

## **Region XI TMSA Elmer Watson School Recognition Award**

Carrie Jackson, Indian Springs Middle School

Indian Springs Middle School was awarded the Texas Middle School Association's 2009 Elmer Watson School Recognition Award for Region XI. Schools across the State are selected for this award for exemplifying the recommendations for transforming middle schools as published in *Turning Points 2000*, a report of the Carnegie Corporation. Criteria for award selection includes how the campus team recognizes and ensures success for all students, outstanding educational innovations, outstanding campus programs, and parent/community involvement in the overall health and well-being of students.

## **VASE State Achievement**

The Texas Art Education (TAEA) has sponsored the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) since 1994. VASE is the only art event of its kind in the nation. Students have the opportunity to bring artworks created in their art classes to a regional event where they are interviewed by a certified juror who evaluates their work according to a standards-based rubric as well as their understanding of the art processes involved in the development of their artwork. The State Event is held annually in April and is sponsored by the University of Houston-Clear Lake. While the artworks are judged, students participate in professional workshops, lectures, slide presentations, demonstrations, and outdoor sketching opportunities. The following students advanced to the State Competition.

### Central High School

Meagan Abrams, Xochitl Albarran, Caroline Baxter, Megan Bell, Alex Dukov, Hector Elizondo-Melendez, Dylan Ewen, Raveen Frazier-Brown, Michelle Garcia, Jerry Gonzalez, A. Y. Held, Sarah-Kathryn Hensarling, Kayla Johnson, Alex Kemp, Madison Peters, Chris Rios, McKenzie Rogers, Jared Sharbonda, Tieu Lam Thai, Julia Thurber, Mat Toellner, Katy Tucker, Richard Ward, Cynthia Webb, Everett Wilson, Sarah Wright

Coaches: Jay Asp, Chrissy Fitch, James Kauitzsch, Denise Massie

### Fossil Ridge High School

Jae Baik, Joanna Dunbar, Mary Hadley, Brandon Hall, Kimberley Hill, Rachel Hunt, Karla Kennedy, Crystal Knorpp, Vu Pham, Elizabeth Robertson, Jamison Routson, Breanna Van Der Heydt, Rachel Yeselson, Jessica Yi, Eva Zamora

Coaches: Mike Aiken, Camille Kerr, Dustin Marvin, Brittany Rebstock

### Keller High School

Alex Ashford, Anya Bosworth, Molly Covington, Kristina Crumpton, Rebecca Houston, Kelly O'Donnell, Sarah Tracer

Coaches: Liz Bonham, Kristy Laurent, Troye Ann Maggard