

# GOVERNANCE CAMP

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STUDENT VOICE

MARCH 2-5, 2022

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# IT'S TIME FOR CAMP!

Governance Camp is back! Don't worry—you won't need to pitch a tent on the beaches of Galveston, and bug spray and sunscreen won't be necessary. The Camp itinerary is chock full of fantastic content focused on student voice, leadership, and governance.

In addition to sessions focused on governance issues and best practices, Camp offers the unique opportunity to attend with Texas students, who come ready to share their educational experiences, unique projects, and ideas to help guide your work as a trustee.

The idea of Camp is that you will grow as a leader, leaving the conference refreshed and ready to head home with new ideas and tools, looking forward to coming back again next year to see the familiar faces of trustees from around the state you connected with during your time here.

Visit [tasb.org/gov-camp](https://tasb.org/gov-camp) for the latest updates!

## NEW! After Dinner Party sponsored by E3

After a full day of learning on Thursday, March 3, enjoy one of Galveston's many wonderful restaurants. Then after dinner, head on back to the Hilton Hotel for some fun! **Event sponsor E3** is hosting a game-filled fun time with refreshments for attendees and their guests. That's what Camp is all about: fun times, memory-making, and spending time with your trustee friends from across the state.



## AGENDA

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Regiception	4-6 p.m.
Preconference Session (includes dinner)	6-9 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Registration and Breakfast	7:30-8:30 a.m.
General Session	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Education Sessions	9:45 a.m.-noon
Lunch	Noon-1 p.m.
Education Sessions	1:15-4:45 p.m.
Reception	4:45-5:45 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Registration and Breakfast	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Student Scholarship Panel	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Student Voice Sessions	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Students Inspired Demonstrations	10:45-11:15 a.m.
Student Voice Sessions	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Lunch	12:15-1:15 p.m.
Student Voice Sessions	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Students Inspired Mini-Sessions	2:30-3:30 p.m.
General Session	3:45-4:45 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Breakfast by the Bay	7-8 a.m.
Postconference Session	8-11 a.m.

## PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

On Thursday, March 3, 7-7:30 a.m., TASB Media Services will be on hand to take professional headshots free of charge for those interested to use in press releases, campaign literature, and other publications.



# GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS

## THURSDAY, MARCH 3

**DR. VICTOR RIOS** is MacArthur Foundation chair and professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He received his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley in 2005.



Professor Rios has worked with local school districts in California to develop programs and curricula aimed at improving the quality of interactions between authority figures and youths. Using his personal experience of living on the streets, dropping out of school, and being incarcerated as a juvenile—along with his research findings—he has developed interventions for marginalized students aimed at promoting personal transformation and civic engagement. These programs have been implemented in many schools, juvenile detention facilities, and alternative high schools across the United States.

Dr. Rios is the author of six books and has been featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the Oprah Winfrey Network, *Primer Impacto*, and National Public Radio. He has had the honor of meeting President Obama and advising his administration on gun violence and policing. His *TED Talk*, “Help for Kids the Education System Ignores,” has garnered over 1.4 million views.

Based on over a decade of research, Rios created Project GRIT (Generating Resilience to Inspire Transformation), a human development program that works with educators to refine leadership, civic engagement, and personal and academic empowerment in young people placed at risk. This program is featured in *The Pushouts* a documentary funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in which Rios is featured.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 4

**ELIZABETH ANNE (LIZZIE) VELÁSQUEZ**

is a global motivational speaker, anti-bullying activist, social media personality, and author. She was born in Austin in 1989 with an extremely rare congenital disease



called Marfanoid-progeroid-lipodystrophy syndrome, that, among other symptoms, prevents her from accumulating body fat and gaining weight. At this time, there are only two other people in the world that are known to be living with this rare syndrome.

Her conditions resulted in bullying throughout her childhood. In 2006, when she was just 17, she was dubbed the “World’s Ugliest Woman” in a video posted on YouTube. This experience ultimately inspired her to take up motivational speaking. In 2013, she took the stage at the inaugural TEDxAustinWomen and gave a talk *How Do You Define Yourself?* that’s garnered over 13 million views across the world. Her story has been featured on Katie Couric, *The Today Show*, *The View*, *Huffington Post*, *Associated Press*, AOL, MSN, Yahoo!, and more.

