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Reagan Orchestra Students Lead

The Reagan Orchestra Student Leadership Board, and Director Sixto Elizondo and Assistant Nathan Sharplin, attended the Texas Orchestra Directors Association (TODA) Convention. Students learned leadership strategies from master teachers and have already begun to apply their newfound skills.

Along with 400 other students from around the state, Reagan Orchestra's Student Leadership Board attended lecture sessions regarding leadership development and program planning as well as forums exploring case studies, best practices, and peer collaboration. JoDei Pasadaba, Student Leadership Board President and Senior, said, "the entire board has had wonderful experiences with the Reagan Orchestra and have a strong passion and dedication for ensuring that others also experience the best that our program has to offer. Through team building, problem solving, and creative thinking, the TODA Student Day taught us that through community outreach, social activities, and our directors' guidance, our orchestra can give students the best music education in the city."

Student leaders have already applied their TODA knowledge with the 2016 Reagan Orchestra Camp attended by 150 returning and incoming orchestra students. Student leaders hosted a meet and greet, managed registration, and planned social activities while Mr. Elizondo enlisted the help of esteemed San Antonio Symphony music instructors and clinicians to teach students technique and region music. The Reagan Orchestra would like to thank Mary Ellen Goree, Emily and Ken Freudigman, Evana Toll, Bethany Turiff, and Robert Burwell for their instruction of the students during camp.