



Dear Vanguard Academy Parents,

We would like to inform you that we met with all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Vanguard Academy students to present some great opportunities to them. We provided all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students with the information on how and what they needed to become members of the **Vanguard Academy University Scholars Program**. I am excited to share with you that Vanguard Academy will be having **FREE** ACT Prep Sessions starting in early October for those students who wish to be a part of the **Vanguard Academy University Scholars Program**, and who would like to participate in the ACT College Entrance Exam for free. Vanguard Academy will be posting the dates for all prep sessions as well as the date for the exams on our website, and we will also be making announcements at all three of our secondary schools located in Alamo, Edinburg and Pharr. This information will also be posted in the google classroom and the Vanguard Academy website and throughout the campuses.

In meeting with our students they were full of excitement for this great opportunity and are looking forward to participating in our **mandatory Saturday prep sessions**. These Prep Sessions will assist our students in being successful the day of the ACT Exam. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact each of our campuses and speak with their administration. The following are the phone numbers for each of our campuses that will be participating in the Vanguard Academy University Scholars Program, Mrs. Angelica Martinez, Principal at Beethoven Secondary (956) 318-0211, Mrs. Sandra Cabrera, Principal at Mozart Secondary (956) 223-2030, Mrs. Maria Farias, Principal at Rembrandt Secondary (956) 283-0600. Please review the opportunities below along with the specific criteria for each group of colleges and universities our Vanguard Academy University Scholars will have the potential to visit at no cost to them if they meet the criteria set forth below.

**Vanguard Academy**  
**University Scholars Program**

**Group 1**

**There will be 45 slots for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Vanguard Academy students to visit Ivy League Schools during the Summer of 2020, and who meet the criteria to attend. Students being selected depends on whether they attend **mandatory** ACT Preparation on Saturdays starting in October. Please be on the lookout in the near future on the starting dates for the ACT Prep and Exams. The slots will be distributed between the three**

**Secondary schools at Vanguard Academy. Students must be current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who have shown an interest through college applications, essays and educational pathways.**

**Ivy League Schools to be visited**

1. Harvard
2. MIT
3. Penn
4. Princeton
5. Yale

**9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades**

**Beethoven 15 slots**

**Mozart 15 slots**

**Rembrandt 15 slots**

**Criteria to participate**

1. Freshmen 24-26 on the ACT
2. Sophomores 25-26 on the ACT
3. Juniors 26 on the ACT
4. In great standing academically with their grades
5. In great standing with attendance no more than 2 absences per semester
6. In great standing with behavior no referrals
7. Three letters of recommendation from their teachers
8. Attend All Prep Sessions

## Vanguard Academy University Scholars Program

### Group 2

There will be 45 slots possibly more for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Vanguard Academy students to visit Universities and Colleges in the State of Texas during the Summer of 2020, and who meet the criteria to attend. Students being selected depends on whether they attend mandatory ACT Preparation on Saturdays starting in October. Please be on the lookout in the near future on the starting dates for the ACT Prep and Exams. The slots will be distributed between the three Secondary schools at Vanguard Academy. Students must be current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who have shown an interest through college applications, essays and educational pathways.

### Texas Colleges and Universities to be visited

1. University of Texas, Austin
2. Texas State
3. Texas A & M College Station
4. Rice University
5. University of Texas-San Antonio
6. Our Lady of the Lake University

### 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades

**Beethoven 15 slots**

**Mozart 15 slots**

**Rembrandt 15 slots**

### Criteria to participate

1. Freshmen 19-22 on the ACT
2. Sophomores 19-22 on the ACT
3. Juniors 19-26 on the ACT
4. In great standing academically with their grades
5. In great standing with attendance no more than 2 absences per semester
6. In great standing with behavior no referrals
7. Three letters of recommendation from their teachers
8. Attend all Prep Sessions