



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Judge George P. Kazen Fellowship Program

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Judge George P. Kazen Fellowship Program – was founded by United State District Judge Diana Saldana, is rooted in the legacy and principles of the late U.S. District Judge George P. Kazen, this opportunity is designed to help rising juniors develop into civically engaged leaders and provide critical mentorship and guidance as they pursue their academic and professional goals. Selected students will attend a five-week summer boot camp at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. Students will have the unparalleled opportunity to learn firsthand from esteemed judges, attorneys, and other legal and law enforcement professionals. Throughout the Fellowship, students will learn about and discuss topics on civics, government, career opportunities, citizenship, and the law. In dynamic settings, the Fellows will learn through hands-on experience, stories of resilience and pathways to excellence, and immersive field trips. After completing the summer program, 2025 Kazen Fellows will join a strong community of program alumni.

1. This year 12 Seniors will receive their honor cord
2. Summer 2025 – 38 students applied and 12 were selected for the program. The program will run from June 9th – July 11th – Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.