

	<h1 style="font-family: cursive;">Academy of Science and Technology</h1> <h2>NEWCLIPPINGS</h2> <p>Dr. Susan Caffery, Headmaster Volume 14 Issue 28 April 30, 2021</p>
Upcoming Events	<p>From the Headmaster</p> <p>Please read our exciting news below!</p>
Apr 30 TWCP Prom	<p>Susan M. Caffery, Ed.D. LPC</p> <hr/>
May 3 PAST General Meeting; Freshman Parent Dessert Reception	<p>Academy Students Awards at Recent Music Competition</p> <p>Congratulations to the following Academy students for their accomplishments at the recent Cypress Creek Music Teachers Association competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Rodgers, Level 9 Honorable Mention • Sofia Valdes, Level 10- 3rd Place • Renee Schoellman, Level 11- 1st5 Place • Nathan Nguyen, 4th Place
May 7 AST Underclassmen Awards	<p>Academy Students Qualify for State Tennis</p> <p>Congratulations to Olaf Persson and Caitlin Behne for qualifying for the UIL Tennis State Championships. They will represent TWCP on May 20 & 21. They are the first 6A State Qualifiers for TWCP Tennis!</p>
May 16 AST Senior Gala	<p>Academy Students compete at DECA Finals</p> <p>Congratulations to the following Academy students who will compete virtually in the DECA finals this Friday. They are in the top10% internationally!</p>
May 17 TWCP Senior Awards	<p>International Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakshay Nagpal • Jack Pittenger • Pranav Somani
May 18 Senior Exams 1,2	<p>Community Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siddanth Pachipala • Ada Wang • Olivia Ye
May 19 Senior Exams 3,6	<p>Financial Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanuja Manage • Zoe Yu
May 20 Senior Exams 4,7	



<p>May 21 All 5th Exam</p>	<p>Academy Underclassmen Award Ceremony The annual Academy Underclassmen Award Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 7 from 1pm-2:30pm in the auditorium. All Academy students who are on campus are expected to report to the auditorium after 5th period.</p>
<p>May 21 AST Donut Day</p>	<p>Students are recognized for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Exploration Credits (receive the Exploration patch). • Science Fair (earning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at SEFH)
<p>May 24 TWCP Grad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DI (Earning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at State) • Envirothon • Junior Awards
<p>Parents may come. Everyone is expected to wear a mask and socially distance.</p>	
<p>UT Virtual Academies</p>	
<p>The University of Texas at Austin is offering several academies this summer. Some of these are the following:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy for Women • Academy for All • Academy for Robotics • Academy for IOS Mobile Application Development • Academy for Game Development 	
<p>These academies are week-long programs that are held virtually and will count toward exploration credit. There are scholarships available.</p>	
<p>For more information go to https://www.cs.utexas.edu/outreach/academies/robotics.</p>	
<p>EfTA Distinguished Speaker Series</p>	
<p>Education for Tomorrow Alliance is hosting a spring Distinguished Lecture Series. The Upcoming speakers include:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 6 – Dr. Sheree Hughes, Associate Professor of Forensic Science and Sam Houston State University. 	
<p>www.efta-us.org prior to the event to receive a link for the lecture.</p>	
<p>EfTA is also sponsoring Podcasts “What I Wish I Knew” to introduce high school students to young professionals and their careers.</p>	
<p>Summer Enrichment/Research Programs for Students</p>	

Many colleges and universities are posting their summer programs for students. Many of the programs will count for an internship for our students if they meet the following criteria:

- Programs- not courses.
- Last 2-3 weeks or more

Some programs utilized include:

- National Youth Leadership Programs in Medicine, Engineering, and Computer Science
- Rice University Aerospace & Aviation Academy
<https://www.envisionexperience.com/explore-our-programs/aerospace-and-aviation-academy>
- Envision Summer Programs
<https://www.envisionexperience.com/program-catalog>
- University of Rochester Summer Programs
<https://enrollment.rochester.edu/precollege/intensive-studies/>
- University of Texas at Austin Summer High School Research Academy (online)
<https://cns.utexas.edu/tides/k-12/high-school-summer-research-academy>

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Please reach out to your HR department and inquire what the company is willing to do for this critical community support. You may also find this info at: <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/support/company-matching-gifts/> Recent local area examples of companies who have matched gifts: *Rockwell Automation, Shell Oil, Hewlett Packard, Anadarko, Lexicon, Exxon Mobil, BHP, Intel, AT&T,*

Chevron, GE, Linn Energy, Conocco Philips, AON Foundation, BHP Billion and JK Group.

Thank you for all you contribute as a volunteer and as a financial donor! PAST's annual grant made to AST is used to fund lab and classroom equipment and various educational events and we could not do this without your support. **To join PAST please go to <http://web.pastforthefuture.org/get-involved/>.**

AST Senior Gala

SENIOR GALA UPDATE

We are less than 2 months from our Senior Gala to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our graduating seniors. The event will be hosted at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott on May 16 and our theme this year is *Avengers*. We want to plan a fun and beautiful evening befitting our students' achievements and hard work, but we need help to make that happen. Invitations have been mailed - SENIOR PARENTS PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESPONSES ASAP SO WE CAN PLAN SEATING ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

We have created an Amazon Wish List for items that need to be purchased for the event (primarily for table decorations) - if you would like to support our event, please feel free to purchase an item off our wish list to minimize our expenses. (Thank you to all those who have already purchased items - we are incredibly grateful for your support and generosity!)

Amazon Wish List for Senior Gala

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BFJ43UAV236U?ref=wl_share

We also need **volunteers** to help put together decorations, set up the day before and day of the event, and cleanup after the event. Our first workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 at the home of gala co-chair Melissa Jurik (14 Berryview Court). We will plan to work outdoors and utilize masks. We appreciate any assistance you can provide - *many hands make light work!*

Sign Up Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ba9aa2aa75-senior>

If you have any questions regarding this event, feel free to reach us at astseniorbanquet@gmail.com.

Your Gala Co-Chairs,
Yamel Banales, Melissa Jurik, Celeste Puza. Nishma Shah

PAST News

Teacher Appreciation

The **Teacher Appreciation Committee** provides a nice lunch for our AST teachers and staff once a month. The lunches will be a bit different this year since we will not be able to enter the building, but we still want to provide them with a nice lunch. We have our dates set for the next several months, but we need team leaders and helpers for each month.

Team leaders will help coordinate, collect funds, and make sure the lunches are delivered to the school. Helpers are needed to contribute funds and help the team leader as needed. We would love to have you help, so if you are interested, please sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45AEAE29AA8-astteacher1>

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Pittenger at cathyag93@aol.com or Patricia Daniels at patricia.daniels7@hotmail.com.

Thank you for helping us show our appreciation to all the PAST teachers and staff!

Loyalty Programs

After August 1st: Enroll your Kroger card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. P.A.S.T's number is 81773.

Shop Amazon at <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose "Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology" or ID# 76-0317025 as your charity.

Thank you for your support!

College Testing

Please check College Board and ACT for any updates to testing.

SAT

Test Date	Subject Tests	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
May 8, 2021	Yes	Apr 8, 2021	April 20, 2021
June 5, 2021	Yes	May 6, 2021	May 18, 2021

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
April 17, 2021	March 12	March 13-26
June 12, 2021	May 7	May 8-21
July 17, 2021	June 18	June 19-25

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