# 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl Media Guide

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# 2013-14 Bowl Schedule

Bowl	Date	Time (CST)	Television	Teams	
Gildan New Mexico	Dec. 21	1:00 p.m.	ESPN	Col. State vs. Wash. State	
Royal Purple Las Vegas	Dec. 21	2:30 p.m.	ABC	Fresno State vs. USC	
Famous Idaho Potato	Dec. 21	4:30 p.m.	ESPN	Buffalo vs San Diego State	
R+L Carriers New Orleans	Dec. 21	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	Tulane vs. LA-Lafayette	
Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersberg	Dec. 23	1:00 p.m.	ESPN	East Carolina vs. Ohio	
Sheraton Hawai'i	Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	ESPN	Oregon State vs. Boise State	
Little Caesars Pizza	Dec. 26	5:00 p.m.	ESPN	Pittsburgh vs. Bowling Green	
S.D. County Credit Union Poinsettia	Dec. 26	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	Northern Illinois vs. Utah State	
Military presented by Northrop Grumman	Dec. 27	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Maryland vs. Marshall	
Texas	Dec. 27	5:00 p.m.	ESPN	Minnesota vs. Syracuse	
Fight Hunger	Dec. 27	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	BYU vs. Washington	
New Era Pinstripe	Dec. 28	11:00 a.m.	ESPN	Rutgers vs. Notre Dame	
Belk	Dec. 28	2:20 p.m.	ESPN	North Carolina vs. Cincinnati	
Russell Athletic	Dec. 28	5:45 p.m.	ESPN	Miami (FL) vs. Louisville	
Buffalo Wild Wings	Dec. 28	9:15 p.m.	ESPN	Michigan vs. Kansas State	
Bell Hellicopter Armed Forces	Dec. 30	10:45 a.m.	ESPN or ESPN2	Middle Tennessee vs. Navy	
Franklin American Mortgage Music City	Dec. 30	2:15 p.m.	ESPN or ESPN2	Ole Miss vs. Georgia Tech	
Valero Alamo	Dec. 30	5:45 p.m.	ESPN	Oregon vs. Texas	
National University Holiday	Dec. 30	9:15 p.m.	ESPN	Arizona State vs. Texas Tech	
AdvoCare V100	Dec. 31	11:30 a.m.	ESPN	Arizona vs. Boston College	
Hyundai Sun	Dec. 31	1:00 p.m.	CBS	Virginia Tech vs. UCLA	
AutoZone Liberty	Dec. 31	3:00 p.m.	ESPN	Mississippi State vs. Rice	
Chick-fil-A	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.	ESPN	Duke vs. Texas A&M	
TaxSlayer.com Gator	Jan. 1	11:00 a.m.	ESPNU	Nebraska vs. Georgia	
Heart of Dallas	Jan. 1	11:00 a.m.	ESPN2	North Texas vs. UNLV	
Capital One	Jan. 1	12:00 p.m.	ABC	South Carolina vs. Wisconsin	
Outback	Jan. 1	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	LSU vs. Iowa	
Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO	Jan. 1	4:00 p.m.	ESPN	Stanford vs. Michigan State	
Tostitos Fiesta	Jan. 1	7:30 p.m.	ESPN	Central Florida vs. Baylor	
Allstate Sugar	Jan. 2	7:30 p.m.	ESPN	Oklahoma vs. Alabama	
Discover Orange	Jan. 3	7:30 p.m.	ESPN	Clemson vs. Ohio State	
AT&T Cotton	Jan. 3	6:30 p.m.	FOX	Missouri vs. Oklahoma State	
BBVA Compass	Jan. 4	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	Houston vs. Vanderbilt	
GoDaddy.com	Jan. 5	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	Ball State vs. Arkansas State	
VIZIO BCS National Championship	Jan. 6	7:30 p.m.	ESPN	Florida State vs. Auburn	
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# Alamodome Attendance Records



The Valero Alamo Bowl will be played in San Antonio's 65,000 seat Alamodome. The Alamodome is one of the most sought-after venues in the Lone Star State for major sporting events. The multi-purpose facility has served as the home of the Alamo Bowl for the past 20 years and is now also home to UTSA football and the San Antonio Talons of the Arena Football League.

The facility, which welcomes concerts, conventions and trade shows, has also hosted three Dr Pepper Big 12 Football Championship Games, three regular season and six NFL preseason games and seven neutral site Division I FBS games. On the high school level, the Alamodome played host to the 2006, 2007 and 2009 UIL 5A Division I and II Football Championship games and annually hosts the U.S. Army All-American Bowl each January.

The top college events played at the Alamodome include three NCAA Men's Final Four and the Women's Final Four in 2002 and 2010. The 2008 Men's Final Four attracted a crowd of 43,718 as Kansas defeated Memphis 75-68 in overtime to claim the National Championship.

#### **All-Time Alamo Bowl Attendance Numbers**

Attendance	Bowl	Date	Teams
66,166	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2007	Texas A&M vs. Penn State
65,875	Alamo Bowl	Dec. 30, 2006	Texas vs. Iowa
65,380	SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl	Dec. 28, 1999	Texas A&M vs. Penn State
65,277	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2012	Texas vs. Oregon State
65,265	MasterCard Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2004	Oklahoma State vs. Ohio State
65,256	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2011	Baylor vs. Washington
65,232	SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2001	Texas Tech vs. Iowa
64,757	Valero Alamo Bowl	Jan. 2, 2010	Texas Tech vs. Michigan State
64,597	Builders Square Alamo Bowl	Dec. 28, 1995	Texas A&M vs. Michigan
62,016	MasterCard Alamo Bowl	Dec. 28, 2005	Nebraska vs. Michigan
60,780	Builders Square Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 1998	Kansas State vs. Purdue
60,028	SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl	Dec. 30, 2000	Nebraska vs. Northwestern
57,595	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2010	Oklahoma State vs. Arizona
56,229	MasterCard Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2003	Nebraska vs. Michigan State
55,986	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2008	Missouri vs. Northwestern
55,677	Builders Square Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 1996	Texas Tech vs. Iowa
55,552	Builders Square Alamo Bowl	Dec. 30, 1997	Oklahoma State vs. Purdue
50,690	MasterCard Alamo Bowl	Dec. 28, 2002	Colorado vs. Wisconsin
45,716	Builders Square Alamo Bowl	Dec. 31, 1993	California vs. Iowa

