



SOPHIA DE LEON

ABOUT ME: High School Academic All-American. National Hispanic Merit Scholar. National Honor Society Member. President's Volunteer Service Award Recipient. Captain of Water Polo Team. Altar Server. Board President of Generation Serve. As a product of grandparents who were migrant workers and two hardworking parents, I stand proudly on their shoulders to have earned these titles.

Growing up in a Hispanic household, much is given but much is expected. I strive to be the best at everything I do. As early as 4th grade, I signed up to be an altar server at my local church. Looking for opportunities to serve my community, I joined Generation Serve which guide young children to volunteer at places such animal shelters, senior citizen homes, church pantries, and homeless shelters.

When I entered high school, I earned acceptance at one of the most rigorous magnet schools in the state of Texas – Liberal Arts & Science Academy (LASA). Tough and competitive, I earn honor roll status every six weeks signing up for six AP courses.

Beyond the classroom, I enjoy sports, particularly swimming and water polo. Winning numerous medals and ribbons and “making it to state,” I appreciate the comradery, the communication, and the team spirit. Interestingly enough, my father was president of my swim club for seven years even though he can't swim.

In the summer of 2018, I attended Georgetown University to take an AP course in Comparative Government. Though my passion might be politics and debate, I still want to explore something in the science field...maybe neuropsychology.

Bridging the silos of integrity, honesty, and a strong work ethic, I understand the sacrifices made by my parents. What college I attend or whatever profession I choose, I'll do my best. That much I know.

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

- ❖ Honor Roll every 6-weeks in high school career
- ❖ AP Credit in several courses
- ❖ Junior Statesman of America Program (Georgetown Univ., Summer 2018)
- ❖ National Hispanic Scholarship Recipient (2019)
- ❖ Captain – LBJ High School Water Polo Team
- ❖ Distinguished Endorsement Diploma (Date of graduation: May 2020)
- ❖ President's Volunteer Service Award Recipient (2017; 2018)
- ❖ St. Austin's Catholic Church Altar Server (2012 – present)
- ❖ Generation Serve, Teen Leander (2017, 2018)
- ❖ Generation Serve, Board President (2018)
- ❖ President's Volunteer Service Award Recipient (2017, 2018)
- ❖ Rattan Creek Hurricanes Swim Team, Teen Coach (2018)

EDUCATION

Liberal Arts & Science Academy (LASA) LBJ High School (Austin, TX)

Distinguished Endorsement
(Date of Graduation: 2020)

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

Georgetown University
AP Comparative Government
(2018)

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Captain – LBJ HS Water Polo Team (2018) as a Junior
- USA Water Polo Academic All-American (2018, 2019)
- Junior Olympics -Water Polo (2017, 2018, 2019)
- All Regional 1st Team Water Polo (2018) (only LBJ Water Polo member to be recognized)
- Texas State Qualifier – LBJ High Swim Team Medley Relay, 4x100 Relay (2017)
- Texas State Qualifier – Anderson High Water Polo (2017) (only Freshman starter)

Hours Devoted to Activities:

Swim Team – 10hrs/week

Water Polo – 10hrs/week

Model UN – 10hrs/week

