

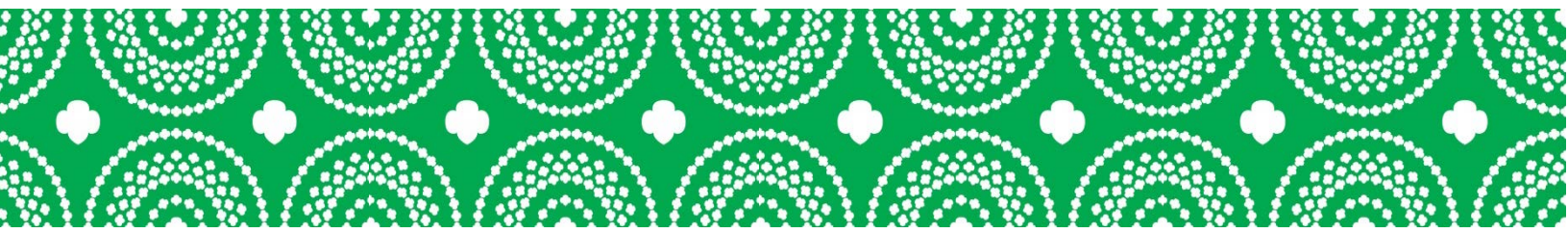
Texas A&M University-San Antonio Embracing Patriotism



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About

As the fastest-growing university in the distinguished Texas A&M University System, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO (A&M-SA) is on a mission to build the future. It is also the only campus in the A&M System located in a major metropolitan area, where faculty and staff equip students with the skills, knowledge and experiences to pursue rewarding careers, responsible global citizenship and lifelong learning.

With the lowest tuition rates among four-year San Antonio universities, A&M-SA offers a quality education at an affordable price. Scholarships and financial aid are designed to minimize the amount of debt students graduate with, so they can focus on building successful careers after graduation. Nearly 70 percent of our students take advantage of available financial aid programs.

Like our student population, the university's academic offerings are rapidly expanding, with more than 40 undergraduate and graduate degrees. The College of Education and Human Development partners with a number of local school districts to produce highly sought-after teachers and administrators who are ready from day one to meet the challenges of the modern classroom. The College of Business features the flexible and highly marketable MBA and MPA degrees alongside exciting undergraduate programs in international business, information technology and cyber security. The College of Arts and Sciences provides high-impact research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to gain practical experience in fields such as political science, criminology, medicine and sociology. A&M-SA graduates are pursuing careers in local government, law enforcement, education, business, cyber security, human service agencies and more.

A&M-SA is a Military Embracing™ university, where nearly one in six students is military connected (veteran, active-duty, military spouse or dependent). All faculty and staff are required to take military cultural competency training, so they can better support military-connected students pursuing undergraduate or graduate education.

A&M-SA is committed to serving as an economic, research and social catalyst throughout San Antonio and South Texas, embracing all students, especially those from underrepresented communities.

The university opened the new 140,000-square-foot Science and Technology Building in fall 2018.

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas & Texas A&M University- San Antonio are proud to bring to you the... Texas A&M University-San Antonio's Embracing Patriotism Initiative



Texas A&M University-San Antonio is a contemporary university reflective of the diverse and heritage-rich community it serves. Texas A&M-San Antonio is a Military Embracing™ higher learning institution that is committed to serving those individuals and their families who serve and have served in the armed services.

Promoting their 5 core values of commitment, respect, honor, courage and excellence.

Commitment - An agreement or pledge to do something in the future. Making a commitment involves dedicating yourself to something, like a person or a cause. Before you make a commitment, think carefully. A commitment obligates you to do something.

Respect - A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

Honor - High respect, esteem, regard with great respect

Courage - Ability to do something that frightens one. "She called on all her courage to face the ordeal" - strength in the face of pain or grief.

Excellence - Greatness - the very best. Achieving excellence is never easy to do. Always strive for excellence.

Girls who earn the Texas A&M-San Antonio Embracing Patriotism patch can proudly state they have pledged to honor and dedicate themselves to their country. Patriotism or national pride is the ideology of love and devotion to a homeland, and a sense of alliance with other citizens who share the same values.



Steps to Earn the Texas A&M University-San Antonio's Embracing Patriotism Patch

Girl Scouts is the premier girl leadership development program - girls have fun with a purpose! All activities are girl-led and girls should decide what activities to complete when earning a Business Patch Initiative (BPI) patch. In the spirit of Girl Scouting, girls may choose to participate in activities that are not listed in the booklets and/or supplements. If girls complete the minimum required number of activities based on the theme of the BPI, they have earned the BPI patch. For more information, contact Larissa Deremiah at lderemiah@girlscouts-swtx.org.

