

Panelist Information

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BUSINESS

Careers in Accounting & Finance *(Courtesy of ALPFA)*

Room 351 A Coordinator: Jesus Mears

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Gloria Salinas, Saján Abraham, Oralia Almanza, Joe Peltier, Mike Spartalis

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Gloria Salinas, Oralia Almanza, Jose Casas, Gabriel Juárez

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Saján Abraham, Gabriel Juárez, Joe Peltier, Mike Spartalis, Jose Casas, Mobilia Imobioh

Careers as Administrative Professionals *(Courtesy of IAAP)*

Room 352 A Coordinator: Lana Hogan-Flory

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Kendra Adams, Gracie Royall, Kim Pursell, Lillian Mayo

Moderator: Lana Hogan-Flory

Careers in Banking *(Courtesy of Wells Fargo)*

Room 351 D Coordinator: Alejandro Suescun

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Rubeen Cásarez, Law in Banking; Laura Jaramillo, Community Development; Eric Gonzales, Treasury Management; Roberto Hernandez, Retail Banking

Moderator: Alejandro Suescun

11 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.

Presenters: Laura Jaramillo, Community Development; Eric Gonzales, Treasury Management; Roberto Hernandez, Retail Banking; Andrew Wong, Business Banking

Moderator: Alejandro Suescun

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Andrew Wong, Business Banking; Erica Contreras, Training; David Garcia - Retail Banking; Melissa Treviño, Private Banking; Armando Lujan, International Group

Moderator: Alejandro Suescun

Careers in Business Management *(Courtesy of NSHMBA)*

Room 351 B Coordinator: Jose Garza

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Erik Konicki, CVA, CFE and Jorge Martinez, MBA

11 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.

Presenters: Manuel Aguilar, MBA

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Norma Hernandez, MBA and Sandra Estrada, MBA

Careers in Human Resource Management *(Courtesy of HR Houston)*

Room 352 D Coordinator: Kristin Thibodeaux

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Kevin Barrios, HR Manager, Global Custom Commerce; Nereyda Castillo, Manager, Talent Development; Sysco, Connie Hernandez; PHR, Recruiter, Enbridge; Denise Simmons, PH, Sr. HR Representative, Spectra Energy

Careers in Insurance

Room 351 E Coordinator: Faith Boren, Nationwide Insurance

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Javier Florez, Loss Control Specialist - Allied & Nationwide Insurance; Jose Medrano, Agency Owner - Farmers Insurance; Jackie Vergara, SCLA, Allstate Insurance Co.; Nicole M Desai, Sr. Field Underwriter, Allied & Nationwide Insurance

Moderator: Faith Boren

Careers in Marketing & Advertising *(Courtesy of Houston Advertising Federation)*

Room 351 F Coordinator: Maryesther Montiel

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Glenn Taylor, Chief Marketing Officer, Houston Symphony; Juan Lira, Commercial Director for Texas, Direct Energy; Presenter: Shell (TBD); Jena Moreno, Vice President of Public Relations, BBVA Compass

Moderator: Manuel Delgado

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Gabriel Navarro, CEO, Gluck; Juan Lira, Commercial Director for Texas, Direct Energy; Lalo Wakefield, Chief Creative Officer, Agua; Claudio Rodriguez, Brand Manager, Riviana Foods

Moderator: Manuel Delgado

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Lalo Wakefield, Chief Creative Officer, Agua; Camille Bryan, Principal/CFO, Locke Bryan Productions; Rosa Serrano, Media Director, Freed Advertising; Presenter – Univision

Moderator: Manuel Delgado

Careers in Real Estate *(Courtesy of Bernstein Realty)*

Room 351 F Coordinator: Gloria Moorman

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Gloria Moorman, Bernstein Realty

Careers in Supply Chain Management *(Courtesy of APICS)*

Room 351 C Coordinator: Santiago Velasquez

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Oliver Blanco, Career Development Specialist – Rockwell Career Center, UH; Mauricio Hernandez, Americas Upstream Portfolio Manager, Shell; Guillermo Lucero, Americas Supply Chain Excellence Manager; Santiago Velasquez, Sr. Market Manager - Latin America; Edgen Murray; Asad Ahmed, Business Analyst, Chevron; Alejandra Bohorquez, Director of Purchasing North America, Man Diesel & Turbo

