

Recognition
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DENTON ISD

Braswell High School counselor recognized in Educator Spotlight

The Texas Council for Social Studies thought enough of Braswell's Kim Fritch to name her the Social Studies Teacher of the Year. She's one of the best teachers in the Texas because of her ability to connect with her students inside of the classroom and out. Take a look at how she does it in this month's Educator Spotlight.

DENTON ISD

Students grab 11 top-10 finishes at State German Contest

Denton ISD students accounted for 11 top-10 finishes at the 35th annual Texas State German Contest that was held at Texas State University in San Marcos in February.

The Texas State German Contest brings hundreds of students from across the state in a variety of academic and cultural categories highlighting the German language and culture. The state competition allows German Club students and sponsors to share what they've learned throughout the year in a fun and festive atmosphere, while providing scholarship opportunities for students and grant opportunities for teachers.

Three of the district's four high schools qualified students for the state competition, with a total of 11 students accounting for those top-10 finishes. Students must place in the top five of the regional competition to advance to the State German Contest. Those students included:

Denton High: Kolton Bundy and Daria Moore.

The Denton High German Club sponsor is Steven Richards.

Ryan High: William Matthew, Kali Wheeler and Robyn White.

The Ryan High German Club sponsor is Daniel Kline.

Guyer High: Stephanie Cho, Jessica Gamsiaggr, Anthony Roth-Giacinto, Rachel Hughes, Alyssa Lougee and Grayson Weiss.

The Guyer High German Club sponsor is Stephen Shade.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Three campuses recognized for counseling work with CREST award

The Denton Independent School District recently had three campuses named as recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association.

This marks the eighth consecutive year at least one Denton ISD campus has received a CREST award. Each of the recipients were honored earlier this month at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in Galveston.

This year's honored campuses and counselors included:

McMath – Brian Adams, Mary Arndt, Kelli Hauser;

Harpool – Eren Turner, Darlene Thweatt, Annette Price;

Denton High – Jari Peltier, Kathleen Ashton, Justin Fields, Chris Lydia, Doretha Hudspeth, Kim Keith, Linsey Schafer and Martha Valles.

"It is a tremendous honor to receive this recognition from TSCA, so I am very proud of these counseling teams," Amy Lawrence, director of counseling services said. "This is the sixth

consecutive year we've had a school recognized, just further solidifying the hard work our counselors put in daily to help our students and families in Denton ISD."

The CREST award was introduced by the Texas School Counselor Association in 2005 to recognize excellence in school counseling.

CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas and is a program that focuses on 10 areas that leave the greatest impact school counselors have on the achievements, career aspirations, personal gains and social aspects of students' lives. The program helps counselors evaluate their current counseling guidelines and techniques while also promoting their services to students and parents.

FINE ARTS

Nine students earn TMEA All-state musical honors

Students representing all the district's comprehensive high schools were selected by competitive audition for the prestigious All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra. Honorees will perform with the best musicians from all over Texas during the annual Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio hosted from Feb. 14-17.

Students selected for All-State Band: Samson Hudson, Denton High; Destiny Lerma, Ryan High; Jordan Meza, Guyer High; Luke Owens, Ryan High.

Directors include: Brian Wilson, Jesse Woolery and Phillip Elder at Denton High; Amy Woody, Dr. Ellis Hampton and Tyler Brinkman at Guyer High; and Mary Brown, Akira Robles and Jessica Watts at Ryan High.

Students selected for All-State Choir: Lauren Barr, Braswell High; Haley Dortch, Guyer High.

Directors include: Ben Oehlschlaeger at Braswell High; Mary Mathis-Sadler, Rebecca Kraft at Guyer High.

Students selected for All-State Orchestra: Teresa Lee, Guyer High; Ethan Nguyen, Guyer High; Aiden Wood, Guyer High.

Directors at Guyer High include: Michelle Hanlon and Jeremy Atkins.

TMEA is an organization of over 11,000 school music educators dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. TMEA comprises five divisions: Band, Orchestra, Vocal, Elementary and College. TMEA leaders carefully monitor the actions of all state decision-making bodies on issues affecting fine arts instruction.