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Summer Newsletter

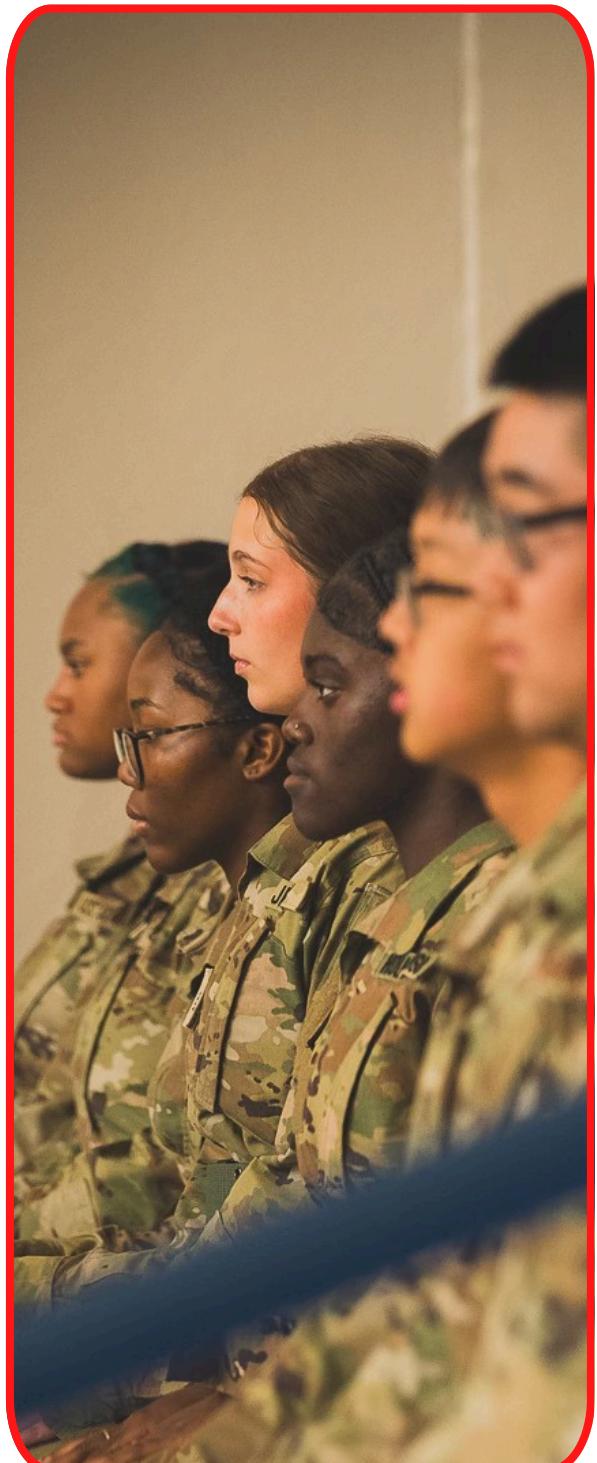
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Upcoming Events

- 9/12 Bellaire vs. Pasadena Football Game Color Guard
- 9/17 Freshman Parent Meeting
- 9/19 Blood Drive #1
- 9/12 Bellaire vs. Sam Houston Football Game Color Guard

Quote Of The Month

"Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen."
-DR. SUKHRAJ DHILLON



Battalion Commander's Corner



Welcome everyone to the 2025-2026 school year, I hope we all had an enjoyable or relaxed summer. As we start off this new year, ahead of us we have many upcoming events, and I am looking forward to meeting all of you. The JROTC 20th Cardinal Battalion has already been working hard with events such as the annual CLTT Workshop and assisting with laptop handouts for all grade levels. There is no doubt that everyone's effort contributes to having a better battalion and school year. The staff and I are looking forward to starting off strong and improving the battalion this year.

-C/CPT Genesis Mendieta BN CDR

JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge



“I would like to say that JCLC has really helped me change and mature over the days I spent. I got to be First Sergeant of my company, Bravo Bears, for the last 2 ½ days and it really helped me bring out my true self while learning how to become a leader. When I was selected as First Sergeant, I was really excited yet a bit nervous since it was my first time and I didn't know what to do as a First Sergeant. JCLC really helped improve my social skills and helped me become a better person than I was before. JCLC isn't just some summer camp for cadets to learn robotics or do physical activities but it is a community that helps bring different cadets from different schools together and have each other's back whenever. If I were able to do JCLC again, I would be so happy and excited to go see and meet new people.”

-C/CPL Jocelyn Garcia

HISD Cadet Leadership & Team Training



C/CSM Kate Oguntoyinbo was ready for the cadet leadership program to learn about the roles and responsibilities of her leadership position. The first day went by smoothly, mostly introductions but learned about the command groups responsibilities. She was partnered up with the BC and

XO, Genesis Mendieta and Camilla Flanigan. The following day consisted of all the command groups from the different schools speaking about the changes that they want to see in their battalion. Kate's vision for this school year as the CSM is to find a way to make afterschool practice more productive and constructive for the upcoming competitions.

-C/CSM Kate Oguntoyinbo BN CSM

Texas Girls State

From June 15 to the 21st, C/CPT Castro Attended Texas Bluebonnet Girls state at Texas Lutheran University, traveling to Seguin, TX to learn about the fundamentals of state government. She spent a week making friends and forming connections all while participating in a simulated government run by women. "Being surrounded by such accomplished and determined women was such an inspiring experience-I've made so many friends I'll keep for a lifetime, and it truly was the highlight of my summer

-C/CPT Angelina Castro BN S2

Cardinal Camp



C/CPT Siara was excited when she found out JROT had slots to perform for the upcoming Cardinal Camp. She knew it'd be a great opportunity for recruiting incoming freshmen into the JROTC, and hopefully the Unarmed Drill Team. The JROTC

Unarmed Team does a short 4 minute performance at Cardinal Camp. She practiced with her teammates for two days, using a short piece of the team's competition exhibition routine. She was nervous before stepping onto the gym floor

in front of most of the school. But once she began performing, it was all muscle memory for her and she knows she did well.

-C/CPT Siara Robles