

2011 Five Outstanding Young Texans

About FOYT:

Since 1950, the Texas Jaycees have annually selected and honored Five Outstanding Young Texans. This award is presented to young men and women who are selected on the basis of achievement and excellence in at least three of the following areas:

- Personal improvement or accomplishment;
- Financial success and economic innovation;
- Social improvement to major contemporary problems;
- Philanthropic contribution or voluntary service;
- Politics or government service;
- Scientific or technological advances;
- Legal reform;
- Academic achievement including contributions in literature, history, education or the arts;
- Moral and religious leadership;
- Athletic accomplishment;
- Success in the influence of public opinion through the news media or other means;
- Or other outstanding contributions to their community, the state or the nation.

The 2011 recipients join an impressive list of past recipients who were honored with this award prior to attaining age 40. Most noteworthy, is that many of our former Outstanding Young Texans have gone on to greater achievement and recognition, including: The 41st President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush; Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott; Governor Dolph Briscoe; World renowned heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley; athletic stars Warren Moon, Martina Navratilova, and Earl Campbell; musicians Larry Gatlin and Van Cliburn; Astronaut Col. Ed White III; and journalists Neal Spelce and Bill Moyers.



REHAN ALIMOHAMMAD

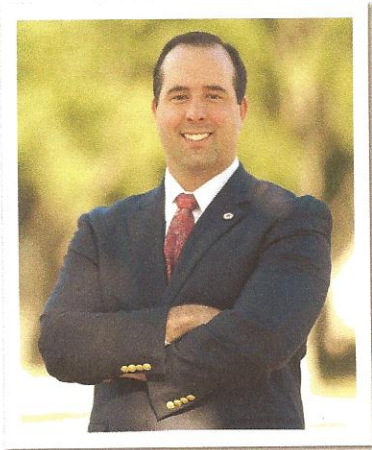
Is an Attorney and a CPA. He graduated from University of Houston Law School in 2001 and immediately followed his long family history of serving the community. He has participated in legal clinics giving legal consultation to members of the community and volunteered with the YMCA International Services, Fort Bend Lawyers Care, and the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program taking cases for free to help the community.

In 2003, Rehan began a weekly then bi-weekly radio show to answer questions for free to make sure the community had access to free legal assistance. He is still on the radio to this day. He writes weekly articles for the Pakistan Chronicle on legal news to provide the community with important updates on the law. He also provides a free monthly e-mail bulletin with up to date changes and potential changes in the law that may impact the community. Rehan has served as the Legal Member for the Prince Aga Khan Shia Imami Ismaili Council for the Southwest United State since 2009. Was recognized by the Pro

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Bono College of Texas for Outstanding Community Service several years running and was recognized in Who's Who edition in the Legal Field by Montclair Publishing, LLC, in 2008.

In 2003, Rehan began his legal practice with one attorney, practicing one area of law, and serving a limited number of the community. Over the years he has expanded his practice to three attorneys, experienced in eight areas of the law therefore increasing the impact and area of the community he can serve.



ANDREW JAMES COBOS

Graduated from West Point in 2003 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army and served for five years, two of which included deployments to Iraq as a Military Police Platoon Leader in Baghdad. Andrew worked with the commanders of two Iraqi Police stations and four police checkpoints to teach them techniques to reduce crime and to build a strong police force. Andrew was promoted to the position of

Executive Officer, the second in command of the company, and became directly responsible for managing logistics and resources for 179 soldiers. After five years of military service, Andrew decided to pursue his passions of law and business and accepted admission into the JD/MBA program at the University of Houston. Andrew recently graduated third in his law school class and was named Outstanding MBA Student for 2011. Andrew worked hard to complete two degrees in three years instead of the standard four, is currently studying for the Texas Bar Exam.

At West Point, Andrew embodied the motto of "a lifetime of service" and has geared his activities in the military and afterwards to helping others. Andrew was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service for his humanitarian contributions in Iraq.

