




TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

# High School Middle Level

## ENTRY COVER SHEET

PLEASE INDICATE: THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT. THIS IS A JOINT COUNCIL PROJECT.

School Name submitting the application	School Address:
Klein Cain High School	10201 Spring Cypress Rd
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
Houston, TX 77070	9,800
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
Antoinette Hernandez	anhernandez@kleinisd.net
Principal Name:	Principal Signature:
Nicole Patin	
School UIL Classification:	
6A	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Bringing A Storm Of Service	9/15-9/30
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in Project:
202	75
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
3704	145
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
310	50
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
1	15

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload your photos, newspaper articles, etc. online as well. **Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.** Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

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Top Projects Rating Sheet (for judges only)

School Name In	1 Not Met	2	3 Met	4	5 Exceeds
Project Meets Objective					
Amount of Involvement: Council					
Amount of Involvement: Student(s)					
Amount of Involvement: Other School Organizations					
Amount of Involvement: Teachers					
Amount of Involvement: Community					
Originality					
Overall Results: Students					
Overall Results: Faculty/Community					
Project relative to school/community size					
Submitted proposal for presentation at conference					
Evaluation Score Subtotals					

**Name of Project:** Bringing A Storm of Service

**Purpose and Objectives:** In August 2020, towns in Louisiana near Texas were impacted by Hurricane Laura. Vinton High School was not able to sustain the building's structure from Hurricane Laura causing many students and staff to be displaced. Klein Cain High School decided to conduct an act of service by helping those that are in need and who were negatively impacted by the storm. Klein Cain wanted to create a culture of helping others by providing help and comfort during this time of devastation for Vinton High School and their community. As our school, Klein Cain, has the opportunity to have some normalcy through school this year, Vinton HS is dealing with the negative impact and aftermath from Hurricane Laura. Klein Cain and the community's heart wanted to bring a storm of service to Vinton High School to let them know that they are not alone.

**Description of Involvement:** To achieve our goal of helping Vinton High School, we had a long road ahead of us consisting of many obstacles. First, we needed to communicate with the administration of Vinton high school and learn the items they most desperately need. As well as creating drop off boxes for our students and community to donate. The next step was to bring awareness to the situation Vinton was in. To do this, we created videos to send out to our students, created large posters to hang around the school, and created different social media posts. In order to reach a larger audience, we enlisted the help of other organizations within our school to help spread the word. After enough time had passed for our community members to donate, many volunteers in our school helped pack and sort the donations into a trailer to be delivered to Vinton Louisiana. Overall, this project was a total success and the students at Vinton were grateful for our help.

# KLEIN CAIN HIGH SCHOOL

February 23, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Nicole Patin, and I am the proud Principal of Klein Cain High School in Klein ISD. I am writing on behalf of our Student Council. I am honored to share with you the details surrounding a tremendous service project they designed and implemented at the beginning of this school year, in hopes that you would consider them for the TASC Top 10 Project Award.

With all that has transpired in the last year, I think it is safe to say that this school year started off in a state of chaos and ambiguity. We had no idea what the upcoming school year was going to look like, let alone when we would get to see our beloved students again. But I know the moment we saw our students here, after not seeing them in 187 days, we knew that we were all in a good place and that everything was going to be okay. Our “why” was back in our midst and we could see it in the smiling faces of our high school students.

When we opened our school in 2017, we had been in existence as a school for 4 days before Hurricane Harvey left its mark on Texas, in our community and on our campus. Because of the outpouring of love from the community, and my amazing students and staff, we were able to embrace Lemm Elementary and their Lions on our campus. Their campus had been flooded by Hurricane Harvey and was not viable for them to return to. Being a new school, with an open wing and classrooms (as we were only opening with 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders that year), we became the new home for the Lemm Lions for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. In just two short weeks, we went from being a new high school just opening its doors to Freshmen and Sophomores, to being a fully operational Elementary and High School combined.

As different as this start to the year had been for our students, and us as teachers and administrators, I realized that we were far luckier than some. As you know, in early September, Louisiana and parts of Texas were damaged by Hurricane Laura and some of the students, families, and communities that were hoping for a little normal to return to their lives had been displaced, had to start over, and still didn't know what is to come. As we know from COVID, school is the one constant in our kids' (AND OUR) lives. After hearing about the devastation at the high school that my husband attended, as well as where his parents and extended family graduated from, I went to speak with my Student Council to see if there was anything they could do to help out. They immediately knew that they wanted to do something and started planning. It was at that moment that my kids' Texas-sized hearts took the lead and “Bringing a Storm of Service” was born! Much like these students stepped up to help the Lemm Lions in 2017, this time, they would be embracing some Louisiana Lions from Vinton High School.

October 17, 2020 was another proud day for me as the Principal of Klein Cain HS. I was honored to “Bring a Storm of Service” to our Louisiana neighbors on behalf of the entire Klein Cain community. My husband and I were able to “Bring a Storm of Service” to Vinton High School

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through drives from our campus, our community, and our Hurricane Huddle feeder pattern. Our Student Council realized that Cain could positively impact this school if we all worked together. The day started early at Cain with our STUCO kids loading the trailer that morning and then we headed out. We arrived at Vinton HS and were met by their Principal, Eric Heinen, and some of their amazing teachers and students. We were able to deliver a trailer full of clothes, food, water, toiletries, cleaning supplies, pet supplies, school supplies, household appliances, toys and LOTS OF LOVE from our Hurricane family to our extended Lion family.

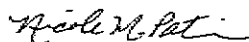
My kids have hearts as big as Texas, and the most amazing servant hearts I have ever seen. What they were able to accomplish and provide for Vinton HS was nothing short of amazing. My kids, especially my Seniors, were so excited to “bookend” their time at Cain helping the Lions (Lemm as Freshmen and Vinton as Seniors) and to once again prove that there is good that can come from a Hurricane too.

This was a true team and “Hurricane family” effort led by Antoinette Hernandez, our phenomenal STUCO sponsor and our Klein Cain Student Council. They spearheaded an event that allowed our Klein Cain Football team, led by James Clancy, to donate the use of their trailer to deliver the donations from the drive, which were collected by our athletics department , clubs and organizations, faculty & staff, families and community members who made contributions.

This is another testament to how amazing my kids are and how blessed I am to be at Cain and in Klein ISD. I’m looking forward to sustaining this relationship with Vinton HS for years to come and excited to see what my extraordinary kids do next!

Thank you for the opportunity to share the impact that this project made on both my professional and personal life. This was a campus and community-wide act of love and service that truly brought the “we not me” motto of Klein ISD across state lines to unite 2 High School campuses, 2 States and 2 communities in some pretty amazing ways.

Sincerely,



Nicole Patin  
Klein Cain HS Principal

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