

Comal Independent School District

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CHS Air Force JROTC highly successful at Summer Leadership School

Six Canyon High Air Force JROTC students earned honors at Summer Leadership Schools at Schreiner University in Kerrville.

Canyon High senior Joel Thompson and sophomore Daniel Stanfill received the Distinguished Honor Graduate Award, placing first out of 30 senior cadets and 159 sophomore cadets, respectively. Also from Canyon High, Travis Knight finished third, earning the Honor Graduate Award, Cody Nichols and Julisa Sanchez finished fourth, earning the Military Excellence Award, and Nathan Roberts earned the Academic Award.

Summer Leadership School is designed for students who demonstrate leadership potential during the academic year.

During the weeklong course, the students start their day at 5 a.m. before participating in physical training, drill, academics, team building exercises and team sports.

“(CHS instructor Master Sgt.) Ed Garcia and I are extremely proud of all students that attended Summer Leadership School,” said Major Kevin Cregier, CHS instructor. “These cadets will be our leaders. Based on their performance we are looking forward to an awesome school year.”

Thompson said winning his award definitely boosted his confidence.

“I really enjoyed my time at Summer Leadership School,” said Thompson. “It gave me an opportunity to push my leadership abilities. Winning this award means a lot to me, and I am proud to be a member of the Canyon High Air Force JROTC Program.”

Stanfill was also thrilled to be recognized among his peers.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect,” Stanfill said. “The days were long, and we learned a lot about leadership, discipline, and team work. It is an honor to have

received this award, and I look forward to being a leader in the JROTC next school year.”

Nichols said he hopes winning the Military Excellence Award means a future at the United States Air Force Academy.

“I am really excited about winning the award,” said Nichols. “I know that this award was not easily earned and will be a great mark on my application to the U.S. Air Force Academy.”

Canyon High sent several other students to Summer Leadership School including Dakota Leal, Anthony Badillo, Tyler Repp, Dustin Najvar, Mikell Sherman, Dustin Higdon, Lynden Cardozayputzier, James Lewis, Justin Villarreal, Anthony McMonagle, Andrew Staley, Joan Tuason, Andres Parra, and Benjamin Bolton.

In addition, the Canyon High School Air Force JROTC program will host its annual Freshman Training Camp, a day camp that is open to all first year student-cadets, Aug. 3-5.

For more information about the CHS Air Force JROTC Program, call Cregier or Garcia at 830-221-2447 or 830-221-2407.

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IN PHOTO: Several Canyon High School Air Force JROTC students recently completed Summer Leadership School. Pictured (front row, l-r) are Lynden Cardozayputzier, Dakota Leal, Travis Knight, Joel Thompson, Cody Nichols, Daniel Stanfill, Dustin Najvar, Dustin Higdon, and Mikell Sherman. Back row: Tyler Repp, Anthony Badillo, James Lewis and Justin Villarreal.

