

Director Message

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Greetings! It's truly a privilege to step into the role of Program Director for AdviseTX at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Being a native of San Antonio and a first-generation college student, I knew this was the right position for me. My experience as an AdviseTX Adviser in 2011 at Texas A&M University, laid the foundation for my passion in guiding students through their college and career aspirations. I'm honored to come full circle to launch my own program to support my community.

Adviser Tip

As the school year ends, it's vital for rising seniors to understand the importance of their personal statements. Your main goal is to choose a topic that highlights the skills, qualities, values, and interests you bring to a college community.

College Essay Guy



<https://tinyurl.com/yp233det>

Upcoming Events

May 16
Judson HS
Senior Award Night

May 22
Veterans Memorial HS
Decision Day

May 28
Wagner HS
Destination Day



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AdviseTX Newsletter

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Eli Perez
Second Year Adviser
IDEA Monterrey Park & Ewing
Halsell



Jenevieve Jaramillo
Second Year Adviser
IDEA Brackenridge & Veterans
Memorial HS

Seniors and Advisers Prepare for Decision Day

As the school year nears its end, students and advisers engage in personal discussions to finalize college announcements for College Decision Day—a pivotal moment celebrated with families and friends. Amidst a plethora of choices, students face the crucial task of making their ultimate decision.

Adviser Eli Perez reflects on the mix of excitement and nerves that accompany this phase, having witnessed the profound impact of acceptance letters on students' lives. Adviser, Jenevieve Jaramillo acknowledges the common dilemma of leaving home for college and pledges to aid students in researching potential schools, ensuring they find the perfect fit based on their interests and career goals.

500
Student
Meetings

90 Family
Meetings

9
AdviseTX
Events

Adviser Q&A

Advisers in the Field

Savannah Rendon
Second Year Adviser
Wagner HS



Q: What do you think is the most important characteristic of a college adviser?

A: “Empathy and listening skills are crucial. These attributes help establish strong connections with students, understand their backgrounds, and support their aspirations effectively.”

Valeria Sanjuan
Second Year Adviser
JECA & Judson HS



Q: What’s a work-related accomplishment that you’re really proud of?

A: “I established the Pearl Club at Judson Early College Academy. Currently, our group of 22 young women focuses on enhancing confidence, communication, and emotional intelligence.”



On **April 17th**, **Southside High School** organized a career and college fair for all students. It was an opportunity for prospective students to explore college options and learn more about their future paths. Students had access to brochures from various colleges and allowed seniors to connect with potential employers to build important connections. Adviser, Morgan Defoor was available at a table to address any questions or concerns from students.



East Central High School held a Financial Aid Night on **April 11th** where Adviser, Joseph Platt helped families and students with the updated FAFSA. Parents and families had the opportunity to address concerns and receive answers to their questions about financial aid and anything else related to their students’ post-secondary education.