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From Castleberry ISD

Joy James Academy of Leadership Students Showcase Leadership Culture at Leader in Me National Symposium



Excitement and anticipation filled the halls of Joy James Academy of Leadership on Friday morning as weeks of thoughtful planning and preparation came to fruition. Joy James Academy of Leadership, an elementary school within Castleberry ISD, students and staff proudly welcomed 60 educators from across the country for an official Leader in Me school tour.

The Leader in Me National Symposium for 2023 was held in Dallas this year. The Symposium is an annual event that brings together educators throughout the United States who are on a common mission to grow and learn as they share best practices.

In November, representatives from the Leader in Me organization approached the administration at Joy James encouraging the campus to apply to be a host campus for the 2023 Symposium. In January it was announced that Joy James had been chosen to



be one of ten selected campuses.

Lion Ambassadors, Joy James' student leadership team, led 11 groups on a comprehensive tour of the campus to showcase the many academic and social accomplishments. Students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade were stationed throughout the campus to explain all the ways leadership is part of the campus culture.

The Leader in Me journey for Joy James started four years ago with a shared vision for growth in academics and student empowerment.

The process included leadership training for staff and students based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Using these philosophies, students learn to take ownership of their learning by setting academic goals,



tracking their progress, and celebrating their successes.

Joy James Academy of Leadership has continued to thrive and earned an A rating from TEA for the 2021-2022 school year. This was just one of many accomplishments shared with Symposium guests.

Students can definitely lead the way when empowered and given the opportunity. This was evident throughout the tour and every day at Joy James Academy of Leadership. Their accomplishments were inspiring to all.

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From the City of River Oaks

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April 1

The Fort Worth Crud Cruiser is scheduled to be at the City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. on Saturday, April 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. to collect household hazardous waste.

Some collection tips include: keep products in original, marked containers. If unlabeled, please label contents clearly; place leaking containers in a second container of like material (glass for corrosives, metal for flammables); place items securely in boxes or bins (no trash bags) in the trunk of the car or bed of pickup.

Accepted items include acids, fluorescent light bulbs, aerosol cans, herbicides, antifreeze, mercury thermostats, batteries (all kinds, including car batteries) motor oil and filters, brake fluid, paint, stain and thinners, pest strips, cooking oil, pesticides, craft and hobby chemicals, degreaser, photo chemicals, drain cleaner, solvents, fertilizer and transmission fluid.



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Castleberry High School Hosts Annual Lion Relays

Castleberry High School hosted one of the longest standing high school track meets in DFW on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The track meet began back in 1986, the first year the old cinder track was replaced by an all-weather track surface. At least 10 schools competed on a cold, damp day at the CHS track facility.

The highlight for CHS was the first place finish by the boys varsity Sprint Medley Relay (SMR) team (see individual results further below).

Varsity team results are below:

Girls	Boys
1. Little Elm - 117	1. Alvarado - 94
2. SW Christian - 117	2. Anna - 89.5
3. Anna - 68	3. Little Elm - 85
4. THESA - 58	4. SW Christian - 62
5. Alvarado - 31	5. Castleberry - 46
6. South Hills - 29	6. THESA - 30
7. Int.Leadershi - 17	7. South Hills - 16.5
8. Castleberry - 12	8. YMLA.- 2
9. Poly - 2	9. Poly - 1
10.YWLA - 1	

Top six individual results for the varsity boys and girls squads:

Girls

SMR (Fourth Place – 2:11.68)

Lesly Martinez (Jr.)
Angelique Sanchez (Soph.)
Alexandria Rivera (Fresh.)
Jayla Blanco (Jr.)

Discus

Second – Anna Medina (Sr.)-103’3 ½”

Boys

SMR (First Place - 1:41.75)

Isiah Garcia (Jr.)
Alejandro Silva (Sr.)
Diego Torres (Sr.)
Alex Veliz (Jr.)

4x800 Relay (Second Place-10:16.73)

Chris Montoya (Soph.)
Isaac Guerrero (Sr.)
Diego Torres (Sr.)
Alejandro Silva (Sr.)

4x400 Relay (Third Place3:42.52)

Riley Bentley (Jr.)
Daniel Ortiz (Soph.)
Jose Alvarado (Jr.)
Diego Torres (Sr.)

4x100 Relay (Fifth Place-47.69)

Jose Alvarado (Jr.)
Diego Torres (Sr.)
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Isaiah Ford (Fresh.)

4x200 Relay (Fifth Place1:39.92)

Jose Alvarado (Jr.)
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Demetrius Valadez (Soph.)
Isaac Guerrero (Sr.)

Dist.MedleyRelay (Fifth Place-13:13.3)

Chris Montoya (Soph.)
Riley Bentley (Jr.)
Isaac Guerrero (Sr.)
Vann Goines (Fresh.)

Shot Put

Third – Saul Becerra(Soph) - 41’ ½”
Fifth – Miguel Rojas (Sr.) - 39’5 ½”

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Fourth – Vann Goines (Fresh.) – 12:07.23

First Monday Quilt Club - Come Join the Fun!

Start the New Year in a wonderful way by joining the fun and having fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community and bless others by making quilts for Project Linus.

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on the first Monday of each month at Bethany Christian Church located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instead of a potluck lunch, ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, March 6.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and the members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness.

Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships.

High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit the website at www.projectlinus.org.

For more information about the First Monday Quilt Club, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.



