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# Colorado River Collegiate Academy Student Awarded a Brand New Ford for Perfect Attendance

05/24/2024 | Perfect attendance gets you a star and with Drive Sames 4 Education, you have a chance to win a car! The program awards its 24th new vehicle to Texas students.

BASTROP, TEXAS – Texas' oldest dealership helps make perfect attendance pay once again in the annual Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program. Sixteen finalists from Bastrop Independent School District (BISD) high schools were selected out of over a thousand students earning perfect attendance vouchers through Colorado River Collegiate Academy, Bastrop High School, and Cedar Creek High School. This is the second year in a row that a student from the smallest of the BISD schools wins the new vehicle.

Alejandra Saldaña, a senior at Colorado River Collegiate Academy, takes home a brand new 2024 Ford Maverick in the Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program. The Sames Auto Group created the Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program in 2013 to support attendance. Sames Bastrop Ford is donating the new 2024 Ford Maverick and Prosperity Bank donates the tax, title, and fees which makes the vehicle completely free to Saldaña.

*"Investing in the success of our youth is a key priority of our organization. Our Drive Sames 4 Education Program makes it exciting and fun to reward students who work hard to earn this achievement which is a fundamental component contributing to educational success."* said Evelyn Sames, Chief Executive Officer for the Sames organization. Sames was on hand to personally hand the keys to the lucky winner.

*"On behalf of Prosperity Bank, we are thrilled to be a part of this event and would like to congratulate all of the Finalists for their hard work and dedication to earn this achievement,"* said Joann Cody, President of Prosperity Bank-Bastrop.

*"On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I sincerely thank the Sames Auto Group for offering this incredible incentive to our students. It's a partnership that we hope will continue for many years to come,"* said Barry Edwards, Bastrop ISD Superintendent

The program will continue in the 2024/2025 school year.



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The Bastrop Independent School District is a fast-growth public school system in the picturesque Lost Pines of Central Texas, conveniently located just 30 miles southeast of Austin, 100 miles northeast of San Antonio, and 130 miles west of Houston. Bastrop ISD is made up of 15 schools, 12,500 students, and 433 square miles throughout Bastrop, Cedar Creek, Dale, Paige, Red Rock, and Rockne. For more information, visit [www.bisdtx.org](http://www.bisdtx.org).

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Evelyn Sames, CEO of Sames Auto Group, was on hand to present the keys to the 2024 Ford Maverick to Alejandra Saldaña, BISD senior, winner of the annual Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program.

Parents and Alejandra Saldaña (2nd left), winner of the Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program and Evelyn Sames, CEO Sames Auto Group (far right).



Evelyn Sames, CEO of Sames Auto Group (L) and Alejandra Saldaña, winner of the annual Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program.



Alejandra Saldaña, senior at Colorado River Collegiate Academy, is this year's winner of the annual Drive Sames 4 Education Perfect Attendance Program in Bastrop..