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Shriya Alli	Haley Romine
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Meghan Flanagan	Kostas North
Arnav Goel	Marshall Prince
Emma Heintz	Austin Tran

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Marshall Prince

**SKILLS USA APPLIED ENGINEERING TEAM**

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**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
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Brooke Adams	Accounting Accounting Team
Connor Adams	One Act Play
Lisa Adolf	Spelling and Vocabulary Team
Shirya Alli	Spelling and Vocabulary Team
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Grace Bilnoski	Lincoln Douglas Debate Speech Team
Chloe Bischoff	Theatrical Design* One Act Play
Carson Bonner	Copy Editing Journalism Team
Ashley Campbell	One Act Play
Christine Chacko	Informative Speaking Speech Team
Vijay Chaudhari	Lincoln Douglas Debate Speech Team
Nicholas Cipolla	Science Team Computer Applications*
Colby Clayton	One Act Play
Ben Cruse	Computer Science Team
Rylee Dever	One Act Play
Chase Donovan	One Act Play
Paige Encarnacion	Current Issues Current Issues Team

\*State Qualifier

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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE COACHES

Accounting	Jane Pearce
Calculator Applications	Mary Gillespie
Computer Applications	Kristen Balch
Computer Science	Annette Walter
Current Issues and Events	Katie Ellis
Debate	Joshua Rabalais & Jennifer McNew
Film Animation	Toby Wise
Informative Speaking	Joshua Rabalais
Journalism	Jenna Crosson
Literary Criticism	Susanne Stafford
Mathematics	Mary Gillespie
Number Sense	Mary Gillespie
One Act Play	Katherine Powdrell
Persuasive Speaking	Joshua Rabalais
Poetry Interpretation	Katherine Powdrell
Prose Reading	Kevin Reed
Ready Writing	Kevin Reed
Robotics	Derek Carter & Nishi St. John
Science	Megan Marshall
Social Studies	Jennifer Sicuro
Spelling & Vocabulary	Jennifer McNew
Student Congress	Joshua Rabalais
Theatrical Design	Amy Thornton

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
DISTRICT 24AAAAA CHAMPIONS

Jason Enochs	One Act Play
Maryam Faisal	Spelling and Vocabulary* Spelling and Vocabulary Team
Meghan Flanagan	Journalism Team Current Issues Current Issues Team Persuasive Speaking Speech Team
Ryan Flick	Mathematics Science Science Team
Kennedy Freyer	One Act Play Poetry Interpretation*
Dean Galloway	One Act Play
Connor Gibson	Science Science Team
Julian Gonzalez	Cross Examination Debate Team Science Team Student Congress
Neelesh Gupta	Computer Applications*
Mariafernanda Gutierrez	One Act Play
Jake Halaska	Computer Science* Computer Science Team
Sophia Hammerle	Copy Editing* Editorial Writing Headline Writing Journalism Team News Writing Ready Writing*
Nicole Hansen	Literary Criticism Literary Criticism Team

\*State Qualifier

**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
DISTRICT 24AAAAA CHAMPIONS**

Emma Heintz	Informative Speaking Speech Team
Jaden Howard	Computer Science Computer Science Team
Hadyn Hobbs	One Act Play
Luke Johnstone	One Act Play
Balint Kidd	One Act Play
Nathalie Larson	Spelling and Vocabulary Team
Morgan Maris	One Act Play
Abigail McDonald	Science Science Team
Gabriella McGregor	One Act Play
Skyler McKee	Accounting Accounting Team
Liliana Molis	Literary Criticism Team Student Congress
James Nelson	One Act Play Theatrical Design*
Kostas North	Persuasive Speaking Speech Team
Evan Oakley	Accounting* Accounting Team
Ronan O'Donnell	Computer Science Team
Zach Otto	One Act Play
Jaiden Patel	Science Team
Justin Paulder	One Act Play

\*State Qualifier

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**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
DISTRICT 24AAAAA CHAMPIONS**