Step One:

1. Read through the Activities
2. Think about what you would like to do
3. Choose 3 out of the 4 Units
4. Complete 2 Activities from the 3 Units you chose

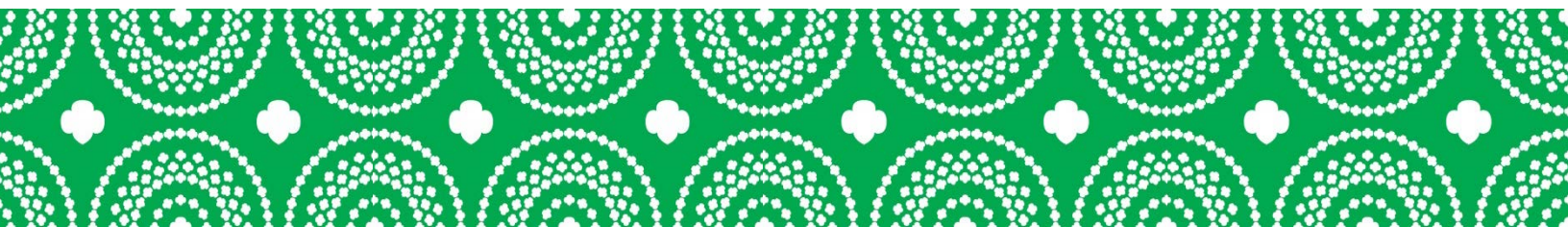
Step Two:

1. Complete the [Business Patch Initiative \(BPI\) Evaluation](#)
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Step Three:

Receive your Texas A&M University-San Antonio Embracing Patriotism Patch!



The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Girls at every level of Girl Scouting participate in the “*leadership experience*.” A *leadership experience* is an exciting way of working with girls in a series of themed activities focused on building leadership skills. By enlisting the three keys to leadership (*Discover*, *Connect*, and *Take Action*) girls learn that they can take the lead to make a difference in their community and the world. The three keys are at the heart of the Girl Scout philosophy of leadership:

Discover

Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

Connect

Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.

Take Action

Girls act to make the world a better place.

It’s not just “what” girls do, but “how.” When girls are engaged that creates a high-quality Girl Scout leadership experience. All Girl Scout experiences are built on three processes (*Girl-Led*, *Cooperative Learning*, and *Learning by Doing*) that make Girl Scouting different from school and other extra-curricular activities. When used together, these processes ensure the quality and promote the fun and friendship so integral to Girl Scouting.

Girl-Led

Girls play an active role in the planning and implementation of activities while adults provide age-appropriate facilitation, ensuring that planning, organization, set-up, and evaluation of all activities are done jointly with the girls.

Cooperative Learning

All members of a group work together towards a common goal that can only be accomplished with the help of others.

Learn by Doing

A “hands-on” learning process that engages girls in cycles of action and reflection resulting in deeper understanding of concepts and mastery of practical skills.

When Discover, Connect, and Take Action activities are girl-led and involve learning by doing and cooperative learning, girls achieve the desired and expected leadership outcomes ultimately resulting in Girl Scouting achieving its mission: **Building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.**



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Commitment

An agreement or pledge to do something in the future. Making a commitment involves dedicating yourself to something, like a person or a cause. Before you make a commitment, think carefully. A commitment obligates you to do something.

Being a Brownie

A Promise is a commitment. Read the Brownie Story and talk about how Mary and Betty figured out how to be Brownies and be helpful to their father.

Keeping a promise is not always fun. Sometimes it easier not do chores or help clean up, but it important to share the work.

Ask your family what jobs you could have to help at home. It can be the same thing every day, like feeding or walking pets or taking out the trash. Take responsibility for the household chore. DO the chore.

Help a neighbor with a chore.

An easy chore to remember is keep your room clean. Put your toys and books away.

At a meeting, talk to your friends about some things they do to help at home. While at a meeting, create a calendar of chores to help you remember.

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

- A calendar for each girl (you can use the attached template) or make your own
- Different color markers
- Rulers (if you are making your own)
- Pens/ Pencils to write what chores you will do

Watch either of these videos to hear the story of the Brownies.

