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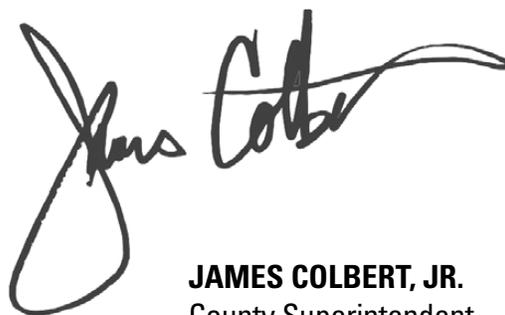
HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION is known for its impact in the community through special schools for at-risk students, free Adult Education programs, afterschool initiatives and our Head Start program, which builds a strong foundation for early learning.

But behind these public-facing divisions that work directly with students is a robust network of support services that keep HCDE running smoothly. That's where our January Employee of the Month comes in. This week, I had the privilege of learning more about Richard Sanchez, our senior systems engineer with IT Services.

While Richard doesn't work in the public eye, his contributions, and those of the IT division, are essential. They ensure our devices and servers stay connected on a daily basis. He has revamped and improved the Department's digital architecture and online network to safeguard operations during power outages. Thanks to his efforts, HCDE can continue meeting the evolving needs of our community.

I started the week on Monday with ELT and standing meetings with staff. On Tuesday, I met with the Leadership Team before meeting with staff to discuss ongoing projects. Wednesday was also filled with standing meetings. On Thursday, I fulfilled my duties as a SuperMENTor and read to students at the Dogan Head Start center, followed by agenda review for the February board meeting. Today, I met with staff at my NPO office.

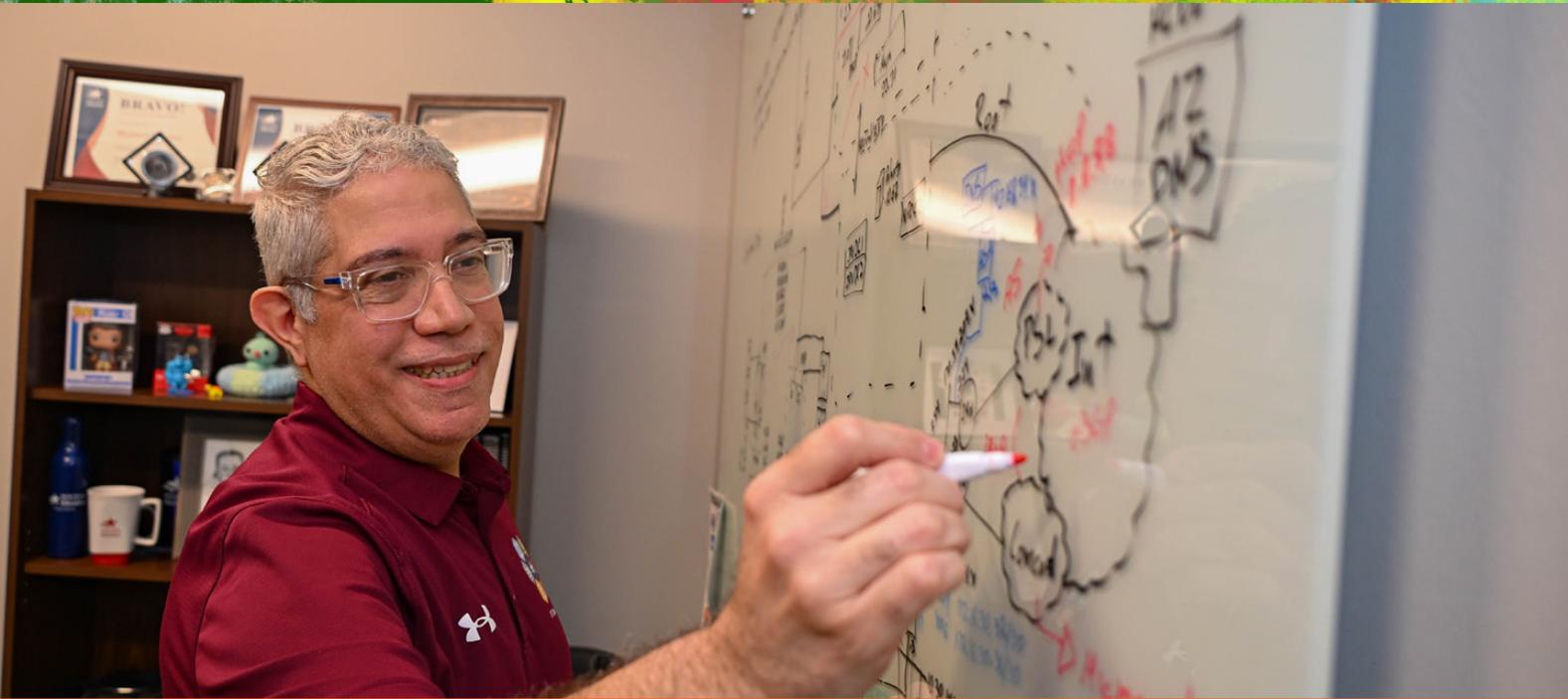
I hope you enjoy the cooler weather headed our way this weekend.



