



## Parent Engagement in Region 20

### P-20 NEWSLETTER

**January 2017**

Dear Parents/Families,

The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives wishes you a Happy New Year and Happy National Mentoring Month. The start of a new year is a great time to renew your commitment to helping your child develop a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives

#### **San Antonio Celebrates MLK Day with a DREAMWEEK Summit January 6-21, 2017**

Did you know that San Antonio has the largest Martin Luther King Jr. March in the entire nation? This year it is part of many special events happening during a DREAMWEEK SUMMIT meant to foster the exchange of ideas on universal issues in order to advance the voices of tolerance, equality, and diversity. The January, city-wide summit takes place in and around downtown San Antonio. To find events specifically for youth visit [dreamweek.org](http://dreamweek.org).

#### **January is National Mentoring Month**

Young Adults who were at Risk for falling off track but had a mentor are 55% more likely to enroll in college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, 90% more likely to become a mentor and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions. Learn more about mentoring, becoming a mentor or helping your child find a mentor at <http://www.mentoring.org/why-mentoring/mentoring-impact/>.

#### **UTSA Ready's next Countdown to College event is Saturday, January 7**

High school Juniors and Seniors who are interested in applying to UTSA are encouraged to register for "Countdown to College: Plan, Prepare, Pursue" on Saturday, January 7. For more information and to register, visit <https://utsa.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Admissions/pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=2a4fee85-f8a5-e611-80da-12a3e89bd30f>

#### **The new Centers for Applied Science and Technology (CAST Tech) campus in San Antonio is accepting applications for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders through March 10, 2017**

CAST Tech High School, the highly anticipated new in-district charter high school in San Antonio ISD will be accepting applications for incoming 9th graders January 3- March 10, 2017. The school will scale grades 9-12 as the inaugural class of 150 students advances. The new high school is a collaboration between SAISD and the business and tech communities. The school is located at the newly renovated Fox Tech High School campus and will allow students to participate in internships and experiential learning opportunities with entrepreneurs and leaders in coding, cyber security, gaming and more. Read the Rivard Report for more on this story: <https://therivardreport.com/cast-tech-announces-new-principal-and-application-dates/>. Visit the SAISD website to learn more about CAST Tech: <http://www.saisd.net/schools/casttech/>.

#### **Sculpting Texan Culture is Sunday, January 8, 2017**

Learn about the art of sculpting with your family at this free event at the Institute of Texan Cultures. Explore the imaginative and diverse culture of sculpture and other three-dimensional arts in Texas. Meet local artists and participate in hands-on activities, specialized tours, demonstrations, and family and community activities. Visit the ITC's website to learn more about this event: [http://www.texancultures.com/events/sculpting\\_texan\\_culture/](http://www.texancultures.com/events/sculpting_texan_culture/)