# Top Ten All-Time Alamodome Football Crowds

Attendance	Game	Date	Teams
66,166	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2007	Texas A&M vs. Penn State
65,875	Alamo Bowl	Dec. 30, 2006	Texas vs. Iowa
65,562	NFL Regular Season	Oct. 16, 2005	New Orleans Saints vs. Atlanta Falcons
65,380	SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl	Dec. 28, 1999	Texas A&M vs. Penn State
65,265	MasterCard Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2004	Oklahoma State vs. Ohio State
65,256	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2011	Baylor vs. Washington
65,232	SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2001	Texas Tech vs. Iowa
65,035	Dr Pepper Big 12 Championship	Dec. 4, 1999	Nebraska vs. Texas
64,824	Dr Pepper Big 12 Championship	Dec. 6, 1997	Nebraska vs. Texas A&M
64,757	Valero Alamo Bowl	Jan. 2, 2010	Texas Tech vs. Michigan State

# Top Ten All-Time Alamodome Crowds

Attendance	Event	Date	Teams
73,086	George Strait	June 1, 2013	
66,835	South Texas Billy Graham Crusade	April 6, 1997	
66,166	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2007	Texas A&M vs. Penn State
65,875	Alamo Bowl	Dec. 30, 2006	Texas vs. Iowa
65,562	NFL Regular Season	Oct. 16, 2005	New Orleans Saints vs. Atlanta Falcons
65,380	SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl	Dec. 28, 1999	Texas A&M vs. Penn State
65,280	South Texas Billy Graham Crusade	April 5, 1997	
65,277	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2012	Texas vs. Oregon State
65,265	MasterCard Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2004	Oklahoma State vs. Ohio State
65,256	Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 2011	Baylor vs. Washington

# **Game Notes**

#### WELCOME TO THE #ALAMOBOWL

Since its inception in 1993, the Valero Alamo Bowl has developed a growing track record of top ESPN ratings, capacity crowds and exciting games. The 20th Annual Valero Alamo Bowl lived up to its billing as #23 Texas overcame a 10 point second half deficit to beat #13 Oregon State 31-27.

Two dramatic touchdowns from Longhorn wide receiver Marquise Goodwin and a bowl record 4.5 sacks from defensive end Alex Okafor keyed the comeback in front of a standing room only crowd of 65,277. It was the fourth highest attendance in Valero Alamo Bowl history and the fifth capacity crowd in the last seven years. The game was also the seventh game in the last eight where the outcome wasn't decided until the final two minutes.

The Valero Alamo Bowl has produced five of the Top 15 Most-Watched Non-BCS Bowl Games in ESPN history including the #1,#2 and #6 most-watched games with the 2010 (Texas Tech vs. Michigan State), 2006 (Texas vs. Iowa) and 2005 (Michigan vs. Nebraska) in terms of household impressions, respectively. Over 6.75 million viewers watched the 2012 game, making it ESPN's 14th most-watched non-BCS bowl game of all-time. More than 120 million viewers have tuned in to the 20 Valero Alamo Bowl broadcasts.

## **COACHING COMPARISON**

The 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl will be the first meeting between Texas head coach Mack Brown and Oregon head coach Mark Helfrich.

Brown, the 2005 National Coach of the Year after leading the Longhorns to the BCS National Championship, is 157-45 in 16 seasons at Texas. He is taking the Longhorns to a bowl game for the 15th time, and bringing them to San Antonio for the third time. Brown is 10-4 in bowl games at Texas with wins in seven of their last eight appearances, including the 31-27 win over Oregon State last year in the Valero Alamo Bowl.

Helfrich is in his first year as the head coach for the Ducks. He spent the last four seasons as the program's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Helfrich is the first Oregonian to head the university's football program since John Warren in 1942. Oregon finished the year 10-2, marking their sixth straight 10-win season.

## **TOP 10 RANKINGS**

This is the third time the Valero Alamo Bowl has played host to a Top 10 team.

The #4 Kansas State Wildcats traveled to San Antonio to face off against the Purdue Boilermakers in the 1998 Alamo Bowl. The Wildcats fell to Drew Brees and company in a 37-34 thriller. At the time, the game's 4.92 rating made it the fifth mostwatched game in ESPN history, helping establish the Alamo Bowl's reputation as the fastest growing bowl game.

In the 2000 Alamo Bowl, the #8 Nebraska Cornhuskers faced off against the high-scoring spread attack of the #19 Northwestern Wildcats. The Huskers dominated the game on the ground, rushing for 476 yards in a 66-17 victory. The game set NCAA Bowl Records for most points by one team in a game (Nebraska with 66) and most combined points in a quarter (Nebraska and Northwestern combined to score 45 points in the 2nd quarter).

#### **TEXAS CONNECTIONS**

Oregon has had success recruiting in the state of Texas over the last few seasons. The Ducks currently sport seven Texas natives on their roster. This includes a pair of playmakers in Bralon Addison and Josh Huff.

Addison, from Missouri City, caught 56 balls for 842 yards and seven touchdowns this year.

Huff, who hails from Houston, leads the team in all three major statistical categories for receivers. The 5'11" senior recorded 57 catches for 1036 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The Longhorns, unsurprisingly, boast over 100 Texas natives on their roster. This includes five members from the San Antonio area. Of the Longhorns with San Antonio roots, running back Malcolm Brown stands out. The junior has excelled this year, rushing for 774 yards and nine touchdowns.

#### **GUESS WHO'S BACK?**

Oregon offensive coordinator Scott Frost is no stranger to San Antonio. The 38-year-old Lincoln, Neb. native led the Nebraska Cornhuskers to the 1997 Big 12 Championship game held at the Alamodome. The #2 Cornhuskers defeated the #14 Texas A&M Aggies 54-15 to capture the conference crown.

Frost and his teammates would go on to capture the 1997 national championship with a convincing win over a Peyton Manning-led Tennessee Volunteers squad.

#### **UNFAMILIAR FOES**

The 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl will be just the fifth all-time meeting between Texas and Oregon on the gridiron. The Longhorns lead the all-time series with a record of 4-1 against the Ducks.

