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# NEWSLETTER



## ILTexas Students Lead Powerful Global Dialogue at Leadership Speaker Series

ILTexas high school students took the lead in hosting a dynamic Leadership Speaker Series event featuring internationally respected experts David J. Firestein and Jim Falk. What made this session remarkable was that students were not just attendees—they organized, hosted, and moderated the entire conversation.

**David J. Firestein** is a respected American diplomat, policy expert, and President & CEO of the George H.W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations. With extensive experience in U.S.-China affairs and international diplomacy, he is widely recognized for his expertise in global relations and cross-cultural engagement.

**Jim Falk** is a veteran global affairs leader and former President & CEO of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. Throughout his career, he has promoted international understanding, civic engagement, and meaningful exchange between global thought leaders and communities.

## Examining global issues through informed conversation and critical insight.

During the session, students spoke with Firestein and Falk about U.S.-China relations, diplomacy, and the role of communication in international affairs. The exchange reflected ILTexas' commitment to fostering global awareness and thoughtful engagement with complex world issues. Click [here](#) to watch.

From coordinating the event to posing substantive questions on geopolitical topics, students demonstrated preparation, poise, and intellectual curiosity—qualities that underscore the school's focus on developing capable, globally aware young adults.



International Student Representative Jerry Deng Greets Guests  
February 13, 2026

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## Honoring Cultural Tradition: Lunar New Year on Campus

ILTexas Private High School recently celebrated Lunar New Year with a vibrant campus event that brought students together through performances, cultural activities, and shared traditions. Students took the stage with music and dance, while international and local students alike participated in hands-on experiences such as practicing Chinese calligraphy and learning kung fu techniques. The celebration offered an opportunity not only to enjoy the festivities, but also to deepen cultural understanding and appreciate the heritage behind the traditions—reflecting ILTexas PHS's commitment to global awareness and cross-cultural learning.



Student Performance at ILTexas PHS  
February 21, 2026



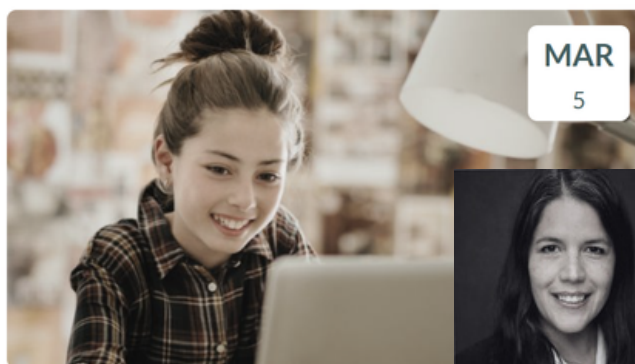
The International Team from ILTexas HQ

## DORM & TRAVEL REMINDER

Spring Break will take place **March 16–20**. If your student plans to travel during this time, please submit their travel plan by the first week of March.

Upcoming student trips:

- **April 4–11:** 9th graders and new students — Texas Trip
- **April 5–11:**
  - Returning 10th & 11th grade students — Boston Trip
  - Returning 12th grade students — New York Trip



Dr. Carrasco

## AI for Student Success – Live Virtual Parent Event

### *Leadership Skills for the Future*

ILTexas, in partnership with SmartSocial, invites families to a live virtual parent event featuring **Dr. Laura Carrasco-Navarrete** and national experts. The session will explore how artificial intelligence is transforming the way students learn, study, and prepare for future careers—and how parents can better support their children in an AI-driven world.

**Thursday, March 5 | 6:00 PM (CST)**

Register [here](#) or scan the QR Code



Wishing You a Joyful Lunar New Year

祝您春节快乐，阖家幸福！

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới – An khang thịnh vượng!

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— ILTexas International Team



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