

Congratulations to our 2024 Reflection Contest Winners!



High School First Place

MONSERRAT GARCÍA

9TH GRADE • ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL •
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS

"Este programa realmente me ha dado fuerza. También he visto cómo los niños no se dan por vencidos por lo que quieren hacer o aprender... Así es como veo las cosas. Si un niño no renuncia a lo que quiere lograr, yo tampoco debería renunciar."

"This program has really given me strength. I have also seen how children do not give up for what they want to do or learn... Now that's how I see things. If a child doesn't give up on what he wants to achieve, I shouldn't give up either."



High School Second Place

ROSLYNN ORTÍZ

11TH GRADE • ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL •
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS



High School Third Place (Tie)

MICHELLE VILLEGAS

11TH GRADE • ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL •

ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS

"Since I became a tutor

I know what it is to feel proud

María got a 100 on her Sirius assignment

Alex has no missing assignments

Jorden started answering questions in class

Since I became a tutor

My days became better

My kids give me a hug every

time I walk in the classroom"



High School Third Place (Tie)

ALONDRA HOLGUÍN

11TH GRADE • ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL •

ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS

"Tutoring, to me, means to change someone for the better. As a child who has struggled with all the subjects, even now, I'm so glad I got a tutee...

I've seen so much progress in these kids... I can't say this enough, but I am so proud of them, so incredibly proud... I get excited just to come to school. I would always hate coming, but I always tell myself now I can go, and I can do it."



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SERENA L. SÁNCHEZ

8TH GRADE • ALAN B. SHEPARD MIDDLE SCHOOL • SAN ANTONIO

"I've learned to tailor my approach, to each unique mind, To help them unlock their potential and leave their doubts behind. I've celebrated victories, both big and small, And cheered on progress, no matter how slow or tall.

For every student, a journey so unique and true,
I'm honored to be a part of it and help them see it through.
"Since I became a tutor, my heart has grown wide,
With love and compassion, for each student inside.
I'll keep on guiding, supporting and cheering them on,
For the joy of learning is a journey that's never done."



Middle School Second Place

NATHAN GÓMEZ

8TH GRADE • ABRAHAM DWIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL • SAN ANTONIO

"There have been days where I think to myself, 'This is too hard.' But I know that this program isn't just about teaching little children at the elementary school, it is about helping us evolve as people and get ready for the future. By being in this

By being in this program, I have seen so much growth and improvement in myself, and I am very grateful for having the opportunity to be a part of this amazing program!"



Middle School Third Place

SHANNELL GARCÍA

8TH GRADE • ABRAHAM DWIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL • SAN ANTONIO

"Seeing these students grow and change how they do their work and seeing them use their strategies to accomplish tasks makes me happy and feel a sense of accomplishment. I'm so

proud watching them succeed and do great things. The IDRA Valued Youth Partnership has taught me how to be a leader and to be responsible. I don't have enough words to describe the bond I have with my tutees. This program has helped me to grow into the person I want to be, and I'm very grateful to be a tutor."

Middle School Honorable Mention

ARIEL MORONES – 8TH GRADE • ALAN B. SHEPARD MIDDLE SCHOOL • SAN ANTONIO

LILIANA PRESAS – 8TH GRADE • ROBERT C. ZAMORA MIDDLE SCHOOL • SAN ANTONIO

Elementary Reflection Winners

First Place: **VIVIANNA CABALLERO** – 4TH GRADE • JUDSON ISD • SAN ANTONIO

Second Place: **JORDYN MORRIS** – 4TH GRADE • JUDSON ISD • SAN ANTONIO

Third Place: **NADIA BARRIENTEZ** – 4TH GRADE • JUDSON ISD • SAN ANTONIO

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