

**Anissia Bell – JFD c/o 2012 – United States Navy**

“Being involved in Lariaettes taught me to never settle for just being good, but to be the best you can possible be. I took that with me when I joined the Navy, I've been in for almost 3 years & still follow the Lariaette team motto, "Good, Better, Best. Never settle until your good is better and your better is best."



**Aimee Cessna- JFD c/o 2011: Texas State University, Major: Exercise/Sports Science - Pre- Physical Therapy**

“Being involved in AP classes and Lariaettes while at Dobie helped me learn the time management skills I used throughout college. My experiences at Dobie also helped me enhance my social skills that allowed me to branch out and make lifelong friendships within my first semester at Texas State.”



**Karena Duran – JFD c/o 2011: University of Houston, Major: Civil Engineering**

“I believe attending Dobie helped me in my college career by allowing me to be involved and offering the opportunity for me to realize how important it is to be involved. I was a part of the Dobie Drill Team for 3 years and my senior year I was a leader/officer of the organization. That opportunity taught me responsibility, how to handle tough situations and in general learning to deal with different types of people. I also learned a lot about myself and grew as a person thanks to my director. I may not have realized it in the moment but being part of an organization can truly change your life. I can honestly that 3 1/2 years later Lariaettes is still something I talk about and will be a memory I will reminisce the rest of my life, and has made me the person I am today.”

**Kayla Smith - JFD c/o 2012, United States Navy on the USS Theodore Roosevelt**

“I would like to thank all my educators at Dobie High School for helping me succeed in becoming the women I am today. My dance team was an outstanding role model and coach to all the young women I danced with, including myself. She never gave up on me and always had faith that I would strive to be the best I could be. The tough love she had to offer was efficient to the purpose of what we did and to always make sure we gave our best. She helped us build positive dance relationships with each other and helped us come together as a family. It's amazing how we grow and mature over time and move on into the real world and look back and realize how we are using the skills we were taught in high school daily. I have learned from my mentors, loved ones and the wise people before me to never take anything in life for granted and to always be thankful for the life and people in your life God has placed there for you.”

**Amanda Palacios –JFD c/o 2013, Sam Houston State University, Major: Mass Communication w/ Concentrate in Journalism**

“I attended Dobie and was a member of the Lariaettes which has prepared me with my Time Management skills that I have used here at Sam Houston as well as being communicative and being an out spoken individual with my peers, professors, and the community.”



**Feliss Goree – JFD c/o 2013: Stephen F. Austin State University; Major: Psychology major & Rehab minor**

“Going to Dobie and being on Lariaettes exposed me to many new people and friends. Everyone, including teachers, were always willing to lend a helping hand in any way they could which helped me not only in the application process for college but also get accepted into college. It also showed me to never be scared to ask for help.”

**Taylor Ard – JFD c/o 2014, University of Texas, Major: Biology**

"Participating in extracurricular activities in high school taught me how to work with other people, and this has paid off in college as there are so many new and different people and things to get adjusted to. It's not just the school aspect that's tricky, and by attending a high school that offered extracurricular activities, it prepared me for both the academic and social sides of college."

