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DENTON HIGH

DHS students claim 21 awards at state journalism convention

The Denton High School journalism department recently attended the 2014 Interscholastic League Press Conference State Journalism Convention at the UT - Austin and had 21 students win top awards.

The award-winning journalism students include:

Newspaper Achievement: Personal Column – Dimitrios Aerts, first place; Taylor Brown, honorable mention; Portrait Photo – Cynthia Panteleon, second place; Sports Action Photo – Jackie Thompson, third place; Chandler Elsbecker, honorable mention; Feature Writing – Jordan Gill, honorable mention; Entertainment Feature – Brendan Kimberlin, honorable mention; Sports Column – William Crouch, honorable mention

Yearbook Achievement: Academic Photo – Austin Pugh, first place; Academic Spread – Taylor Brown, Emma Pattison, Payden Enzensperger, first place; Sports Action Photo – Chandler Elsbecker, third place; Sports Feature Photo – Alex Meimer, honorable mention; Student Life Photo – Alex Cates, honorable mention; Student Life Spread – Payden Enzensperger, Emma Pattison, honorable mention

Online News Achievement: News Feature – Taylor Brown, first place and honorable mention; News Writing – Emily Fu and Rebecca Fu, second place; Feature Writing – George Roberson, third place; Floribel Nunez, honorable mention; Sports Feature – Maggie-Mae Ellison, honorable mention; Sports Action – Chandler Elsbecker, honorable mention

DENTON ISD

District students claim state title at state forensics contest

Students from Guyer High and Ryan High recently competed at the Texas Forensic Association's state competition in El Paso and then went on to national competition.

Guyer High: Seniors Drake Lawson and Andrew Hansen won the state championship in duet acting and went on to place second in the nation. The state title helped Guyer High earn a spot in the Top 10 overall team standings at the TFA state competition.

The other state qualifiers from Guyer included: Davina Aguwa, sophomore; Lauren Champion, junior; Elyse Guilstorf; Michael Hansen, senior; Tanille Limb, senior; Riley Steward, freshman, and Tiffany Wang, sophomore.

In the national competition, Lauren Champion and Michael Hanson placed sixth in duet action and Tanille Limb placed second in poetry. Their performance placed the acting group in third place in the nation for individual events.

Karen Gossett and Josh Hamilton are coaches at Guyer High.

Ryan High: The Raiders again had a state-qualifying duet with juniors Kirsten Anderson and Josh Soderstrom, who ranked among the state's best.

The coach at Ryan High is Jeannene Abney.

Guyer students compete in state UIL's One-Act Play

Guyer High's One-Act Play – Hamlet - made it to state competition. The cast included the following students:

Melissa Petrie – All State – Outstanding Technician

Corbin Born – Honorable Mention All-Star Cast

Teddy Santiesteban – Honorable Mention All-Star Cast

Payten Autry

Cody Pence

Arael Byrd

Eliza Price

Katelyn Cave

Maddi Price

Ciara Fields

Raegan Robertson

John Fredrickson

Katie Tester

Andrew Hansen

Cody Wagner

Michael Hansen

Bre Welty

Christien Hunt

Sarah Welty

Lance McDougall

Malana Wilson

Kirin McMillin

Kaleb Wright

Lydia Meador

The director is Eleshia Crotwell and the assistant director is Alex Rodriguez.

DENTON ISD

Career/technology counselor earns national recognition

Jeanie Bragg, career and technology counselor, recently earned the Region IV Career Guidance Award by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Mrs. Bragg has worked for Denton ISD for 19 years, spending 10 years as the career counselor at Denton High and the last nine at Guyer High.

She previously was recognized as one of five ACTE regional winners in 2010. She is a state board member for CTAT and the founder of the association's statewide guidance mentoring program, which she helped implement in 2007. She has presented at local, state and national conferences on numerous topics detailing career education.

DENTON ISD ATHLETICS

State Track and Field

Students from Guyer and Ryan High represented Denton ISD in 10 events at the recent Class 5A and 4A UIL Track and Field State Championships at UT-Austin.

Guyer High won the Girls and Boys District 5-4A Track and Field titles. Guyer Girls also won the Region I track title in Abilene. Ryan High won the Boys District 4-5A title, Area 3-5A title, and finished in the Top Five overall at its regional meet in Lubbock.

Denton ISD qualified 43 student-athletes in 37 events at the 5A and 4A regional track meets – the largest contingent of athletes Denton ISD has sent to the regional meets the past five years.