JAMES COLBERT, JR.
County Superintendent



Employee Spotlight



January Employee of the Month Richard Sanchez is one of the masterminds behind HCDE's network infrastructure that keeps computer systems running daily. His whiteboard is filled with pathways that reflect the online system that the average user never sees.

JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RICHARD SANCHEZ KEEPS HCDE CONNECTED

When you log in to your computer every morning, it's not often you think about everything happening behind the scenes to ensure the device connects to the internet or downloads that OneDrive file needed to meet a deadline. Richard Sanchez, Information Technology Services' senior systems engineer, has spent the past five years completely revamping and improving the architecture and design of Harris County Department of Education's online network.

Nestled in a side office of a hallway at Irvington, you'll find the January Employee of the Month behind four computer screens, hard at work bridging pathways, mending broken links and leading technological updates across the Department.

"Richard is always going to be on top of everything that he's assigned to do, and very proactive at working on things that are not necessarily assigned," said George Hembree, the IT operations manager who nominated Sanchez. "If he sees an issue or a problem, he starts working on it right away. He's an excellent employee."

Sanchez, who hails from a small town in Venezuela, was raised as the youngest of five siblings. His parents instilled in them a strong sense of self, a work ethic and a need to protect their family.

While most teens enjoyed playing games outside, Sanchez realized his love lay in the world behind the screens that were



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growing in popularity. In 1997, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and was hired by a Venezuelan oil company.

"I love the design and the infrastructure within computer systems and being able to connect all the boxes to help the systems communicate with each other," Sanchez said.

However, his time there didn't last long. Venezuela was becoming increasingly dangerous, and political unrest was growing. As a newlywed and soon-to-be father, Sanchez wanted better for his family and made the difficult decision to leave his native country. The family spent the next few years moving to Colombia and Mexico

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Employee Spotlight



Richard Sanchez graduated from Universidad Privada Dr. Rafael Belloso Chacín with a bachelor's degree in computer science in 1997. He poses with his parents Ligia and Geramel Sanchez.

before landing in the United States in 2016.

"We had to start a new life in a new country every few years, and that meant a new system, new culture, new people and new rules," Sanchez explained. "You were forced to learn. But I think those experiences gave us a strong base for making hard decisions and being able to adapt quickly to our new reality."

Sanchez joined #TeamHCDE in November 2019 as a help desk technician, bringing a wealth of knowledge with him. Traveling across campuses to inspect equipment and working with employees to resolve connectivity issues only made him realize just how far the technology industry had evolved over the past 30 years.

"I remember the big old computers, and now everything is in the cloud," he recalled. "You have to be willing to grow, learn and adapt to these new systems. I say this career is like the

medical career. Every single day, you must stay up to date with the latest knowledge, new technology, and processes. I think you can't call yourself a trusted advisor of technology if you don't stay updated."

His experience quickly set him apart in the IT division. Hembree recalled several times when Sanchez was in the field and would call only to follow the protocol, but didn't really need assistance in solving the problem.

"He would call me, and I would try to help walk him through what he needed to do to fix the issue, but he already knew," Hembree chuckled. "He just needed to learn HCDE's specific infrastructure and how we had it configured. I didn't know him personally at the time but I could tell that he had an excellent technical background."

