Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation **Board of Education Meeting:** 06/16/26

Item Title:	**Destination Imagination Spirit of DI Recognition of Alicia Garcia, Team Manager and Evandra Stoltz, Student**		**Action**
		X	**Information**
			Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Brownsville ISD sent 28 Destination Imagination teams to the Lone Star Finals in Arlington, Texas from April 9 to April 12, 2026. One evening at the hotel, Ms. Alicia Garcia, Team Manager for the Veterans ECHS Destination Imagination (DI) Improv team, noticed a child floundering in the hotel pool. She immediately started asking for anyone with emergency training while running to have the hotel call emergency services. At the same time, Miss Evandra Stoltz, DI team member, dropped everything and ran to see if she could assist in the rescue, prepared to use her CPR training if it was needed. Fortunately, the Emergency Services did arrive quickly and others had been able to care for the child.

We are bringing the recognition of these two individuals to the board because they both so strongly exemplified the positive personal attributes that are instilled in participants, both adults and students, through the Destination Imagination program. The Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award is an award presented at DI Tournaments to Team Managers, Team Members, Tournament Officials, or other members of the DI community. The award is presented to those who selflessly assist others (without interfering in their challenge solutions) through sportsmanship, volunteerism, and exhibiting the positive DI Spirit. We thank Ms. Alicia Garcia and Evandra Stoltz for their quick thinking and taking immediate action to make a difference for this child and their family.

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When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.