

THE TEACHER'S VOICE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE *teach*HOUSTON PROGRAM

Staff Shout-outs!

Best wishes on a new school year...the best one yet!

-Simon Bott, *tH* co-Director

Congrats Spr'15 student teachers on passing your state exams!

-Ms. Latiolais

Congrats Fall'14 grads and best wishes in your new careers!

-Dr. Evans

Great job *tHSS* officers on the PD/CS/Social Events Calendar!!

-Ms. Shields

Thank you to all baby shower attendees! Awesome gifts!

-Dr. Benzon

Thank you new student workers dedicating time to *tH* family!

-Ms. Kravetz

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Recent *teach*HOUSTON Graduates Earn Honors

Geoffrey, or Geoff, Hart is an alumnus in the *teach*HOUSTON program and teaches at Clements High School. Geoff graduated with a B.S. in Math and a minor in Physics in December 2013. He is the very first *tH* student to obtain the coveted Math/Physics teaching certificate. Geoff worked as a student worker during the academic year and was a camp counselor for numerous *teach*HOUSTON summer camps. He loves to use technology and comes up with innovative ideas for student discovery. During his first year, he helped develop innovative professional development for his school. Geoff has presented at conferences such as UTeach National and the NSF National Conference. Expect more success from Geoff in the very near future!



Geoff Hart

Congratulations Rookie Teachers of the Year!

Jessica Garcia, a Spring 2014 *tH* graduate, teaches Math at Ridge Point High School in Fort Bend ISD. Jessica's daughter, husband, and mother are convinced Jessica was born to teach; so she left her marketing job, returned



Jessica Garcia

to college and in May 2014 received a B.S. in Mathematics. She says that the building relationships with her students is the most rewarding experience in her first year of teaching. During some of her team meetings, Jessica suggested numerous hands-on, minds-on activities that she learned from *teach*HOUSTON. Jessica has shown her colleagues that it is possible for students to have fun and also learn in the process. First year teaching can be frustrating, but Jessica says to stay positive and keep your focus on what's truly important—the students!

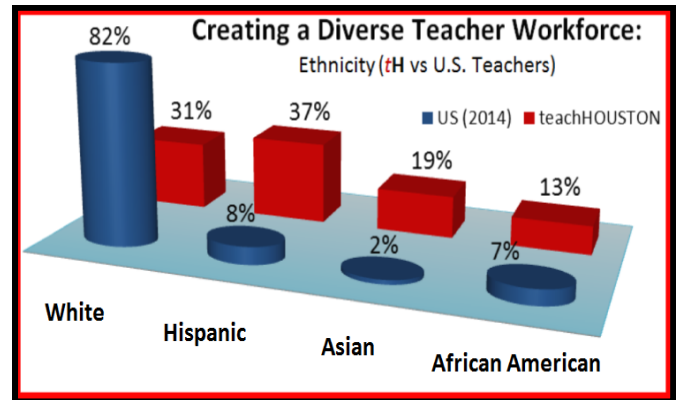
tHSS NEWS

Need \$\$\$\$ for school? Of course, you do! Apply for the \$500 *t*HSS Scholarship. Requirements:

- Be a current member of *t*HSS
- Enrolled in at least 1 *teach*HOUSTON course
- Attend minimum of 10 events this semester
- Write 500 word essay
- Preferred minimum GPA: 2.5

For more detailed requirements, please drop by the Project Office in Farish Hall, Room 304A or email thssociety@gmail.com. Good luck.

Alumni Tidbits



⇒ As of 2014, 90% of *teach*HOUSTON graduates teach beyond two years.

⇒ Last year, we had six *t*H Teachers of the Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2015 Mars Rover Celebration

The Mars Rover Celebration is an educational opportunity for elementary and middle school students to participate in the design and construction of a model rover to carry out a specific science mission on Mars. In the fall, student teams build the models as part of a six-week classroom or homework project. The activity culminates in January with students showcasing their team project at the Mars Rover Celebration at UH. *teach*HOUSTON plays a huge role in coordinating and participating in the event and we are always looking for volunteers. Please come volunteer and have fun!

<https://marsrover.uh.edu/VolunteerRegistration.aspx>



Science Engineering Fair of Houston



The Science Engineering Fair of Houston (SEFH) promotes the learning and application of science and technology through the development and presentation of science/engineering projects. SEFH serves as the regional fair for all public, private, charter, and home school students, grades 7-12, in Harris County and the 22 surrounding counties in Southeast Texas. This year, SEFH will be held on the University of Houston Main Campus and *teach*HOUSTON plays a pivotal role in obtaining judges. Serve your community by becoming a science fair judge and see the amazing projects develop by young, inventive minds!