Moderator: Manuel Delgado

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)

Careers in Architecture *(Courtesy of AIA/HHA/E)*

Room 370 D Coordinators: Tom Wolff and Linda Camacho

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Tim Cisneros, Ricardo Martinez, Luis Ayala

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Liz Katz, Mark Schatz, Raul Pinol

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Bayardo Selva, Cre8 Architects; Edgar Alvarado, Kirksey Architecture; Cesar Dominguez, AM Contractors; Linda Camacho, Kirksey Architecture

Careers in Engineering - “A Day in the Life of an Engineer” *(Courtesy of SHPE)*

Room 370 A Coordinator: Abraham Madrigal

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Morena Arredondo, P.E. – Project Engineer, Klotz Associates – Civil Engineer; Isaac Tapia, Manager of Acquisitions, Renaissance Offshore – Petroleum Engineer; Oscar Alvarado, Jr. – Power Engineer, Shell – Electrical Engineer

Moderator: Abraham Madrigal Padilla

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Alejandra Caceres – Project Engineer, Turner Construction – Civil Engineer; Jose Dobarco-Otero – Reservoir Engineer, Oxy – Petroleum/Mechanical Engineer; Omar De Leon – Environmental & Regulatory Advisor, ExxonMobil – Environmental Engineer

Moderator: Morena Arredondo, P.E.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Abraham Madrigal Padilla – Project Manager, Teksys Inc. – Civil Engineer; Stephanie Hurtado Lonard – Facilities Engineer, Anadarko Petroleum – Chemical Engineer; Claudia Cardenas Unietis – Project Lead, PinnacleAIS – Mechanical Engineer

Moderator: Oscar Alvarado, Jr.

Careers in Aerospace

I. Designing your Future as a Rocket Scientist! - Engineering for Space Exploration

(Courtesy of The Boeing Company: Space Exploration)

Room 370 B Coordinator: Juan (Tony) Castilleja Jr.

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – “How Do You Get Your Dream Job in engineering?”

Presenters: Brandon Setayesh; Tony Castilleja Jr.

Moderator: Melanie Weber

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. – “What Does a Rocket Scientist Do?”

Students will learn about the engineering disciplines that are needed to become a Rocket Scientist; Presenters: Andrea Gilkey, Vishal Mehta, Ryan Miller, Rosa Avalos, Eduardo Lopez, Kyle Matthews

Moderator: Melanie Weber

12 noon – 12:50 p.m. – “Boeing’s New Spaceships”

Students will learn about the Boeing CST-100 Space Capsule for Low Earth Orbit and the Space Launch System for Deep Space Exploration; Presenters: Melanie Weber, Zaira Garate, Ivan Ramirez, Eduardo Lopez

Moderator: Kyle Matthews

II. Careers at NASA *(Courtesy of National Aeronautic & Space Administration)*

Room 370 E Coordinator: George Salazar

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Diego Rodriguez, Manager, NASA – “Internships, Fellowships & Scholarships at NASA;” Debbie Trainor, Training Manager, NASA – “Astronaut Training;” Baraquiel Reyna, Deputy Manager, NASA – “What Happens to the Human Body in Space”

Moderator: George Salazar

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Dorothy Ruiz, ISS Ground Controller, Lockheed Martin – “ISS Mission Control;” Juan Lopez, Aerospace Engineer, NASA - “NASA Aerospace Engineering;” George Salazar, Branch Chief Engineer, NASA – “Advanced Human Interfaces;”

Moderator: Debbie Trainor

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Evelyn Miralles, Principal Engineer, L3 Communications Corp. - “Virtual Reality Training;” Diego Rodriguez, Manager, NASA - “Internships, Fellowships & Scholarships at NASA;” Juan Lopez, Aerospace Engineer, NASA - “NASA Aerospace Engineering”

Moderator: Dorothy Ruiz

Careers in Oil & Gas

I. STEM in the Oil & Gas Industry *(Courtesy of BP America)*

Room 360 A Coordinator: Fabio Aparicio

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters:

Maria Estrada-Stockton: “It’s Never Too Late!”

