



South Texas ISD

Rising Scholars Academy

GRADES 6-8 | SAN BENITO



JAMES GALVAN

HISTORY

BIOGRAPHY

I was born and raised in Harlingen, Texas, loving history for as long as I could remember. The 2023-2024 school year will be my fourth year as a teacher, and my first year at RSA. Before coming here, I spent a year teaching science in Harlingen, and then two years teaching social studies at the STISD Virtual Academy.

At 20 years old, I earned my Bachelor of Arts in History with honors from the University of Houston. One quarantine period later, I had the good fortune of beginning my teaching career - albeit from home.

My wife and I have been married for two years, and we're happily raising our infant daughter and son. Football is my favorite sport, but I can easily enjoy any game if it's on. Aside from sports, I like to read and watch videos about current events, take road trips, and occasionally unplug from technology.

My teaching style heavily centers on targeting student interests and showing how skills/topics cross over between subject areas. One point of pride is establishing a class setting where students can be politely open about when they struggle, (dis)interest in content, and the general things they'd like to see in class.