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Hoover High School Academy of Information Technology



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### **AOIT News - April 2021**

by Ellen Towers

The Academy of Information Technology began the hybrid model of on-line and in-person learning on Monday, April 12, 2021. We have been working through the issues and hope to increase the number of students attending in person when the vaccine becomes more available.

Hoover High School has announced an in-person graduation at PetCo park on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The students will receive four guest passes for friends and families. We are very excited that we are having an in person celebration for the Graduates of 2021.

To celebrate the end of the third quarter we are celebrating our students with a GPA of 3.0 with a "Smart Cookie" event on April 29 2021. This event will pass out cookies to our students in the front quad of Hoover High School from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. We welcome all our Advisory members to come to celebrate their success. Here is the link for information:

https://sites.google.com/sandi.net/smartcookie2021/home

The AOIT teachers look forward to Graduation 2021! Thank you for all our support during this time.

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### **AOIT Scholarships 2021**

by Ellen Towers

This year we are accepting scholarship applications on line for Hoover Foundation and Larry Hall Scholarship. The students will be completing the application by April 23, 2021 to be reviewed. The Hoover Foundation prompt for the scholarship is focused on their experience in AOIT Academy with course work taken, internships, and how the Academy influenced their college major. The Larry Hall Scholarship is focused on financial need in attending college for the essay prompt. We continue to look for more scholarship money for our graduating students, therefore, if you or your organization would like to donate for a scholarship we have until May 15, 2021 to accept those donations for the year. If you are interested in donating, please contact Ellen Towers, AOIT Director at etowers@sandi.net.

# CTE Showcase Project Based Learning

by Ellen Towers

The Academy of Information Technology submitted our NPR Podcast Challenge Project with our 11th grade team to the CTE Showcase to be held on June 3, 2021. The CTE Showcase is event to exhibit a cross curriculum project that addresses issues outside the classroom. This year we team up with Mid City CAN to do advocacy training and INews Source to instruct on journalist integrity in reporting news. The students created a variety of podcasts on topics, such as, Microaggressions, School Police Reform, Voting at 16, and many more. We are looking forward to presenting the podcasts to a panel of judges on the 6's A - Authentic, Academic Rigor, Adult Relationships, Applied Learning, Active Exploration, and Assessment. Please visit for the website to explore the podcasts: https://sites.google.com/sandi.net/aoitpbl19-20/11th-grade/project-work



### **Senior Spotlight: Diana Frias**

by Ellen Towers



Diana Frias is a senior with AOIT and will be attending UCSD in the fall of 2021. Diana has been a community activist on the ITCH team to promote transportation in the City Heights Area, specially getting the "Student Bus Passes" passed through the City of San Diego. At Hoover High School she has been her Class President from freshman year to senior year and captain of the Hoover Swim Team. In addition, to all her extra curricular activities Diana has taken many of the AP coursework as well as expanded her skills in programming in the League of Amazing Programmers. The AOIT team is proud to have Diana in our academy and can't wait to see what she accomplishes after graduation!

#### **AOIT Student of the Month - 10th Grade**

by Norma Montano



Carlos Dupont is a high school sophomore who presents more like a college sophomore. He has helped make Zoom and now Hybrid learning a bearable feat. He doesn't just attend English class regularly—he participates regularly as well, and his witty banter and thoughtful commentary on the subject matter at hand is greatly appreciated by this teacher. A student doesn't always like the content we teach, but it's nice when he/she participates just the same. Carlos is just that way. He consistently asks pertinent questions and is eager to learn new ideas/concepts. And, of course, he gets his work done—he's very responsible about that! I know that he will be able to reach any goal(s) he sets for himself for the future. Keep up the good work, Carlos!