



Fall Pinning Ceremony

My name is Donna Gray and I am the campus P-TECH Administrator

. P-TECH is an early college high school opportunity offered here at Canutillo High School, where students will work towards their Associates Degree at El Paso Community College, while also interning in work based law enforcement opportunities designed to give them real world experience in law enforcement professions.

Welcome cadets, family, and friends of our incoming 9th graders to our pinning ceremony for our incoming P-TECH in Criminal Justice cadets.

Today is a very important milestone in your child's educational journey. Today marks the official beginning of your child's journey to earning their high school diploma, an associates degree, and relevant work experience in the field of criminal justice.

Also, welcome to our cadets, family and friends of our 10th and 11th graders, who will be receiving awards today for having met some of the required benchmarks of the PTECH program. You will notice some of our cadets wearing their uniforms and helping to run tonight's event.

Before we begin, I would like to recognize and introduce some very important key personnel that have made this program and today possible. Dignitaries, would you please stand after I call your name to be recognized.

Job Title	Name
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Associate Superintendent	Dr. Debra Kerney
Chief of Police	Chief Fernando Martinez
Officers	Sargeant Andres Hernandez
CTE Coordinator	Tracy Andrews
Principal	Candice Marrufo
EPCC PTECH Liaison	Lorely Ambriz

Dr. Kerney - would you like to say a few words?

Sergeant Hernandez - would you like to say a few words?

Before we pass out individual awards, I'd like to share some accomplishments P-TECH students have made overall to date:

24-25 accomplishments		
66 P-TECH students		
Cohort 2027 - 13/16 college ready		
Cohort 2028 - 17/21 college ready		
Cohort 2029 - 7/33 college ready starting 9th grade		
Total of 204 college credits earned at the end of 2 years		
Almost all have passed their STAAR exams - most at meets or masters		

AWARDS:

We will start our awards with our first cohort of cadets, class of 2027, who are 11th graders this year. We are so proud of our first P-TECH class and all of their accomplishments over the past 2 years! When I call your name, please come to the stage to receive your award. **(use spreadsheet)**

Next, we will recognize our cadets from the class of 2028. These students had an amazing first year as 9th graders in the program last year, and I encourage our new P-TECH cadets to follow their lead to greatness. When I call your name, please come forward to receive your award. **(use spreadsheet)**

PINNING CEREMONY

Now, we will move on to the induction of our newest group of students into the P-TECH program.

An historic tradition with roots that date back to the Crusades, this Pinning Ceremony officially marks a person's transition from one area or position to another. In this case, these young men and women are transitioning from general middle school coursework to high school advanced academics known as Pathways in Technology Early College High School or P-TECH. In general, the P-TECH program provides students the opportunity to complete a course of study that combines high school and college courses through El Paso Community College in addition to gaining real-world work experience in partnership with our very own Canutillo ISD Police Services operated by Chief Martinez.

If I could have all incoming 9th grade cadets line up along the side of the auditorium, we will call you up one at a time to receive your pin and be welcomed into the P-TECH Criminal Justice Academy.