By February 2020, Sanchez had been promoted to his current position as a leader on the Operations Support Team (OST). He has been instrumental in several technological upgrades across Department locations, including the purchase and installation of new computer servers, the upgrade of network devices in new schools and building renovations, the recent upgrade to the phone system at Irvington and the backup infrastructure for network connections at all HCDE sites.

"Most of the time, the infrastructure that we work on is invisible to the user," Sanchez explained. "There are so many pathways that we help keep running and connected for you to access the information you need daily. That's why it's important for IT to follow our protocols. The help desk technicians are our first responders to an issue. But when it's something deeper, that's where the OST team comes in. We are that next level."

If you can't quite grasp Sanchez's



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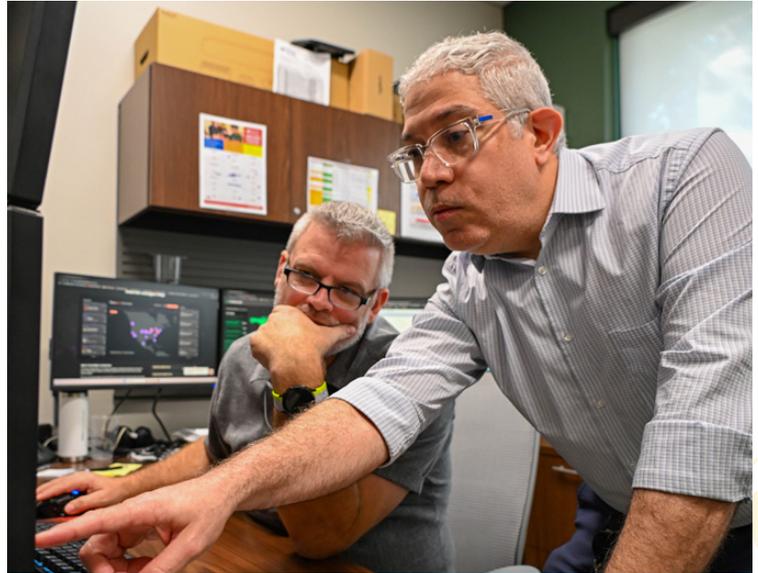
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Employee Spotlight



Sanchez is married to Lilian, who works as an office clerk in Adult Education. They have two children, 21-year-old Victoria and 13-year-old Natalia.



Senior Systems Engineer Richard Sanchez talks with IT operations manager George Hembree about repairing network pathways across the Department.



HCDE's IT Team poses for a group photo.

impact, think about it like this. When the main connection fails at a school, but the campus still has internet, it's because Sanchez set up a backup linked to cellular data. When you've struggled to connect or download from OneDrive, it's because Sanchez helped repair the network pathways most don't know exist. Or when you can't access anything because the entire HCDE network is down, it's Sanchez and his team who are in the Irvington server room, fixing the problem.

"I can't even really describe how fortunate I am that Richard is on my team because there is never an issue or a time that he's not willing to work," Hembree said. "When we

have emergencies like the freezes or power outages, he's right there in the thick of it. He's virtually irreplaceable."

The dedication and need to ensure HCDE is well taken care of is a callback to his childhood in Venezuela, as HCDE is more than a workplace. His wife, Lilian, works in Adult Education, but it's the family-like culture that makes him excited to come in every day and keep everyone connected.

"If my infrastructure is working fine, and you're happy, then I'm happy," Sanchez smiled. "When I see the kids playing with the tablet or hear people say the internet is faster or their phone is working, it gives me pride in my work. I love it." ★

HCDE CELEBRATES SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH



HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (HCDE) joins school districts and educational agencies this month in celebrating School Board Recognition Month. The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) spearheads the statewide initiative that honors and appreciates school board trustees for their commitment to students and service to their communities as volunteers.

HCDE's 2026 recognition theme is: "HCDE is Varsity," carrying over from the Convocation theme this past August.

School boards oversee the operation of local public schools and districts, and work to ensure students receive a high-quality education. School Board Recognition Month is the opportunity to show trustees how much their work, leadership and commitment to improving schools and education is appreciated.

