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Lancaster High School Honor Student Samantha Pargas Nominated for the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders

Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD – Samantha Pargas, a sophomore at Lancaster High School in Lancaster Texas has been selected as a Delegate to attend the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Lowell, MA June 29 - July 1, 2017.

The Congress is an honors only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists, to stay true to their dream and to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

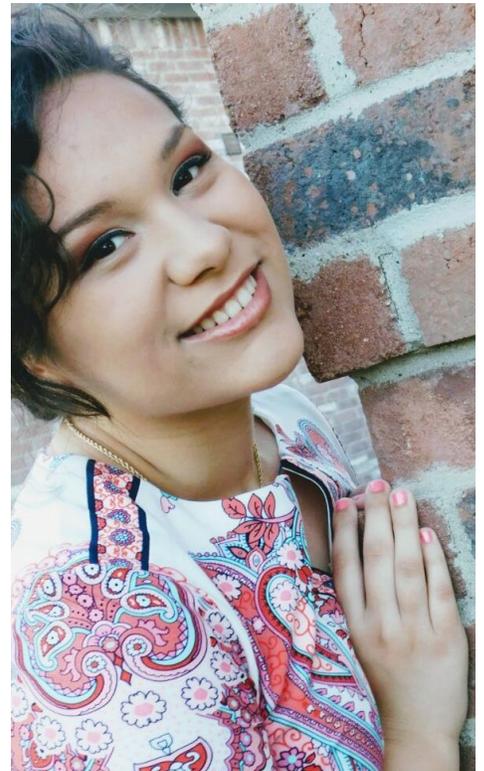
“I am very excited to have this opportunity and to be able to learn from people who have the knowledge of the field that I want to go into,” Pargas said. “I also feel honored to represent my school district.”

She was nominated by Dr. John C. Mather, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics and Science
Director of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent Texas based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science and technology.

During the three-day Congress, Pargas will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science recipients talk about leading scientific research; receive advice from deans of the world’s top tech universities; meet fellow teen science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology.

“This is a crucial time in America when we need more nimble-minded and creative scientists and technologists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially,” Richard Rossi, Executive Director, National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists said. “Focused, bright and determined students like Samantha are our future, and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her.”

This selection for the Congress aligns with the vision of Lancaster ISD, the first K-12 STEM District model for all students and Pargas can already see that her daily educational experiences have provided her with a head start on the skills needed to succeed.



“By being a part of a STEM-focused campus in Lancaster ISD, I have had lots of experience in science, technology, engineering and math,” she said. “My classes and experiences have helped me to find my passion for mathematics and problem solving.”

Her mother, Kelli Wooten, who is a staff member in Lancaster ISD, is also excited about her daughter’s opportunity. She said that since Pargas will be a first-generation college student, this could be the gateway for greater success.

“This is a once in lifetime opportunity and I am very excited for and proud of Samantha,” she said. “She will meet people from all around the world. I hope that this experience will leave a lasting impression upon her.”

The National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists offers free services and programs to students who have the desire to learn more about a future in science or technology. Some of the services and programs the Academy offers include online social networks through which future scientists and technologists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by tech and science leaders; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The Academy was founded on the belief that science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education plays a critical role in enabling the United States to remain the economic and technological leader of the global marketplace of the 21st Century and that we must identify prospective talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of vital careers.

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