#### GRUDGE MATCH

The last time Oregon and Texas faced off was in the 2000 Holiday Bowl. The first 15 minutes belonged to the #8 Oregon Ducks, who jumped out to a 14-0 lead. #12 Texas responded with three second quarter touchdowns to take a 7-point advantage into the locker room, 21-14.

Ducks signal caller Joey Harrington connected on a 55-yard scoring pass to tailback Maurice Morris early in the third quarter to tie the game. Harrington then gave Oregon a 28-21 advantage when he scrambled for 9-yards for a touchdown at the 9:43 mark of the fourth quarter.

That lead lasted all of 18 seconds thanks to the heroics of Texas return specialist Victor Ike, who returned the ensuing kickoff a Holiday Bowl record 93 yards for the game tying touchdown.

The Ducks took the lead for good on a 4-yard touchdown run by Jason Willis and held off the Longhorns, who were throwing for the endzone as time ran out, 35-30.

# **Game Notes**

#### LONGHORNS REMEMBER ALAMO

While Oregon is making their first appearance in the Valero Alamo Bowl, it is a third trip for Texas, who were 26-24 winners of the 2006 Alamo Bowl against Iowa. In that game, Texas was led by freshman quarterback Colt McCoy who threw for 308 yards and 2 touchdowns on his way to being named Offensive MVP. His 72-yard touchdown pass to Jamaal Charles put Texas on top after falling behind 14-0 in the first quarter. The play was also named one of the Top 5 plays in Valero Alamo Bowl history earlier last fall.

The Longhorns helped pack the Alamodome with 65,875 fans, making it the second-highest attendance in Alamo Bowl history. The game was also the highest-rated game of the 2006 bowl season, receiving a 6.0 rating, and it is the #2 Most-Watched Non-BCS Bowl Game in ESPN history.

Texas returned to San Antonio for the 20th Anniversary game in 2012 where they topped #13 Oregon State 31-27. The Longhorns set a Valero Alamo Bowl record for sacks with ten, while defensive end Alex Okafor captured his own VAB record with 4.5 sacks. Longhorns and Beaver faithful packed the Alamodome with 65,277 in attendance, good for fourth on the all-time Valero Alamo Bowl list.

#### **ELECTRIFYING OFFENSE**

The Ducks come to San Antonio boasting one of the most explosive offenses in the country. Led by quarterback Marcus Mariota, Oregon scores an average of 46.8 points per game, good for #3 in the FBS. They have proved a difficult unit to prepare for as they tallied 278.3 yards on the ground and 294.7 yards through the air per game this season. Mariota ranks in the top ten nationally in passing efficiency, total offense, points responsible for, yards per completion & passing touchdowns. Sophomore Byron Marshall has burst onto the scense this year for Scott Frost's offense, recording 995 yards and 14 touchdowns on the season.

## **ALL-CONFERENCE PERFORMERS**

Both Texas and Oregon were well represented on their respective All-Conference teams. Jackson Jeffcoat (defensive end) & Anthony Fera (kicker) both earned Big 12 first-team All Conference honors for Texas. The Longhorns placed six (Malcolm Brown, Jaxon Shipley, Donald Hawkins, Trey Hopkins, Cedric Reed, Carrington Byndom) on the Big 12 All-Conference second team.

Quarterback Marcus Mariota, OL Hroniss Graso and CB Ifo Ekpre-Olomu all earned first team honors from the Pac-12. The Ducks also placed two players (Taylor Hart, Erick Dargan) on the Pac-12's second team All-Conference list.

#### DOWN TO THE WIRE

The 2012 Valero Alamo Bowl was once again a back and forth, four quarter showdown, adding to the bowl's reputation for close games and exciting finishes. Texas trailed Oregon State 27-17 before rallying back to win the game. Texas quarterback David Ash threw touchdown passes to Johnathan Gray and Marquise Goodwin to give the Longhorns the win. Seven of the last eight Valero Alamo Bowls have been decided by a touchdown or less.

In the 2005 MasterCard Alamo Bowl, Michigan lateraled the ball eight times on the final play and nearly found the end zone. Nebraska's Titus Brothers did not give up on the play and sealed the 32-28 victory as he pushed Michigan's Tyler Eckler out of bounds.

In 2006, Texas overcame a 14-0 deficit and held lowa scoreless in its last two drives, including once as time expired, to defeat the Hawkeyes 26-24.

In 2007, Penn State overcame a two touchdown deficit to shut down a late Texas A&M drive on the two yard line in its 24-17 win against the Aggies.

In 2008, Missouri and Northwestern went to Overtime before deciding a winner. A short pass from quarterback Chase Daniel to wide receiver Jeremy Maclin proved to be the difference in the Tigers' 30-23 win.

The January 2010 edition of the Valero Alamo Bowl saw Texas Tech trailing 31-27 with eight minutes remaining before Steven Sheffield led the Red Raiders to two late touchdowns and a 41-31 victory.

In 2011, Baylor outlasted Washington 67-56 in the highest scoring regulation bowl game in college football history. The two teams combined to set 15 Valero Alamo Bowl records. Baylor trailed Washington 56-53 with 9:40 to go, but Terance Ganaway provided two of his five touchdown runs in the final six minutes to help Baylor secure the win.

#### **ODDS & ENDS**

Texas wil be making their 52nd bowl appearance, which ranks second in NCAA history. This will be the 27th all-time bowl appearance for Oregon.

Oregon has played in six bowl games in the state of Texas prior to this year's Alamobowl. They hold a 3-3 record in those games.

Jackson Jeffcoat is the third Longhorn to earn AP Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year. LB Derrick Johnson won in 2004 and DE Brian Orakpo in 2008

The 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl will feature two of the most historically dynamic offenses in the country. Since 1997, the #2 highest scoring team in college football is Oregon with 7,550 points (35.6 avg.). Number 3? Texas (7,527, 35.2).

Mack Brown will be gunning for a record third Valero Alamo Bowl victory, breaking a current tie he shares with the late Joe Paterno of Penn State and former Purdue coach Joe Tiller.