[The Brownie Story](#)

[The Brownie Story – First Light](#)

Brownie Chore List							
Tasks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Commitment Buddies

Keeping our commitments can be hard. As Brownies you are learning how important it is to keep the promises you make because other people are counting on you.

Your family, your teachers and your Brownie troop all rely on you to help get things done.

In this activity, write down one goal that can be accomplished in 30 days. Figure out what will be easy to get the goal done what might get in the way of finishing the task.

Help your fellow Brownies come up with ideas and talk about your goals.

Once you have decided on your goal you can help each other by encouraging each other to get it done.

After you have decided on your goal create a picture to remind you of your goal and why you wanted to do it.

In your Brownie meetings you can provide each other encouragement and a reminder to stick to their goals.

Materials: It depends on the desires and number of girls participating:

- Construction paper
- Glue
Glitter
- Markers (all colors)
- Magazines and mail advertisements (for colorful pictures)

Some goals can be selling a certain number of cookies. Another goal can be finishing one of the badges in your Brownie journey.

At the end of the goal month, you can all share whether you were able to finish the task and how that feels. You can all talk about what made it hard. Brownies understand the importance of commitment, dedication and perseverance when tackling personal goals.



Sticking With it!

Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. As an inventor, Thomas Edison made 1,000 attempts to invent the light bulb. When a reporter asked, “How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?” Edison replied, “I didn’t fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with a thousand steps.”

Thomas Edison was definitely committed to inventing the light bulb!

For this activity, you can watch Finding Nemo or another movie that you and your adult leaders want that shows dedication and commitment. After the movie is over you can talk about what the characters went through. What was hard about being committed to their task and why they kept going. What were they feeling at different parts of the movie?

Summary of the Movie:

A clown fish named Marlin lives in the Great Barrier Reef and loses his son, Nemo, after he ventures into the open sea, despite his father’s constant warnings about many of the ocean’s dangers. Nemo is abducted by a boat and netted up and sent to a dentist’s office in Sydney. While Marlin ventures off to try to retrieve Nemo, Marlin meets a fish named Dory, a blue tang suffering from short-term memory loss. The companions travel a great distance, encountering various dangerous sea creatures such as sharks, anglerfish and jellyfish, in order to rescue Nemo from the dentist’s office, which is situated by Sydney Harbour. While the two are searching the ocean far and wide, Nemo and the other sea animals in the dentist’s fish tank plot a way to return to the sea to live their lives free again.

Finding Nemo is available in the San Antonio Library system.

Respect

A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.



HEARTS FOR VETS

After the Civil War, President Lincoln said the United States has a responsibility to care for all veterans. A veteran is a person that has served in the military protecting our country. He created a series of hospitals that are dedicated to caring for all veterans.

This care is done in Veteran's Hospitals. Veterans in these hospitals are there because of something that happened while they were serving their country as part of the military. Some spend a lot of time in the hospital. To show respect, appreciation, and bring a smile to some of these veterans, you can decorate Valentine's Day cards. You can take them to the hospital and hand them out yourself or you can mail them to the hospital and volunteers there will know who needs a Valentine's Day card.

How you create the card is up to you, but here are some suggested materials you can use.

- Poster board
- Construction paper
- Scrap fabric
- Markers
- Glitter Glue
- Magazines (to cut out pictures)
- Ribbon
- Beads

Flag Folding

As part of your celebrating community badge, you will practice folding the flag. There are seven steps to folding the flag.

Flag Folding <http://www.usflag.org/fold.flag.html>

How to fold the Flag

Step 1



To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.

Step 2



Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise **over** the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.

Step 3



Fold the flag **again** lengthwise with the blue field on the **outside**.

Step 4



Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.

Step 5



Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.

Step 6



The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.

Step 7



When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.

Additional Activity: Perform an official flag ceremony with your troop at school, church or at camp.

Suggested video:

[Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2719 Performs an Official Flag Ceremony \(05-07-13\)](#)



Sandra Says

We respect individuals because we admire certain qualities they have or for their achievements.

It may be someone you know or someone who have learned about. With your Brownie troop or your family talk about what respect means to you. Have you ever heard of the Golden Rule? It means to treat people the way you want to be treated. Everyone is unique. Unique means there is no one in the entire world just like you, but we have many things in common with other people.

For this activity you will play a game with your Brownie troop.
(Based on a lesson plan in Education World
https://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/00-2/lp2061.shtml)

This game is similar to Simon Says. Everyone will form a circle.

In this game you must pay attention to what Sandra says because only some people will do what Sandra Says.