HCDE will gather on Jan. 21 at the Irvington Conference Center for a reception to recognize its trustees and their contributions to #TeamHCDE. The event will include small bites, tokens of appreciation presented by the Department and our Special Schools division, and a celebratory video.

#TeamHCDE's celebration will continue on social media throughout the month as posts profiling each board member will be published on HCDE's three main platforms. 🌟

BUSINESS SERVICES EARNS TASBO AWARDS OF MERIT AS INDUSTRY EXPERTS

THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS (TASBO) recently awarded HCDE's Business Services and Purchasing teams for their outstanding professional standards in acquisition and innovation in financial management and reporting. Out of 1,200 school districts statewide, the division was among the selected recipients who met the stringent criteria to receive the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations, marking the 16th consecutive year of achievement. The Department also received the Award of Excellence in Financial Management. #TeamHCDE will be recognized during a reception at the TASBO 2026 Annual Conference in Grapevine in February. 🌟



HCDE NAMES ANN WESTBROOKS NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



ANN WESTBROOKS, a long-time administrator in fiscal leadership, operational efficiency and strategic planning, will join Harris County Department of Education as Chief Financial Officer in late January.

Westbrooks most recently served as deputy superintendent of business services at Spring Independent School District. She

joined the district in 2006 and previously held key leadership positions, including assistant superintendent of financial services and controller and chief financial officer, before assuming her role as deputy superintendent in 2025.

During her tenure, Westbrooks has been instrumental in long-term budget development and aligning financial strategies with organizational goals and priorities. Spring ISD has maintained an “A” rating in financial accountability, established healthy financial reserves and increased its credit rating, saving taxpayer dollars. She also helped lead the successful passage of a major bond initiative in 2022.

Westbrooks’ fiscal management has earned multiple Awards of Excellence in Financial Management and Awards of Merit for Purchasing Operations from the Texas Association of School Business Officials.

She currently serves as a board member for the Texas Association of School Boards Benefits Cooperative and treasurer for the Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Foundation of Texas, which supports communities across North Houston and provides funds to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Educational Advancement Foundation.

Westbrooks is a licensed certified public accountant and earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Sam Houston State University and her Master of Business Administration from Tarleton State University. ✨

CSSS CONTINUES ‘LET’S TALK MENTAL HEALTH SERIES’ TO FOSTER OPEN DIALOGUE, PROMOTE AWARENESS

COMING OFF THE WINTER BREAK and beginning the spring semester, the Center for Safe and Secure Schools continued their virtual initiative to engage conversations around mental health, building on the consistency from the first half of the school year.

The “Let’s Talk Mental Health Series” held its latest seminar Jan. 8. Titled, “Elevating Mental Health,” the session shifted the focus from crisis response to proactive wellness. Attendees learned insights and strategies on how to cultivate a mentally healthy school culture through daily practices, positive relationships and systemic support.

Climate and Culture Specialists Michelle Calhoun and Dr. Tiffany Chaney lead the monthly sessions for the series, which grew from the division’s Counselor Symposium last summer. Topics during the fall touched on supporting students experiencing grief, stress awareness and coping, and strengthening suicide awareness. Spring topics include eating disorders and managing anxiety effectively. ✨

Let's Talk Mental Health Series

 Eating Disorder Realities February 12, 2026 11 a.m.	 Supporting DID and Navigating Self-Harm Treatment March 5, 2026 11 a.m.
 The Meaning of Semicolon Day April 9, 2026 11 a.m.	 Managing Anxiety Effectively and Understanding BPD May 1, 2026 11 a.m.

Learn more about sessions and register [here](#).

ABS EAST, WEST STUDENTS TREATED TO 'LUNCH WITH A LEADER' FOR I-READY CHALLENGE SUCCESS

THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS DIVISION delivered congratulations and good food to 20 Academic and Behavior School East and West students just before the winter break, recognizing each school's top 10 scholars in the i-Ready Challenge.

The challenge, which began Oct. 1 and ran through Dec. 1, incentivized students to consistently engage and grow in the i-Ready Personalized Instruction Program. The web-based program that delivers online lessons in reading and mathematics for students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Instruction is tailored to each student's needs and encourages students as they develop new skills, while it's also complemented with accessible teacher resources to enable educators to target specific skills with which students are struggling.