Autumn Potter	Young Filmmakers Contest **
Marshall Prince	Informative Speaking Journalism Team Speech Team
Sia Ramchandran	Literary Criticism Literary Criticism Team
Austin Saenz	Current Issues* Current Issues Team
Jon Sims	One Act Play
Dechlan Stopher	Poetry Interpretation One Act Play
Nelson Thornton	One Act Play
Rebecca Throop	Journalism Team
Kai Todd	Accounting Accounting Team
Austin Tran	Lincoln Douglas Debate* Speech Team
Nathan Turnbaugh	One Act Play
Kyle Van Slooten	Current Issues Team
Audrey Weakley	Literary Criticism Literary Criticism Team
Seth Webb	One Act Play
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Ashton Whittington	One Act Play

\*State Qualifier  
\*\*State WINNER







**ACADEMIC OCTATHLON TEAM**

Kyle Clauson	Sebastian Leiman
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Alexander Slack	

**ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM**

Adam Boehnke	Brodie Lynch
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Daniel Chen	Jude Peters*
Morgan Creel	Joel Sanchez*
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\*Alternate

**FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS**

**TOP 5% OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS**

Hayley Banwell	Joaquin Krancher
Simon Bartlett	Caroline Krebs
Jenny Chen	Alyssa Langer
Erin Cumming	Sebastian Leiman
Riley Dietrich	Jaeyoung Moon
Audrey Enochs	Amelia Morgan
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*“If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters.”  
-Colin Powell*

*By  
Ganesh Venu  
Class of 2023*

The great American politician and four-star general Colin Powell once said, “If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters.” This quote resonated with me, because I believe success in any field is driven by your diligence and perseverance. Little matters, such as always wanting to learn new things, creates a foundation for your success in your future career.

With the increased automation and globalization of the world, people are living a life that devalues innocent curiosity. For example, reading for pleasure is becoming almost unheard of by the general public, though it is considered one of the best ways to improve your imagination and critical thinking. However, if we analyze the daily routine of some of the wealthiest and most successful people in the world, we see a different trend. Warren Buffet, considered as the most successful investor of the century, claims to read 5-6 hours a day to stay ahead of his competitors! Bill Gates claims that reading transformed his career path and contributed most to his success in managing his company. Elon Musk has stated repeatedly in his interviews that his unparalleled knowledge of physics and engineering came from either reading books or interviewing his employees. It is very clear that their passion for learning and reading books led to better decision making in investments and created paths towards a highly successful career.

Reading books has become part of the daily routine for the most successful people as it stimulates the mind to search for new possibilities. Their passion for learning may seem trivial at first glance when compared to their overall success. However, it is this passion that created such a successful career.

**FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS  
TOP 10% OF THE SENIOR CLASS**

Anisha Abbaraju	Mitchell Litvinov
Avery Antill	Pumarie Madden
Mackenzie Becker	Kate Meador
Adam Boehnke	Caitlyn Moore
Kacie Bridwell	Micaela Nelson
Jake Burke	Jeremy Ninan
Vi Cao	Kostas North
Christine Chacko	Justin Ouyang
Yujiang Chen	Megna Panchbhavi
Nicholas Cipolla	Avani Patel
Michael Diamond	Gabriel Perry
Vincent Duong	Nicholas Posluszny
Troy Dutton	Quinn Radtke
Neelesh Gupta	Sia Ramchandran
Tanvi Gupta	Sydney Reese
Sophia Hammerle	Isabell Revere
Jordynne Harris	Payton Rue
Emma Heintz	Jacquelyn Santo
Rebekah Heintz	Sydney Skinner
Mitchell Hermes	Mary Velek
Sofia Hernandez	Kenneth Webb
Cameron Kettler	Graisa White
Natalie King	Mara White
Eric Li	Matthew Wilson
Luke Lipetska	Paul Yi

Peter Yi



*“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”  
–Author Unknown*

*By  
Kacie Bridwell  
Class of 2021*

Some have an aptitude for athleticism. Some for music. Some for speaking. Some for writing. Some for mathematics. Some for leading. Some for communicating. Although these gifts vary widely, each has excellent value to both that person and those around them. Once a person recognizes their given contribution, he or she can then appreciate its value and share it with the world.

