to \$300 for students to participate in summer programs including the Lone Star Leadership Academy. Applications may be obtained from TAGT members and are due to TAGT by March 1, 2003. In addition, TAGT is including the Lone Star Leadership Academy in *Insights*, TAGT's listing of summer programs for gifted and talented students. Thank you, TAGT and Tracy Weinberg, for your assistance.

### ***Summer 2002 Lone Star Leaders of the Week***

At the conclusion of each week-long Lone Star Leadership Academy program, a Lone Star Leader of the Week is selected. Students selected to receive this honor exemplify the leadership qualities discussed in leadership groups throughout the week. Leaders of the Week receive a Texas flag that flew over the Texas State Capitol in their honor on Tuesday of their program week. The flag comes with a certificate stating the flag was flown in their honor.



**June 24-28, 2002**  
**Dalia Rodriguez**  
**Watauga Middle School**  
**Birdville ISD**  
*Recommended by*  
**Ms. Heather Blum, Dalia's**  
*Language Arts Teacher.*



**July 15-19, 2002**  
**Mark Fritsche**  
**Grapevine Middle School**  
**Grapevine-Colleyville ISD**  
*Nominated by*  
**Ms. Debby Hoskins,**  
*Mark's Texas History Teacher.*



**July 29-August 2, 2002**  
**Taylor O'Connor**  
**Bedford Heights Elementary**  
**Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD**  
*Recommended by*  
**Ms. Cayla Putnam,**  
*Taylor's Teacher.*

## ***Summer 2002 Participants***

### **Allen ISD**

Lauren Baker, Anderson Elementary  
Bianca Ramirez, Bolin Elementary  
Ronnie Barakat, Green Elementary  
Natalie Rubin, Green Elementary

### **Arlington ISD**

Amanda Cook, Starrett Elementary  
Joseph Lee, Hill Elementary

### **Birdville ISD**

Adam Smith, Richland Middle  
Jonna Howard, Smithfield Middle  
Kayla Byas, Watauga Middle  
Dalia Rodriguez, Watauga Middle

### **Carroll ISD**

Kalie Presti, Durham Intermediate  
Saira Husain, Eubanks Intermediate

### **Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD**

Alexandra Vanderpool, Barbara Bush Middle

### **Coppell ISD**

Deborah Guo, Coppell Middle North  
Laurie McNamara, Coppell Middle North  
Austin Ford, Coppell Middle West

### **Frisco ISD**

Brent Ford, Clark Middle  
Teni Ogunsola, Clark Middle  
Conrad Verser, Clark Middle

### **Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD**

Taylor O'Connor, Bedford Heights Elementary  
Matthew Shelar, Midway Park Elementary

### **Grand Prairie ISD**

Samantha Ward, Truman Middle

### **Grapevine-Colleyville ISD**

Mark Fritsche, Grapevine Middle  
Erin Perkins, Grapevine Middle  
Jenna van Egmond, Grapevine Middle  
Jordyn Wehrenberg, Grapevine Middle

### **Keller ISD**

Chase Ray, Hillwood Middle  
Andrew Terhune, Hillwood Middle

### **Mansfield ISD**

Marshall White, Donna Shepard Intermediate  
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### **Plano ISD**

Laura Wilson, Armstrong Middle  
Kristy Luk, Renner Middle  
Abby Chu, Rice Middle

### **Richardson ISD**

Emily Johnson, Northrich Elementary

## ***Overheard***

"I would like to take this opportunity to commend Education in Action for the opportunity it has provided young people through its Lone Star Leadership Academy to experience their state government and learn the importance of being involved with their communities. This program clearly allows students the unique opportunity of experiential learning that will build lifelong leadership skills and civic responsibility throughout adulthood. Education in Action has enhanced the school experience with its programs, and I wish you the best as you continue your work to enrich the lives of our youth." - ***The Honorable Jane Nelson, Texas State Senator, District 9***

"The purpose of this letter is to express my highest recommendation on behalf of the programs offered by Education in Action. I have attended a reception to visit with some of the students involved, and have personally contributed to this worthy organization. It is my opinion that the knowledge that participating students gain from this program serves as a tremendous asset to our community by developing, inspiring, and enlightening future leaders." - ***The Honorable Todd Smith, Texas State Representative, District 92***

"My daughter had a wonderful time and a lot to say about her recent trip with Education in Action. She talked non-stop the night she got home! I was amazed at all the things she learned over a wide variety of topics. I appreciate all the hard work and guidance the leaders provided. I'm thankful for the opportunity your organization provided for Taylor to make new friends and learn about our wonderful state, Texas!" - ***Marla O'Connor, Parent of Participant Taylor O'Connor, Bedford Heights Elementary, Hurst-Euless Bedford ISD***

