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**Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Place: Kim Son Restaurant**

**10603 Bellaire Blvd**

**Houston, Texas 77072**

## **Vietnamese-American Community to Celebrate Achievements of Houston-Area High School Valedictorians and Salutatorians**

HOUSTON, Texas – August 7, 2016 – The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (VCSA) will sponsor the **Twentieth Annual Vietnamese-American Youth Excellence Recognition Program** to commemorate the accomplishments of outstanding Vietnamese-American high school students.

VCSA annually recognizes the academic achievements of Vietnamese-American high school students who graduated as either valedictorian or salutatorian of their respective high schools in the Greater Houston Area. The program also serves to encourage the younger Vietnamese-American generations to strive for academic excellence and instill a strong sense of civic responsibility among all Vietnamese-Americans in the Greater Houston area. Every year, previous awardees volunteer to co-chair the event.

The following is a list of Vietnamese-American students from the Houston area who have graduated as either valedictorian or salutatorian for the class of 2016.

The 18 valedictorians are:

### *Aldine ISD*

**Tammy Pham** – Aldine

**Stacy Ly** – Davis

**Loc Nguyen** – Eisenhower

**Bao Hoang** – Victory Early College

### *Humble ISD*

**Albert Truong** – Atascocita

### *Klein ISD*

**Catarina Do** – Klein Forest

### *Alief ISD*

**Hong Nguyen** – Kerr

### *Pasadena ISD*

**Tin Nguyen** – Dobie

### *Fort Bend ISD*

**Timothy Nguyen** – Bush

**Brian Tran** – Ridge Point

### *Pearland ISD*

**Sally Wong** – Turner College & Career

### *Houston ISD*

**Tram Tran** – Chavez

### *Spring ISD*

**Gia Dao** – Dekaney

**Tien Nguyen** – Early College Academy

*Spring Branch ISD*  
**Christina Vo** – Spring Woods

*Stafford MSD*  
**Vanessa Phung** – Stafford

The 17 salutatorians are:

*Aldine ISD*  
**Brian Nguyen** – Eisenhower

*Alief ISD*  
**Ngoc Nguyen** – Elsie  
**Kenny Le** – Kerr  
**Thuy Dinh** – Taylor

*Brenham ISD*  
**Jennly Nguyen** – Brenham

*Cypress ISD*  
**Dat Dinh** – Cyfair

*Dickinson ISD*  
**Nicholas Dao** – Dickinson

*Region VI*  
**Anh Pham** – Alpha Omega Academy

*Yes Prep Public Schools*  
**CamTu Duong** – Yes Prep West

*Fort Bend ISD*  
**Timothy Nguyen** – Bush

*Klein ISD*  
**ThienSon Ho** – Klein  
**Julieann Nguyen** – Klein Forest

*Pasadena ISD*  
**Albert Luu** – Dobie  
**Joseph Ly** – South Houston

*Stafford MSD*  
**Theresa Tran** – Stafford

*Spring ISD*  
**Ky Cao** – Memorial  
**Dana Duong** – Spring Woods  
**Nhi Ho** – Spring Woods  
**Nancy Le** – Westfield

In addition to the Recognition Program, there will be a luncheon featuring authentic Vietnamese cuisine, scholarship award presentations, cultural performances featuring Vietnamese traditions and attire, and a keynote address by Dr. Ngoc Anh Nguyen, who was honored in the 2003 Vietnamese-American Youth Excellence Recognition Program, returned to co-chair the program in 2005, and is now an emergency medicine attending physician at Houston Methodist Hospital. Six hundred guests are expected to attend, including school district administrators; elected officials, such as City Council Members, county officials, and congressional representatives; and local corporation representatives who have continually supported this program throughout the past nineteen years.

Based in Houston, Texas, VCSA was founded in 1990. It has members throughout the U.S. and Canada with chapters in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Diego, Minnesota, Washington DC, Toronto and Vancouver. VCSA promotes excellence in education, leadership and skills development, and volunteerism through culture and science. It encourages multi-generational and cross-cultural collaborations by cultivating civic participation in mainstream and Vietnamese America.

Tickets to the event, open to all members of the community, are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased at the VCSA Center, located at 13080 Bellaire Blvd (Suite G), Houston, Texas 77072. For more information, please **call the VCSA Center at (281) 933-8118 or visit our web site at [www.vcsa.org](http://www.vcsa.org)**.