

# Huntington High School

## Spanish Honor Society Annual Report

The Spanish Honor Society has been on a roll this year! The prestigious group, which is composed of members who have displayed exceptional advancement in Spanish, use their abilities to assist the community through tutoring, social groups and donations.

Huntington High School's Galápagos chapter of the Spanish Honor Society, or "La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica", is advised by Spanish teacher Mrs. Peña, and lead by a board of officers consisting of Debbie Gomez (President), Henry Rogan (Vice President), Spencer Young (Treasurer), Caroline Doscas (Recording Secretary), Ashley Angstadt (Corresponding Secretary) and Samantha Levine (Historian). Over the past year, the Society has made huge strides to become even more involved in the community and help establish ties between the Spanish and English speakers in Huntington.

Numerous members have responded to the responsibility of being in the Society by taking the initiative to incite change. Greta Farrell and Debbie Gomez translated progress reports to Spanish so Spanish-speaking parents can better understand the academic endeavors of their children. Francesca Gray, Collin Francis and other members have worked as tutors to help ESL students enhance their English skills such as reading, writing and speaking. Collin Francis, and other members have also aided English-speaking students in their Spanish studies to fill their foreign language credit. Melanie Grossman, Yao Chen, Calvin Francis, and others have volunteered in Ms. Murphy's special education classes to help the students socialize.

The Spanish Honor Society has also worked diligently to raise funds and then donate them to needy causes. Scholarships have been donated to a needy senior to help pay for college tuition and many donations have been made to help Hurricane Sandy victims as well as the Oklahoma tornado victims, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All the donations have been approved and signed by all members before the decisions have been made. Members have been encouraged to participate in Relay For Life, an overnight fundraiser that battles cancer and sends donations to the American Cancer Society. During the holiday season, the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative received presents and warm winter coats to give to needy children.

During the end of the year "fiesta," Ryan Bonitz and Collin Francis were given awards for providing the most amount of community service for the society this year. The Society has recently inducted 41 new members for the 2013/14 school year, which is the highest number of inductees for one year in its history. The group is looking forward to incorporating these new members into even more extensive community service in the upcoming year.

Next year's officers are:

President – Ashley Lopez

Vice President – Lenni Joya

Treasurer – Lily Morris

Corresponding Secretary – Tyler Cook

Historian – Rogelio Jimenez