

## **Las Animas High School Student Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs**

*Las Animas High School student excelled in College Board assessments and schoolwork to earn these awards, which colleges use to identify academically competitive underrepresented students*

Ben Martinez-Nevland has earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

Ben Martinez-Nevland is a senior this year and is the son of Alicia and Manuel Torrez. Ben plans to attend college after graduation for statistics.

"We're thrilled that our student has earned this recognition. We are very proud of Ben for his achievements in the classroom and on College Board assessments," said Mrs. Addie Wallace, Las Animas Jr/Sr High Principal.

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

"By awarding students who excel academically with honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs, our aim is to create pathways to college for underrepresented students," said Steve Bumbaugh, College Board senior vice president of College & Career Access. "We hope this inspires many more students to work toward this recognition."