Andrew believes that The Jaycee Creed reflects the mission that he embodied as a plebe at West Point of "Duty, Honor, Country," and its principles reflect his commitment of a "lifetime of service."

DR. MICHEAL JAYNE KESSNER

Began her career in education while in high school. She worked at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. She started as a teaching assistant for summer, winter & weekend workshops and camp-in. As years passed, she became a lead teacher. During college she worked other areas of the Education Department by assisting with office duties, teaching Out Reach programs, assisting with Head Start, & as an

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assistant teacher in the Science Place School for PreK-Kindergarten. Micheal graduated Southern



Methodist University with a BA in English and an Elementary Teaching Certification. She held several campus committee & leadership positions and presented professional development at campus, district, state

and national levels. While at Mesquite ISD, she earned her Masters in Elementary Education and her Doctorate in Education with a focus on Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction.

Because of her success in the classroom, Micheal was asked to be on two different district level textbook committees & assist in writing 3rd grade Social Studies, 5th & 6th Grade Science and 6th Grade Language Arts curriculum for the district. She has been recognized amongst Who's Who in America several times, and was nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year. Micheal is also passionate about Girl Scouts. She earned the highest award given, the Gold Award, while in high school. Girl Scouts is dedicated to "building girls of courage, confidence & character" & Micheal believes in giving the girls experiences that will last with them a lifetime.

SANJAY RAMABHADRAN

Graduated from Texas A & M University, College Station, with a Masters Degree in Civil (Environmental) Engineering. He is currently Vice President at CP & Y, a Texas based infrastructure and environmental consulting firm. He has provided engineering & master planning services to the Industrial & Governmental market segments for 16 years. As a registered Professional Engineer, he has been responsible for major civil & water infrastructure projects for cities in Harris, Galveston and Fort Bend County.

Sanjay's professional accomplishments began at an early age. He moved to Texas from India to pursue his Masters degree in Civil Engineering (Environmental) Engineering at Texas A & M. Prior to joining CP & Y, he held positions at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, US Department of Energy and was previously Principle-in-Charge of a \$1 billion global

consulting firm, where he managed a Business Practice for Texas, Kansas & Oklahoma.



Sanjay was appointed by Houston Mayor Bill White to the City of Houston Building &

Standards Commission, and served as the

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Chairperson of the Mayor's International Trade & Development Council for South Asia.

Sanjay was selected for membership in Leadership Houston. He serves on the board of the Indo-American Charity Foundation and was recognized as the Young Business Person of the Year in 2010 by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce.

Via a weekly Radio program, Sanjay has assisted in fundraising efforts and community outreach for India House- a Community center dedicated to serving the under privileged in the Houston community. He continues to play a leadership role in promoting the civic, business, and charitable & political involvement of the Indo-American community.



IRMA SANCHEZ

Was hired to begin employment as the receptionist at Westchase District in January 2000 and advanced rapidly in employment. She has been Vice President for Projects for two and a half years. In addition to the personal achievements at

work, Irma has impacted a number of community service organizations

It has been said, "She refuses to let obstacles stop her, all the while keeping her typical up-beat attitude and growing her abilities

Over the past 11 years, Sanchez' accomplishments with Westchase District are numerous and her area of work has been recognized by the City of Houston, Keep Houston Beautiful, CREW Houston - Rising Star, Trees For Houston - Arbor Day Award, among others. Irma is also committed to returning her time and talents to the community. Her service includes serving on numerous boards and committees in the Westchase area of Houston.

At a time when many young people are not volunteering their time, Sanchez has demonstrated leadership by spending time away from her family in a number of organizations and projects.

She has trained for and completed ten marathons mostly in Houston. She is also the team manager of her co-ed soccer team and coaches a kick ball team as well. She states that the two teams keep her in shape for the marathons but the real accomplishment lies in her goal to run the Boston Marathon.

She graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor's of Liberal Arts Degree

Irma is thoughtful, resourceful and offers up her expertise with humor and compassion. She is a strong advocate for the business community.