



# LNESC DALLAS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## NEW BEGINNINGS: (FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021)

RENATO DE LOS SANTOS

Happy New Years!!

I hope that 2021 will be a much better year for all of us as we cope with the awful stresses of this past year of pandemic loss. With a new President just two weeks away, and a vaccine somewhere in our future, we must keep hope alive. With hope we can maintain our social distance and wear our masks just a little longer. With hope we can help keep our families strong. With hope we can complete our college and financial aid applications even when we realize that the virus is mutating and become tougher. With hope we can do the impossible and with hope we can make it through these dark days to a much brighter future.

I close this first message of 2021 with our pledge to you. We are here for you. We are an Upward Bound family together. We are now able to provide \$10.00 gift cards to area fast food restaurants for any of our students who work with our tutor(s) for over an hour per day or attend a Saturday Academic enrichment session. If you come to the office and work on a financial aid application, college admissions or scholarship application and you commit an hour or longer, then we can provide a gift card. This is just part of how we are helping as together we get through these dark days before the dawn of the day when we can see the virus behind us.

Best of luck to all of us.

**Renato de los Santos**

Director - LNESC Dallas Upward Bound Projects

## JANUARY

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 **JANUARY, 7**  
SENIOR PARENTS  
MEETING

 **JANUARY, 21**  
ALL PARENTS  
MEETING

 **JANUARY, 30**  
ACADEMIC  
SATURDAY

 **JANUARY, 29**  
LAST DAY OF THE  
SEMESTER

 **FEBRUARY, 1**  
FAFSA PRIORITY  
DEADLINE

## JANUARY

January usually has the last bit of early action deadlines to meet. So ideally all application and supplemental documents should be submitted.

## FEBRUARY

Students can expect to receive acceptance letters at this point. FAFSA priority deadline is on February 1st.

## MARCH

Award letters start coming in in March, university housing portals start to open

## APRIL

Students start weighing their options and compare award letters to choose their university.

## MAY

Universities start or continue their orientations for new students

## JUNE

Students should finalize their housing situation for the coming year

## JULY

University decisions should be made by this point in order to ensure the student can attend orientation and properly enroll in classes

## AUGUST

Students begin their classes

## THE COLLEGE TIMELINE. ARE YOU ON TRACK?

BY BRIAN MONROY

Scholars and parents! As a decade ends and a new one begins, it's important to think about your future and what the coming months may mean to you. These days, everything may seem overwhelming and it can be easy to lose sight of our future goals. One of those goals, embedded in our culture at LNESC, is going to college. The deadlines for universities still exist, and many have already passed.

Now, almost midway through January, the last bit of early action deadlines are coming to fruition. Students should be finishing up all applications and sending supplemental documents to their intended institutions. By February and even as early as now, students will be receiving acceptance letters. The time for decisions has begun. Students will start to really think about what schools they want to enroll in.

By the end of February and rolling into March, students will start to receive award letters. This will contain the financial offer students receive from a university. With an acceptance and an award letter, the student can confirm their acceptance and financial package; officially starting their enrollment process.

Afterward, the student needs to complete their housing application if they choose to live on campus as well as identify how they will pay for the remaining cost. Orientation shortly follows, students can expect to enroll in classes at this point if they do not require further testing by the institution.

Finally, Just 7 short months after January, students will begin their classes. We strongly encourage all students who may feel lost right now to reach out to your advisor. As a team we can get you to where you want to be!

## CENA EN EL BARRIO

Last month we were able to continue our annual collaboration with LULAC through the Cena en el Barrio event. LNESC Dallas was able to help with the distribution of over 400 meals to the Oak Cliff area. This was just a fraction of the 3,000+ meals distributed throughout north Texas!

We would like to thank all of our amazing students and parents that volunteered! Without you, none of this would be possible!

Please be on the look out for more resources and assistance coming from our office in the future.



## UPWARD BOUNDERS OF THE MONTH

### Henry Benavides

Henry showed his commitment to the Upward Bound program during our grocery certificate partnership with the Michoacana Meat Market. He helped coordinate the disbursement of the certificates to the families to ensure that they had enough food for their families. Henry is also helping to pilot our potential new software that will enable us to serve our students virtually much easier!

Thanks Henry!

### Luis Puente

Luis was pivotal to the success of our Cena en el Barrio event! He worked non stop to get the food off of the truck that we brought it in and in to families cars. He was constantly looking for ways to help and showed leadership in coordinating his peers to ensure efficiency!

Thanks Luis!

### Cindy Padilla

Cindy is one of our most dedicated students! She almost never misses any of our programming and is always eager to partake in even our optional event. Not only did she help out at Cena en el Barrio, but she also participated in our Jewish & Latino Culture event. Cindy is a Junior this year and we can't wait to see her succeed next year as she starts applying for college!

Thanks Cindy!