# Media Schedule

# Wednesday, December 25

4:00 p.m: Team Arrival for Oregon

7:30 p.m: Team Night at Spurs Game (Rockets vs. Spurs). If you are interested in covering, please coordinate with Zach McDonie via email at zachm@alamobowl.com or by phone: at 740-334-9455.

## **Thursday, December 26**

Team practice availability to be determined.

Friday, December 27

9:00 - 11:00 a.m: Team Day at SeaWorld San Antonio. Select student-athletes from both teams will interact with beluga whales, a Pacific walrus and more. Media are instructed to use the Administration Entrance at SeaWorld.

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Headquarters/Credential Pick-up (Marriott Riverwalk, Second Floor, Bonham Room)
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Hospitality Room (Salon E/F)

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Workroom (Valero Room)

Team practice availability to be determined.

Tentative Press Conferences: (Marriott Riverwalk, Salon D) 3 p.m. - University of Oregon Defensive Press Conference 4 p.m. - University of Texas Offensive Press Conference

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m: Media Hospitality Suite - Suite 3004, Marriott Riverwalk Hotel.

Saturday, December 28

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Headquarters/Credential Pick-up (Marriott River Walk, Second Floor, Bonham Room) 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Hospitality Room (Salon E/F) 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Workroom (Valero Room)

Team practice availability to be determined.

Tentative Press Conferences: (Marriott Riverwalk, Salon D) 3 p.m. - University of Texas Defensive Press Conference 4 p.m. - University of Oregon Offensive Press Conference

6:00 p.m: Rudy's Bar-B-Q Pep Rally at the Arneson River Theatre on the Riverwalk. Space is limited so early arrival is encouraged. Cheerleaders start performing at 6 p.m. with captains and coaches taking the stage at 6:30 p.m.

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m: Media Hospitality Suite - Suite 3004, Marriott Riverwalk Hotel

## Sunday, December 29

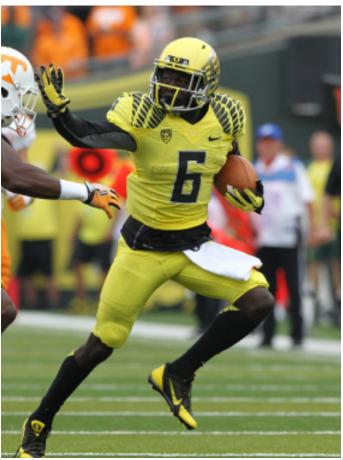
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m: Media Headquarters/Credential Pick-up (Marriott Riverwalk, Second Floor, Bonham Room)
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Hospitality Room (Salon E/F)
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m: Media Workroom (Valero Room)

11:00 a.m: Head Coaches Press Conference. This is the final availability for the coaches. Press Conference held at Marriott Riverwalk, Salon D.

Noon: Valero Alamo Bowl Kickoff Luncheon (Marriott Rivercenter Grand Ballroom). This 1,500 person event features Head Coaches and captains speaking at the head table. Media seating for first 20 requests at the Media Center will be provided tickets. Others filled as space allows. Mult-box in back of the room to capture sound.

Media availability for team walk-through is to be determined.

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m: Media Hospitality Suite - Suite 3004, Marriott Riverwalk Hotel



Junior De"Anthony Thomas has scored 26 rushing touchdowns in his career for the Ducks while also recroding 15 and five receiving and return touchdowns, respectively.

# Media Schedule

#### Monday, December 30

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Media Headquarters/Credential Pick-up (Marriott Riverwalk, Bonham Room)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Media Hospitality Room (Salon E/F) 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Media Workroom (Valero Room)

2:00 p.m. – Media Shuttle service begins. Media, especially those staying in the media hotel, are urged to use the shuttle service or walk. The media hotel is a 10-minute walk to the stadium. The media shuttle will be stationed on the bus cutout next to the Marriott Rivercenter's Commerce Street entrance.

2:00 p.m. – Alamodome's East Media Entrance (same side as train tracks) and Media Will Call opens. This entrance is at the 50-yard line and marked with a "Media Entrance" yellow flag. Media needing access to press box and broadcast level should enter here. Pre-credentialed media & photographers can enter through South Loading Dock entrance in Lot A where the media shuttle drops off.

2:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. – Fan Zone (interactive area with games and bands at Sunset Station – one block north of the Alamodome. 30,000 fans expected)

5:45 p.m: 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl Kickoff

6:00 p.m. - Pre-game media shuttle ends

Post-Game – Head Coaches/Select Players Press Conference (Interview Rooms across from Visiting Team Locker Room). Audio piped into press box. Losing team at podium first followed by winning team.

9:30 p.m. – 1 a.m. Media Shuttle will run from Lot A (south parking lot of Alamodome) to Marriott Riverwalk.

11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. – Media Hospitality Suite - Suite 3004, Marriott Riverwalk Hotel

#### **General Notes**

- All official press conferences at the Marriott Riverwalk unless otherwise noted.
- Texas will practice at the Heroes Stadium.
- The Oregon will practice at Alamo Heights High School.
- The Alamodome is an alternate practice site during inclement weather.
- The Marriott Riverwalk Hotel (next to the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel) is the official media hotel. You can also stop by Media Headquarters on the second floor at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel for the latest information during Bowl Week. The headquarters number is 210-299-6586 during posted hours or you can reach Valero Alamo Bowl Media Relations Coordinator Zach McDonie by cell at 740-334-9455.



Defensive back Carrington Byndom was one of three Texas defenders earning All-Big 12 honors this season. Byndom was named second team All-Conference.



# **Media Information**

#### **Photo Credentials**

Credentials for sideline photographers will be issued on the same basis of priority as working press. Similarly, photographers must adhere to the following guidelines:

Photo credentials must be worn in plain sight at all times. Anyone wearing a photo credential and not actively shooting game action will be required to surrender their credential and leave the facility immediately.

Photographers are permitted on either sideline or end zone. Persons with sideline access are not permitted within the team bench area (inside the 25-yard lines) at any time. NO EXCEPTIONS. Persons in violation of this policy will be required to surrender their credential and leave the stadium immediately.

Persons with sideline access must remain behind the 12 foot restraining line surrounding the field at all times.

No cameras are permitted in the sideline area other than those shooting in a working capacity for official media organizations. All persons possessing photo credentials must have proper professional equipment and be shooting actual game action.

