

GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT



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Imagine their Futures!



Our students have earned some amazing honors, awards, and scholarships. See a few below!

Pooja Kumar, Academic Excellence Scholarship with Distinction (full tuition plus yearly stipend) to the University of Texas, Dallas.

Shruti Shah, \$106,000 in awards from the Trustee Distinguished Scholarship and National Merit Foundation to attend Rice University.

Weston Shores, full tuition Corps Scholarship to Texas A&M, and 4-year army contract.

Archit Oswal, NSLI-Y Critical Language Scholarship, year abroad in Moldova.

Shailee Modi, full athletic soccer scholarship to the University of Houston.

The Global Studies Academy is proud to announce that **16** GSA high school seniors were **semi-finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program**, with 15 going on to be Finalists. These 16 seniors were among 82 named in Fort Bend ISD and 16,000 in the nation. The **15 Finalists** are among 71 in Fort Bend ISD and 15,000 in the nation. In addition, GSA Seniors **Dhruva Karkada, Ashwin Hareesh, Meghan Nguyen, and Varun Rajaram** were awarded scholarships through the National Merit program.

Global Studies Academy students love to give back to our community! The class of 2015, comprised of only 48 students volunteered more than **8,000 hours** in the Fort Bend and Houston community. This year's class of 2017 has volunteered over **15,000 volunteer hours**. Between the classes of 2015-2020, total volunteer hours through May of 2017 totaled **53,470.26 hours!**

Madison Taylor and **Ross Trivisonno**, class of 2017, were two of 19 selected to participate in the District's exchange program with **Foshan #2 High School** in China. In partnership with the **Fort Bend County Global Initiative**.

The **Global Studies Academy**, in partnership with the **U.S. Department of State**, piloted the **"Adopt an Embassy"** high school program. The program focuses on exposing high school students to careers in the Foreign Service and allows students to speak directly to embassy officers abroad.

The **U. S. State Department** offers a variety of competitive scholarships. **Romic Aevaz, Morgan Batiste-Simms, Megan Kallus, Archit Oswal, and Michael Yu** are recipients of the US State Department's **prestigious NSLI-Y scholarship for Critical Language** study. **Bianca Navia** was awarded the **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship** for the 2015-2016 school year. **Varun Rajaram, Jasmine McClam, and Anton Zhou** were recipients of the **American Youth Leadership Program** to Ecuador.

Andy Wei and **Anton Zhou** set two new records at the Houston Rodeo School Art Auction. Andy Wei sold his Grand Champion art piece for **\$235,000** and Anton Zhou, the Reserve Champion, sold his piece for **\$221,000**.



Karim Farishta, a 2013 GSA graduate and 2016 graduate of The George Washington University, has immersed himself in human rights advocacy and international affairs. He studied abroad in Nepal, Jordan, and Chile to collect testimonies of displaced and resettled refugees. He has also served as an intern in the **White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs** and as an Investigations Intern at the **USAID Office of Inspector General**. He is a recipient of the nationally-recognized **Truman and Boren Scholarships**. Karim worked in the **White House Office of Management and Administration** – White House Personnel, as one of the youngest employees. Karim is now in **Sri Lanka** studying as a **Fulbright** recipient.

STUDENTS IN ACTION



Our students are encouraged to travel and study abroad on educational and/or service learning trips. Our Booster Club has grants available to aid our students and THS is a CIEE partner.



Senior students must take the Academy Capstone course. Capstone includes a Spring Action event. Pictured here are some students hosting a Discovery Cart at the HMNS.



Community service is a cornerstone of the Global Studies Academy. Students participate in a wide variety of service both individually and as a group. Pictured above is Bel-Inizio.



Students actively recruit new students for the Global Studies Academy during their 8th grade at Open House and to take Japanese, one of the seven languages at Travis High School.



Students within the Global Studies Academy are active in all aspects of campus life ranging from athletics, to fine arts, to STEM organizations and a wide range of clubs.



Students develop leadership skills by being part of the officer group, acting as peer mentors, leading cultural presentations, and planning events in the community.

FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

FBISD Global Studies



Academy Highlights

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Inspired by Our Mission

The Global Studies Academy (GSA) was originally established at Clements HS in 2008 as the Global Languages Academy (GLA) and celebrated its first graduating class in 2012. The Global Studies Academy was born that same school year, graduating its first class in 2015. The 2015-2016 school year brought another exciting change for the program as it transitioned to its current campus, Travis HS.

MISSION: The Global Studies Academy strives to educate and equip students to effectively solve the problems that will challenge the societies of the future

VISION: The Global Studies Academy inspires students with an education that promotes cultural awareness, requires excellence in scholarship, and continuously evolves with the progression of humanity.



