

# Estrella Cortes-Pedroza

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## QUALIFICATIONS

Detailed, effective time management, organization, leadership, and teamwork

Bilingual: Fluent in Spanish and English with excellent oral and written communication skills suited to effectively communicate with people of different backgrounds.

## EDUCATION

### **Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School**

2017-2024

- U.S Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School 2011, 2017
- The U.S New Best School 2021 ranking:
  - #15 in best High Schools in National School Rankings
  - #2 in Texas High School
  - #8 in Texas Magnet Schools

## EXPERIENCE

### **Rock The Street, Wall Street**

08/2021 – 05/22

☐ Member of my school's cohort of Rock The Street, Wall Street (RTSWS). A financial and investment literacy program for girls across 51 high schools in the United States and Canada. Female financial professionals led financial and investment literacy workshops and served as mentors to students in the cohort.

- Engaged in financial and investment literacy workshops in the fall
- Attended the "Wall Street Experience" field trip to a local financial firm
- Developed self-advocacy skills with a mentor from the finance industry
- Refined interview skills and conducted a mock interview
- Engaged in a diverse learning community

### **Young Democratic Socialists of America**

08/2020-Present

➤ Member of a leadership club, (YDSA), where we advocate social issues and bring awareness to injustices. Participated in social justice activism student-led such as writing letters to Gov. Abbott as an Abolish ICE Movement. Created posters about the current Elections to promote voting in school, volunteered in rallying up donations to be sent out to refugees, sent letters to refugees, etc.

### **Audubon Conservation Leaders**

08/2020-Present

➤ Member of the ACL Program, an experiential learning program providing opportunities for undergraduate college students to immerse themselves in Audubon, strengthen

leadership skills, and gain an understanding of career options in the conservation field. partnering up with Trinity River Audubon Center in Dallas and part of the greater effort to raise the stature of women's role in conservation and in climate change.

**Geo Club** 08/2020-Present

- ☐ Member of my school's Geo Club focusing on environmental issues and the world.
- Volunteered and participated in donation drives, providing food for the elderly, crafts, etc.

**Junior World's Affairs Council** 08/2020-Present

Member of my school's Affairs Council where we focus on international global issues and participate in world affairs. We connect and interact with people from different backgrounds engaging in their current issues and finding solutions to help the

- ☐ Served in a Leadership Position in Office as Treasurer responsible for collecting all funds due to the club and monitoring the financial report. 08/2020-5/2021
- ☐ Member of the Newsletter Committee 08/2021-Present
- ☐ Member of the Middle School Committee 08/2021-Present

### AWARDS

A Honor Roll	2021
Highest GPA in Social Studies	2019
Varsity Choir	
– Region Solo Champion, state competition participant Austin	2022
Jose Andres award	2021
Student Leadership Institute	2022