



Dr. James Hernandez Vice President

Dr. James Hernandez is a lifelong community member of Edgewood ISD, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 2010. After graduating high school, Dr. Hernandez had the desire and opportunity to attend Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU), still staying in the community. While at OLLU, Dr. Hernandez participated in the McNair Scholars Program, in which he completed his original research project and subsequently shared his research throughout Texas and the United States. In 2013, Dr. Hernandez graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University with a B.A. in Psychology with a focus on research and counseling.

After graduating from OLLU, Dr. Hernandez entered the workforce full-time. After a year of full-time work, he pursued further education and attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. While living in Utah, Dr. Hernandez created a community of friends, professors, and colleagues in this new landscape. He became the convocation speaker for the graduating class of 2017 for the School of Education, where he received his M.Ed. in Culture and Society.

Dr. Hernandez then decided to pursue a terminal degree in education. He attended the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), where he focused on early childhood education and learning design and technology. While at UTSA, he served as a graduate student senator in the Student Government Association (SGA), advocating for increased graduate student travel funding. This endeavor increased graduate student travel funding for all graduate students at UTSA. Dr. Hernandez graduated from UTSA in May 2023 with his Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching from UTSA.

Dr. Hernandez believes that access to quality education is one way to empower our community to become more engaged in politics, get access to higher-paying employment, and, most importantly, achieve a sense of purpose and contentment. He is also the Las Palmas Neighborhood Association secretary and co-chair for the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), an international educational research organization. Dr. Hernandez is thankful for being able to serve his community and is looking forward to serving you as a Board Member of our Edgewood Independent School District community.

Notable Accomplishments:

- **2023:** School Board Finalist, HEB Education in Excellence Award
- **2022:** Outstanding Student Paper Award, The Counseling Psychologist Journal
- **2022:** Who's Who at UTSA Award, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Professional Presentation Experience:

Hernandez, J. & Ramirez, R. (2023, March 13-17). Introducing Pre-service Teachers to Game-Based Learning. [Poster presentation]. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) 34th International Conference, New Orleans, LA, United States.

Hernandez, J. (2022, March 3). Edgewood ISD Going Grassroots with Community Engagement [Live session]. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Governance Camp, Galveston, TX

Hernandez, J. (2023, March 2). Is Your District Ready for Safety Checks? [Live Session]. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Governance Camp, Galveston, TX

Hernandez, J., Hanussek, B., Carroll, M., Sinha, K., Tongue, S., Ogilvy, J., Lobser, D. (2022, July 13-16). Shield On! (Version 1.0) [Computer software demonstration]. Games for Change Festival, New York City, NY, United States. <https://hopin.com/events/games-for-change-festival-2022/registration>

Hernandez, J. & Alanís, I. (2022, April 11-15). Exploring 3rd Grade Teachers' Technological Pedagogical and Content-Game Knowledge. [Poster presentation]. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) 33rd International Conference, San Diego, CA, United States. <https://academicexperts.org/conf/site/2022/papers/59596/>

Hernandez, J. & Alanís, I. (2022, April 11-15). Gaming in the classroom? A former sixth-grade teacher's perspective of video game learning in the classroom [Roundtable presentation]. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) 33rd International Conference, San Diego, CA, United States. <https://academicexperts.org/conf/site/2022/papers/59693/>

Emenaha, U., Hernandez, J. (2021, November, 11-13). Mysteries and Monuments: Science Exploration to Understand Cause and Effect of Acid Rain on Historic Buildings [Live session]. Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching (CAST), Fort Worth, TX <https://s6.goeshow.com/sam/cast/2021/index.cfm>