"Thanks so much for the fun-filled week I had attending Education in Action. I learned a lot of interesting things while visiting the museums and listening to the career speakers. My parents and I were very impressed with the quality of work that you do. When I went back home, I read through the extra information on the different things we did or talked about such as the CCC and the Houston Toad. I will definitely use my notebook for my Texas History class this upcoming school year. This was by far the most educational and fun program that I have attended." - ***Kristi Luk, Participant, Renner Middle School, Plano ISD***

"Education in Action is a wonderful organization that provides an exciting educational adventure for its participants. Two students from Hillwood Middle School participated in the Lone Star Leadership Academy program this summer and brought back fond memories. I especially enjoyed the slide show that was produced and sent to the students and sponsors. I would highly recommend this experience to any student that has a love of Texas government, history, and geography. I wish that I was in seventh grade again!" - ***Joanie Patrick, Counselor, Hillwood Middle School, Keller ISD***





Teni Ogunsola, Frisco ISD, arrives with his family at the welcome breakfast at the beginning of an exciting week.



Brad Patterson, Architectural Reviewer at the Texas Historical Commission, shares his career with July 15-19 Lone Star Leaders.



July 15-19 Leaders watch the largest urban bat colony in North America emerge from beneath the Congress Avenue Bridge.



Brian Young, Mansfield ISD, introduces Martha Gostomski, Park Ranger, Bastrop State Park, before hiking through the 'Lost Pines.'

## Scenes from Summer 2002 Lone Star Leadership Academy Programs



Bianca Ramirez, Allen ISD, and Laura Wilson, Plano ISD, visit with their State Representative, the Honorable Jerry Madden.



Laurie McNamara, Coppell ISD, describes qualities of effective leaders in her leadership group during the June 24-28 program.



During leadership groups, July 15-19 Lone Star Leaders make a rope to illustrate the value of teamwork.



Jonna Howard, Birdville ISD, shows her true Texas spirit during the June 24-28 Lone Star Leadership Academy program.



Saira Husain, Carroll ISD, and Deborah Guo, Coppell ISD, locate land grants earned for military service in the Texas Revolution.



July 29-August 2 participants learn to identify trees using a Dichotomous Key at McKinney Roughs Nature Park.



July 29-August 2 participants raft down the Colorado River at McKinney Roughs Nature Park.

## ***Education in Action forms Board of Texas Certified Educators***

Education in Action is pleased to announce the formation of its Board of Texas Certified Educators and thanks the members for their support. This group of educators believes in Education in Action's mission to 'foster educated and involved Texans' through experiential learning. They make information about the program available to the other educators and administrators at their schools and nominate their outstanding students for participation in the Lone Star Leadership Academy. Their support for Education in Action programs is invaluable in making programs available to D/FW area students. Education in Action would like to have every D/FW area school represented on its Board of Certified Educators. If you are interested in participating, contact Education in Action. Members receive a Certificate of Participation, email updates about Education in Action programs and Education in Action newsletters via email.

### **Board of Texas Certified Educators**

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Teacher  
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Keller ISD

## ***Alumni Program and Nominations***

The Spirit of Texas stays alive in Lone Star Leaders! The Lone Star Leadership Academy Alumni Association meets in March, close to Texas Independence Day, and September, close to the beginning of the new school year. Alumni receive invitations for each of these gatherings. Alumni Association gatherings invite Sam Houston, Buffalo Soldiers, Juan Seguin, Jane Long and many other Texas leaders to rub elbows with Lone Star Leadership Academy graduates. Information on volunteering, colleges, school involvement and community involvement is available during each gathering. The Lone Star Leadership Academy Alumni Association elects a student board at each March gathering. Students are able to participate through their middle school and high school careers. Each grade will have a representative and will serve on the board for one year.

Alumni are also encouraged to nominate their outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade peers for the Lone Star Leadership Academy. When alumni nominate a student that is selected for participation, they receive a Texas flag that has flown over the Texas State Capitol in their honor. Alumni nomination forms are available on the Education in Action website, [www.eiatx.org](http://www.eiatx.org), in the Alumni section.



## ***Education in Action Appreciates Artistic Fee Subsidy Award from Texas Commission on the Arts***

Education in Action thanks the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) for awarding an artistic fee subsidy through the TCA Cultural Connections program for cowboy singer K.R. Wood's "The Fathers of Texas" performances during the 2002 Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. These performances are integral parts of each program and are highly enjoyed by the participants. Education in Action deeply appreciates this support provided by the TCA.

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To participate, students must:

- Have completed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or 7<sup>th</sup> grade (for summer programs) or be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade (for spring programs)
- Have a B (85% or 3.5) grade point average
- Show commitment to community or school involvement
- Demonstrate leadership potential

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup>                      \_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup>                      Male or Female

Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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