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FIVE TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL AEROSPACE SCHOLARS PROJECT WITH NASA

Texarkana, TX – Five Texas High School junior students have been selected to participate in the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) Project sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Kelly Burnett, Hannah Klopper, Morgan Norfleet, Chris Pennington and Caleb Strutton were chosen by a selection panel based on their application profile, essay composition, letters of recommendation and nomination from Representative George Lavender, District 1.



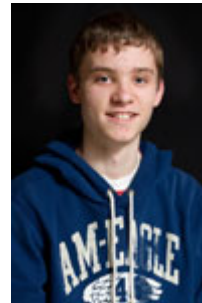
Kelly Burnett



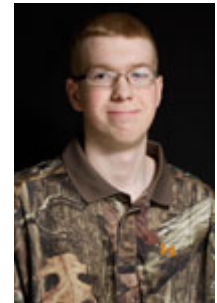
Hannah Klopper



Morgan Norfleet



Chris Pennington



Caleb Strutton

These students will apply their math and science skills to complete ten (10) web-based assignments during the school year and then travel to Johnson Space Center in Houston during the summer to put those skills to use. At Johnson, they will design and propose a mission focused on deep space exploration alongside their peers as well as NASA scientists and engineers.

“One of the greatest joys in serving as State Representative is the ability to connect our local youth with opportunities such as the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program,” commented Rep. Lavender. “I wish each and every one of these students the best of luck in this, and with all future endeavors.”

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The State of Texas, in partnership with Johnson and the Texas educational community, developed HAS in 1999 to encourage students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. More than 6,500 students from across the state have participated.

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