It would probably be more fun if you asked an adult in your Brownie troop to be Sandra, that way everyone gets to play.

Sandra Says. "Everyone with brown eyes, stand up."

Sandra Says. "Everyone who has a dog or a cat as a pet, put your right hand on your head." Sandra Says. "Everyone whose favorite sport is soccer, stand on one foot."

Sandra Says. "Everyone who speaks more than one language, jump up and down."

Sandra Says. "Everyone that has a brother or sister sit down."

Your adult leader or whoever is "Sandra" can add some other "Sandra Says" commands.

After the game is over, everyone should sit down. Now is where you must remember what each person did. Each person that played the game will name one way in which she and another Brownie are alike. It must be something you didn't know before the game. You will be surprised what you have in common with your other Brownies!

Respect is earned through treating other with kindness.

Honor

High respect, esteem,
regard with great respect.



Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service. In observance of the holiday, many people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.”

As a group you and your troop are invited to march with the Texas A&M University-San Antonio float in the Memorial Day parade. This is a great way to honor all the men and women who have died in defense of the United States of America.

To get ready for the parade, you can make flags to wave while walking in the parade.

Materials (depending on the ideas and desires of the girls):

Suggestions:

- Dowels
- Crepe paper, (red, white and blue)
- Markers
- Glitter Glue
- Scissors
- Paper (red, white and blue)
- Stapler

For this project you can make your “flag” any way you like. You can cut strips of streamers of red, white and blue. You can glue glitter on the streamers and tie or glue them to the dowels.

If you decide to make “flags” out of paper, then decorate them and then you will fold over one end over the dowels and glue the paper to the dowels or staple it around the dowel, so it is secure.

Food for Firefighters

Firefighters put out fires using water hoses, fire extinguishers, and water pumps. Firefighters find and rescue victims in burning buildings or in other emergency situations. When firefighters are working they have to spend days at the firehouse. They eat and sleep there too. One way to honor firefighters and show your appreciation is to make them a snack or dessert.

While you are working on the Legacy: Cook Brownie Badge, plan to make some snacks to take to your local fire station. Remember to always have an adult supervise any cooking projects.

The firefighters will definitely appreciate getting some delicious food. They will be happy to know that you appreciate what they do.

Before you go to the fire station watch the following videos, so you know what the firefighters do every day.

[Learn about Firefighters for Kids](#)

[Job of the Week - Being a Firefighter](#)



On My Honor...

When you say the Girl Scout Promise, you are PROMISING you will try to do good things.

**On my honor, I will try: To
serve God and my country.
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.**

The Girl Scout Law has more things that you are promising to try to do, as best as you can.

If someone honors you, they recognize and reward you for your achievements. The term honor has always been a word used to describe men and women of high moral worth or great achievement.

For this activity: Find someone in your community that you think deserves to be honored. It can be someone in your family, school, church or Girl Scout troop. Giving someone an honor is a big deal, so don't do it just because you like them! An honorable person is someone who deserves respect because they behave according to high moral standards. They do the right thing even if no one notices. They do the right thing even if no one else does.

Once you decide who you want to honor, you have to decide how you want to do it. You and your Brownie troop can honor someone together or you can do it with your family or on your own.

There are many ways to honor someone:

You can present them with a certificate. Certificates can be made on the computer and there are many templates available on the internet. This web site has free certificates that you can download and give to someone:

[Hloom](#)

You can give them a card. You can either buy or make a card for them which tells them why you are honoring them.

A birthday celebration is way to honor someone.

You can create a gift and give it to them to let them know how important they are to you. The person that you choose will be feel special and important.

Courage

The ability to do something that frightens one. "She called on all her courage to face the ordeal" - strength in the face of pain or grief.



Color Your Courage

Courage is doing something even when you are afraid to. We all know about superheroes and their super powers. It's easy to be brave when you are strong and fearless. Talk about things that you can do that might be scary, but you know you should do. Small acts of courage are important.

Watch the clip from [A Bug's Life](#). This is the best scene of the whole movie! It is the scene where the ants stand up to the grasshoppers. (1 minute and 41 seconds)

Talk to your friends about what happened in the video. The ants stood up to the bullying grasshoppers. What are some other brave things that you can do any day? What about helping someone who is shy? Another thing is to not do things just because everyone else is doing it.

After watching the video clip, the activity is to create a cartoon showing a superhero doing a courageous act in an everyday situation.

