

## PROFILE

# Tomorrow's leader

## Middle-schooler awarded scholarship to summer leadership academy

**T**aveion Neasman is a force to be reckoned with. The 13-year-old is a straight-A student with his eyes on the prize. Neasman, a Staley Middle School eighth-grader, was recently awarded a full scholarship to the Lone Star Leadership Academy (LSLA), which he'll attend next summer for the third year. LSLA are Sunday-Friday overnight camps offered throughout the summer for fourth through eighth grade. During the camps, young leaders travel to Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, or Houston/Galveston for a week of fun, learning, leadership development, and visits to significant Texas sites. Neasman's award-winning entry video takes viewers on a tour of the state with Neasman as the guide. Neasman also manages to make time for theater, having recently performed in his school's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr." He lives in Frisco with mom and dad Tasha and Thaddius, kid brother Tyren and the family dogs, Tony and Tori. Visit [friscoenterprise.com](http://friscoenterprise.com) to see Neasman's video.

### HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WON THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Honestly, I was shocked when I received the notice that I won. There were so many great videos submitted by other fellow leaders.

### HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE CONCEPT BEHIND THE PRODUCTION?

I came up with the concept of my video because I wanted to truly entertain people and really express how great this camp was.

I wanted to express that education and 'learning' are not always boring activities, but extremely FUN in this case.

### WHEN DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE LONE STAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PREVIOUSLY?

I have participated in the Lone Star Leadership Academy for two years beginning in my sixth-grade year. Summer 2018 will be my third and final trip as a camper to the Houston/Galveston area.

### WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

I learned a ton throughout the five great days at the summer camp.

Responsibility, determination, leadership, and how to be a team player to name a few.

### WHAT WAS THE BEST PART?

The best part of the Lone Star Leadership Academy is making new friends with different backgrounds and cultures from all over the state of Texas.

### HOW DO YOU THINK THE CAMP HAS HELPED YOU IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AND AT SCHOOL?

This camp has absolutely helped me not only in my personal life and at school but all aspects of my life. It helped me be more polite and kind to everyone I encounter and great leadership skills.

### HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR EXPERIENCES AT CAMP WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

I would like to become a doctor in the future. My experience at the camp will help me because I will possess many qualities that a doctor must have, such as problem-solving, communication and teamwork.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

My favorite school subjects are U.S. History and Integrated Language Arts (English).

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

In my spare time, I play my piano, participate in theatre stage plays, and play the double bass in my school's orchestra.

