



## JASON Project student, teacher Argonauts announced

Congratulations to Jake Ballard, Creekwood Middle School eighth grader, and Heather Hughes, Woodcreek Middle Science Teacher, on being selected as Humble ISD's Argonauts! Ballard and Hughes will take part in a once in a lifetime opportunity with an elite group of scientists and engineers during a week-long discovery off the coast of the Bahamas. This year, Argonauts will have a chance to participate in the research and study of sea animals.

"I am extremely excited about this opportunity," said Ballard. "I've always had a passion for science and for the knowledge of understanding how everything works."

Each year, a select group of National Student and Educator Argonauts have the unique opportunity to work directly with the world's leading scientists and engineers as part of the JASON Project learning. JASON was implemented on all middle school campuses this year to increase learning and achievement across STEM.

Hughes was elated to learn she'd be taking part in the Argonaut experience this summer.

"This sounded like one of those opportunities that wouldn't come along very often, and I look forward to bringing something back to my students," said Hughes, who has always loved science for its real-world application. "Science is really about problem-solving, and you can't do anything in life without problem-solving skills. I hope to instill that in my students."

The Argonauts will depart in July for their all-expense paid research trip, and are sure to bring back memories of an invaluable experience.

"This is one of the most hands-on experiences you can have," said Ballard. "Rather than just reading about in a book or reading about it on a piece of paper, there will so many opportunities to learn up close and personal."

