

**Denton Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Certificates of Recognition  
Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

## **DENTON HIGH**

### **Denton ISD announces national merit finalist**

Denton High Senior Taerim Kim has been named National Merit Finalist. He is among an elite group of about 1,500 finalists throughout the United States who were named finalists in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Taerim is the son of Chulhoe and Mikyoung Kim. He is active in the Bronco Band and also plays in the Wind Ensemble. He is treasurer of the German Club, a member of the National Honor Society and drum major in the band. He is on the UIL math and computer science teams.

Less than one percent of the students taking the PSAT qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist, and even fewer become National Merit Finalists.

He was among the 1.2 million students from 20,000 high schools who entered the 2008 Merit Program. They were juniors when they took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

## **GINNINGS/RYAN ELEMENTARY**

### **Three art students showing work at Capitol**

Three elementary students' artwork was selected to be exhibited at the State Capitol in Austin in honor of Youth Art Month. More than 1,000 entries were to the Texas Art Education Association with only 100 selected for the state exhibit. The work will be on display for a week during March in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

The art students are Megan Erwin, Kasey Forest and Jaquelin Medina, all from Ginnings Elementary, and Caley Kubicek, Ryan Elementary.

The art teachers, who motivated these young artists, are Nancy Walkup, Ryan Elementary, and Kay Adamson, Ginnings Elementary. The Denton school district was one of 45 selected from more than 1,000 school districts statewide.

## **BORMAN ELEMENTARY**

### **Principal Ruben Molinar receives state library award**

Ruben Molinar, principal of Borman Elementary School, has received the Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators by the Texas Library Association.

The award was based on his support of the Borman library through staffing, scheduling, budgeting, and programming. He continuously provides a budget to cover new books as well as new technology. He officially receives the award at the association's state conference in April. He is among an elite group of principals and superintendents who have won the award in prior years.

Mr. Molinar has insured the library is staffed with a full time clerk and the librarian is not in the special areas rotation, said Librarian Mary Pruitt, who nominated him for the award.

“Mr. Molinar verbally supports the library and encourages teachers to use it regularly. He loves to come through and see what the students are learning,” Ms. Pruitt said.

This is third year Mr. Molinar has been principal at Borman. Prior to that time he was director for Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) Department.

## **DENTON HIGH**

### **Carol Hyatt, Beth Hughes named state finalists**

Beth Hughes and Carol Hyatt, social studies teachers at Denton High, have been named two of the four finalists for the Frank Kemerer Award, presented by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and the *Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest*.

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding social studies teachers in Texas at the high school level. The award is named for Dr. Frank R. Kemerer, a longtime professor in the Education Department at the University of North Texas. The award will be given at the TASSP annual conference on June 10 at the Austin Convention Center in Austin.

Mrs. Hyatt also recently was named the Economics Education Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council of Economic Educators. She received that award from her colleagues on Feb. 15 in Austin.