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The STAR DAY Foundation awarded “THE JUNIOR PIONEERS AND LEADERS OF THE STATE (PALS) OF TEXAS YOUNG WRITERS SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT OF MERIT (SAM) AWARD (The Award)” to Presidio High School Students Sergio Baeza and Emilio Lujan for co-authoring the article “*SHAFTER SILVER MINE HISTORY*” which shall appear in Volume 2 of The Texas Bison Student Study Group Journal published by The STAR DAY Foundation at its website. Emilio Lujan and Sergio Baeza are seniors and are engaged in the Metal Trades Study Program pioneered and led by twenty-year veteran Presidio High School Teacher Randall Cater. Randall Cater nominated the students for the award. The award presentation ceremony was conducted in the Metal Trades Department Shop and witnessed (from left to right) by: School Board Member Carlos Nieto, School Principal Dr. Dale Morris, Assistant School Principal Arturo Alferrez, Award Recipient Sergio Baeza, Award Recipient Emilio Lujan, Metal Trades Department Leader Randall Cater, School Counselor and City of Presidio Mayor John Ferguson, The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki and City of Presidio Development Corporation Executive Director Brad Newton. Randall Cater serves today as an eAdvisor of The Texas Silver Student Study Group organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on October 16, 2006 and initially hosted by Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras as an expanded learning opportunities student enrichment program. The STAR DAY Foundation made arrangements for an afternoon “Expedition” to the Shafter Silver Mine for students of the Metal Trades Program supervised by Randall Cater to explore and discover the complex science, technology, engineering and mathematics silver ore mining and processing principles hosted by the Rio Grande Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Aurcana Corporation, the mine owner, as a activity of The Texas Silver Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Aurcana Corporation is a 2014 Sponsor of The Award. Photographed by Presidio High School Student Photographer Karen Manriquez