Always the optimist, she co-authored her first book with her mother, Rita, in 2010 in both English and Spanish. *Lizzie Beautiful: The Lizzie Velásquez Story* includes letters Velásquez’s mother wrote to her as a child. Velásquez has also written two books specifically for children. Her fourth book, *Dare to be Kind*, is about the importance of being kind, gleaned from her first hand experience being bullied in person and online.

The documentary film *A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velásquez Story* premiered at SXSW 2015 in Austin and aired on Lifetime the following year.





# KEY SESSIONS

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 PRECONFERENCE SESSION 6–9 P.M.

### MOVIE, DINNER, AND DIALOGUE\*\*

Plan to arrive at Camp on Wednesday for dinner and viewing the movie, *The Pushouts*.

Filmed over a period of 25+ years, *The Pushouts* weaves the inspiring dropout-to-professor narrative of Victor Rios, the Thursday morning keynote speaker, with stories of a youth center that serves 16- to 24-year-olds who are out of school and out of work. *The Pushouts* trades narratives of tragedy and victimization for true stories of grit and resilience, highlighting the vast potential of young people to thrive when given access to meaningful opportunities and connections to adults who care.

After the movie, TASB staff will lead the audience in reflection and dialogue about the film and its lessons for the essential work of Texas school board trustees.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 4

### 12TH ANNUAL STUDENT PANEL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Always the highlight of the conference, meet and listen to the recipients of the statewide Student Voice scholarships as they share their educational experiences. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from Texas public school students, and you will no doubt be inspired and encouraged by these young minds.

**// From the genuine leadership gained to authentic student empowerment, Governance Camp continues to be a transformational experience for our students. Thank you TASB! //**

—MARCH PUIG, SUPERINTENDENT,  
SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD

## SATURDAY, MARCH 5 POSTCONFERENCE SESSION 8–11 A.M.

### EVALUATING AND IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES (EISO): THE BOARD'S ROLE IN CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT\*\*

Focused and engaged school boards make a difference in student learning. This research-informed session highlights practices and tools to help boards understand the current state of student learning, cast a compelling vision with meaningful goals, and oversee the improvement efforts in their districts. *This SB 1566 session is required for each trustee every two years.*

**\*\* These engaging sessions are created to provide greatest impact on learning and growth. Understand that by signing up for these session options, participation is expected**

### EVENT SPONSORS



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### QUESTIONS?

Visit [tasb.org/gov-camp](https://tasb.org/gov-camp) for details, or contact TASB at 800.580.8272.

- Housing—email [mandy.begley@tasb.org](mailto:mandy.begley@tasb.org)
- Registration—email [registrar@tasb.org](mailto:registrar@tasb.org)
- Additional questions—email [kathy.dundee@tasb.org](mailto:kathy.dundee@tasb.org)





# STUDENT VOICE

## A CONVERSATION ABOUT EDUCATION

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Research shows that dropout rates, student achievement, and workforce readiness will improve due to increased integration of Student Voice in the classroom and community. Student congresses and student-led education reform movements are popping up all over the country as students actively work to influence positive change in their education experience.

In 2011, a Student Voice panel was added to the Governance Camp program, allowing attendees to hear directly from students about their experiences in Texas public schools. 2017 saw the expansion of Student Voice through the addition of student-led sessions about initiatives, projects, and other school activities to promote improved learning and showcase their educational experiences.

The increased presence of Student Voice allows board members to hear from today's students so they can better understand the students' wants and needs when making important decisions. We are pleased to continue Student Voice at our conference again this year.

### STUDENT VOICE PANEL AND SCHOLARSHIP

Currently enrolled high school seniors are invited to participate on the Student Voice panel to receive a \$1,500 scholarship, plus a travel stipend for their participation.

**The application deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, January 14, 2022.**

ALL SUBMISSIONS FORMS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE STUDENT VOICES SECTION OF [TASB.ORG/GOV-CAMP](https://tasb.org/gov-camp).



### STUDENT VOICE SESSIONS

We are seeking sessions for Friday, March 4, presented or copresented by students. Each session is one hour in length. Students can focus on:

- Student-led initiatives that have transformed their school
- Projects that have had an impact on school culture and climate
- Technology development and findings
- And more!