Students earned monthly growth goodie bags by logging 250 minutes and passing seven reading or math lessons. Those who demonstrated strong commitment and perseverance by passing 20 lessons earned access to a gaming truck experience scheduled for Jan. 16. The top 10 students from each campus who passed the most lessons across the entire challenge earned all incentives, including the highly anticipated Lunch with a Leader.

With Chick-fil-A meal boxes in tow in December, division leadership joined campus personnel in honoring the students.

The celebration recognized their dedication, effort and academic achievement.

i-Ready builds a unique lesson plan consisting of online instruction based on assessment performance, with a personalized start for each student. Teachers can adjust a student's position within the recommended sequence of lessons or add to ensure skill development with the core curriculum.

Highlighting academic success at the AB schools is essential, as students often work through unique challenges. Celebrating academic growth helps shift the narrative from only behavior-focused to strength-based and instructional achievement. Events like Lunch with a Leader remind students they are capable scholars and hard work is seen, valued and celebrated. ✨



ABS East



ABS West



KNIGHTS



EAGLES

Board Briefs

SNAPS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCES AT FORTIS ACADEMY POETRY SLAM

STUDENTS AT FORTIS ACADEMY STEPPED UP to the microphone Dec. 18 during a campus poetry slam that gave those in recovery a powerful outlet to share their experiences with substance and alcohol abuse. Through spoken word, students expressed deeply personal reflections on struggle, resilience and growth. Principal Travita Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Support Services Jonathan Parker and members of the Special Schools division attended the event to support and cheer on students. The slam comes as the campus continues to partner with community organizations and mentors who help strengthen student writing and public speaking skills, using creative expression as a tool for healing and confidence-building. ★



HEAD START YOUNG LEARNERS CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITH SUPERMENTORS



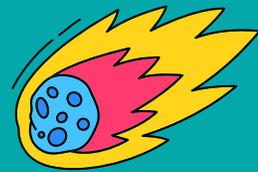
SOME OF HARRIS COUNTY'S YOUNGEST STUDENTS were treated to visits from their SuperMENTors the first week of the spring semester, connecting the joy of reading and male mentorship.

SuperMENTors read "Happy Birthday Martin Luther King" by Jean Marzollo this month as part of the Head Start

Significant Male Initiative. The program connects male role models with Head Start students – community volunteers join Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) leaders in serving the 12 campuses.

HCDE Superintendent James Colbert Jr. was among SuperMENTors to read this week. ★

ECWC LAUNCHES LEADERSHIP TRACK FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMINISTRATORS



IF YOU ARE AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR looking to take your career to the next level, you need to attend the R.T. Garcia Early Childhood Winter Conference. Now in its 40th year, the milestone celebration on Jan. 31 will bring more than 600 professionals to the Kingdom Builder's Center in southwest Houston who are dedicated to improving and transforming the educational experience of our youngest learners.

Early childhood administrators such as assistant principals, principals and childcare center managers can now elevate their experience by joining the exclusive leadership track, which offers insider knowledge from five industry experts who will lead the inaugural Leadership Panel. The group will share invaluable strategies, compelling stories and insights specifically designed for early childhood professionals. Leadership registrants will also gain access to specially curated conference sessions designed to empower attendees and enhance their skills outside the classroom.

This year's theme, "Hands-On, Minds-On: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) in Early Learning," highlights the importance of STEAM exposure in early childhood education.

Learn more about the panelists and register for the leadership track, [here](#).



Dr. Amber Brown

Dr. Amber Brown began her career as a preschool and elementary teacher over 30 years ago and has since served as a preschool director, university professor and is currently the director of the Early Childhood Education Program at the University of Houston – Clear Lake. Attendees can expect to learn about her research on play-based pedagogy, early

childhood intervention programs and the promotion of executive function skills.



Ray Mondragon

Dedicated to improving access, enrollment and high-quality early learning programs, Ray Mondragon has been instrumental in the success of oral language development, literacy and math through developmentally appropriate practices and whole-child development in Aldine ISD. Mondragon is a proud product of Head Start and began his

career as a Head Start teacher in Denver Public Schools.



