Trini Garza Early College HS Student - Michael Jimenez - Selected for 2014 NASA Scholar Program

Rep. Alonzo has received exciting news about a FIRST at Trini Garza Early College High School where outstanding student - Michael Jimenez - has been accepted to take part in the upcoming 2014 NASA High Aerospace Scholars (HAS) Program. The NASA HAS program is a prestigious program that enables selected Texas high school junior students to explore and become part of NASA’s plan for space exploration by exploring the exhilarating possibilities of careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). After they utilize their math and science skills to complete ten (10) Web-based assignments during the school year, selected HAS scholar students will have a unique opportunity to travel to the Johnson Space Center in Houston (all expenses paid) during the summer and use those same skills to help investigate options for sending humans to Mars alongside their peers from other high schools across the state and “real” NASA scientists and engineers. The program is at NO EXPENSE to the students or their school districts. It is funded through a combination of state, federal and private sector funding.

Michael was among a number of applicants nominated by Rep. Alonzo for the program. Again, this is a FIRST for Garza ECHS. The entire campus - faculty and students alike - are very excited about Michael's selection as a NASA HAS Scholar. The Chemistry and AP Environmental Science teacher, Mr. Bennett O’Connor, really helped Michael with the paperwork application and, of course, Michael passed on all the screening tests!

Rep. Alonzo Addresses National SER Jobs for Progress Luncheon; Group Celebrates Golden Anniversary

~ 50 Years of Providing Jobs, Training & Service to Communities ~

On Wednesday, April 30, 2014, State Rep. Alonzo addressed the SER-Jobs For Progress, Inc., National Golden Anniversary luncheon where he addressed participants about one of his most important passions and legislative priorities as a lawmaker; jobs, training and service to community. Rep. Alonzo told the group that it was an honor indeed to be among them to celebrate this most joyous and historic occasion for SER Jobs - their Golden Anniversary. “Your national theme, “Celebrating 50 Years of Service, Employment and Redevelopment,” could not be more appropriate. And for me personally, since the collective mix of (1) education, (2) jobs/employment, and (3) public service has always been one of my passions as an elected official, what an honor for me to celebrate this historic major event with you and what you stand for,” said the Dallas lawmaker during his speech.

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