

Character Education Outstanding Student of the Month

The Keller ISD Community of Character program is structured to identify one character trait per month and integrate the character traits into curriculum through activities in individual classrooms to school-wide events.

The character trait for October was courage, and Shelbi Owens, a ninth-grader at Fossil Ridge High School, was selected.

On August 4, Shelbi's sister, Paige Owens, was involved in a car accident in Wise County that resulted in the death of three adolescents and left Paige paralyzed. Shelbi has shown unbelievable courage by being a spokesperson on Paige's behalf to share her story with other kids during Red Ribbon Week. Shelbi's message to kids all through the Panther Pride feeder pattern has been simple: make smart choices, choose your friends carefully, listen to your parents, and stay away from drugs and alcohol.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Keller ISD students were recently recognized for their high PSAT scores in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Keller ISD semifinalists: Central High School seniors Mario Garza, Jordan Ripley and Christopher Spradling and Keller High School students Paul Chua, Rachel Davenport, Richard Emery, Bennett Miller and Lindsay Woodward.

National Achievement Scholarship: include Fossil Ridge senior Ishan Gaither and Keller High senior Alexis Taylor.

National Hispanic Recognition Program students: Central High senior Mario L. Garza, Fossil Ridge seniors Brenda Cammareri and John Gines, and Keller High seniors Nicole Castro, Tristan Garcia, Eric Gonzales, Deanna Husting, Taryn Langton, Savannah Martinez and Sofia Pacheco-Fores.

Commended Students: Fossil Ridge senior Brenda Cammareri and Keller High seniors Liliana Bastian, Bradley Carpenter, Nicole Castro, Jena Collier, Scott Eagleston, Amanda Eyer, Rafael Fricks, Daniel Haywood, Stephen Krolick, Christopher Larson, Jennifer Luley, Carissa Nash, Sofia Pacheco-Fores, Austin Rector, Jessika Rieck, Andrew Swegler, Alexis Taylor, Eric Trine, Graham West, and Nicholas Williams.

Advanced Placement Scholars

2007 National Scholars

Bruce Bacon	Keller High
Kristofer Bjerga	Keller High
Kevin Golden	Keller High
Allen Trang	Keller High

2007 Scholars with Distinction

Matthew Cho	Central High
Carl Dieffenbach	Central High
Bruce Li	Central High
Bruno Li	Central High
Andre W. Munguia	Central High
Jillian Nelson	Central High
Kailey Rawson	Central High
Katharine George	Fossil Ridge
Jerome Gonzales	Fossil Ridge
Samreen Khan	Fossil Ridge
Frank Robinson	Fossil Ridge
Bruce Bacon	Keller High
Kristofer Bjerga	Keller High
Lindsey Boer	Keller High
Christina Bohn	Keller High
Austin Buchanan	Keller High
Michael Burckhard	Keller High
Evan Bush	Keller High
Jena Collier	Keller High
Christina Driscoll	Keller High
Thomas Earle	Keller High
Victoria Gaca	Keller High
Kevin Golden	Keller High
James Harman	Keller High
Ihnyoung Hwang	Keller High
Brittini Ihle	Keller High
Christina Ingham	Keller High
Amy Kunkel	Keller High
James Larson	Keller High
Stephen Meek	Keller High
Sofia Pacheco-Fores	Keller High
Kevin Primm	Keller High
Jessika Rieck	Keller High
Lane Smith	Keller High
Michael Thompson	Keller High
Allen Trang	Keller High
Albert Wang	Keller High
Michael Zirpel	Keller High

Two staff members receive award from the Texas Association for Gifted and Talented (TAGT)

Nancy Musgrave, gifted and talented specialist at Parkwood Hill Intermediate, recently received the "Rising Star" Award from the Texas Association for Gifted and Talented. Pam Cooper, coordinator for advanced academic services, received the TAGT "Regional Advocate" Award.

Deputy Superintendent Mark Youngs receives TASBO Certification

Keller ISD's Deputy Superintendent Mark Youngs received his Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA) certification from the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). This is a voluntary professional certification that recognizes standards of professional competence of school business administrators, officials and specialists for the state of Texas