Marisol Castruita

Currently serving as the Director of Early Childhood at Houston ISD, Marisol Castruita oversees the district-wide implementation of high-quality instructional standards and programming for all pre-K students. With over 16 years of experience in education, she champions the belief that play-based and hands-on learning are essential for

fostering social-emotional growth and academic success.



Dr. Francisco (Paco) Usero González

A recognized expert in early childhood development, Dr. Francisco Usero González currently serves as an assistant professor in the Bilingual Education and ESL program at Sam Houston State University. His work focuses on the intersections of learning exceptionalities, such as dyslexia, and bilingual education, emphasizing culturally and linguistically responsive approaches. Throughout

conference discussions, Dr. González will discuss inclusive educational practices that support Hispanic bilingual students and celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity.



Venetia Peacock

Venetia Peacock brings over 30 years of leadership experience in staff supervision, fiscal management and the administration of government-funded programs. In addition to her role as senior director of HCDE's Head Start program, Peacock is deeply involved in the early childhood education community, having served on several state and national

boards to improve access to education and curriculum.



In the Community



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM EXPLORES NEW BOOK OPTIONS FOR HEAD START AT LOCAL STORE



HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S (HCDE) Civic Engagement Team attended an all-day event in Aldine Independent School District titled, "Foundation for Change," just before the winter break. The event on Dec. 13 connected district high school students with local government leaders and civic agencies. Former

Civic Engagement Coordinator Avery Spranger served as a panelist while Civic Engagement Specialist Arnaldo Sandoval-Guerrero showcased how the team works with divisions like Head Start, Adult Education and Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment (CASE) for Kids to connect students and families to civics and voting. ★

CROSBY-AREA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE COATS TO BARRETT STATION HEAD START STUDENTS

IN A SHOW OF TRUE GENEROSITY and service to others, members of the Knights of Columbus in Crosby brought special gifts to some of Harris County's youngest learners just before the winter break.

The organization, which was founded on principles of charity, unity and fraternity, dedicates itself to service and civic endeavors. In Crosby, the Knights of Columbus volunteer countless others to help their community – including Barrett Station Head Start and Early Head Start.

The Knights of Columbus donated winter coats to all the young students, a sign of support and kindness for others. The young learners will be able to stay warm, comfortable and safe during the colder winter months, which will impact their well-being and readiness to learn.

Community partners like the Knights of Columbus demonstrate their commitment to students and their



families and HCDE leadership truly appreciates the support to its programs. ★

HOUSTON CHRONICLE SHOWCASES TASTE OF FORTIS ACADEMY'S RECOVERY PRACTICES

HOUSTONIANS RECEIVED an in-depth look at the mission and practices at Fortis Academy in a recent article published by the Houston Chronicle. Education reporters Elizabeth Sander and Ashley Soebroto penned a multi-pronged story that details how the campus partners with local districts to identify students in need of treatment, the growing rate of addiction among Harris County teens and how Fortis utilizes culinary arts and hands-on activities to help students evaluate and manage their emotions. The story follows their half-day visit to the campus in early December, during which Sander and Soebroto spoke with students and staff, observed campus life and gained insight into the specialized support Fortis provides. The visit allowed the pair to thoroughly explain what recovery looks like for students on campus, including their accomplishments and setbacks, and capture the family-like culture that staff promotes by explaining their continued commitment to students' recovery during out-of-school-time hours. 🌟



NEW YEAR AND NEW CHANCES TO LEARN ABOUT FREE EDUCATION



THE MARK OF A NEW YEAR is an opportunity to evaluate one's life and find ways to improve, whether that's working on one's physical health or learning something new. Translations Coordinator Wendy Utterback was invited to Univision 45 to record a segment on its community affairs program "Univision Contigo en la Comunidad," which aired on Jan. 5. She provided insight into the various free education opportunities available to Harris County residents through HCDE's Adult Education program, including English as a Second Language (ESL), Certified Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomy classes. Utterback also explained how children aged 0-5 from low-income families could be enrolled at one of HCDE's 12 Early Head Start or Head Start campuses to begin building the foundation of their education and receive comprehensive nutrition and health screenings through the program. Pictures promoting the divisions, along with the CASE for Kids afterschool program, aired throughout the segment, offering a glimpse into the positive experiences of HCDE students. 🌟



WELCOME TO HCDE

Please join us in welcoming HCDE's new hires for December! Seventeen new faces have joined our Adult Education, CASE for Kids, Communications and Creative Services, Head Start, School-Based Therapy Services and Special Schools divisions.