Alvaro Velasco: “My Journey”

Carlos Arocha: IT Professional Roadmap of an Electrical Engineer

Moderator: Fabio Aparicio

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters:

Wilfredo Gómez: “Business Career”

Mario Araya: “Integrating Business Strategies in Today’s Changing Environment”

Iván Pinzón: “Stay in School – The Future is the Reward”

Fabio Aparicio: “High School to College – It’s a Project”

Moderator: Fabio Aparicio

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters:

Felipe Gallego: “A Petroleum Engineer’s Day – Delivering Safe & Reliable Energy to the World

Reinel Solano: “Reaching Success through Patience and Determination”

Oil & Gas, the IT World Behind It — Fernando Gajardo Cabedo

My Life as a Geomechanics Engineer — Iván Gil

Moderator: Fabio Aparicio

II. Geosciences – “What’s Down There?” *(Courtesy of Shell)*

Room 360 E Coordinator: Victoria Rivera

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Elizabeth Oko, Sr. Geologist, Shell E&P; Oswaldo Davogustto Cataldo, Geophysicist, Shell E&P; Mantez

McDonald, Team Lead, Paleogene, Shell E&P

Moderator: Michael Alvarez, Manager, Workforce Development Initiative

III. Drilling & Completions, Production Engineering & Reservoir Management *(Courtesy of Chevron)*

Room 360 D Coordinator: Fernando Gil

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Juan Acevedo, Petroleum Engineer; Marta Bermudez, Reservoir Engineer; Jesus Guerra. Advisor, Reservoir

Management; Dennis “Jimmy” Lozano, Drilling Engineer

IV. Process Technology – “A 2-Year AAS College Degree that PAY\$” *(Courtesy of Shell)*

Room 360 B Coordinator: Victoria Rivera

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Christina Smith, Process Operator, Shell Deer Park; TBD and Process Operator, Shell Deer Park

Moderator: David Esquibel, Workforce Development Specialist – Crafts & Operations

V. Midstream: Pipeline, Transportation, Supply & Trading *(Courtesy of ExxonMobil)*

Room 360 F Coordinator: Jose Quiroga

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: TBD

VI. Corrosion Technicians *(Courtesy of Shell)*

Room 360 C Coordinator: Victoria Rivera

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: TBD

Moderator: Garry Morehead, Plant Manager, Shell

Careers in Technical Workforce Trades *(Courtesy of Lone Star College)*

Room 370 F Coordinator: Melissa Gonzalez

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Albert Urbina - Welding Technology; Keith Sayles - Machining Technology and HCC Instructor (TBD) - Automotive

Technology; TBD – HVAC; Scott Nugent - Petroleum Technology

Careers in Automotive, Diesel and Collision Repair Technology *(Courtesy of UTI)*

Room 370 C Coordinator: Travis Bryant

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: TBD

Careers in Forensic Science – “The Real CSI”

(Courtesy of Sam Houston State University, College of Criminal Justice)

Room 380 A Coordinators: Dr. Sarah Kerrigan, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Forensic Science, Sam Houston State University and Dr. David Gangitano, Professor, Dept. of Forensic Science, Sam Houston State University

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Sarah Kerrigan, Ph.D. - “Introduction: Careers in Forensic Science;” Cassandra Schield, B.S. - “Forensic Biology: DNA and Beyond;” Megan Savage, B.S. - “Forensic Chemistry: Drugs, Toxicology, Trace Evidence and More;” Megan Konarik, B.S. - “Physical Science: Fingerprints, Firearms, and Investigations and Samantha Tippen, B.S. & B.A. - “Forensic Anthropology: Bones”

Moderators: Sarah Kerrigan, Ph.D. & David Gangitano, Ph.D.

