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Renato de los Santos — Monday August 30, 2021

As a nation we mourn the murder of our nations Marines who were serving at the gates of the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan. We honor their sacrifice and feel the pain of their family members while also proudly recognizing that they volunteered to serve our nation.

At the same time, I honor the willingness of our staff, students, parents and families to volunteer on behalf of our communities to get the COVID-19 vaccine. We have been asking our Upward Bound family to do so for months now and I am heartened that so many of those that could actually did listen to our advise to get vaccinated!

I am grateful that your willingness to get vaccinated allowed us to take an awesome "Trip-Across-Texas" to visit ten (10) of our states most prestigious universities, one of our nations truly inspiring historical legacies at the San Antonio Missions, and a National Park at the Padre Island National Seashore in addition to the Educational yet fun parks such as Sea World and Natural bridge Caverns.

I am grateful that I would often hear from our hosts that our group was very well behaved and that we were the first tour group that they welcomed to campus, or that we were the first group that was allowed to eat in the campus dining facility and I recognize that this was all made possible because we were able to document that all of our students and chaperones were fully vaccinated.

I thank you and celebrate your willingness to get that vaccine as we see our state and nation return to a state of RED ALERT! We once again see our hospitals and morgues filling up and our brave medical professionals responding to the challenge.

We mourn again the losses and the unfortunately preventable deaths and sometimes life-long injury that is occurring because too many of our fellow citizens made the choice to not get vaccinated when they had a choice to do so.

We see our youth under 12 years of age bravely going to school and in Dallas wearing their masks all day long over their mouth and nose. And yet even with these precautions we see our county being forced to declare a state of RED ALERT once again.

We at LNESC Dallas will continue to do our part. We will continue to not only encourage or students and their families that are not vaccinated to do so ASAP. We will continue partnering with Parkland Hospital and our Counties Heath officials as well as our schools and community partners to provide support to get our community vaccinated.

I am proud that through our partnership with the Ford Fund that we were able to provide thousands of masks for our students at our schools, and I am especially proud of our staffs willingness to risk themselves in order to support our students and families.

We will return to a more strict social distancing once again at the center with a very limited in-person profile. I ask that we respect this requirement and that we support each other in keeping our community safe.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank our staff and our student volunteers for your willingness to risk everything to serve our community. Together, we will make a difference in the lives and future of our students and our community.

In closing, I want to reiterate our commitment at LNESC Dallas as your Servant Leaders to continue to do everything safely possible to help you, our students and their families and our community, to move forward even in this time of renewed pandemic. Together we will Overcome!!

Renato de los Santos
Director - LNESC Dallas

WHATS COMING UP!

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

- 9/1 -NTX EARLY GIVING OPENS!
- 9/6 -LABOR DAY
- 9/11, 9/25 -TUTORING SATURDAYS
- 9/15 -COFFEE W/ THE PRINCIPAL - MOLINA
- 9/16 -PARENT MEETING
- 9/18 -ACADEMIC SATURDAY
- 9/21 -SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- 9/23 -NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY!
- 9/24 -STATE FAIR OPENS!
- 10/1 -FAFSA OPENS

Welcome back to Campus!

Welcome back to campus! As we begin this new school year, we would like to remind you that we are still here to help you navigate this new normal. The pandemic has not left us, and with this new variant, it seems like it will be here to stay for quite some time.

Now that students are back on campus, we must do all that we can to limit the spread. That means sending all students to campus with face masks and having all students over the age of 12 vaccinated. As of Aug. 23, 2021, the Pfizer vaccine has been FDA approved; therefore, we encourage all of our students and families to receive it. You can find more information on the safety of the vaccine on the FDA's website.

Meanwhile, you can also find more information about what cases are emerging at your student's school on Dallas ISD's website using their COVID-19 dashboard here: https://bit.ly/3sYMmjF

LNESC Dallas will continue to support our students to make sure they achieve academic success. Staff will be present at the office and at our school campuses. Because of the pandemic, we noticed that a lot of students received low grades. This year we want to focus on recovery, ensuring our students have the skills and resources necessary to improve their grades. If you have any questions on how we can help, please do not hesitate to contact any staff member!

Furthermore, if you or anyone you know has been affected by the eviction moratorium being lifted, please let us know and we will try and help!