Beverly Allen
Cook
Head Start



Isabel Banda
Program Assistant
Adult Education



Dale Booth
Substitute teacher
Special Schools



Melody Burr
Recovery Program Coordinator
Fortis Academy



Marixa Frias
Aide
Adult Education



Malik Garris
Cook
Head Start



Yenira Gomez De Castillo
Non-Instructional Aide
Head Start



Makayla Harris
Afterschool Program Specialist
CASE for Kids



Shawn Hill
Custodian
Head Start



Antoinette Hitchens
Assistant Campus Manager
Head Start



Sarah Lafluer
Substitute Teacher
ABS East



Brittany Marcelle
Occupational Therapist
School-Based Therapy Services



Candice Martin
Cook
Head Start



Beatreiz Ramirez Silguero
Custodian
Head Start



Tristan Sowders
Food Service Clerk
Fortis Academy



Vianey Torres
Graphic Designer
Communications & Creative Services



Regina Whitmill
Teacher
Head Start

SYSTEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: WITH PURPOSEFUL INTENT THIS WEEK, THE FOLLOWING BOARD EXPECTATIONS WERE MET:

SUPERINTENDENT OBJECTIVE B: ORGANIZATIONAL MORALE

- Celebrates accomplishments and acknowledges excellence.



January Employee of the Month Richard Sanchez works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure #TeamHCDE can use their computers daily without challenges. His work as IT's senior systems engineer keeps the Department connected so we can better serve our students and families.

AS WE TURN THE CALENDAR from December to January, its more than just celebrating a new year. It marks new beginnings and new opportunities. For us here at Harris County Department of Education, January brings a new spring semester and a renewed chance to make a positive impact on students, families and communities. Let's jump at that opportunity with a recharged mindset.

January is also School Board Recognition Month and #TeamHCDE is eager to celebrate its Board of Trustees and their contributions to Harris County learners. Their service reflects this year's theme, "HCDE is Varsity," a message we introduced at Convocation and have seen in action throughout the Department since August. Trustees regularly show what it means to be "Varsity" through their investment to our community. I look forward to seeing HCDE recognize our trustees throughout January through videos and a special recognition during this month's board meeting.

We kicked off the spring portion of the employee recognition program this week, giving HCDE another opportunity to showcase and highlight the outstanding, unique and hard-working individuals who help the Department achieve its mission to serve families. Our January Employee of the Month is Richard Sanchez, who is an integral part of HCDE's

Information Technology Services division as a senior systems engineer. He's been instrumental in completely revamping and improving the architecture and design of the Department online network. I enjoyed learning about his perseverance, strong work ethic and desire to create a better future for himself and his loved ones. The team's work benefits everyone connected to HCDE and I appreciate leadership recognizing Sanchez for his contributions.

Finally, this week also brings the good news of HCDE welcoming its new Chief Financial Officer. Ann Westbrooks joins us from Spring ISD, where she served 20 years and helped lead the district's budget development and financial strategies. Spring ISD has maintained a top rating in financial accountability during her tenure, successfully passed a major bond election in 2022 and earned multiple Awards of Excellence in Financial Management and Awards of Merit for Purchasing Operations from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. I look forward to having Ms. Westbrooks join HCDE and continue the impactful work we're doing to serve Harris County learners.

By promoting the great work and achievements of our staff, I am meeting the expectation to establish a culture of excellence at HCDE. 🌟



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14
[All-Earth Ecobot Reveal Day \(virtual\)](#)

January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(HCDE Closed)

January 21
School Board Recognition Reception
Board Meeting

January 31
[Early Childhood Winter Conference \(ECWC\)](#)

February 13-16
Presidents Day (Special Schools Closed)

February 16-19
[Texas School Public Relations Association Conference](#)

February 17
[All About Grants and More Workshop](#)