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TRIO program students at Palo Alto College give back to community

The TRIO Upward Bound program at Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will participate in the second annual Pleasanton City Park community service project on Saturday, July 5, in Pleasanton, Texas, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 50 Upward Bound students from Jourdanton High School, Lytle High School, Pleasanton High School, and Poteet High School will spend the day helping city park staff clean up after the Fourth of July holiday at the Pleasanton City Park. Students will gather trash, pull debris from the river bank, wash out park grills, and enjoy the day making a difference in their community.

Palo Alto College was awarded a five-year, \$1.5 million grant in 2017 from the U.S. Department of Education TRIO Upward Bound program to help prepare high school students in Jourdanton, Lytle, Pleasanton, and Poteet for higher education through instruction in five core areas: Literature, Composition, Math, Science and Foreign Language. Additionally, students receive tutoring, advising, test preparation workshops, assistance in filling out documents necessary to pursue their college careers, and exposure to cultural and recreational activities.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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