## **ESPN/Valero Alamo Bowl TV Station Policy**

Television stations will be allowed to film from the sidelines during the game. However, the Valero Alamo Bowl's contract with ESPN prohibits the use of game highlights on newscasts prior to the completion of the game. A distribution amp will also be provided adjacent to ESPN's production truck in the loading dock area of the Alamodome for use by television stations wanting game highlights.

Credentials will not be issued to TV assistants or "grips."

Television stand up reporters will not be permitted on the sideline during the game. All reporters will be seated in the press box or auxiliary seating area. With five (5) minutes remaining in the game, media will be allowed access to the field.

Beginning a half-hour prior to kickoff until ESPN is off the air, there will be absolutely no live telecasts or transmissions from inside the Alamodome. Live shots can be originated at any time from outside the Alamodome.

Microwave transmissions are not permitted within the Alamodome. All satellite dishes and/or ENG trucks must be positioned outside the Alamodome in the designated area located southwest of the building.

#### **Post-Game Field Access**

The quickest way to get to the field and locker rooms from the press box is via an internal stairwell that is adjacent to the East elevators. Directional signage will be posted. Media can acces the field and the post-game interview room by taking the Alamodome East elevators outside the press box to Level 1 and making a left toward the locker rooms. The field can also be accessed through the Pass Gate at the bottom of Section 122. To get to Section 122, take a right out of the press box (toward the South Entrance) and go 40 yards to the southeast stairwell. Go down one floor to Level 2. Follow the main concourse past three sections and enter Section 122. Take the stairs down to the field.

#### **Media Credentials**

Credentials will be available at the media headquarters and will not be mailed. Individuals may claim all passes issued to his/her media organization. Lost or stolen media credentials will not be replaced. All media credentials remain property of the Bowl and must be surrendered upon request.

#### Media Will Call

Credentials not claimed at the media headquarters will be transferred to East Plaza Entrance of the Alamodome at 2:00 p.m. on game day. A media will call table will be located inside the East Plaza Entrance, with the media elevators located adjacent to the will call table.

## **San Antonio Airport to Media Hotel**

Take Highway 281 South, which will turn into Interstate Highway 37 South, heading toward Corpus Christi. Exit at Commerce Street/The Alamo exit and turn right on Commerce. Proceed west on Commerce one block to Bowie Street, Marriott Riverwalk will be on the southwest corner. Approximate drive time: 11 minutes.

#### **Accommodations**

The San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk Hotel will serve as the official media hotel for the Valero Alamo Bowl and will house the evening media hospitality room and overnight accommodations. The Marriot Riverwalk will host several press conferences, while the adjoining Marriott Rivercenter will host several bowl events.

#### **Media Hotel Room Rates**

Room rates for the Valero Alamo Bowl media are \$139 plus tax and will include in-room wireless internet. These rates are only valid from December 25-30, 2013. All media rooms must be booked through the bowl office with the online credential form. The Marriott Riverwalk will not accept room reservations directly from media members. Please note that the bowl will not assign rooms until after December 17, so the hotel will not have a record of your name until that date.

#### **Live Stats**

The Alamodome press box has wireless connections and media can access live stats through at http://www.alamo.statbroadcast.com. Wireless Internet codes will be available when you arrive at the press box as well as in the photographer's work room.

For access to pictures, audio or quotes throughout bowl week, visit www.alamobowl.com and look for the media tab at the top of the page and click on the media library drop down link that is provided.

# **Media Information**

## Valero Alamo Bowl Media Hospitality

A number of media functions are scheduled during Bowl Week. Please consult your media event schedule for specific dates, times and locations. A hospitality room will be open daily in Salon E/Fbeginning December 27 with food and drinks around press conference times. An evening hospitality suite will be located in Suite 3004 at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk Hotel. The suite's hours of operation are posted on the media schedule.

#### **Practice Sites**

Team practice sites will be at Heroes Stadium and Alamo Heights High School. Heroes Stadium is a short 18-minute drive from the Hyatt Regency. Alamo Heights High School is located between the airport and downtown, less than 15 minutes from downtown.

Media availability at practice is at the discretion of the school. Refer practice requests to the Sports Information Director at each respective school.

#### **Press Box Monitors**

Television monitors are located in the Alamodome press box to assist media in its coverage of the Valero Alamo Bowl. ESPN will provide video with a direct feed to these monitors through the Alamodome's in-house system.

## Parking and Media Shuttle

A limited number of Alamodome parking passes for media covering the Valero Alamo Bowl are available. Media, especially those staying in the media hotel, are urged to utilize the shuttle service or walk. The media hot0el is a short 10-minute walk to the stadium. The shuttle pick up location will be marked with a large yellow flag. Shuttle service will run from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and again from 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Due to construction, walking to the Alamodome will be a much faster option.

# **Most Outstanding Players**

The Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Player for the Valero Alamo Bowl will be named through media voting. Visit alamo.statbroadcast.com during the fourth quarter and use the password "valero13" to vote.

#### **Coach/Player Interviews**

All interviews with coaches and/or players must be cleared through each school's sports information director. To aid the media in its coverage of the Valero Alamo Bowl, press conferences with coaches and players are scheduled throughout Bowl Week at the Marriott Riverwalk. Please consult your media schedule for exact times and locations. If you require specific interview needs, please work through each school's Sports Information Director.

#### **Post-Game interviews**

Coaches and/or select players will be available to the media following the conclusion of the game. The winning team will remain on the field for the post game trophy presentation while the losing team will begin their press conference. The interview room is located directly across from the visitor's locker room. If you have a question regarding the post-game interview procedures, please contact each school's Sports Information Director directly. Only media with proper credentials will be admitted to the interview rooms. Admission to each school's locker room will be granted strictly in accordance with each school's post-game interview policy.

## **Press Box Telephones/Internet Access**

Wireless service is provided free of charge in the Alamodome but users must register in the press box or photo workroom to recieve a login name and password. Two (2) telephoes are available in the Alamodome press box on a first-come, first-served basis for third party, collect and credit card calls only. Media requiring a telephone or internet connection for exclusive use must order directly from Jason Bippert at the Alamodome at (210) 207-3629 at least two weeks prior to game day.

