

## UTA presented 6,300-plus degrees at graduation fete

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON** presented more than 6,300 degrees in commencement ceremonies last month at College Park Center as thousands of workforce-ready graduates joined the ranks of more than 230,000 UTA alumni around the globe.



“UTA students are workforce-ready graduates for industry partners both here in North Texas and beyond,” says Teik C. Lim, UTA provost and vice president for academic affairs. “Employers want to say that they have Mavericks working for their companies.”

Among the more impressive statistics associated with the commencement, The School of Social Work saw a 65% increase for all degrees, compared to the numbers in spring 2018.

## Ben Barber culinary arts students are 1st in nation

**STUDENTS IN MANSFIELD ISD’S** Ben Barber Innovation Academy’s culinary arts program were named the top in the nation at the National ProStart Invitational in Washington, D.C., for their restaurant management skills.

“Winning is a dream come true for the students, myself, this entire program at Ben Barber and our school,” says Chef David Roberson. “Our kids stayed committed and now they are National Champions. Working with the Texas Restaurant Association, and the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation has been priceless because they have opened many doors of professional opportunities for our students to have jobs in the near future.”



ProStart is a nationally recognized program that prepares students for careers in the restaurant and food service industry.

The Texas program reaches over 20,000 students from more than 255 high schools each year.

The Ben Barber students earned their place in the national competition after also winning first place in the Texas ProStart State Invitational in March in San Antonio.

# The Class of 2019

Some highlights from the recent school year

## MISD team eyes world championship

**THE MANSFIELD ISD** Destination Imagination team from Lake Ridge High School and Danny Jones Middle School, named Just Add Water, recently qualified to compete in the global finals.



Destination Imagination uses project-based learning to apply the creative process across seven different STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) challenges. The team earned fourth place in the technical challenge in the state contest this spring in Corpus Christi.

The competition required the team to build an aircraft that can deliver a team-created payload that takes off, flies and lands and create a story about characters exploring a remote place.

## Primrose Schools don’t just teach kids

**PRIMROSE SCHOOLS’** two Arlington locations are known as leaders in early education and care, but they don’t just teach children. In fact, the schools’ blog, found on the website, [primroseschools.com](http://primroseschools.com), offers regular parenting advice that complements the teaching at the school to help parents and children get the most out of their Primrose Schools experience.



Blog topics include: “5 Ways to Involve Your Child in Household Chores,” “How We Teach Math at Primrose,” “Upcycled Craft: Recycled Cork Boats” and “Why It’s Beneficial to Let Your Kids Play in the Dirt.”

Most blog entries are full of hands-on ideas that are both educational and fun for the entire family.



## Arlington Classics Academy students meet Ron Wright

**DURING A FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.** last month, eighth grade students at Arlington Classics Academy had the chance to visit with Congressman Ron Wright, who arranged for a flag to be flown at the United States Capitol in honor of ACA's trip.

Congressman Wright visited with the eighth-grade Griffin students and presented the Arlington Classics Academy Middle School with the flag.



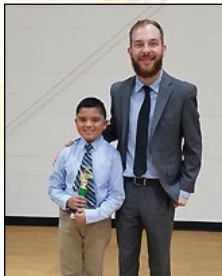
## Students at The Oakridge School 'go to market'

**FIFTH GRADE LHMS STUDENTS** at The Oakridge School had a great marketplace learning experience last month when they sold merchandise they collaborated on and created in their design-thinking class.

LS students, and some faculty and staff, then used play money to purchase items the students had made.

With the project, the fifth graders learned collaboration, communication, design, business skills, and more.

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Jon-Anthony Villa (left) and Jesus Aguirre of St. Maria Goretti School's Music Learning band earned awards at the Spring Band Concert.

## St. Maria Goretti School musicians earn honors

**TWO FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS** from St. Maria Goretti School's Music Learning Band took honors at the recent Spring Band Concert hosted at St. Joseph's in Arlington.

Jon-Anthony Villa was named Outstanding Beginner Rhythm/ Percussion Section, and Jesus Aguirre earned recognition as the Outstanding Beginner/Brass Section.



## UTA's new car will vie for 9th Formula SAE title

**THE MOST DECORATED** university racing team in the United States begins its quest this month for a ninth Formula SAE championship with an unveiling of its 2019 car. The University of Texas at Arlington has won eight championships in the U.S. and international titles in Great Britain, Australia and Japan and will race in the Formula SAE competition in Lincoln, Neb., June 19-22.



## Nolan's math honor society wins 1st place at contest

**NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S** Mu Alpha Theta math honor society won first place at the Catholic Math League Competition held last month.

Members are (alphabetically): Dorina Ajdinovic, Emily Austin, Megan Banh, Lauren Bettinger, Wil Birbeck, Anna Browder, Angelica Castro, Benjamin Cawyer, Hayle Chen, John Conlin, Deborah Cottrell, Maria Crane, Erik Cura, Lucine Devejian, Jenna Draude, Elizabeth Dreiling, Claire Elrod, Ryan Gale, Kyle Gnatovic, Kate Griffith, Laura Hernandez, Brandon Kamath, Mark Le, Lilly Lopez, Luke Macias, Jacob Marquardt, Josh McKone, Lucy Nguyen, Thien An Nguyen, Mariana Nguyen, Thien Ly Nguyen, Edson Omana, Nana Osafo-Mensfah, Jonathan Pham, Lauren Poquiz, Caroline Seyer, Emma Taylor, Grace Terrell, Drake Varga, Dante Vidaurri, Matthew Vu.



## HEB ISD Suzuki Strings students listen & learn

**HEB INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** Suzuki Strings students in grades 3 through 6 had a special learning experience this year, attending an educational concert performed by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

The performance was a great opportunity for HEB ISD Suzuki students to experience high-quality music, while deepening their appreciation for the arts.

The concert was interactive, and HEB ISD Suzuki students learned about various composers, including Ludwig van Beethoven and Leonard Bernstein.

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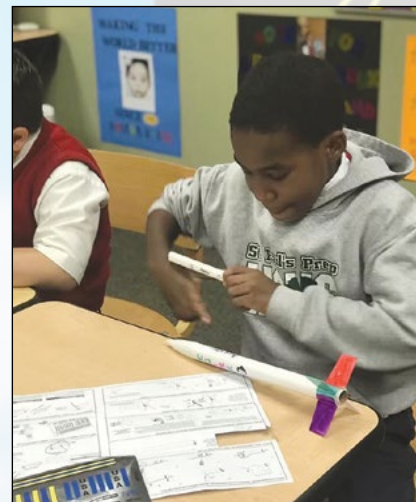


## St. Joseph first graders decorate the campus

**ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS** at St. Joseph Catholic School this year was when members of the first grade classes placed small garden rocks around the statue in the Rosary Garden at the school.

The students decorated these beautiful rocks during their Religion lesson about Peter being The Rock of the Church. The classes also had a special visitor, Fr. Philip Brembah, from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

## St. Paul's Prep students put their learning in motion



**THE SKY** literally was the limit for fifth grade students at St. Paul's Preparatory Academy.

The students in Mrs. Land's class built, decorated and then flew their aircrafts during a project to help them learn some of the basics of aeronautical engineering.

So, now, when they're asked, they can say they *do* know rocket science.