ENROLLMENT & STUDENT INFO:

- **203** students currently enrolled in the Global Studies Academy
- **86** seniors, **25** juniors, **38** sophomores, and **54** freshmen
- **363** students applied for admission for the 2017-2018 school year
- **54** students have committed to becoming the incoming freshman class for the 2017-2018 school year
- **24%** of students are currently zoned to the host Academy campus

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Students in the Global Studies Academy are required to participate in at least 4 enrichment activities each year. The purpose of the enrichment activities requirement is to have students experience the world outside the confines of the classroom walls. For the 2015-2016 school year, over 60 opportunities existed for our students and for the 2016-2017 school year we had over 80 opportunities! Some examples of enrichment activities that students participated in, in the 2016-2017 school year are:

- A More Perfect Union
- Adopt an Embassy Outreach Events: Panama Canal Simulation; a Conversation with Ambassador Feeley
- AKDN Partnership Walk
- FBEP, CHS, & THS International Festivals
- Gender Equality through Education
- Global Issues Summit
- Hindustani Classical Music
- Houston Sister Cities Seminar
- International Law Clinic
- Pre-Approved Travel Abroad
- Student led monthly Cultural and Language Presentations
- The Compassion Experience: An Interactive Tour of Life in the Developing World
- The Power of Possibility (Teach the Future)
- World Affairs Council of Houston International Career Night
- World Affairs Council of Houston Seminars and Workshops
- World Speech Day

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Students in the Global Studies Academy are encouraged to pursue all of their interests, including those that are closely related to the fields of humanities, language, culture, philanthropy, science, technology, medicine, and business. Students are involved in and hold leadership roles within many of the clubs and organizations at Clements High School and Travis High School. Students in the Global Studies Academy are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service each year until they reach a total of 100 hours. Some examples of campus and community involvement are:

Clubs/Organizations:

- Academic UIL
- International Club
- Language Clubs and Honor Societies
- Model U.N.
- DECA

Service & Community Outreach:

- Bel-Inizio Fun Run Kid Zone
- Public/Community Capstone Spring Actions:
 - Gender Equality through Women's Education in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Armstrong Elementary Soccer Club
 - Art Auction benefitting FBISD
 - Discovery Cart at the HMNS
- Partnership Walk, AKDN
- Global Issues Summit
- Houston Food Bank Group Volunteering

2016 CAMPUS ACCOUNTABILITY

Clements High School and Travis High School received 2016 campus accountability ratings of **Met Standard** based on overall student achievement, progress, performance of identified student groups, and post-secondary readiness. Under the state's accountability system based on the STAAR test, campuses and districts receive either Met Standard or Improvement Required ratings. Clements High School also received **four distinctions** for high performance in **reading/ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies**. Clements also received distinction designations for **postsecondary readiness, top 25% student progress, and top 25% closing performance gaps**. Travis High School received a distinction designation for **science**.

KEEP IN TOUCH & UP-TO-DATE!

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EQUIP

Equipped for Success

Our students are college ready!

Our students go on to study a variety of fields in their post-secondary education. A sampling of their majors are:

- Biology & PreMed
- Business Administration
- Commerce
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- German Language & Culture
- Global Studies
- Government & Urban Studies
- International Business
- International Development
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Public Relations
- Russian Geopolitical Studies
- Spanish Language & Culture

FORT BEND ISD ACADEMIES

Fort Bend ISD High School Academies exist to provide specialized learning communities with concentrated and robust course pathways comprised of career and academic classes.

The Five Dimensions of Academies

1. Relevance
2. Rigor
3. Connections
4. Research
5. Community



POST SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Our students attend a variety of post-secondary institutions, below are a few that our students are currently attending or have attended:

- American University
- Baylor University
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Emory University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- New York University
- Rice University
- Stanford University
- Texas A & M
- The George Washington University
- Tulane University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Texas

ACADEMY ADVANTAGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Being in an Academy can provide many advantages and opportunities for students. Some advantages in the Global Studies Academy are:

- Small learning communities
- Co-horted classes
- Grade level, curriculum based field trips
- Strong parent support and Booster Club
- Travel grants and study abroad opportunities
- Opportunities for student leadership
- Networking and hands-on experiences
- Development of soft skills for leadership in a globalized world

GRADUATION RATE

Class of 2015	
4-year graduation rate.....	100%
Campus average (CHS).....	96.2%
District average.....	94.3%
State average.....	89%

ACADEMY STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership Group:

- President
- Vice-President
- Master Mentors
- Secretary
- Enrichment Coordinators
- Events Committee
- Volunteer Committee
- PR Committee
- Historian Committee
- Inter-Academy Liaison
- Global Issues Summit Coordinator

Additional Information:

Our Academy student leadership group participates in a District-wide Academy student leadership cadre each term. These cadres allow for student leaders from each Academy to share best practices. In addition, the parent Booster Club leaders are invited/included at times to bolster relationships.

Students not directly involved in the leadership/officer group still have leadership opportunities through committee work and our **mentor program for incoming 9th graders**.

ACADEMY COURSES & ENDORSEMENTS (Classes of 2019 & Beyond)

Arts & Humanities

Multidisciplinary Studies

Academy programs of study are aligned with House Bill 5, laying the groundwork for graduation and career planning. The outlined course of study ensures that students complete a rigorous set of courses within the focal point of the Academy. In addition to the courses listed below, students must earn at least 5 credits in Social Studies.

	Required Course 1	Required Course 2	Required Course 3
9 th grade	ELA I Pre-AP	World Geo Pre-AP	Foreign Language I
10 th grade	ELA II Pre-AP	World History: AP or On Level	Foreign Language II
11 th grade	AP ELA III	AP Human Geo/Global Bus	Foreign Language III Pre-AP
12 th grade	AP ELA IV or ELA IV CN	Academy Capstone	Foreign Language IV AP

*Course offerings are subject to change in the event that the Texas Education Agency makes changes to approved courses and/or due to low enrollment.