

Michelle A. Mendez Lifetime Service Award

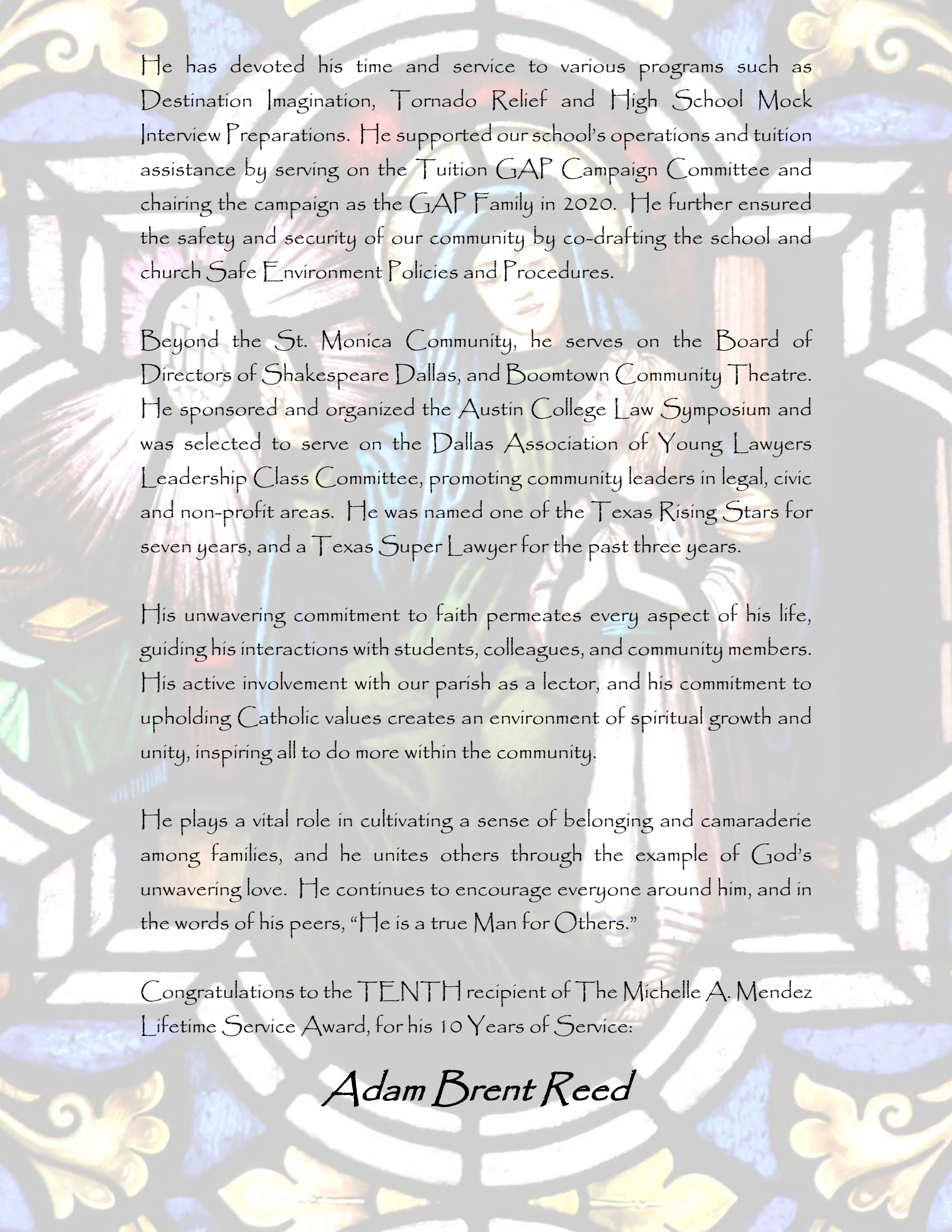
A devoted parent and servant, St. Monica embodies the qualities many parents strive to emulate. Michelle Mendez was a St. Monica parent who truly possessed the spirit of a servant leader in her personal, professional, and community relationships. She was an invaluable asset to many organizations, and the St. Monica community was one of the lucky recipients of her devoted volunteerism.

Inspired by her dedication to service, The Michelle A. Mendez Lifetime Service Award was created in an effort to recognize a current 8th grade parent who shares her passion for serving others.

This year's recipient truly embodies the characteristics of dedication, humility, and servant leadership. His selflessness is evident through his unconditional love for others and those he serves.

He has impacted many lives within the St. Monica Community, by not only mentoring, coaching, and advising both our youth and adults, but through consistently leading by example. Having served as Cub Scout Den Leader and Pack Committee Chair, he demonstrates his commitment to God, family, community, and country. As a recipient of the Spirit of Scouting Award, he is recognized for humbly living out these ideals.

Fostering a positive life-long impact, he further mentored the community as a football, baseball and basketball coach. His respectful approach instilled valuable lessons of leadership, teamwork and resilience, all while having the unique ability to make the players feel as though he was their number one fan. Most of all, he promotes inclusivity within our school community, illuminating that we are stronger together than divided.



He has devoted his time and service to various programs such as Destination Imagination, Tornado Relief and High School Mock Interview Preparations. He supported our school's operations and tuition assistance by serving on the Tuition GAP Campaign Committee and chairing the campaign as the GAP Family in 2020. He further ensured the safety and security of our community by co-drafting the school and church Safe Environment Policies and Procedures.

Beyond the St. Monica Community, he serves on the Board of Directors of Shakespeare Dallas, and Boomtown Community Theatre. He sponsored and organized the Austin College Law Symposium and was selected to serve on the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Leadership Class Committee, promoting community leaders in legal, civic and non-profit areas. He was named one of the Texas Rising Stars for seven years, and a Texas Super Lawyer for the past three years.

His unwavering commitment to faith permeates every aspect of his life, guiding his interactions with students, colleagues, and community members. His active involvement with our parish as a lector, and his commitment to upholding Catholic values creates an environment of spiritual growth and unity, inspiring all to do more within the community.

He plays a vital role in cultivating a sense of belonging and camaraderie among families, and he unites others through the example of God's unwavering love. He continues to encourage everyone around him, and in the words of his peers, "He is a true Man for Others."

Congratulations to the TENTH recipient of The Michelle A. Mendez Lifetime Service Award, for his 10 Years of Service:

Adam Brent Reed