#### Statistics Service

The Valero Alamo Bowl will provide game stats after each quarter. Following the game, a PDF of the official stats will be on the bowl's home page and will be e-mailed upon request to the address provided on the credential request form.

# Photo Workroom/Mult-Box

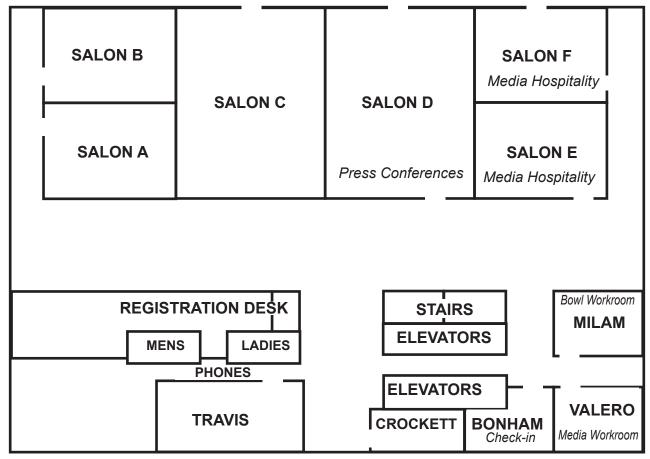
Four ethernet cords are available to be shared on a first-come, first-serve basis. A mult-box at mic level will be provided for electronic media at press conferences conducted at the Alamodome. Radio stations need to provide cassette recorders with any combination of mini, alligator clips or RCA cables. TV crews will require normal XLR plugs.

Please contact Jason Bippert at the Alamodome (210-207-3629) with any questions.

# **Press Conference Information**

All official press conferences will be held on the second floor of the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel unless otherwise noted.

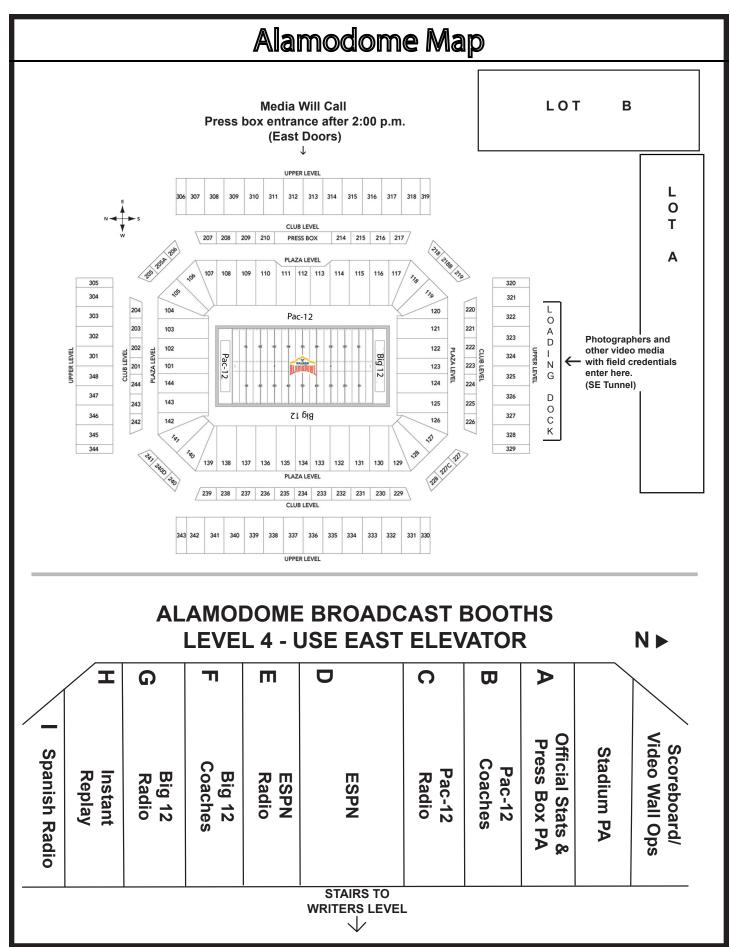
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# Final Regular Season Polls

Bowl Championship Series			AP Top 25			USA Today		
Rank:	Team:	Avg:	Rank:	Team:	Pts:	Rank:	Team:	Pts:
1	Florida State	.9957	1	Florida State (56)	1496	1	Florida State (62)	1550
2	Auburn	.9638	2	Auburn (4)	1444	2	Auburn	1486
3	Alabama	.9061	3	Alabama	1376	3	Alabama	1414
4	Michigan State	.8600	4	Michigan State	1278	4	Michigan State	1342
5	Stanford	.8191	5	Stanford	1217	5	Baylor	1275
6	Baylor	.7722	6	Baylor	1185	6	Ohio State	1211
7	Ohio State	.7705	7	Ohio State	1130	7	Stanford	1188
8	Missouri	.7256	8	South Carolina	1099	8	South Carolina	1108
9	South Carolina	.7152	9	Missouri	1066	9	Missouri	1088
10	Oregon	.5811	10	Oregon	880	10	Oklahoma	913
11	Oklahoma	.5756	11	Oklahoma	878	11	Clemson	899
12	Clemson	.5553	12	Clemson	848	12	Oregon	887
13	Oklahoma State	.5233	13	Oklahoma State	797	13	Oklahoma State	845
14	Arizona State	.4416	14	LSU	726	14	LSU	719
15	UCF	.4343	15	UCF	629	15	UCF	658
16	LSU	.4322	16	Arizona State	614	16	Louisville	611
17	UCLA	.3703	17	UCLA	544	17	Arizona State	602
18	Louisville	.3199	18	Louisville	525	18	UCLA	520
19	Wisconsin	.2365	19	Wisconsin	383	19	Wisconsin	408
20	Fresno State	.1675	20	Texas A&M	282	20	Fresno State	344
21	Texas A&M	.1663	21	Fresno State	227	21	Duke	247
22	Georgia	.1594	22	Duke	201	22	Texas A&M	247
23	Northern Illinois	.1572	23	Georgia	196	23	Northern Illinois	149
24	Duke	.1134	24	Northern Illinois	144	24	Georgia	135
25	USC	.0672	25	Notre Dame	76	25	Miami (FL)	73



ESPN will again televise the Valero Alamo Bowl, which has traditionally been one of the network's highest-rated college football broadcasts. ESPN's talent for the 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl includes play-by-play commentator Brad Nessler, analyst Todd Blackledge, along with sideline reporter Holly Rowe.