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

Supplies:

- Poster paper
- Glue
- Markers
- Magazines

Fold the paper into half and then half again. This will create four parts. Create your own four- panel cartoons, using balloon dialogue and featuring herself as a superhero performing small but realistic act of courage in an everyday situation.

I am Courageous

Do you believe you can be a hero?

Watch the video: [For the Heroes: A Pep Talk from Kid President](#)

After watching the video from YouTube, talk about how regular people can be heroes. Do you know any heroes in your neighborhood or family? What can you do to be a hero?

The Girl Scout Promise says that girl scouts promise to try “to help people at all times.” How can you do this?

The Girl Scout Law says girl scouts will do their best to be “courageous and strong.” How can you do this?

With the help of your adult leaders, talk about why it takes courage to stand up alone for what you think is right.

During this activity, as a group you can discuss the third key in your Brownie journey! How will you Take Action to make the world a better place?

Some suggestions:

- Volunteer at the local foodbank. They always need help sorting food donations.
- Start a canned food drive to donate food to the foodbank.
- Write letters to veterans at the VA hospitals in your area. You can mail all the cards together and the staff will hand them out to the veterans.

Audie Murphy Veteran’s
7400 Merton Minter Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78229

Kerrville VA Hospital
3600 Memorial Blvd
Kerrville, TX 78028

Many of the patients do not have family members.



Be Prepared

Many times, being brave includes being ready and able to help. For this activity, you can work on your Brownie First Aid Badge. It is important to know what to do when there is an emergency because everyone gets scared and if you practice then you don't even have to think about it. Police officers, fire fighters, medics practice all the time, so they are ready even if they get scared.

Make a first aid kit. You can make one for home. If you have one at home, make one and donate it to the homeless shelter or to someone who might not have one. What are some things you might need in your first aid kit?

Materials: Depends on the number of girls and what type of kit you want to make.

- Different size gauze dressings
- Rolled bandages
- Safety pins
- Different size band aids
- Disposable gloves
- Scissors
- Sterile wipes
- Antiseptic cream
- Distilled water

Excellence

Excellence means greatness - the very best. Achieving *excellence* is never easy to do. Always strive for excellence.



Brownie Philanthropist

Brownies learn about philanthropy and how important it is to help other people. As a Girl Scout you promise to do your very best to make the world a better place. For this activity you can work on the Philanthropist Badge. You will learn what people's basic needs are: food, water, clothing and what to do in an emergency. Helping others is excellence in action. Working hard to make something happen and not giving up doing your part.

After you research a topic either with your Brownie troop or on your own, decide how you are going to help to fix the problem. You may think you cannot make a difference. Many people don't even understand the problems that exist in the world. One way to make a difference is to educate people. Let them know about the problem.

Did you know that today, 1 in 9 people lack access to safe water; 1 in 3 people lack access to a toilet? More people have a mobile phone than a toilet. We can change this. Let's work together to make the power of water available to all.

Water connects every aspect of life. Access to safe water and sanitation can quickly turn problems into potential – unlocking education, work opportunities, and improved health for women, children and families across the world.

<https://water.org/our-impact/water-crisis>

Women and girls around the world spend up to 6 hours a day collecting water.

You can do an education campaign at your school, your church, temple or synagogue and your family.

Create a flyer or poster explaining the issue you have researched and how people can help.

Some materials you might need:

- Poster board or trifold board
- Pictures from the internet
- Markers
- A computer

Additional Activities:

- Create a PowerPoint presentation or YouTube video about your issue.

Memorial Day Wreath

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

After the Civil War, both the North and the South saw many soldiers with serious injuries and most everyone in the United States had lost friends and loved ones. In Waterloo, New York, Henry Welles, a shopkeeper came up with the idea that on one day all the shops would close to honor those who had been killed during the war. On that day everyone in the town went to the local cemetery and put out flowers and crosses on their graves to honor and remember all the people that fought in the war. Retired Major General Jonathan A. Logan planned a ceremony for the soldiers that had survived the Civil War. The veterans went to the cemetery to decorate the graves of people who had died defending their country. People gathered to remember, and go to cemeteries to remember the fallen, and decorate graves with flags, flowers, and photos. Memorial Day is a time to remember all those Americans who have fought in the past to keep this country safe and free.

Fort Sam Houston cemetery was established in the 1920's. Fort Sam Houston features a memorial pathway lined with a variety of memorials, donated by various organizations, that honor America's veterans. Most commemorate soldiers of the 20th-century wars.

Before you make your wreath, you can ask an adult to read you a story or read it your yourself.