An athlete finds joy on the field, using his or her strength to make the goal, score the point, or prevent their opponent from doing so, but that athlete is not the only one who is thriving off the game's adrenaline. The fans in the audience are just as involved in the match, rejoicing with every point scored. Similarly, a skilled orator puts his or her heart and soul into his or her speeches, perfectly illustrating the feelings of the most joyous or poignant occasions. When an orator shares this gift, his or her audience is left with immense gratification from hearing such moving words. Despite the significant differences between these two gifts, they both evoke delight from those with whom they share their aptitudes.

I have found this to be true in my life with singing and performing. Whether I am humming around my house or performing on the TMEA All-State stage, I sing constantly. Before I began performing, this gift was a valuable outlet and a simple enjoyment for me, but my true purpose was revealed when I began sharing my gift. The decision to share my passion proved something unexpected: both the listeners and I were given some joy. Sharing my gift has opened my eyes to my talent as well as other peoples' in that I appreciate every person's unique capabilities.

No matter how big or small, every person is endowed with a talent. While that talent can fulfill them personally, sharing one's gift can amplify this fulfillment. Individuals must use their various facilities to enrich their own lives and the lives of others. Therefore you all must find and harness your gifts: whether it is academic or athletic, conveyed through music or words, they must be shared.

**FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS**

**TOP 6% OF THE SOPHOMORE CLASS**

Aidan Armand	Gabriella McGregor
Nandini Bhojani	Ava Michael
Brynli Campbell	Mohamad Moussaoui
Daniel Chen	Mackenzie Moyer
Cameron Culling	Jessica Nguyen
Matthew Dupuis	Aden Pugsley
Maryam Faisal	Govind Rangappa
Michael Ghebranious	Anisha Sakhare
Emma Hoang	Asiya Siddiqi
Megan Hubbard	Jacob Smith
Gouri Pillai	Katelin Stilen
Sophie Kester	Fotoula Stroumpas
Paul Konyha	Riley Studebaker
Brendan Larson	Maegha Tipirneni
Nathalie Larson	Ganesh Venu
Nicole McGill	Alexandria Wilson



*"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people— your family, friends, coworkers and even strangers you meet along the way."*  
—Barbara Bush

By  
Audrey Nguyen  
Class of 2022

Success is defined as the accomplishment of an aim or purpose. To some, the most important type of success is the attainment of wealth, scholarship, or fame. To others, success is realized by making a difference in people’s lives. The secret to true success, regardless of one’s interpretation of the concept, lies in self-perception. As human beings, we have developed into a species that values morality. We determine our self-worth by measuring how “good” of a person we are—how morally correct we push ourselves to be. One crucial staple of good character is kindness. Since our days in grade school, we have heard the golden rule: treat others how you want to be treated. This simple message (though admittedly cliché) rings true in all stages of life. Kindness remains a necessity and serves as a benchmark of character and therefore self worth. True success should yield happiness and pride in oneself. If one gains material success but cannot be content with the type of person they have become, they cannot reap the benefits of success in its entirety. How can one ignore the painful twinge of guilt felt when they have succeeded materially but failed morally? Success without personal contentment is not success at all.

The possibilities for success are broadened when one embraces kindness as a mindset for their lives. In every field of work or walk of life, human interaction is inevitable. The care with which we engage in these daily interactions influences the amount of lives we are able to touch and the depth of the relationships we are able to foster. A coach’s success is determined by his bond with his athletes, a firefighter’s by the impact on her rescued, and a waiter by his service to customers. When we treat those we meet with kindness, the range of lives we touch grows larger, and in turn, the perception of our personal success is greater. The pandemic has revealed how kindness and compassion are woven into the human experience. Every smile, every embrace, every word is a stitch closer to genuine success. True success is the restaurant owner who donates food to front line workers hungry from hours spent at the hospital. True success is the teacher who stays after a Zoom call to help a virtual student. True success is the doctor who sits with her covid patient to shelter him from the loneliness of dying alone.

Showing kindness for others will never limit one’s ability to succeed—it can only amplify the rewards of success. Treating others well does not just reflect kindly on us; choosing kindness enriches our lives by gifting us with the treasure of meaningful relationships. By consciously choosing kindness and treating others the way we want to be treated, we achieve true success by touching the lives of those around us and letting them touch ours.

FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS

TOP 7% OF THE JUNIOR CLASS

Shriya Alli	Claire Hookstra
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