

Dobie Alumni on why to CHOOSE DOBIE!

Cybelles Cerda – JFD c/o 2015: University: Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Major: Communication & Science Disorders.

“Attending Dobie and being involved in extracurricular activities at school helped me get accepted into college because colleges want to know that you are well rounded, and not only book smart. I was a J. Frank Dobie Lariaette and being in this organization helped me grow as leader, as well as prepare me for all the obstacles I would have here in college. Being involved helped build my confidence and taught me to be responsible for my actions. Now that I am in college I thank Dobie, and its organizations because without them I wouldn't have the discipline, study habits, and the organization skills that I have now to better my future. I am glad to represent Dobie and will carry it with pride. “

Denise Ma – JFD c/o 2013, St Mary's University, Major: Environmental Science

“When senior year came around I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but while I was at Dobie, I had the opportunity to take an AP environmental science class, a course only offered at Dobie, and I ended up falling in love with the content and chose it as my major in college. I was also fortunate enough to be a part of the Lariaettes, where I was able to learn a lot of leadership skills that I use everyday at St. Mary's. This skills I learned helped me to obtain many things including: president of the environmental, conservation, and outreach club; being a member of the Marianist leadership program (which I've earned a scholarship from); being selected as a staff for campus retreats; and recently I was awarded a paid internship at the admissions office. None of these things would have been possible without the leadership, dedication, and commitment I learned through my time in extracurricular activities at Dobie.”

Victoria “Padilla” Armenta – JFD c/o 2008, Kilgore College Rangerette, UofH , Degree: Secondary Education/Dance

“Being a part of Lariaettes helped me to be a part of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes and to discover my career as a drill team director. In high school, being part of an organization gave me incentive to do well in school and helped me feel like I belonged somewhere. I am grateful for all the memories I made as a longhorn and will always carry “Dobie Pride” with me.”

Jennifer Acero – JFD c/o 2013: Texas State University, Major: Accounting

“Dobie High School is a great school! The teachers genuinely care about their students and show interests in their student's academic career. From attending this school, I have grasped the values of what it's like to be a well-rounded student and individual to society. I also developed the fundamentals of proper work ethics to become successful in school. As a Lariaette, I quickly learned how to work with others, adapt to change, and to strive to meet any goals I have for myself. Being a part of extracurricular activities sets a student apart from one that isn't because it shows that that student is willing to go the extra mile and is able to balance schoolwork with outside activities. I strongly feel that being a part of extracurricular activities is one of the main contributors to motivating and manifesting a student to work hard to get exceptional grades. Great grades and involvement in extracurricular activities shows that students are suitable candidates for any university, thus resulting in a bright future for that student. Chose Dobie and get involved in organizations, clubs, or extracurricular activities! It's worth it!”

Amalia Perla – JFD c/o 2015: University of Houston, Major: Kinesiology with a minor in Biology

“Being a part of Dobie High School and its one of a kind programs, like the Lariaettes and its Ap courses, enabled me to successfully proceed into this next chapter of my life. The AP courses at Dobie laid the foundation that has provided me with all the tools to survive college. As for my extracurricular organization, the Lariaettes, it taught me many life lessons and gave me many social skills that I have used to make my college experience more enjoyable.”

Rachel Moore – JFD c/o 2011, Prairie View A&M University, Major: Nursing

“Being involved in extracurricular activities in high school helped a lot in college. I wasn't afraid to step up and out of my comfort zone to be a part of new organizations. The more I reached out, the more people I found who had connections that would help me in my future. Also, dancing in high school, being a Lariaette, helped me to dance in college and earn scholarships that really help out financially!”

Parent Feedback:

“Dobie is known for pride and spirit. There is a sense of family and community in those halls. The teachers are alumni, the parents are alumni, and everyone in our community gets involved regardless of what our standing is in any one sport.” -Celina M.– Dobie Parent of 3 different students, including alumni c/o 2013 & 2015 as well as current Freshman student c/o 2019.

“My children benefited from going to Dobie and being involved in extracurricular activities because it allowed them to interact with many different types of people and forced time management skills. They had to work hard to maintain good grades and enjoy the benefits from their extracurricular groups as well, but this is a life skill that is necessary and was a benefit for their college career.” -Lori P. – Parent of Dobie Alumni c/o 2012 & 2014

“Your child should attend Dobie and be in extracurricular activities because it builds character and confidence. It teaches them to be responsible, to believe in themselves, and gives them the opportunity to be involved and give back to their community. Lastly being involved in extracurricular programs during high school prepares students for college by teaching them to be self-sufficient, to not be afraid to try new things, and how to work with others – all skills they will need to be successful in a collegiate atmosphere.” -Elizabeth G. – Parent of Dobie Alumni c/o '15 and Future Dobie Student c/o 2020