

ComQuest Reports

ComQuest Academy Charter High School

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CONGRATULATIONS 2017-2018 GRADUATES!

Sophia Collins**

Joel Giles

Jared Kranenburg**

Julitza Maldonado**

Yaireli Maldonado**

Elena Martinez**

Jessica Mendoza**

Dejah Serna**

Ursula Serna**

Savannah Weaver*

*Recommended Diploma

** Foundation High School Program
with Endorsement



The Best of 2017-2018

- ◆ August 21, 2017– 1 st Day of School! Teachers, Mrs. Bacus, Ms. Garza, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ristroph, and Ms. Vesey, are excited to welcome students and a new teacher, Ms. Cessna.
- ◆ August 25-September 5, 2017– Classes canceled due to Hurricane Harvey. Thankfully, the campus and many of our families are spared major damage.



- ◆ October 25, 2017– Mr. Johnson and Ms. Cessna take the juniors and seniors to visit the University of Houston main campus.

- ◆ October 27, 2017-All students get to hear from guest speaker Eric Ward about his businesses. He also discussed opportunities in his company for high school and college students.

- ◆ November 10, 2017-

ComQuest's annual Veteran's Day program is held. Mr. Johnson shares with the students his experiences in the US Army as well as the difficulties of being a deployed father.

- ◆ November 17, 2017-Students hear from franchise owner and realtor, Stephanie Fry. Mrs. Fry spoke about the difficulties she faced and her success in business.
- ◆ December 15, 2017-Senior Day is held. Students hear presentations from their graduating classmates as well as guest speakers. Master John Cantu spoke to students about self-esteem, respect, and bullying. Michael Felder's talk was about college and community involvement. Students also heard about nursing and entrepreneurship from Linda Cruz. Students ended the day hearing from SSGT Martin Arreola about a career in the US Marines.
- ◆ December 21, 2017-ComQuest says goodbye to graduates, Joel Giles, Jared Kranenburg, and Savannah Weaver during the combined Winter music program by A Lone Star Academy students and graduation ceremony. Savannah Weaver led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jared Kranenburg said the prayer. Everyone enjoyed the musical performances as well as the touching and entertaining speeches about each graduate from Ms. Garza.



The Best of 2017-2018



◆ March 2, 2018-Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes Cessna Foster as Teacher of the Month! She was awarded for going above and beyond for the Workforce Development Program at CQ.

◆ March 9, 2017– High school students finish their emotions unit by holding an emotions workshop for the students in grades 6-8.

◆ March 12-16-Spring Break!

◆ April 27, 2018-CQ Seniors join students from the area at an Open Doors visit at Lone Star Tomball. Students participate in break-out sessions where they

are taught by a LSC professor, tour the campus, and learn about all the activities that they can participate in as a student at LS Tomball.

◆ May 30, 2018-Career Day. Staff does not disappoint making sure that the students are exposed to a variety of careers. There were recruiters from the US Army, a financial advisor from Wells Fargo, life coach-La Toya Greene, retired NASA Engineer and a tutor from Khan Academy, -Marty Macy, Lone Star College Tomball representatives, and therapist-Cheryl Ivory. The day also included some of Mrs. Foster's famous cooking and presentations by the graduating seniors.



◆ May 31, 2018-Spring Graduation. Sophia Collins, Julitza Maldonado, Yaireli Maldonado, Elena Martinez, Jessica Mendoza, Dejah Serna, and Ursula Serna all participated in graduation ceremonies. Sophia led the Pledge of Allegiance, Ursula Serna said the Prayer in both English and Spanish, and Elena shared an uplifting speech directed to her fellow graduates. Jared Kranenburg and Dejah Serna were announced as winners of the LSC Tomball Opportunity Scholarship. The ceremony would not be complete without the handing out of diplomas after a short speech about each graduate from Ms. Garza.



Things to remember:

- **ComQuest has a Website!**
www.ComQuestAcademy.org
- **All High School students need to have a job or a regular volunteer position. Students must work 15-20 hours a week for full credit. Scheduled job visits happen every semester.**
- **Students wishing to get tutorial help after school can stay Monday through Thursday afternoon, 2-4 P.M. There will be no tutorials Friday.**
- **Students CANNOT be absent more than 4 days. If a student is absent more than four days in one semester he or she is in danger of losing credit for the semester and is subject to be withdrawn from the school. Three tardies equal one absence, so be on time to class. If you are late you will have to stay after school.**
- **Students may wear jeans on Friday, however the dress must be appropriate.**
- **Class starts at 7:50 am. Promptness, bright smiling faces and a good attitude required.**
- **Don't forget to pay fees. Report cards of those students who have not paid their fees will be held.**

Mission Statement

Founded in the belief that all children can learn and that an education is paramount to a strong society, ComQuest Academy endeavors to offer Academic and Career/Technology Education opportunities to all student populations.

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Schoolability is Employability

ComQuest Teachers

ComQuest Academy likes to boast about our teachers and how special each and every one of them are. They are all dedicated, hardworking, and multi-talented individuals that make everyday memorable.

Teri Garza is the assistant principal at ComQuest and teaches Science and Math for CQ and Math for ALSA. Ms. Garza has a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Dallas. In addition to teaching, Ms. Garza is known for her fancy dresses and her quick wit.

Emma Bacus teaches Social Studies, Science, elective classes and an elementary Science class. Mrs. Bacus also prepares testing materials for ALSA and CQ. Mrs. Bacus earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. Mrs. Bacus' room is known for looking like a secret garden.

Cessna Foster is the newest teacher to join ComQuest Academy. Ms. Cessna mostly teaches the students in ALSA but she also teaches Career Prep for the eleventh and twelfth grade students. She is known for bringing in high impact speakers that have overcome obstacles to be leaders in their fields.

Tyrone Johnson is retired from the U.S. Army and has a BA in

Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Mr. Johnson teaches second through twelve graders PE, Career Prep, reading and language arts. His classes are known for real life lessons and epic battles on the field.

Robert Ristroph is the CQ walking encyclopedia. He has a PhD in Mathematics from Louisiana State University along with a medical degree and law degree. Mr. Ristroph teaches Algebra II, Government, and foreign languages. He also assists in the math and science courses.

Charity Vesey teaches English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Spanish classes for the elementary and high school students. Ms. Vesey has a Bachelors degree in Asian Languages and Literature-Japanese with an International Business Certificate from the University of Iowa. Additionally, she holds a Masters in Educational Leadership and Counseling from Prairie View A&M. Ms. Vesey is known for her smile and having the best decorated boards on campus.

Last but not least, Mary L. Scott has enjoyed a long teaching career that began after earning a BS in Vocational Education from Madam C. J. Walker in Washington D.C. She also has a Masters Degree in Education from Prairie View A&M. Mrs. Scott assists in the classrooms with discipline and student observations.