

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AGENDA

Workshop

Regular

Special

(A)  Report Only

Recognition

Presenter(s): John M. Cox – Eagle Pass High School Principal

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

**RECOGNITION OF EAGLE PASS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HUNTER BETANCOURT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LEADERS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.**

(B)  Action Item

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(C) Funding Source: Identify the course of funds if any are required

(D) Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.




# Eagle Pass High School

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## Memorandum

To: Mr. Samuel Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for C & I  
From: Mr. John M. Cox, EPHS Principal   
Subject: Student Recognition October Board Meeting  
Date: September 15, 2016

I would like to formally request that the following student be recognized at the next regular board meeting.

*Hunter Betancourt*, 11<sup>th</sup> grade student, represented Eagle Pass High School and CC Winn High School and the State of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts where he received his Award of Excellence, certifying his successful completion of the Congress.

If you have any questions please call me at your convenience.

Thank you in advance.

See Attachment:



## The National Leadership Academies

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National Medal of Technology & Innovation

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Inventor of Ethernet  
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### Young Prodigy Mentors

Winners of Intel Science and Engineering  
Fair, the Google Science Fair, the Siemens  
Science and Technology Competition, the  
Thiel Fellowship and the Sanfi BioGENius  
Challenge:

Jack Andraka, 2012

Eric Chen, 2013

Janelle Tam, 2012

Brittany Wenger, 2012

Shree Bose, 2011

Paige Brown, 2016

Kensen Shi, 2012

Olivia Hallisey, 2015

September 1, 2016

Mr. Jesus Diaz-Wever  
Principal  
Eagle Pass High School-Cc Winn Campus  
265 Foster Maldonado Blvd.  
Eagle Pass, TX 78852

### Nomination Deadline: September 30, 2016

Dear Mr. Diaz-Wever:

In June, Hunter Betancourt represented Eagle Pass High School-Cc Winn Campus and the State of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts. I am delighted to enclose Hunter's official Award of Excellence, certifying his successful completion of the Congress.

As Hunter's principal, we think it only appropriate that he receive the enclosed Award from you. I know he has been waiting for it.

When you present Hunter his Award of Excellence, please take the time to sit down and learn more about the remarkable life-changing experiences he had at the Congress. You can watch a 3-minute highlight film at [www.SciTechLeaders.com](http://www.SciTechLeaders.com).

Hunter was surrounded by many fellow high school students who share his passion, ability and potential.

So many Delegates found new friends to help them reach their dreams and future colleagues to collaborate with.

Hunter was personally taught by some of the **greatest living minds in science and technology** – winners of the world's most prestigious international prizes, such as:

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- Sylvester James Gates, Jr., Ph.D., Recipient of the National Medal of Science;
- Robert S. Langer, Ph.D., Recipient of the National Medal of Science and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation;
- Robert M. Metcalfe, Ph.D., Inventor of Ethernet, Founder of 3Com and Recipient of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation;
- Aneesh Chopra, United States Chief Technology Officer (2009–2012);
- Marc Raibert, Ph.D., Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Boston Dynamics;
- Neil Gershenfeld, Ph.D., Director of MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms;
- David Reitze, Ph.D., Executive Director at Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO); and
- Amy S. Hess, Executive Assistant Director of the FBI's Science and Technology Branch.

Hunter was also inspired by new prodigies who are leading the future of science and technology, including:

- Jack Andraka, 2012 Intel Science and Engineering Fair Grand Prize Winner, breakthrough inventor, scientist and cancer researcher;
- Shree Bose, 2011 Google Science Fair Grand Prize Winner;
- Eric Chen, 2013 Google Science Fair Grand Prize Winner, 2013 Sieman's Competition Grand Prize Winner and 2014 Intel Science and Talent Search Competition First Place Winner;
- Ryan Chester, Winner of Breakthrough Junior Challenge; and
- Paige Brown, 2016 Intel Science and Talent Search Competition First Place Winner.

I invite your participation to become a Member of The National Leadership Academies' Honorary Board of Educators and ask you to help us identify your best students through the enclosed nomination forms who meet all three of the following criteria:

- 1) They aspire to become physicians, scientists or technologists (including biomedical scientists, software and hardware technologists, engineers, and mathematicians);
- 2) In your opinion, they possess leadership potential; and
- 3) They have a GPA of 3.5 or above (or the equivalent), either current or cumulative.

We have enclosed one nomination form for you, and three additional nomination forms to distribute at your discretion to fellow educators in your school. All students nominated will receive an invitation, without obligation, to attend the **Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders** or the **Congress of Future Medical Leaders**, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts next summer.

Note: Each nomination form enclosed includes a full academic scholarship section. When you and your fellow educators are completing your nominations, please remember to each select one highly qualified student with financial need to receive a full, unrestricted academic scholarship fully waiving the Congress tuition.

The theme of each Congress is "Greatness Awaits," and it offers your best students an extraordinary opportunity to be mentored by some of the most

important leaders of our time – true giants of the profession who are fundamentally changing our future for the better at an awe-inspiring pace.

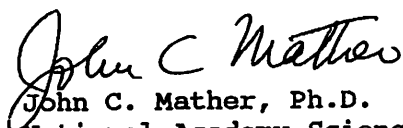
At the close of the Congress, you will receive your students' Awards of Excellence to present to them.

We will help your students prepare a news release for local TV stations and newspapers, and we will happily provide copies of their award certificate and letters confirming their nomination and attendance for them to share with the colleges and universities of their choice.

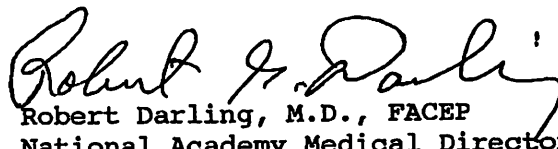
If you have any questions, please call our Educator VIP Office at 1-888-986-6929 or email [VIP@TheNationalLeadershipAcademies.com](mailto:VIP@TheNationalLeadershipAcademies.com).

Please note that this is an honors only program, and students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 (or the equivalent), either cumulative or current, to be nominated.

With gratitude for your support,



John C. Mather, Ph.D.  
National Academy Science Director  
Winner, 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics



Robert Darling, M.D., FACEP  
National Academy Medical Director  
White House Physician to the  
President of the United States  
(1996 – 1999)  
Director, Navy Medicine Office of  
Homeland Security (2004 – 2006)

P.S. The Academies' primary founding principle is to honor and reward high-achieving students dedicated to medicine or the S.T.E.M subjects.

We will have a number of VIP educators and principals in attendance and would be delighted to have you observe the proceedings as our special guest in Boston.

If you cannot travel to Boston, we will make sure you and your fellow educators have complete live video access to the entire three days of events and receive copies of all educational materials without cost.

This will be one of the most meaningful and life-changing academic experiences of your students' young lives – a valuable head start toward the successes they dream of achieving. They will be recognized and honored for their achievements and potential.

The students you select will receive letters of nomination and all necessary information without obligation.

Please help us recognize and reward your students by returning the completed nomination forms in the enclosed postage paid envelopes no later than the deadline of September 30, 2016.

Thank you.