Communications and Media

Careers in Radio Broadcasting & Print Journalism

Room 361 A Coordinator: Sybil Monciváis Sánchez

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – “Print Journalism”

Presenters: Melissa Mendoza, Public Relations/Promotions Executive, *SEMANA News*; Laura Gomez, Sports Reporter, *SEMANA News*; Jihane Rodriguez, Freelance Journalist; Mackey Torres, Reporter, *The Venture Collegiate Newspaper*
Moderator: Claudia Miranda, *The Venture Collegiate Newspaper*

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. – “Radio Broadcasting” *(Courtesy of Univision Radio Houston)*

Presenters: Jose “Jojo” Padron, Morning Show On-Air Talent; Nelson Vanegas, Production Creative Director; Nestor Enriquez, Client Services Director

12 noon – 12:50 p.m. – “Radio Broadcasting” *(Courtesy of CBS Radio Houston)*

Presenters: Liz Becerril, Mid-Day Host, MEGA 101 FM; Patricia Estrada, Web Coordinator and Mario Alberto Gonzalez, Morning Show Host, MEGA 101 FM; Kimmy Palacios, “Houston Weekend Magazine” Host

Careers in Television Broadcast Journalism

Room 361 D Coordinator: Sybil Monciváis Sánchez

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Presenters: Vicente Arenas, Anchor/Reporter, KHOU Channel 11; Anthony Yanez, Meteorologist, KPRC Channel 2; Brianda Sanchez, Assignments Desk Editor, Univision Channel 45; News Talent, Telemundo Channel 47

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Elissa Rivas, Anchor, KTRK Channel 13; Stefano Fusaro, Sports Anchor, Univision Channel 45; Ariana Montelongo de Valdivia, Outreach Coordinator/Show Host, Houston Media Source; News talent, Telemundo Channel 47

12 noon – 12:50 p.m. *(HAHMP’s “Houston on the Move” show)*

Presenters: Daniela Gomez, Associate Producer; Viridiana Maldonado, Associate Producer/Reporter; Ariadna Orozco, Associate Producer/Reporter; Mariné Hernández, Host

Careers as an Independent Filmmaker

Room 361 B Coordinator: Dr. Debra D. Andrist: Criminal Justice, Chair of Foreign Languages/Professor of Spanish, Sam Houston State University (SHSU)

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Dr. Jean Bodón, Chair of Mass Communications/Professor, SHSU
Dr. Thomas Garrett, Associate Professor of MC, SHSU

Liberal Arts

Languages other than English in the Professions

Room 361 C Coordinator: Dr. Debra D. Andrist: Criminal Justice, Chair of Foreign Languages/Professor of Spanish, SHSU

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Professor Ray Rentería, Business, Spanish Faculty, SHSU; Dr. Debra D. Andrist: Criminal Justice, Chair of Foreign Languages/Professor of Spanish, SHSU; Jorge Chavarro, MD (Urology)/TA in Spanish, SHSU: Health Professions; Dr. María Montserrat Feu-López: Media, Assistant Professor of Spanish, SHSU; Dr. Manuel Triano-López: Translation and Interpretation, Associate Professor of Spanish, SHSU

Careers as a Writer

Room 361 E Coordinator: Dr. Debra D. Andrist: Criminal Justice, Chair of Foreign Languages/Professor of Spanish, SHSU

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Professor Sarah Cortez and Professor Hipolito Cruz

Careers in Education *(Courtesy of the Houston Counseling Association)*

Room 361 F Coordinator: Jose S. Leal

This panel presentation features a group of professionals that will talk about why they decided to become educators. You will be inspired into becoming an educator too! They will also talk about their different backgrounds and the routes they followed to end up in the classroom.

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Valerie Allen; Yolanda Lewis; Raquel Flores; Virginia Hayward; Sharon Takahashi

Moderators: Jorge M. Medina, Sr. and Jose S. Leal

Other

Careers in Legal Professions

Room 380 C Coordinator: Lamar McCorckle

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Maria Casanova, Sergio Selvera, Nelson Ocampo, Itze Soliz, Edward Casanova, Deneé Page, Alicia Cramer and Maria Valdez

Moderator: Judge Lamar McCorkle, Senior District Judge & Law Professor

Careers in the FBI

Room 380 B Coordinator: Special Agent Patricia Villafranca

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenter: Special Agent Patricia Villafranca