Brad Nessler, one of the leading play-by-play commentators in the business, calls games for both ESPN and ABC. He has worked for ESPN since 1992, and added ABC assignments in 1997 while continuing to handle college football and basketball games for ABC and ESPN. He's also the play-by-play voice of EA Sports NCAA Football and college basketball March Madness video games. Nessler currently calls the ESPN College Football Primetime game on Saturday nights with analyst Todd Blackledge and reporter Holly Rowe. From 1992 to 1997, Nessler called college basketball games, and also Big Ten and Thursday night football contests for ESPN. In 1997, he began calling college football for ABC, including the Bowl Championship Series title game, as well as college basketball. Nessler joined CBS in 1990 and worked on college football and men's and

women's basketball, including the NCAA Division I Women's Championship game, and NFL games. He also was the network's host for speed skating coverage at the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France. Nessler is a graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato. In 2010, he was inducted into the Minnesota Broadcasters Hall of Fame.



**Todd Blackledge**, who returned to ESPN in 2006, is an analyst for many of the network's college football events, including College Football Primetime. As the standout quarterback at Penn State, Blackledge started for the Nittany Lions from 1981 to 1983, going 31-5 through three seasons. After leading Penn State to the national championship in 1982, Blackledge won the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's most outstanding quarterback, and he finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting

In 1994, he joined ABC Sports as a college football analyst. He then was named CBS' lead analyst in 1999. In 2006, he joined play-by-play announcer Mike Patrick and sideline reporter Holly Rowe for ESPN's Saturday primetime college football series. He has been featured since

2007 in the popular "Todd's Taste of the Town," during which he visits a local restaurant near the site of the game he'll call that day, and discusses the culinary appeal of the establishment and more.



Holly Rowe joined ESPN on a regular basis in August 1998 and had previously served as a sideline reporter for select ESPN telecasts in 1997 and for ABC Sports from 1995-96. Rowe primarily covers college football, men's basketball and softball as a reporter, as well as the NBA and WNBA. She has also provided play-by-play commentary for women's college basketball, softball and volleyball.

She graduated from the University of Utah with a broadcast journalism degree. Rowe is a producer and writer of documentaries and features that have aired on KBYU TV, ESPN and FOX 13 TV in Salt Lake City.

# **ESPN Radio Coverage**



Marc Kestecher joined ESPN in 1999 as an ESPN Radio Sportscenter update anchor. Kestecher is currently the lead studio host for ESPN Radio's NBA, MLB, and college football broadcasts, and a fixture at major events such as NBA All-Star Weekend, NBA Finals, NBA Draft, World Series, MLB All-Star Game, and the BCS Championship

Game. He can be seen regularly performing play-byplay duties on ESPN TV (NBA and men's and women's college basketball), including the 2010 FIBA World Championships.

Kestecher has also served as a reporter for ESPN Radio's coverage of major events such as the Super Bowl and US Open Championship.



Kelly Stouffer is an ESPN college football analyst, working primarily on ESPNU's Saturday games alongside play-by-play announcer Anish Shroff.

Stouffer played quarterback at Colorado State University, where he is the all-time leader in yards passing. He was a first round draft pick in 1987 and in 1988 set a rookie record with the Seattle Seahawks for most

yards passing in a game. He went on to play for the Miami Dolphins and the Carolina Panthers before retiring in 1996.

Stouffer first began working with ESPN calling various games for ESPN Regional Television in 2003. In 2007 he became a color analyst for college football on Versus and NFL Europe on the NFL Network. In 2011 he worked as a studio analyst for the Mountain West Network, before joining ESPN as a college football analyst in 2012.

Stouffer graduated from Colorado State in 1987 with a degree in Agricultural Education and currently resides on a ranch in northwest Nebraska.

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# Do It Like A Local



Want to know where to eat, drink and play while you are in San Antonio? The Valero Alamo Bowl staff has complied the below list of places we frequent. Since the most popular questions are about Mexican food, dive bars and golf, we listed those first. We tried to focus on downtown, but some will require a car or taxi.

You can also check our website at alamobowl.com for detailed descriptions by going to the bottom right corner and clicking on the "Do It Like A Local" link. We'd advise hitting River Walk locations early in your stay as long waits and reservations will be the norm the closer we get to kickoff.

We hope you enjoy your visit to San Antonio and feel free to ask us if you have any questions.