Among those participating include:

Guyer High

Girls: 800-meter relay team (Joyner Harris, Candalyn Lyons, Leanne Bell, Brittany Crabtree with Taylor Tolen and Emily Chance as relay team alternates), state runner-up; 400-

meter relay team (Candalyne Lyons, Joyner Harris, Leanne Bell, Brittany Crabtree, Tolen Taylor and Emily Chance as relay team alternates), third place; Devin Norton, 3,200 meters, fifth place; Candalyne Lyons, 100 meters, fifth place;

Boys: Jalen Hunter, 300-meter hurdles, state runner-up, and 110-meter hurdles, sixth place; Tony Perez, 800 meters, fifth place; 800-meter relay team (Victor Hubbard, Anthony Taylor, Logien Franklin, Jalen Hunter with Brock Thompson and Christian Moore as relay team alternates), ninth place.

The track and field head coaches at Guyer High are Megan Hardesty for girls and Russ Phillips for boys.

Ryan High

Boys: 800-meter relay team (Terrell Cross, Paul Hunter, Maurice Gordon, Cameron Williams with Jordan Murray and A. J. George as relay team alternates), third place; Maurice Gordon, 200 meters, eighth place. The boys relay time of 1:25.95 is the 12th fastest time ran in the nation, according to ESPN's DyeStat Rankings. They also were very close to beating the school record set by the 2011 State Champion 800m Relay team.

The Ryan High Boys' track coach is Janson Head.

UIL state golf

The Guyer boys and girls golf team represented Denton ISD in the Class 4A State Golf Championship recently conducted at UT-Austin.

The Guyer Boys team placed sixth overall in their second consecutive appearance at the state tournament. The Guyer boys golf team includes: Garrett Underwood and Grant Studdard, seniors; Jeremiah Earle and Brady Hanley, juniors, and Connor Ross, sophomore.

The Lady Wildcats took 12th place in their first appearance at the state tournament. The Guyer girls golf team includes: Allison Flack, senior; Piper Gleadhill, junior; Sarah Zia, sophomore, and Emily Hunt and Launa Wilson, freshmen.

The head golf coach for both teams at Guyer High is Roddy Adams. He is assisted by Lance Brown.

TISCA State Water Polo

Denton ISD was represented by students from Denton and Ryan High schools at the annual Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Water Polo State Championships at UT-Austin.

The Denton boys finished fifth overall in the state, while the Denton High girls and Ryan High boys each placed ninth. Denton ISD finished the tournament with six swimmers earning all-state honors.

The swimmers on these state-qualifying teams included:

Denton High Boys:

Gus Cocchiarella, senior, honorable mention all-state;

Toumas Hyvarinen, junior, first-team all-state;

Michael Adami, senior, second-team all-state;

Ben Naugle, senior, honorable mention all-state;

Other team members include: Brad Broussard, sophomore; Josh Rowell, junior; Alex Barker, sophomore; Curtis Stratton, freshman; Andrew Thompson, senior; Jeremiah Dickens, junior; Omar Jebbeh, freshman;

Denton High Girls:

Bri Broussard, senior, second-team all-state;

Other team members include: Laura Garrett, junior; Karese Arnold, freshman; Rachael Crews, junior; Hannah Bowen, sophomore; Tegan Specht, sophomore; Riley Salas, sophomore; Kirsten Holmes, senior; Reanna Fortune, freshman; Sienna Nolet, sophomore;

Ryan High Boys:

Austin Pyrch, junior, second-team all-state; Aaron Lawrence, senior, honorable mention all-state;

Other team members include: Kyle Barnes, sophomore; William Bullard, junior; Nathan Fraser, junior; Daniel Davenport, junior; Alex Worden, senior; Spencer Anthony, junior; Jose Hernandez, junior; Zach Palmer, freshman; Tristan Sullivan, junior; Kailyn Richardson, freshman.

The Denton ISD swim and water polo coach is Chris Cullen.

Denton High, Guyer High compete in state UIL Academic meet

Denton and Guyer High schools represented Denton ISD at the annual University Interscholastic League state academic meet at the University of Texas at Austin.

The state honorees include:

Denton High

William Root – number sense, computer science, literary criticism

George Roberson – headline writing, news writing

Rebecca Fu – editorial writing

Emily Hu – computer science

Ana Mitchell, Omar Akram, Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu – spelling and vocabulary team

The Denton High UIL academic sponsors include Fred Mueller, number sense; Barry Wagner, computer science; Sandra Dieckman, spelling and vocabulary, and Ashley Sharp, literary criticism.

Guyer High

Andrew Hansen – poetry – state champion

Tanille Limb – prose – state champion

Tiffany Wang – persuasive speaking - third place

Eddie Scott – headline writing

The Guyer High UIL academic sponsors for the state-placing students include Karen Gossett and Josh Hamilton, speech and debate, and Larry Turner, journalism.