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2019 Friends of Exploring Success!

Our Friends of Exploring 2019 campaign exceeded expectations once again as community, education and business leaders came together on February 1 to champion BSA's career education program. Our Friends of Exploring Breakfast was chaired by Mr. Shaun Cranston, Director of Land Development for [Half Associates](#). Shaun helped lead our campaign effort to achieving 131% of goal.

These funds support Explorers' access to program for economically disadvantaged youth, fund camp sites, Council-level events for Youth and to the overall professional support to volunteers. Our council, youth, and committee are grateful to our sponsors [Austin Community College](#), [Spawglass](#), [Half](#), [Lower Colorado River Authority](#), [APAPA Texas chapter](#) [O'Connell Robertson](#). We are also grateful to our 2019 keynote speaker, [Texas Workforce Chair and Commissioner, Ruth Hughs](#).

One stellar youth was the [recipient of the FOE Scholarship](#) for best essay on how Exploring has impacted their life. This year's recipient is Ms. Flora Archuleta of the [Leander Police Department Explorer Post 641](#).



Did you know?



[12 career fields covered!](#)

Reagan ECHS Young Entrepreneurs Win Business Pitch!

[Woodforest National Bank](#) partnered with Exploring and offer youth a tremendous learning opportunity with their "Mind Riot: Young Entrepreneur" program. The program teaches youth how to build, market, finance, consider market competition, and structure their own small business. Representatives from Woodforest's Norwood branch visited the school monthly to present the program. In January, the Post visited [Google Austin HQ](#) and received a custom tour and workshop on marketing from the [Google Digital Coaches](#).

This year's winners are two [Reagan Early College High School](#) students who pitched their idea for a new custom clothing company, "Look Fly". The young entrepreneurs won points with the judges who represented business and community, for creativity and presentation. Kudos to these Explorers, business class instructor, Mr. Daniel Lopez, and to Woodforest Bank for investing in these students' futures!

Friends of Exploring Supports Student Access to Program

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, fourteen students at [Crockett High School](#) received financial assistance to enroll in the new Explorer Post 2019.



Post 2019 has formed with a focus on skilled and building trades. Exploring allows these students stronger connection to industry professionals. The program incorporates new community service opportunities where they gain real world experience. Explorer posts which focus on [underserved careers](#) offers students a safe, test-free, accessible learning experience which opens doors and minds to new possibilities.

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Local Impact

The Capitol Area Council Exploring program is primed to grow exponentially to serve more youth with career education programs. In 2018, our local Exploring membership enrollment grew by **18%** youth served. This growth represents one of the highest growth expansions in the [BSA's Southern Region](#). More importantly, this growth represents the need and opportunity to serve more youth through hands-on career education.

The most popular local posts are in [law enforcement](#). All three major counties charter Explorer posts: [Hays County Post 1911](#), [Travis County Post 1099](#), and [Williamson County Post 0045](#). Local Exploring also covers Williamson, Hays and Travis county EMS and Fire Rescue. In the private sector, career pathways offered are Skilled Trades, Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, STEM and robotics posts.

See our CAC Exploring District post locations on [Google maps here](#).

Though the local program is growing, there is much opportunity to get involved and help ensure more youth receive access to program! Financial support may be granted online via the [CAC "Donate to Scouting" web link](#). 90% of gifts go directly into Program which includes our financial assistance to economically disadvantaged youth, camp and educational activities for all Explorers and Scouts.



ACC STEM Explorer Post 1973 tours the JJ Pickle Research Center, 2018

A Unique Pipeline of Future Employees

Exploring offers business and industry a unique pathway to connect with our future workforce while giving students a safe, direct access to mentor with professionals and participate in exciting industry tours and real world experience. Listen to [Mr. Phil Donahue, President and CEO of the United States Chamber of Commerce](#) make the case for business to charter Exploring in local communities.

The [benefits of Exploring](#) to business and organizations include:

- [Year round, local support staff](#)
- Proven and flexible program model
- [Nationally recognized awards and scholarships for participating youth](#)
- Positive community involvement
- Pipeline for future employees
- Positively impact youth development
- Employee professional growth
- Strong local and national support
- [General liability insurance coverage](#)

To inquire on chartering your own post, please contact [Exploring Executive Corina I. Zepeda](#).