



## **James Hernandez Board Member**

James Hernandez is a life-long community member of Edgewood ISD, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 2010. After graduating high school, Mr. Hernandez had the desire and opportunity to attend Our Lady of the Lake University, still staying in the community. Mr. Hernandez participated in the McNair Scholars Program in which he completed his own original research project and subsequently shared his research throughout Texas and the United States. In 2013, Mr. Hernandez graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University with a B.A. in Psychology with a focus on research and counseling. After graduated from OLLU, Mr. Hernandez entered the workforce full-time, but after a year he decided to further pursue his education and decided to attend the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. While living in Utah, Mr. Hernandez was able to create a community of friends, professors, and colleagues in this new landscape and, despite many struggles, he was able to become the convocation speaker for the graduating class of 2017 for the School of Education in which he received his Master's in Education, Culture and Society.

Mr. Hernandez believes that the one way to empower our community to become more engaged in politics, attend universities, get higher paying employment, and most importantly, achieve a sense of purpose and contentment, is through access to quality education. In order to make this a reality for his community, he is also currently serving as the Secretary of the Las Palmas Neighborhood Association as well as attending the University of Texas at San Antonio as a full-time doctoral research fellow.

Mr. 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.

**Other Notable Accomplishments:**

- Spring 2019: Completed City of San Antonio "Neighborhood Leadership Academy"
- Fall 2018: Completed 15 week "Nurturing Fathers Program" through The Children's Shelter of San Antonio
- Fall 2018: Presented on Child Sex Trafficking for Edgewood ISD Police Department
- Fall 2018–Current: THRU Project Mentor
- Fall 2017: Presented at Utah NAME conference, "Building Bridges, not Walls"
- Spring 2017: Completed 32 hour Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) training
- Fall 2016: Presented Curriculum Theory Project at AERA conference in Seattle, Washington.