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Gerson Valle Rodriguez	Student of the Month
Hidden Cove STEAM Academy	

Hidden Cove STEAM Academy is proud to recognize Gerson Valle as our Student of the Month! Gerson is an outstanding all-A student whose dedication to excellence shines across our entire campus. From solving complex problems in his favorite subject, math, to representing our school in both the English and Spanish Spelling Bees, Gerson constantly pushes himself to learn and grow.

His leadership and teamwork extend far beyond the classroom through his active participation in the Triple A Academic Team, the Safety Patrol, and the Robotics Club. Gerson exemplifies what it means to be a curious, responsible, and hardworking STEAM leader. Congratulations, Gerson!

Grace Salas	Student of the Month
Resnik Middle School	

Over the past three years, Grace has shown tremendous growth as both a musician and a leader. She is a dedicated clarinet player in the Resnik Honor Band and also contributes her talents as a piano player in our Jazz Ensemble. Beyond her musical accomplishments, Grace has stepped into a leadership role by helping younger students as they transition into our advanced band program. She has become a positive role model for her peers and leads by example.

Grace is also doing an excellent job maintaining her attendance and grades, showing her commitment to success both inside and outside the band hall. I believe Grace deserves this recognition because of her growth, leadership, dedication, and positive influence on our band program.

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Henry Hernandez	Student of the Month
SW Legacy High School	

Henry Hernandez exemplifies what it truly means to live the Titan Way. As a senior, Henry challenges himself academically through Dual Credit and OnRamps courses while balancing the demands of being an outstanding student-athlete. He demonstrates exceptional dedication, discipline, and time management. What truly sets Henry apart, however, is his character. Henry is a team-first young man who leads with humility and a willingness to serve others. When asked to change defensive positions on the football field this year, his response was simple: “Yes, sir! Wherever you need me, Coach!” Beyond athletics, Henry takes tremendous pride in his campus and often volunteers to help custodians clean up after students during lunch. He is consistently respectful, positive, and willing to do what is right, even when no one is watching. Henry's actions speak louder than words, and he represents the very best of Titan Nation.

Multiple Students	Rising Stars

Tony Flores - Juan Alvarado Elementary

Raylene Llamas - McNair Middle School

Andrea Cantu -CAST STEM High School

Our SWISD Rising Stars have shown incredible growth, made positive changes, and improved attendance. We are confident that their hard work will continue to have a positive impact on their entire Southwest ISD experience.

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Boys and Girls Water Polo	Athletics
Southwest High School	

Congratulations to the Southwest High School Boys and Girls Water Polo Teams on capturing the District 28-6A UIL Water Polo Championships!

For the second consecutive year, both teams, under the leadership of Head Coach David Moore and Assistant Coach Jerry Hernandez, have brought home the district titles, continuing to build a strong tradition of excellence for Southwest ISD Water Polo.

The boys' team continued their postseason success by capturing the Bi-District Championship, making history as the first Southwest ISD water polo team to advance to the Area Championship!

This is an incredible accomplishment for our athletes and coaching staff. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport are paying off, and we couldn't be prouder of what these teams have achieved.

Andrea Acevedo **Paloma Garcia-Chino** **Jonathan Martinez**	Non-District Organization
SW Legacy High School	

We would like to recognize teacher Plutarco Castro and students Paloma, Andrea, and Jonathan for their outstanding achievement in the national DEA Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest.

In early October, Mr. Castro challenged the students to create a poster promoting a drug-free lifestyle for Red Ribbon Week. The students immediately got to work, creating a poster titled “Two Paths, One Choice.” They submitted their artwork to the national DEA contest, where it was selected as one of the top seven entries in the nation.

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By the end of Red Ribbon Week, the students received the exciting news that their poster had earned first place nationally!

Congratulations to these talented students for their creativity, teamwork, and for representing Southwest ISD on a national stage!