

**Recognition  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
March 23, 2021**

**TAEA Youth Art Month Exhibit**

Each year, districts across the state of Texas may submit artwork made by Pre-Kindergarten through 12th-grade student artists to be considered for exhibition in the Youth Art Month State Capitol Artwork Exhibit in Austin.

This year's version of the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Youth Art Month State Capitol Exhibition 2021 features a display at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in the Lower Rotunda of the Texas State Capitol Building running from March 10-28.

Two art students from Denton ISD had artwork selected for this prestigious exhibit. Eleventh Grader Kyndall Knotts from Guyer High School and fifth-grader Abigail Ventrea from Stephens Elementary each had their original work included in the prestigious show. The process was done virtually this year due to the pandemic as all pre-K through 12 submissions were submitted online. The pair of winners were part of the 100 pieces of artwork selected for the display.

Christian Reid is the art teacher at Guyer High School and Megan Trammell is the art teacher at Stephens Elementary.

**Director of Purchasing honored by TASBO**

The Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) recently recognized Denton ISD Purchasing Director, Dianna Casper, as one of eight RISE Award winners in the state of Texas.

The RISE Award is given to rising stars in school finance and operations and is sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). The goal of the RISE Award is to bring to light those individuals who are on the rise in the school business community, and distinguishes them as a future leader in the profession.

TASBO honored Mrs. Casper and the winning recipients virtually at the TASBO Engage Conference Awards Luncheon in February.

Mrs. Casper is a graduate of Penn State University and has been the director of purchasing in Denton ISD since joining the district in 2018.

To view the TASBO RISE Award Presentation, go [here](#).

**Board Spotlight**

Elle Tong, seventh grader at Crownover Middle School, earned her Eagle Scout this year as a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop #219 Girls in the Frontier Trails District of the Longhorn Council. The 12-year-old worked under the approval of campus administration to build benches to accent the campus' tennis courts, learning and leading a team of her peers and

adults through the process. To highlight her work with our school and during Women's History Month, we are proud to feature her spirit of serving others in this month's Board Spotlight.

Charlene Parham is the principal of Crownover Middle School.