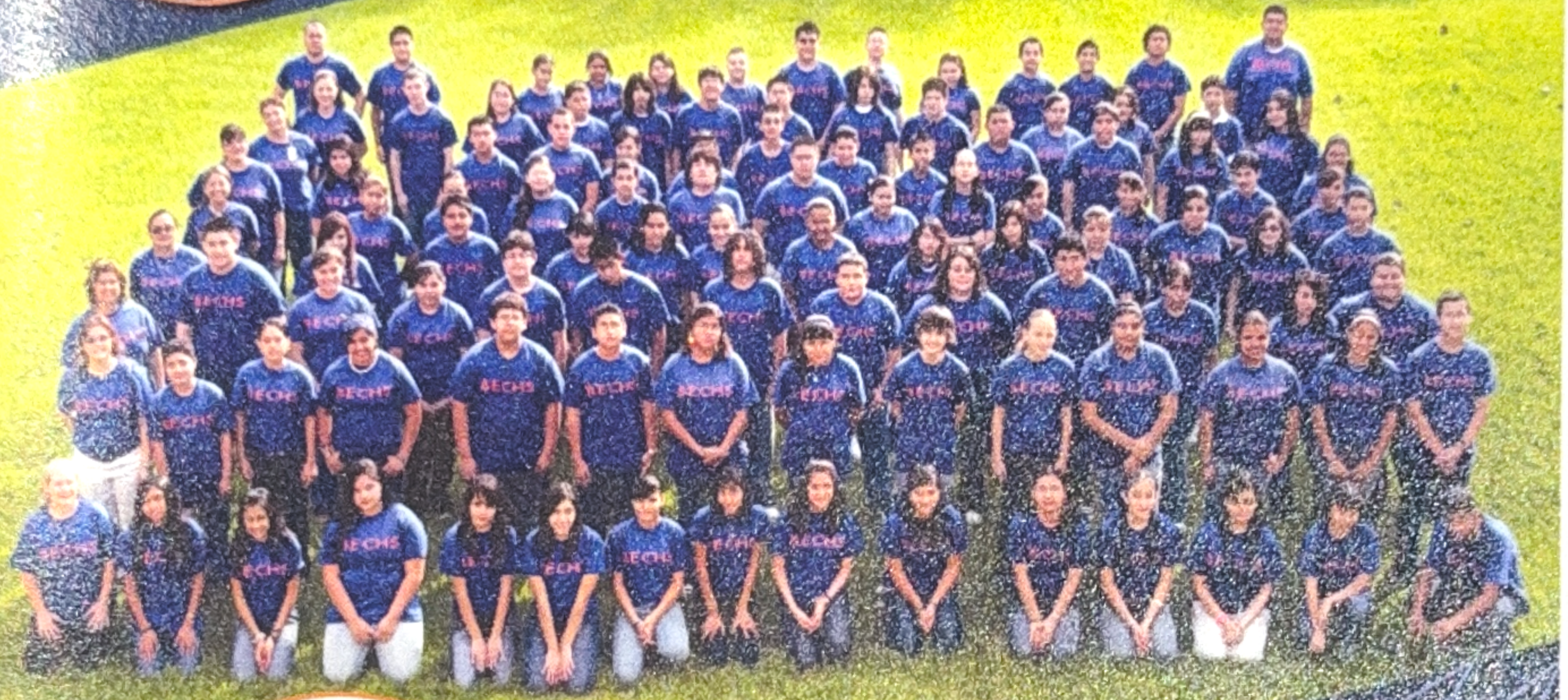
BECHS

Brownsville Early College High School







Brownsville Early College High School
Scorpions

Opened in 2008 at the Clearwater Campus

Grand Opening Ceremony

Thursday, October 9, 2008
10:00 AM
Central Administrative Building
Auditorium
708 Palm Blvd.

The Brownsville Early College High School (BECHS) is an educational choice school open to 100 Brownsville ISD students entering the ninth grade in the 2008-2009 school year. It is designed to enable students to achieve two years of college credit, tuition-free, at the same time they are earning a high school diploma. Additionally, BECHS is designed to boost graduation rates and increase the number of high school students prepared for post-secondary success.



BISD Superintendent Hector Gonzales and Dr. Stephen Rosales, Assistant to the UTB/TSC Dean of the School of Education, signed the first Early College High School Agreement in December 2007. BISD Board Trustees Ruben Cortez, Jr. and Rolando Aguilar were present for the occasion.

Program

Musical Selections ..... UTB/TSC Mariachi Escorpión
Antonio Briseño, *Director*

Video Presentation ..... KBSD TV

Master of Ceremonies ..... Dr. Salvador Cavazos
Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction

National Anthem ..... Rivera High School "Accord"
Kyle Zeuch, *Director*

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Jocelyn Almeida, *Student*
& Texas Pledge *BECHS Class of 2012*

Welcome & Introduction of Guests ..... Hector Gonzales
BISD Superintendent of Schools

Speakers ..... Dr. Juliet V. García
UTB/TSC President
Lizzette Reynolds
TEA Deputy Commissioner, Statewide Policy & Programs
Jean Silvertooth, *Board Member/Meadows Foundation*
Adrianna Cuéllar Rojas, *Senior Program Officer/ Meadows Foundation*
John Fitzpatrick, *Executive Director*
Texas High School Project/Communities Foundation of Texas
Blanca Gonzalez, *Student*
BECHS Class of 2012

Closing ..... Roni Rentfro, *Principal*
Brownsville Early College High School

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A reception and site visit will follow at the Brownsville Early College High School.

The Brownsville Early College High School is part of the Texas High School Project, a public-private partnership dedicated to improving graduation rates and college readiness. Partners include the Texas Education Agency, Governor's Office, Texas Legislature, The Higher Education Coordinating Board, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Communities Foundation of Texas, Meadows Foundation, Greater Texas Foundation, Wallace Foundation and National Instruments.