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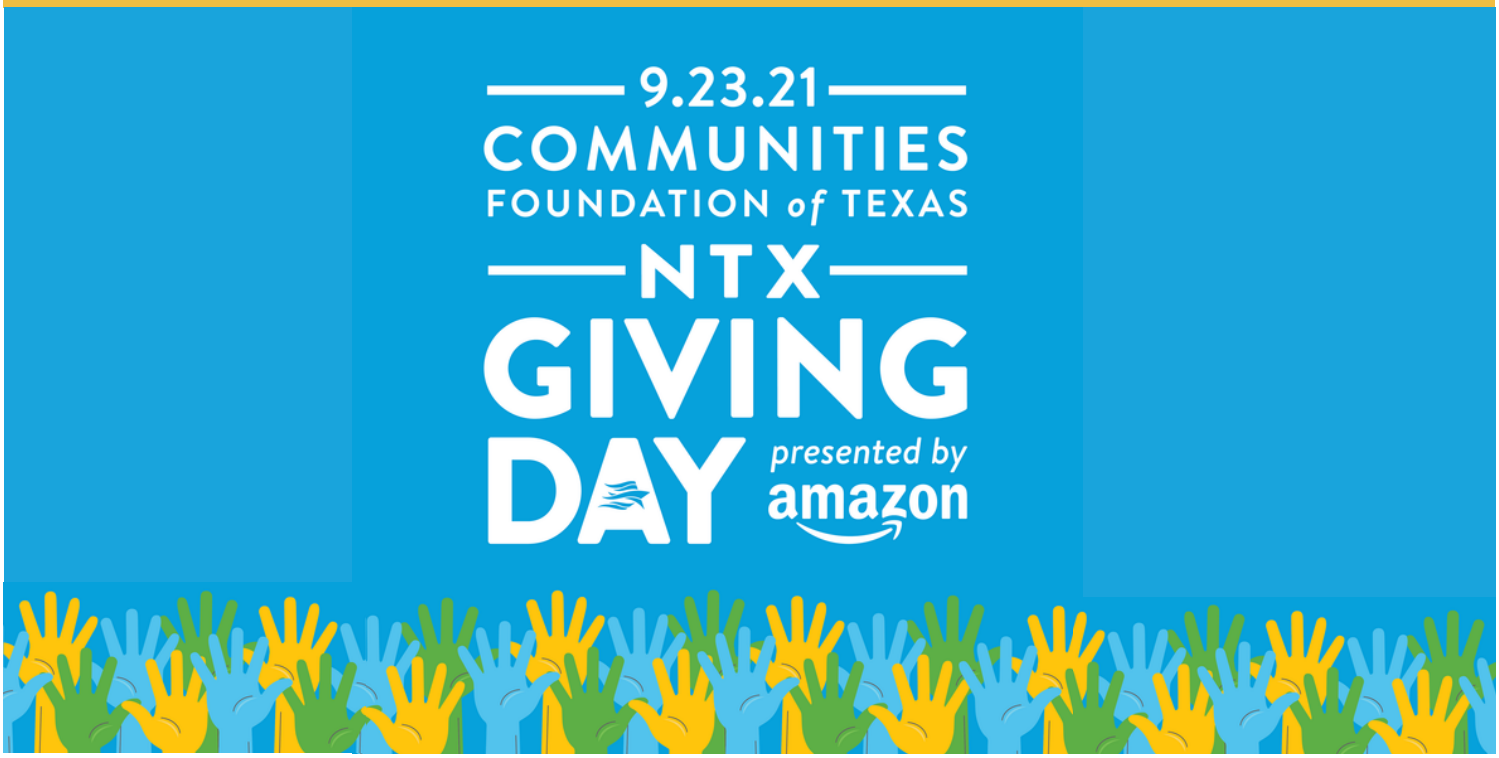
Summer Program

We had a blast this Summer!

This year we were able to take a week-long trip around Texas! We visited so many different universities and attractions, including Sea World and Padre Island National Sea Shore! For many of our students, this was the first trip of this kind- most had never been to Sea World or the beach! We want to thank all students, parents, family, and friends for making this trip possible. The donations and support we received were overwhelming! We can't wait to start planning next year's summer trip and hope we can count on all of you again to make it possible!



North Texas Giving Day

We're calling out to everyone to donate and support our organization this North Texas Giving Day! The NTX Giving Day is an event designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about in one easy-to-use platform.

The event helps build awareness and support for nonprofits like us! In 2020, $58.8 million was raised through 106,000 donors benefiting over 3,200 local nonprofits. NTX Giving Day is the largest community-wide giving event in the nation.

Visit our page to give: https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/LNESCDallas