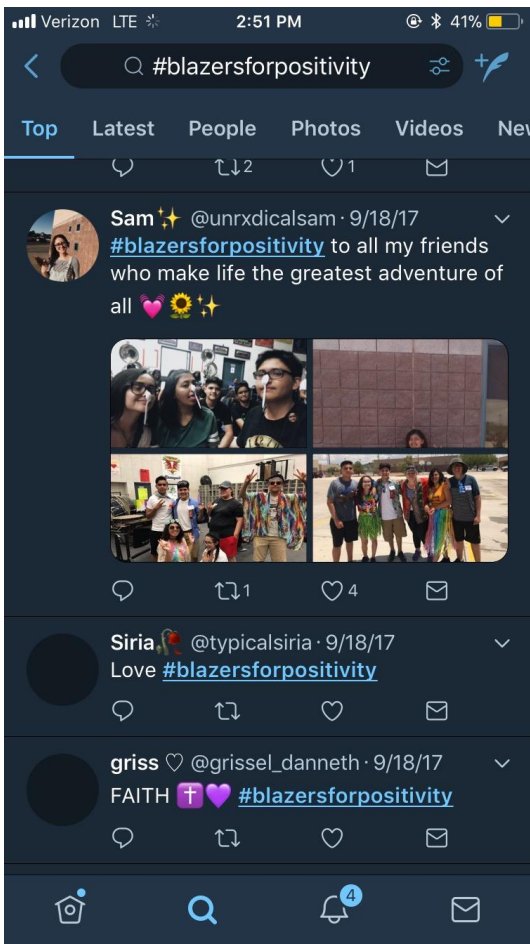


**Name:** Blazers for Positivity **Purpose:** The purpose of the ongoing project “Blazers for Positivity” is to spread and promote a positive atmosphere at Americas High School. This year student council wanted to focus on making an impact in students’ lives. This project was created to form a safe and friendly environment for the campus with the help of faculty, staff, and the student body. **Brief Description:** Many students face depression and suicidal thoughts that no one is aware of. This year in our community we lost a 13-year-old boy due to bullying going on at school. It is unimaginable the thoughts that this young individual had to face. Bullying is not an issue that is new in today’s society. This issue is faced throughout the entire nation and it is up to us, the future of this world, to unite and put an end to negativity in this world. Our project “Blazers for Positivity” is an ongoing project that started June 31,2017. This project consisted of multiple activities that have been completed throughout the school year. Our main focus has been to create a campus that allows students to feel loved and reminds them to have a positive mindset. On August 7, we covered one the cafeteria walls with black paper and labeled it “Positivity Wall.” Students were then encouraged to come up and write something positive on the sticky notes and leave it on the wall. This promoted the idea that positivity can be given and received. On August 8, Student Council contacted other organizations to participate in an event called “Good Morning Beautiful.” Student Council and other Americas High School organizations stood outside the school holding posters that had up-lifting and positive messages. This project was meant to create a positive atmosphere at the beginning of the day to start of the day right. Cupcakes were also baked and passed out around the school promoting happiness. During the month of September, we created a Blazers for Positivity Challenge. This project was meant to spread positivity on social media. Student were encouraged to participate and use the hashtag #blazersforpositivity. On September 5, Student Council members helped paint rocks with positive messages on them. On November 14, we created a project titled “Beautiful Mirrors” which consisted of positive messages on colorful sticky notes that were taped on all the mirrors around the restroom to encourage a positive mindset. On December 11, we made a project called “I Am One of a Kind” Student Council members encouraged student body members to fill out the snowflake with their own personality. This poster was accessible to the entire school and was meant to symbolize that everyone is unique in their way. This project was meant to show the student body that everyone is different and it is okay to be different. On January 3, we did a “Morning Greeting” in where we all came in at 8am and greeted students coming into the school. On February12-16 we created a BeYOUtiful week that helped promoted the student body to love themselves. These days were meant to promote natural beauty and give confidence to everyone. Everyone is beautiful in their own way and they should be able to express it and break the labels that society has label as what is beauty. A wall that said, “Hello I am” was created and the students were encouraged to write something they felt about themselves. The progression of these events not only impacted the student body but the community. To promote positivity and witness the impact it has had on others has been encouraging and inspired us as a council to continue to make a change. The student body participated in these random acts of kindness that created a ripple effect at Americas High School. Everyone deserves the chance at happiness and it is our duty to help others. Being able to see someone else smile is truly a blessing. We must realize that our actions have consequences and we are able to make a difference in someone else’s life. A smile and positive attitude goes a long way. No one should ever treat a person less because you never what they could be going through. Instead it is our responsibility to share love and support those around us.



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# AMERICAS HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Trailblazers

Jesus J. Teran  
Americas High School  
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El Paso TX, 79936  
February 13, 2018h

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to recommend the Americas High School Student Council to be considered for the Top 10 Project. As our High school's Campus Behavior Coordinator, I am involved in a variety of activities and events that affect the school. This year, I witnessed, first hand, that "Blazers for Positivity" impacted our campus in not only a positive way, but in a way that has positively changed lives and outlooks for many students. The "Blazers for Positivity" project came at a time where the entire school community benefitted from the great work that was done by our Student Council.

It is without reservation that I submit this recommendation. Please call me at 1-915-937-2807 for more information about our amazing student council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesus J. Teran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

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TASC TOP TEN PROJECTS COMPETITION

## HIGH SCHOOL

### ENTRY COVER SHEET

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| School Name:                                   | School UIL Classification:                      |
| Americas High School                           | 1-6A  |
| School Address:                                | Size of Community:                              |
| 12101 Pellicano                                | 10,000  |
| City/State:                                    | Zip:  |
| El Paso  | 79936   |
| School Phone:                                  | School Fax:                                     |
| (915)937-2800                                  | 8556898   |
| Advisor Name:                                  | Advisor E-Mail:                                 |
| Lorraine Varela                                | Lvarel03@sisd.net                               |
| Principal Name:                                | Principal Signature:                            |
| Patricia Cuevas <i>Nancy Torres</i>            | <i>M. Jones</i> <i>Asst Principal</i>           |
| Project Name:                                  | Project Dates:                                  |
| Blazers for Positivity                         | August 2017-                                    |
| Total Number of Students in Council:           | Number of Members Involved in Project:          |
| 100  | 50  |
| Total Number of Students Enrolled in School:   | Number of Other Students Involved in Project:   |
| 2490   | 100   |
| Total Number of Faculty Enrolled in School     | Number of Faculty Involved in Project           |
| 150  | 90  |
| Number of Community Groups Involved in Project | Number of Community Members Involved in Project |
| 5  | 50  |

**THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.**

Top Ten entries must be submitted by **FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.  
Upload your photos, newspaper articles, etc. online as well. Scan all pages into one document and upload.

Please consider presenting a table talk (HS) on your project! You must apply to do that.

Updated August 2017