Careers in Cosmetology *(Courtesy of Lone Star College)*

Room 362 A Coordinator: Melissa Gonzalez

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Tiffany Burton - Cosmetology Operator; Aimee Rodriguez - Massage Therapy; Houston Community College Instructor (TBD) - Cosmetology Operator; TBD - Facial Specialist

Careers in Religious Services *(Courtesy of KHCB Radio Amistad)*

Room 372 A Coordinator: Dolly Martin

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Maggie Rodriguez, College of Biblical Studies

Careers in Psychology *(Courtesy of KHCB Radio Amistad)*

Room 362 D Coordinator: Dolly Martin

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenter: David Bueno Martin, MA, LPC

College & Career Information

So You Want to be a College Athlete?

Room 371 A This seminar provides guidance on the detailed academic requirements for athletes in high school in order to achieve eligibility for participation in NCAA sports. A brief walk-through of the steps for registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center will also be discussed. Panelists are not scholarship agents. College recruiting will not take place during this event.

Coordinator: Christine Carbajal

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Curtis Collier and Christine Carbajal

Moderator: Christine Carbajal

EMERGE Fellowship Presents: the Top-Tier College Advantage

Room 371 D This seminar provides information on why students should choose a top-tier college. Students will receive guidance and insight on applying to and attending a top-tier college

Coordinator: Leah Barton

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Victoria Chen – EMERGE Academic Program Manager, HoustonISD; August Hamilton – EMERGE Academic Program Manager, HoustonISD; Cesar Rodriguez – Vice President, Tropical Koolerz International

Moderator: Leah Barton

Social Media 101: 3 Things Recruiters Check for on Your Facebook Page

Room 371 B

Coordinator: Eric Melchor

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Eric Melchor

Career Readiness: Elevator Pitches & Dress for Success!

Room 371 E Coordinator: Patricia Mota

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. “Craft and Practice Your 30-Second Elevator Pitch” - *After being introduced to the concept of business networking and the elevator pitch, students will identify a personal pitch and practice during this session.*

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. “Dress for Success” - *Students learn about different dress codes used in the workplace and explore how their own perceptions are impacted by appearance and learn about dress requirements.*

12 noon – 12:50 p.m. “Craft and Practice Your 30-Second Elevator Pitch” - *After being introduced to the concept of business networking and the elevator pitch, students will identify a personal pitch and practice during this session.*

Presenters: Anibeth Turcios, Director of Programs & Special Projects, Greater Northside Mgmt. District; David Armijo, Director, Multicultural Initiatives, H&R Block; Euna Rhodes, President, The Organizational Consultant; Rafael Rengifo, Facility Integrity Senior Engineer, Phillips 66; Patricia Mota, Senior Director of Community Outreach, HACE

Parents & Families

Parents Empowered: How to Prepare Your Child to Succeed

(Courtesy of HISD Family & Community Engagement Dept.)

Room 371 C Coordinator: Valerie Schillaci

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m. (en Español)

Presenters: Yady Blessinger, HISD FACE Specialist; Scott Bounds, HISD FACE Specialist; Corey Cornett, HISD FACE Specialist; Andetria Hampton, HISD FACE Specialist; Meron Tilahun, HISD FACE Specialist

Moderator: FACE Staff

Using Labor Market Data to Guide Educational and Career Choices

(Courtesy of HISD Family & Community Engagement Dept.)

Room 371 F Coordinator: Angela Rodriguez, HISD Career and Technical Education

10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

12 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Presenters: Daniel Zendejas - Labor Market Data; Dana Sturdevant - Career and Technical Education; Michael Love - HISD FUTURES Academy

Moderator: Angela Rodriguez

Resolución de Conflictos/Conflict Resolution *(Courtesy of KHCB Radio Amistad)*

Room 372 D Coordinator: Dolly Martin

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Julio Ba Gonzalez

Immigration Issues *(Courtesy of KHCB Radio Amistad)*

Room 381 A Coordinator: Dolly Martin

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Presenters: Sarah Monty, Partner, Monty & Ramirez, LLP