



THE HARRIS FOUNDATION

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Dare to Dream Honored by the Houston Independent School District Board of Directors

The Dare to Dream program founded by Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. was recognized by the Houston Independent School District at their November 9 meeting in Houston. Dare to Dream which was first introduced at R. P. Harris Elementary in 1995 is a motivational program which encourages children to stay in school and set personal goals to succeed. Their partners are the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, Communities in Schools, NASA and school districts in and around Houston.

Carole Allen, Dare to Dream Coordinator, attended the meeting and accepted the appreciation of the board and school superintendent Dr. Abelardo Saavedra for being one of their community partners.

The largest public school system in Texas and the seventh-largest in America, the Houston Independent School District is a national leader in educational achievement, innovation, and reform.

About Harris Foundation

Science, math and engineering are critical to society's infrastructure for the 21st century. Preserving that future requires an investment in the youth of today. The Harris Foundation, Inc. (THF) is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit organization based in Houston, Texas that directly addresses this issue through innovative classroom-based educational programs.

Founded in 1998, THF supports social, recreational and educational programs that allow minorities and other economically and/or socially disadvantaged youth to recognize their potential and pursue their dreams. Through two primary initiatives -- the Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp and Dare to Dream -- the Foundation encourages math and science education, motivates youth to stay in school, fosters youth leadership and citizenship, as well as instills the values of responsibility, fairness and respect. To date, more than 2,500 K-12 students have participated and benefited from THF programs in the Houston community.

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