

**Denton Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Certificates of Recognition  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013**

**CROWNOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Crownover students recognized among “most hopeful” in the nation**

Crownover Middle School was recently recognized by Gallup and Atria Books as having one of the “most hopeful” student body groups in the nation.

Crownover was one of more than 1,700 elementary and middle schools that participated in the Gallup Student Poll. Only 11 percent of the schools surveyed, including Crownover, scored higher than the required 4.53. Therefore, Crownover is being honored as a Gallup High-Hope School.

Each of the high-hope schools and its students showed a care for one another and investment in future goals, a willingness from teachers to help students overcome obstacles and an aim for teaching to students’ goals in an effort to increase the relevance of instruction.

The principal at Crownover Middle School for the 2012-13 school year was Gwen Perkins, who was promoted to director of human resources in June. This school year the principal is Jason Rainey.

**GUYER HIGH**

**Guyer career and technology counselor wins state CTAT award**

Jeanie Bragg, counselor at Guyer High, has been awarded the 2013 Texas Outstanding Career Guidance Educator Award by the Career and Technology Association of Texas.

Mrs. Bragg is the career and technology education counselor at Guyer High and has been at the school since it opened in 2005. She is entering her 18<sup>th</sup> year with Denton ISD and has more than 30 years in public education.

She earned the honor while recently attending the CTAT state conference in Houston. She will now represent Texas and Denton ISD at the Association of Career and Technical Education Region IV Conference in New Orleans in April.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Coordinator honored as one nation’s “Top 35 Under 35”**

Mario Zavala Jr., coordinator of communications and community relations, was recently named one of the “Top 35 Under 35” by the National School Public Relations Association. He was honored by NSPRA at the national convention in San Diego in July.

Mr. Zavala has been with the district for the past four years and has helped coordinate numerous projects, including the Back-2-School Bash, UNT basketball games and Gonzalez grandparent volunteers. He is a member of the Texas School Public Relations Association and the School Public Relations In North Texas.