



SWISD Board Recognitions

November 18, 2025

Alexander Zuniga

Student of the Month

Hidden Cove STEAM Academy

Alexander is an exemplary candidate for the Hidden Cove STEAM Academy - District Student of the Month Award. His academic performance, leadership, and character reflect the highest standards of excellence. Academically, Alexander consistently demonstrates exceptional ability and perseverance. He approaches every challenge with determination and an unwavering commitment to excellence, distinguishing himself as a top performer among his peers. Notably, last school year he was the only student at Hidden Cove STEAM Academy to achieve a perfect score on the STAAR mathematics assessment—an accomplishment that speaks to both his intellectual aptitude and his disciplined work ethic.

In addition to his academic achievements, Alexander exhibits outstanding leadership and integrity. He serves as a positive role model for his classmates, frequently offering peer support through tutoring and fostering a classroom culture of fairness and respect. His sense of responsibility extends beyond the classroom, as he takes initiative each day to assist with setting up breakfast for his grade level and consistently fulfills his commitments with reliability and integrity.

Alexander's dedication, humility, and service-minded leadership make him a distinguished representative of academic and personal excellence. He embodies the qualities this award seeks to recognize and is most deserving of this honor.

Riley Valderrama

Student of the Month

Resnik Middle School

We are proud to recognize Riley Valderrama for their exceptional achievements in academics, responsibility, behavior, and fine arts. This student consistently demonstrates dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom. Their academic success reflects their hard work and curiosity, their positive behavior sets an example for peers, and their selection to the Honor Band showcases their remarkable talent and discipline. Together, they represent the very best of our school community.



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Eli Sanchez	Student of the Month
SW Legacy High School	
<p>It is with great honor that we recognize senior Eli Sanchez as our Student of the Month. Eli is a multi-sport athlete, excelling in football, basketball, and track. On the football field, he's a powerhouse—ranked top 14 nationally, top 2 in Texas, and #1 in Division 2, with an impressive 18 sacks this season. Beyond athletics, Eli's humility, respect, and leadership truly set him apart. He is an outstanding student and a leader in our Unity Bible Club, always uplifting those around him with positivity and encouragement. In addition to his school commitments, Eli runs his own landscaping business, Armor Maintenance. We will miss Eli tremendously next year but are confident that his character, work ethic, and kindness will continue to inspire others. Titan Nation loves you, Eli—once a Titan, always a Titan!</p>	

Multiple Students	Rising Stars
<p>Jose Perez - Medio Creek Elementary</p> <p>Jordan Portis - McAuliffe Middle School</p> <p>Samantha Jaramillo - SW Legacy High School</p>	
<p>Our SWISD Rising Stars have shown incredible growth, making positive changes and improving attendance. We are confident that their hard work will continue to have a positive impact on their entire school experience at Southwest ISD.</p>	