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DSISD STUDENTS ATTEND LONE STAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

Three students from Dripping Springs ISD were among 952 outstanding fourth-through eighth-graders who participated in Education in Action's 2015 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps this past summer. These young leaders were selected for the camps based on demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, an educator recommendation, and involvement in school/community activities. Representing DSISD were: Kooper Brown, a fifth-grader at Rooster Springs Elementary; Kotton Funderburgh, a sixth-grader at Dripping Springs Middle School; and Hayden Pritchett, an eighth-grader at DSMS.

The participating students, representing communities across Texas, attended one of three camps: Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, or Houston/Galveston. They developed leadership skills while learning about the great state of Texas, experiencing what they are learning in school through visits to historically, politically, scientifically, and environmentally significant sites. Venues included places such as the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, and the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza on the Dallas/Fort Worth program; the offices of participants' state legislators at the Texas State Capitol, The Bullock Texas State History Museum, bat watching on the Lone Star Riverboat, and The Alamo on the Austin/San Antonio program; and NASA, a boat tour of Galveston Bay with a marine biologist, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument, and Moody Gardens on the Houston/Galveston program. Career speakers introduced participants to a wide variety of unique career and internship opportunities during each camp. Participants also discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups.

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