Suggested Books: (available in San Antonio Public Library system)

- Let's Get Ready for Memorial Day by Lloyd G. Douglas
- Memorial Day by Christin Ditchfield

Suggested music video:

- [Memorial Day Flag Song for Kids | Flag Songs for Children | The Kiboomers](#)

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

- Paper Plates – one for each girl
- Tacky Glue
- Scissors
- Red, White and Blue Tissue Paper OR Red, White and Blue construction paper
- 6" Ribbon or Cord for each girl.
- Star Stickers, Sequins, Glitter

Instructions for Wreath

1. Cut the middle out of a paper plate, leaving just a 1-2" ring. Discard middle.
2. Cut different size squares of red, white and blue tissue paper.



3. Glue to paper plate ring in any design you choose. Try to include some red, blue and white.
4. Finish by adding some star stickers or sequins.
5. Glue a 6" loop to the back to make a hanger.

Hang the wreath in your window on Memorial Day to honor all the military people that have died to defend our country.

Additional Activity: Help Texas A&M University-San Antonio lay wreaths on the graves at Ft. Sam Houston cemetery during the Christmas holidays.

Strive to Be Your Best Self

[A Pep Talk from Kid President to You.](#)

For this activity, choose one of the badges in your Brownie book or the Make Your Own Badge. Talk to an adult in your Girl Scout troop and your parents to see what steps you need to take to complete the badge.

The goal of the badge and being the best, you can be, is to try. Don't give up if it gets difficult. Thomas Edison tried 1,000 ways to make an electric light bulb. Nine Hundred and Ninety times he failed to make a working light bulb. It didn't work until the 1,000 time! He said he refused to give up.

Two examples of kids that didn't give up and kept working to make things better!

ROBBY NOVAK



Since 2013, the 13-year-old has been posting videos as “Kid President,” featuring optimistic and enthusiastic talks from his cardboard Oval Office that have promoted charitable causes, like urging people to donate clothes and meals to the needy.

In other clips, he uses humor to make salient points about empathy. “Before you say something about the barbecue sauce on somebody else’s shirt, look at the barbecue sauce on your own shirt,” he says.

Keep in mind, Robby has osteogenesis imperfecta, a disease that causes his bones to be abnormally brittle and has prompted over 70 bone breaks in his life. Novak’s infectious energy has been viewed by - and inspired - millions, including Real

President Barack Obama, who visited with Novak when he invited the performer to the White House for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in 2013. He doesn't let his disease stop him from striving for excellence!

HENRY BURNER



(Picture by Sarah Denike)

When a school trading post project tasked fourth grader Henry Burner with bringing in something to sell to his classmates, he didn't want to go the traditional baked goods route.

Instead, Henry made and sold his own pinback buttons with the help of his mom's button machine. The success of his creative project spawned an idea.

"I did so well at my trading post that when I got home I asked mom whether I could 'make real money doing this,'"

He began selling his buttons at farmers markets, but when the season ended, and the markets began to close, he said, "My mom suggested e-commerce and that's when the business really took off!"

Now as the founder of Buttonsmith, Inc., Burner - who was named as one of *Forbes's* notable 30 Under 30 in the retail and ecommerce industry - is creating jobs in his hometown of Carnation, Washington.

With a patent pending on the design, his products are available both online and in Walmarts across the country. While Burner cites "selling more than \$1 million gross in 2017, being in 1,600 Walmarts, [and] being able to sell custom products on Amazon" as some of his biggest achievements, he's also very conscious about the kind of

company he wants to run. He's proud of Buttonsmith's "products [being] 100 percent made in the USA, being a union shop, and creating 10 good jobs for our employees!" —*JS*

[Article: 15 Amazing Kids Who Are Making the World A Better Place](#)

Additional Activity: How can you use what you learned in your badge to improve your community or help your friends, family or community? Can you teach one person a skill? Can make something for someone? What can you do to make the world a better place?

YOU DID IT!



CONGRATULATIONS!

For More Information

 **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

2009
Established

6,500
Enrollment

73%
First-generation

70%
Hispanic

18:1
Student-to-faculty ratio

24
Average class size

40+
Clubs and organizations



42%
Enrollment growth at A&M-SA since 2015



Lowest Tuition
Among four-year universities in San Antonio



30+
Majors and programs offered at A&M-SA



18%
Students are veterans, currently serving, spouses of veterans or dependents



10,000+
University alumni



700
Acres the campus is situated on



20
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