

**Denton Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Certificates of Recognition**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

**Ryan Girls Soccer team reaches second state tournament in school history**

The Ryan High Girls Soccer Team produced the best season in the school's history. The Lady Raiders posted a 26-3-1 record, won their third consecutive district championship and capped it off with the school's first trip to the state tournament since 1999.

Ryan opened its playoff competition with an 8-0 victory against Fort Worth Brewer and went on to defeat Gainesville, Wichita Falls Rider, Granbury and Wylie - by a combined 26-0 margin to capture the Class 4A Region I title.

The Lady Raiders allowed their first postseason goal in the state semifinals, but despite playing the majority of the game down a player, tied it up and forced overtime. Cedar Park Vista Ridge eventually prevailed with a 2-1 score.

Ryan's accomplishments during the season - combined with its hard-fought effort in the state competition - brought more positive recognition for the school, our district and the entire Denton community.

The Ryan coaching staff includes Raiford Malone, head coach; Eric Bossenbroek, assistant coach; Jonathan Peters, junior varsity coach, and Sharon Winn, athletic trainer.

Congratulations on an excellent season to these Ryan Lady Raiders:

**Anna Kraft**, senior;

**Summer Bowers**, junior;

**Ashlee Beitinger**, junior;

**Whitney Mills**, junior;

**Erica Yarbrough**, freshman;

**Kiely Dowling**, junior – co-captain;

**Kat Knabe**, freshman;

**Makayla Knabe**, junior;

**Stevie Harris**, junior;

**Brenna O'Donnell**, junior;

**Lindsey Eccles**, junior;

**Ashlyn Hamilton**, senior;

**Lauren Smith**, junior;

**Taylor Maxon**, senior;

**Haley Grizzaffi**, freshman;

**Kirby Wright**, senior – co-captain;

**Taylor Gutierrez**, sophomore;

**Kirby Wright**, senior;

**Natalie Cornejo**, freshman;

**Joy McGuire**, freshman;

**Madison Beard**, junior;

Student trainers: **Anne Beckmann**, junior; **Takira Watson**, sophomore;

Student managers: **Samantha Cardenas**, junior; **Snesha Paswan**, freshman.

## **Ryan, Denton High schools qualify 10 swimmers for state meet**

Ryan and Denton high schools combined to qualify 10 swimmers for the UIL Class 4A state swimming and diving meet. Among the participants representing Denton ISD at the state meet were:

### **Ryan High**

**Mikey Winfrey** – 1-meter diving

**Robert Sutherland** – 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley

**Mikaela Pynch** – 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly, 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams

**Kathryn Ray** – 100 freestyle, 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams

**Mandi Sutherland** – 100 backstroke, 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams

**Sarah Dickerson** – 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams

### **Denton High**

**Austin Bailey** – 200 medley relay team

**Cody Knapp** – 200 medley relay team

**DJ Lang** – 200 medley relay team

**Anthony Milbitz** – 200 medley relay team

The head swim coach for Denton ISD is Chris Cullen.

## **Ryan basketball lands two all-state selections**

Ryan High School's boys and girls basketball team players were named to the prestigious Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 4A All-State teams for the 2010-11 season.

**Adam Choplick**, a senior, was one of only two Denton County players selected to the team. He was named the District 4-4A MVP and led the Raiders to a third consecutive district championship and the Region I semifinals.

**Teana Ogden**, a sophomore, was one of only two underclassmen selected to the team and the only representative from Denton County. She was named the District 4-4A MVP after leading the Lady Raiders to a district title and the Region I quarterfinals.

The Ryan boys head coach is Bryce Overstreet. The Ryan girls head coach is Monesha Allen.

## **Denton High Student Council receives state recognition**

The Denton High School student council has been named to the Texas Association of Student Councils' Sweepstakes council – the highest award given by the state organization – for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive school year.

There were more than 1,300 student councils nominated and Denton High is one of only 178 schools in the state to receive this honor.

The Denton High chairs were instrumental in helping the student council achieve this honor. Those students included:

- **Mariah Hunter**, junior - Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health;
- **Jill Jordan**, junior - Energy and Environment;
- **Mina Specht**, senior - Pride and Patriotism;
- **Parker Lawson**, senior - Community Service, and
- **Abby Wright**, senior - Outstanding Student Council.

The Denton High student council sponsors, Beth Hughes and Kimberly Thaggard, were recognized for their service and received the Impressive Award at the TASC State Convention April 5 in Arlington.

## **Ryan students named state finalists in national contest**

Ryan High School had two students named state finalists in the annual “Letters About Literature” national writing contest. They were selected among 52,000 entries from across the country and honored among the state’s best. They will each have their letters published on the contest website: [www.lettersaboutliterature.org](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org).

- Meghan Kajihara and Kathryn French. They students are in the AP English III classes. Their teachers are Julie Tolle or Traci Burt.

## **Denton ISD places 15 students at state BPA leadership conference**

The Denton Independent School District recently had 15 students place in the Top 10 at the recent Business Professional of America 2011 Youth State Leadership Conference in Fort Worth.

### **Ryan High**

- Ryan High’s parliamentary procedures team earned first place at the conference. Ryan’s state-winning team members included: **Hanna Bagheri, Austin Campbell, Eunice Esparza, Chris Hoye, Nathan Kam, Jaklyn Miselem, Ana Perdomo and Bethany Witt.**

The Ryan High BPA sponsor is Lakeisha Melvin.

### **Denton High**

Denton High had two individuals finish in the top 10 in their competitions.

- **Alvin Gao** - third place, qualifying for the national conference, in JAVA programming.
- **Kayla Tunnell** - sixth in interviewing skills.
- **Brittany Broussard** - graphic design.
- **Brianna Cunningham**- prepared speech.
- **Nathan Place** - entrepreneurship.
- **Kathryn Webb** – second place in Presentation Management Skills.
- **Karen Nguyen**, who represented DHS as a state intern

The Denton High BPA sponsor is Brian Redding.

### **Guyer High**

Guyer High also had two top 10 finishers at the state conference.

- **Robert Bradford, Brandon Dominguez, Logan Morgan, and Darcy Stewart** comprised the financial analyst team that finished sixth;
- **Logan Morgan** took eighth individually in PC servicing and troubleshooting.

The Guyer High BPA sponsor is Donna Lowe.

## **Culinary Arts student places second at state**

**Nicole Milliet**, junior at Ryan High, placed second at the state Skills USA for culinary arts in Corpus Christi. Her competition included a poached fish and zucchini casserole.

**Paul Niles** is the culinary arts sponsor.

## **ATC administrator honored by ATTE**

**Carla Ruge**, assistant dean of instruction at the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex, was named the Texas Outstanding Administrator by the Association of Texas Technical Educators.

Mrs. Ruge also earned the North Texas Technical Educators Association regional administrator award. She received the award for her efforts in helping the ATC host several regional competitions and events.