

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
September 28, 2021**

LaGrone ATC

Chef Megan Gill, a 2014 graduate of Ryan High School, recently participated in the finale episode of *Hell's Kitchen: Young Guns* hosted by celebrity Chef Gordon Ramsay. In the winner takes all style elimination cooking show, Megan lasted through 15 episodes and 16 high-pressure eliminations.

Currently the lead line cook at Brook Hollow Country Club in Dallas, Megan advanced through the contest, passing 17 other challengers by preparing dishes like salmon with fennel and orange; chipotle sweet potato puree topped with a seared filet; barbecue-rubbed shrimp with peach chutney.

"I'm very proud of her leadership in the kitchen and of course, I believe she should've won it all," said Chef Paul Niles, Megan's culinary arts instructor at the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex. "I loved watching her share her talents and heart for cooking with the world."

While Megan may have fallen only one spot short of her goal, we celebrate her persistence and representation of the Denton ISD community through an amazing performance. We hope this same drive helps her achieve her dream of opening a restaurant in our community.

Vernon Reeves serves as the principal of Ryan High School, and Marcus Bourland is the principal of the LaGrone Academy/ATC.

Board Spotlight

Krista Singleton just started her 13th year as a science teacher and cheer coach at Strickland Middle School. Ms. Singleton grew up as part of a military family, living in a constant state of change and exploration.

Ms. Singleton is a high-energy educator fueled by an innate curiosity and love for her students. Her ability to be flexible and unique helps captivate her student's attention through discovery and experimentation in science. She believes her lesson plans are there to guide her, but they are never more important than being available to her students.

Because of her passion for public education and love for learning in Denton ISD, we are highlighting her with our spotlight.

Kathleen Carmona serves as the principal of Strickland Middle School.