**Submissions are due Friday, December 10, 2021.**

### STUDENTS INSPIRED BOOTHS AND SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

We are calling on students—individuals or groups—to lead both hands-on interactive experiences or demonstrations in an “exhibition” style setting as well as participating in a 15-minute facilitated Q&A spotlight session. We’re looking for a variety of exhibits—from demos of student-designed video games, to health studies, to visual arts and music and crafts like carpentry and welding. Students should provide attendees an engaged learning experience and share how this activity has helped them improve their personal K-12 learning journeys. **Submissions are due Friday, January 14, 2022.**

Depending on travel distance, hotel cost may be picked up by TASB. Students are invited to join attendees for breakfast and lunch Friday.





# REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

Registration and Housing Open Monday, January 24.

**NEW FOR 2022!** Housing for Camp will only be available to registered attendees. Once the registration for Camp is complete, the housing link will be sent out in an email. All reservation requests must be made with Convention Housing Management (CHM), the official Camp housing coordinator. If you have questions, email [govcamp@chmrooms.com](mailto:govcamp@chmrooms.com).

Before you register online, be sure to access the complete list of session offerings posted online to determine which sessions you will submit with your registration. **Registrations will not be processed without sessions selected.**

After reviewing session offerings, complete the session selection form and return it to your superintendent or designee so that he or she may complete your registration.

To speed up the process and to ensure accuracy, register at [events.tasb.org](https://events.tasb.org), which automatically populates individual and district information from the TASB membership database.

**If you need to register on site, complete the on-site registration form before coming to the conference** to help speed up the process once you arrive.

To find either the session selection packet or on-site registration form, go to [tasb.org/gov-camp](https://tasb.org/gov-camp).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, January 24, 2022**  
Registration and Housing open.
- **Friday, February 4, 2022**  
Housing closes at 5 p.m.
- **Friday, February 18, 2022**  
Last day to cancel without penalty. Members should still call CHM for changes or new reservations.

## SELECTING HOTELS

Main events (general sessions and meals) will take place at the Galveston Convention Center.

Conference hotels are available at varying price points. Visit [tasb.org/gov-camp](https://tasb.org/gov-camp) for current housing information.

## REGISTRATION FEE

Pick the schedule that works best for you—pay one fee! We know your time is valuable. We are sticking to the same schedule as last year and offering unique preconference and postconference sessions so you can get the most out of your Camp experience

## ALL-INCLUSIVE REGISTRATION FEE: \$435 WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY, WHICH INCLUDES:

- In-depth sessions for new and experienced board members and board officers
- Dinner Wednesday
- Breakfast Thursday–Saturday
- Lunch Thursday and Friday
- Refreshment breaks Wednesday–Saturday
- Program materials
- Up to 17.5 hours of continuing education credit
- VIP virtual access to Thursday recorded sessions after the conference

Please register for the Wednesday preconference or the Saturday postconference *only if you plan to attend*. If a change in your schedule affects attendance at either event, notify TASB at once. Email [registrar@tasb.org](mailto:registrar@tasb.org) with your change.

## REGISTRATION CANCELLATION

Please refer to the event website, [tasb.org/gov-camp](https://tasb.org/gov-camp), for cancellation information.

## SPECIAL NEEDS?

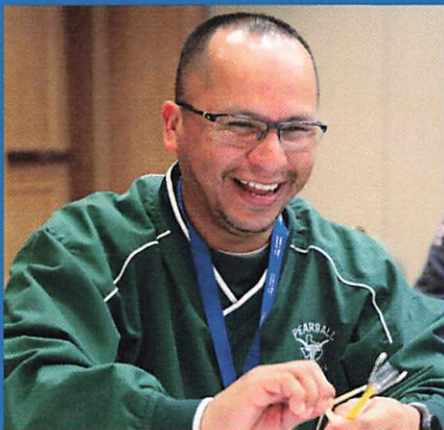
If you would like us to address any special needs or you need to rent a motorized scooter or wheelchair at the event, please let us know by February 18. Call **800.580.8272**, extension 2461 or send an email to [mandy.begley@tasb.org](mailto:mandy.begley@tasb.org).





"My fellow CISD trustees and I attend Governance Camp each year to learn more about what is going on in other districts and how to move forward with problem-solving. But the most exciting part of Camp is watching and listening to the students. Seeing their eyes glow while expressing their interest in different things and hearing how some of them cope with the difficulties in life—it is truly an amazing experience. All board members, both new and tenured, should experience this. I look forward to learning more from other trustees and the students we serve and as always leaving with a renewed sense of hope."

Alex Ybarra, Trustee, Channelview ISD



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