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### May 2021



#### Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremonies

Lamar CISD recently celebrated the commencement ceremonies for our five high schools. Join the District in extending a big congratulations to the Class of 2021. For ceremony photos, click below.

<u>Click here</u> to view videos of the graduation ceremonies.

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## Class of 2021 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Lamar CISD congratulates our Class of 2021 valedictorians and salutatorians! We're proud to honor their hard work and accomplishments. Click below to read more about these graduates and their plans after high school.

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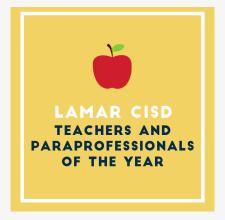


#### Lamar CISD Board Congratulates 2021 Graduates

The Class of 2021 faced unique challenges this school year. The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees congratulates these unrelenting students for displaying their ability to adapt during difficult times in order to achieve their goal of graduation. *Congratulations, seniors!* 

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2021 Teachers and Paraprofessionals of the Year



The Lamar Classroom Teachers' Association (LCTA) honored their colleagues on Thursday, May 6 with a virtual version of their annual Teacher of the Year Celebration. Bowie Elementary School's **Kelly Shepard** was selected as the 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year and Terry High School's **Jennifer Harper** is the 2021 Secondary Teacher of the Year. Carter Elementary School's **Makeesha O'Brien** was chosen as the 2021 Elementary Paraprofessional of the Year and George Junior High School's **Chari Jackson-Scott** is the Secondary Paraprofessional of the Year.

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#### **UIL 2021 State Track Champions**

Lamar CISD was well represented at this year's UIL State Track meet in Austin. This year, the District is proud to celebrate two State Champions. Terry High School's **Kellen Stewart** received Gold in the 200m event and George Ranch High School's **Bryce McCray** received Gold in the 300m Hurdles.

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#### Dr. Nivens Visits Lamar CISD Campuses

The Board of Trustees recently approved Dr. Roosevelt Nivens as the next superintendent of Lamar CISD and he will officially assume the role on June 1, 2021. During the month of May, Dr. Nivens has begun visiting our campuses and getting to know our students, staff and community. Click below to see photos from Dr. Nivens' recent campus visits on the District's Facebook page.

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#### Lamar CISD Digital Scholars Program

The District is planning to move forward with a Digital Scholars Program, pending student interest, state funding and legislative actions related to virtual instruction. This program will be an application-based virtual learning opportunity for a limited number of 9th-12th grade students who meet the eligibility criteria. The deadline to apply for the program through Skyward Family Access is May 31, 2021.

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#### Lamar CISD to Resume Normal Operations June 1, 2021

With the school year coming to an end and all state requirements being met, Lamar CISD will return to normal operations on June 1, 2021. Beginning in June, all COVID-19 protocols will end and face coverings will be optional. This includes 2021 summer school, summer athletic camps and any other school-related activities.

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#### Free Summer Curbside Meals

USDA has extended waivers that allow Lamar CISD to offer meals at no charge to students through the end of summer. Free curbside meals are available to all Lamar CISD students, as well as children 18 and under who are not enrolled in Lamar CISD. Families are required to fill out an online form every Wednesday by 8 p.m. prior to meal pickup.

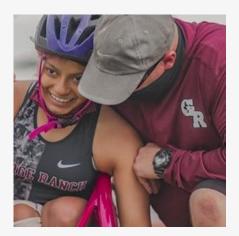
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## Terry High School Student is "Making The Grade"

Terry High School's **Luis Garcia** shines on and off the field. As Terry's valedictorian for the Class of 2021, Garcia prioritized his studies, but always made time for his other passions, including football and baseball. Check out FOX 26's recent "Making the Grade" segment on another one of our incredible student athletes!

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#### KHOU Highlights Bond Between George Ranch High School Student and her Coach

KHOU recently highlighted the unbreakable bond George Ranch High School's **Sky Herrera** and **Coach Greg Jones** have formed through the Track and Field program on campus. We can't wait to see what these two will accomplish together! To watch the segment, click below.

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The FBI Houston field office is hosting an FBI Houston Teen Academy on Thursday, July 22. The Houston Teen Academy program provides high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates the opportunity to get a comprehensive look into today's FBI through activities, simulations and teachings. Applications are due June 4. Click below for more information and the application.

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