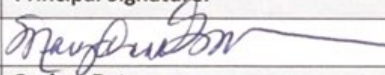




TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
TASC TOP TEN PROJECTS COMPETITION

HIGH SCHOOL

ENTRY COVER SHEET

School Name:	School UIL Classification:
Irvin High School	1-5A
School Address:	Size of Community:
9465 Roanoke Dr.	60,100
City/State:	Zip:
El Paso, Texas	79924
School Phone:	School Fax:
(915) 236-4600	(915) 757-6450
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
Karla Flores	kgflores@episd.org
Principal Name:	Principal Signature:
Mary Anna Giba	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Coach Duran Memorial	May 3, 2017
Total Number of Students in Council:	Number of Members Involved in Project:
32	32
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School:	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
1,392+	350+
Total Number of Faculty Enrolled in School	Number of Faculty Involved in Project
126	80+
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
9	100+

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

Coach Duran Memorial

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this memorial was to recognize Arcadio Duran and reflect on the positive impact he had on our students, school, and community. Everyone who knew Coach Duran and those who were closely impacted by this tragedy were able to unite and grieve together. Our goal was to provide a service to celebrate Arcadio's bravery, selflessness, and life.

DESCRIPTION: The Irvin High School Student Council came together to plan a service in remembrance of our track coach, Arcadio Duran, who was killed in an accident when coming home from a regional track meet. Student Council Members, students, teachers, and volunteers from across El Paso united to take action, as the event effected more than just Irvin. The memorial included a rendition of "Amazing Grace", a balloon release, speeches from athletes, coaches, and colleagues, and a lap around the track as a community. Past and present rockets along with family and friends celebrated our coach and the everlasting legacy he left on each of us. This gathering brought the community to Irvin and was a great way to not only remind everyone to appreciate the little things, but to change the mentality we hold.

DESCRIPTION OF INVOLVEMENT with:

- a) **Student Council Members** – Members planned, organized, and advertised the event and assisted in the set up and clean-up of the balloons, chairs, shade tents, posters, and pamphlets provided at the memorial. Members also created projects for the athletes injured in the accident.
- b) **Other Students** – Students from other schools across the El Paso area attended the event, wore red, white, and blue in honor of Coach Duran, and shared their condolences with Irvin.
- c) **Other Organizations** – EPISD Representatives, news stations, and other organizations were present at the event to pay their respects.
- d) **Faculty** – Our faculty shared positive memories of our coach throughout this hard time, provided counseling for those who needed it, and organized the memorial.
- e) **Community** – The community was invited to join the event and their attendance shed a light on the tragedy and allowed El Paso to come together for a common cause.



EVALUATION:

Wow, the memorial was something that brought the community together to remember a great man and celebrate his life. The planning was flawless and schools from all over El Paso showed up in his memory.

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Date:

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El Paso

Teachers and staff hold memorial for Coach Archie Duran

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Students and staff hold memorial for...

As "Amazing Grace" filled the stands at Irvin High School Thursday evening, Arcadio "Archie" Duran's family entered the field where he coached so many young students.

"Our coaches and athletic trainers are heroes. They will go to the ends of their earth for their athletes," said one co-worker.

Several co workers spoke about what made Coach Duran special.

"He made our athletes believe that he could accomplish anything in this world," said another co-worker.

In a meeting with students before the memorial, they reiterated the coach's selflessness.

"It's not common to come across a person you know guiding and willing to guide you no matter what your circumstance is," Noah Daw said.

Outside students filled the stands wearing red, white and blue. A balloon read "Best teacher ever." One sign said "You brought us courage, strive, love and many amazing memories, you are too memorable to be forgotten."

Duran's wife and children received flowers from the track and basketball teams.

The Jefferson High School track team also handed Duran's family a memorial banner with pictures of student supporters.

"I believe God has a plan for each and every one of us. I believe he took Coach Duran because he needs another track coach in heaven," said one co-worker.

Some shed tears and at times they laughed.

Students and staff walked one lap around the Irvin track that he was so much a part of.

"I will be forever grateful that he was part of our coaching community. He will greatly be missed," said the district's athletic director.

District Superintendent Juan Cabrera encouraged everyone to wear red, white and blue Friday in memory of Duran and his great work.

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Memorial celebrating Coach Archie Duran

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EL PASO, TEXAS - Wednesday afternoon hundreds of people gathered at Irvin High School to celebrate the life of Coach Arcadio "Archie" Duran. Coach Duran died on Sunday in a tragic accident involving an El Paso School District charter bus that killed two people and injured others. News of his passing quickly spread with overflowing support from the community.

"The past few days have been among the most difficult we have experienced as an EPISD family", says Superintendent Juan Cabrera.

Coach Duran is remembered by his athletes as a caring man and a mentor who pushed them to be their best.

"It's not common to come across a person so guiding," says Noah Daw.

Everyone present at the memorial came together as one family to remember the man they call selfless and a hero.

Superintendent Cabrera declared Friday as "Rocket" day and calls on everyone in the district to wear red, white or blue to honor Coach Duran.

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