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BEST MEXICAN	Acenar (next to Hotel Valencia), Rio Rio Cantina, Aldaco's, El Mirador, La
Deet DINING	Gloria, Mi Tierra and Rosario's
Best DINING	Boudro's, Bliss, Feast, Il Sogno, Biga on the Banks and Sandbar Fish House
Best ECLECTIC DINING	Alamo Street Eat Bar, Liberty Bar, The Monterey, Charlie Wants A Burger and La Tuna Grill
Best STEAKHOUSES	Fleming's Steakhouse, Little Rhein Steakhouse, Mortons and Ruth's Chris Steak
	House
Best TOURIST BARS	The Esquire Tavern, The Friendly Spot, Dick's Last Resort, Durty Nelly's, Howl at the
	Moon, Zinc Wine Bar, Soho Wine & Martini Bar, V-Bar at Hotel Valencia and Bar Rojo at the Grand Hyatt
Best SPORTS BARS	Tex's Sports Bar River Walk, Hooter's, Joe's Blues and Charlie Wants a Burger
Good DOWNTOWN AREA BARS	Ocho, The Bar at Bohanan's, Joey's, Swig, SoHo Wine and Martini Bar and Zinc Wine
	Bar
Best OUTDOOR PATIOS	La Tuna Grill, La Fonda on Main, Casa Rio, The Friendly Spot, Rio Rlo Cantina, Paesano's
	River Walk and Charlie Wants A Burger
Best "NO FRILLS" LOCAL BARS	Bar America, The Basement, Liquid Monkey Lounge, Beethoven's, The Friendly Spot,
	Joe's Blues and Tucker's
Best MARGARITAS	Boudro's, La Margarita, La Fogata and Aldaco's
Best GOLF	La Cantera's Resort / Palmer Courses, Hyatt Hill Country, The Quarry and TPC SA
Best HAMBURGER JOINTS	Chris Madrid's, Chester's, The Cove, Longhorn Cafe & Charlie Wants a Burger
Best BAR-B-Q	Rudy's Bar-B-Q, The Smokehouse and County Line
Best ASIAN	P.F. Chang's, Saigon Express, Sushi Zushi and Thai Dee
Best ITALIAN	Paesano's, III Sogno, Sorrento's and Tre Trattoria
Best PIZZA	Big Lou's Pizza, Florio's, Sorrento's and Dough
Best SEAFOOD	Sandbar Fish House and Pappadeaux
Best RESTAURANT WITH A VIEW	Chart House (at the top of the Tower of Americas)
KID FRIENDLY	Fuddruckers, Rainforest Cafe, Incredible Pizza, Tycoon Flats, Rio Rio Cantina, Main
	Event, Charlie Wants A Burger and The Cove
Best BREAKFAST	Taco Taco, Guenther House, Madhatter's, Big Apple Bagels, Magnolia Pancake Haus & Rio RIo
Best ICE CREAM	Ben & Jerry's, Haagen-Dazs, Amy's and Menger Hotel
Popular Local AM RADIO Stations	KTSA 550, 1200 WOAI, Sportstalk 760 KTKR and ESPN 1250
Popular Local FM RADIO Stations	KBBT 98.5 (R&B), KJ 97.3, (Country) KJXK 102.7 (Adult Contemporary), KZEP 104.5 (Rock)
Popular LOCAL TV Stations	KABB 29 (Fox), KENS 5 (CBS), KSAT 12 (ABC) and WOAI (NBC)
Popular LOCAL ATTRACTIONS	Alamo (and other Missions), River Walk, Botanical Gardens, Blue Star,
	Brackenridge Park, Buckhorn, King William, San Antonio Zoo, Market Square,
	San Antonio Museum of Art, Tower of Americas, Witte Museum, Six Flags Fiesta Texas
	and SeaWorld San Antonio

# **Economic Impact and Scholarship Fund**

#### Contribution to Higher Learning

The Valero Alamo Bowl Scholarship Program awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to 40 area high school seniors this year, surpassing the \$1.2 million mark in scholarships awarded to Bexar County high school seniors annually since 2001.

Students from over 70 local area high schools applied for the Valero Alamo Bowl scholarship, with 40 winners being selected on December 4th. These students received a \$5,000 scholarship to attend the school of their choice next fall. The funds that support the scholarships are raised through Valero Alamo Bowl events during the year and contributions from bowl partners such as Valero.

The 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl scholarship recipients received their scholarship certificate at the Valero Alamo Bowl scholarship luncheon on December 18 at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse. Each recipient also received tickets to the 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl on courtesy of Frost.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Since inception in 1993, nearly 1.2 million fans have attended the 20 Valero Alamo Bowls. The games have delivered \$394 million direct economic impact to San Antonio. The 2012 game brought over 33,000 out-of-town fans and direct spending of approximately \$23 million during what used to be the slowest week of tourism of the year. San Antonio received over \$1.4 million in measurable media exposure and \$1.2 million in incremental tax impacts, bringing the 20 year totals to \$24.9 million and \$28.2 million, respectively.

The Valero Alamo Bowl also actively pursues neutral site college football games for San Antonio with the most recent match-ups being Texas A&M vs. Army (2006), the Big 12 Championship (2007) and Notre Dame vs. Washington State (2009).

**ON THE HORIZON:** For the 2014 season, the Valero Alamo Bowl will match-up the #1 selections from both the Big 12 & Pac-12 (after the College Football Playoff). The head coaches of the teams selected in the game fly to San Antonio in mid-December to headline the Valero Alamo Bowl Golf Classic. When the coaches bring their teams back for Bowl Week, players, coaches and fans are treated to a variety of fun activities including trips to SeaWorld, a Pep Rally on the River Walk, a Kickoff Luncheon, a Bash, multiple Pregame Parties and much more.



## 2013 Scholarship Winners:

MATTHEW BAIZA, John Jay High School NOAH BICE, Sandra Day O' Connor High School PAIGE CHEATHAM, Sait Mary's Hall High School JONATHAN CHECK, James Madison High School KEVIN CORTINAS, Thomas Jefferson High School DAVID CRUZ, Southside High School WILLIAM FLETCHER JR., East Central High School DESIRAE FRIESENHAHN, Samuel Clemens High School CHASE GUILLORY, Louis D. Brandeis High School GARRETT HINCK, Keystone High School DANIEL IZARRARAS, South San Antonio High School PAARTH KAPADIA, Health Careers High School ALEXANDRIA KNECHT, Incarnate Word High School GABRIEL LONG, Ronald Reagan High School JOSHUA LUNA, William J. Brennan HIgh School MALEEN MADISON, John Marshall High School ALEXYS MATHIS, Wagner High School MITCHELL MEISSNER, Alamo Heights High School ELISE MILLER, Robert G. Cole High School JONNATAN MONTES COYT, Karen Wagner High School DANA MOORE, Douglas MacArthur High School KAITLYN PAWELEK, San Antonio Christian High School JACOB RAWLINS, William J. Brennan High School MATI REED, Harlandale High School EZEKIEL REYNA, John Jay High School WILLIAM RODRIGUEZ, Southside High School ALIYAH SAEZ, William H. Taft High School DREW SCHAFFER, Keystone High School ADELIND IRIS SIFUENTES, L.W. Fox Tech High School RACHEL SPELLMAN, William H. Taft High School GUADALUPE SUAREZ, Highlands High School JEANIE SUH, Theodore Roosevelt High School HOWARD TATUM, Antonian College Preparatory High School KI" AMBER THOMPSON, Young Women's Leadership Academy GRACE TRITCHLER, Winston Churchill High School NOAH VENTO, Winston Churchill High School EMILY WEYAND, Alamo Heights High School KYLIE WILSON, Sandra Day O' Connor High School CINDY WU, Health Careers High School BRIDGET YOUNGS, Incarnate Word High School

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