

**RECOGNITION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
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**COUNSELING SERVICES**

**Three Denton ISD campuses repeat as CREST Award recipients**

The Denton Independent School District recently had three campuses named as recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association.

This marks the sixth consecutive year at least one Denton ISD campus has received a CREST award. Each of the recipients were honored last week at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in Dallas. This year's honored campuses and counselors included:

**McNair** – Deanne Harrup;

**Harpool** – Sable Gonyea, Darlene Kent, Annette Price;

**Ryan High** – Erica Chupp, Angela Clouse, Rebecca Coley, Erin Coulter, Courtney Scaggs, Anne Scaggs, Christine Snow and Christie Weir.

“It is a tremendous honor to receive this recognition from TSCA, so I am very proud of these counseling teams,” Amy Lawrence, director of counseling services said. “This is the sixth consecutive year we’ve had a school recognized, just further solidifying the hard work our counselors put in daily to help our students and families in Denton ISD.”

The CREST award was introduced by the Texas School Counselor Association in 2005 to recognize excellence in school counseling.

CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas and is a program that focuses on 10 areas that leave the greatest impact school counselors have on the achievements, career aspirations, personal gains and social aspects of students’ lives. The program helps counselors evaluate their current counseling guidelines and techniques while also promoting their services to students and parents.

**BORMAN ELEMNTARY**

**Educator Spotlight – Kiaran Beck**

Our teacher spotlight features Kiaran Beck, music teacher at Borman Elementary an International Baccalaureate School. To bring the perspective of different cultures to her students, Ms. Beck uses Skype and an interactive white board to connect her students with friends from other countries. By enlisting music teachers in other countries to teach her students songs and customs, she brings relevance to her classroom. Students are becoming adept at using technology in a non-traditional setting.

**GUYER HIGH**

**Two students named National Hispanic Scholars**

The National Merit program annually recognizes students that are at-least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and are among the top 5,000 high scoring individuals on the PSAT/NMSQT exam as National Hispanic Scholars.

Over the past five years 16 Denton ISD have been given this recognition. This year, two students from Guyer High were honored with this prestigious award. They include Carina Peltier and Anthony Rodriguez.