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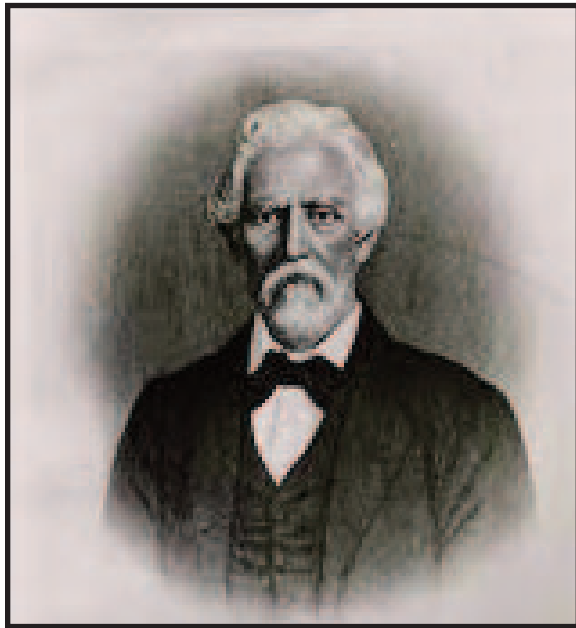
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Texas Lawyer, Politician and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence - Samuel Augustus Maverick *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

Samuel Augustus Maverick came to Texas with a dream of making a fortune in land sales. In the process, he became one of the most memorable characters in the history of the state and an important figure in its early history. In the process, he became the original “maverick.”



Maverick was born in 1803 in South Carolina. His father was a planter and real estate speculator. The younger Maverick was educated by tutors at home and later attended Yale University, graduating in 1825.

Upon graduation, he returned to the family plantation where he inherited his father’s passion for dabbling in real estate investments. He decided to become a lawyer and apprenticed himself under a Virginia judge, becoming part of the Virginia bar in 1829. He returned home once again and opened a law office. In 1830, he ran for the South Carolina House of Representatives but lost the race. Maverick was a committed Unionist in a state where secessionist sentiment was growing. Frustrated, Maverick left for Georgia in 1833 and then to Alabama in 1834.

He saw the many opportunities to be had in Texas and arrived in March 1835. When he arrived, he found a land on the brink of war. He arrived in San Antonio in October as Texas settlers began surrounding the city and laying siege to it. Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cos, commanding the 650 troops in San Antonio, did not trust the motivations of Maverick and immediately had him arrested. He was released in December, upon which Maverick immediately told the Texans to attack.

In 1847, he bought a herd of 400 cattle. Soon, Maverick became synonymous with the term “maverick,” meaning an unbranded calf. He claimed that he refused to brand his cattle because he did not want to inflict unnecessary pain on the creatures so his cattle remained unbranded. His contemporary critics claimed that it made it easier for Maverick to claim other unbranded cattle as his own though there is very little evidence of his claiming cattle that were not his own. Branding is a routine practice among ranchers to this day, with its use dating as far back as ancient Egypt thousands of years ago. It was a common practice in Spain during the Middle Ages, and the tradition was brought to the New World and used by cattlemen in what was then Spanish territories like Mexico and Texas. Maverick’s defenders pointed out that his primary interest

was in real estate and not cattle. Whatever Maverick’s true motivations were remain clouded, but his stubbornness on the subject became widely known. As a result, “maverick” gained another popular meaning, someone who is independent or unconventional in his thinking.

With Mexico preparing to take the Alamo with overwhelming force, Texans were attempting to organize a new, independent government. Alamo defenders decided that he should leave the garrison to represent the defenders. Maverick managed to leave the Alamo and escape the Mexican Army on March 2, just as Texas delegates were declaring independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos. He arrived on March 5 and participated in the early discussions about the future government of Texas and how it would win the fight with Mexico. The Alamo would fall on March 6, and Maverick would learn the sad fate of the defenders shortly afterward. He fell ill, which left him largely unable to participate in the remainder of the conflict.

He married just after the war in 1836. He and his wife would have 10 children together. In 1838, he built a home in San Antonio and was elected mayor. At that point, San Antonio was still a small city of around 3,000 souls, tiny compared to the modern metropolis that it has since become.

In 1850, he was elected to the state legislature. He would serve for the next 12 years. Maverick worked for an efficient justice system and for fairness for both German and Mexican residents of his district. And he worked to ensure it was easier to buy land. By 1851, he owned more than 140,000 acres; and his holdings were growing. He was already one of the largest landholders in western Texas. After doing some construction work on his property in 1852, he discovered that the retreating Mexican Army in 1836 had buried 13 out of the 21 cannons used at the Battle of the Alamo. Maverick donated them for historic preservation. Out of respect for his achievements, Maverick County was established on the Rio Grande in his honor in 1856.

When Texas considered secession in early 1861, Gov. Sam Houston was strongly opposed. Maverick supported Houston and the Union. Unionists across the state faced strong-arm tactics and death threats, including Houston. Seeing that secession was inevitable and facing intense pressure, Maverick reluctantly voted at the secession convention in favor of Texas leaving the Union.

He was elected mayor of San Antonio once again, serving a second two-year term in 1862 and 1863. San Antonio now had a population of nearly 10,000, swelling as the war progressed. During this time, Maverick also served as a judge for Bexar County.

Maverick remained active in Democratic politics in the years after the Civil War. His land holdings expanded to 300,000 acres. He died quietly at his home in 1870 at age 67. His grandson, Maury Maverick, became a congressman representing San Antonio in the 1930s and was himself a respected figure in the city.

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PM - Clear; low around 41. N/NW wind 5-10mph becoming S/SE after midnight.



Saturday, March 4:

AM - Sunny; high near 65. S wind 10-15mph becoming N/NW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25mph.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 40.



Sunday, March 5:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 68.
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 51.

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