



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### 1A. Awards/Achievements

February 13, 2006

**SUBJECT:** STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

**BOARD GOAL:** All students will achieve educational excellence.

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**Keller Coach named Coach of the Year:** Keller Softball Coach Moe Fritz was voted USA Today National Fastpitch Coaches Association Coach of the Year. The NFCA recognizes regional and national coaching excellence in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA, NJCAA, Cal JC, NWAACC, High School and Travel Ball. All NFCA-member coaches are eligible each season.

**KISD students named in THSCA 2005-06 Class 4A Academic All-State football team:**

The Texas High School Coaches Association recently announced the Class 4A and Class 5A Academic All-State Football team for 2005-06. The teams are selected by a scoring system that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT score. The students/athletes are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned. The Elite team represents the highest point total that can be achieved. Criteria required to be nominated is 1) overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-12 and the first six weeks of grade 12; 2) Be a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination; 3) Be of good moral character.

Josh Gafford of Keller High School was named to the Elite 5A team. Members of the 5A first team include: James Fudge, Fossil Ridge; Kirk Marvin, Fossil Ridge and Jonathan Herb, Keller. Second team members include Dallas Trudelle, Fossil Ridge; Austin Farmer, Keller; and KC Schumake, Keller. The following athletes were given honorable mentions: Ryan Alcalá, Fossil Ridge; Zach McGuire, Fossil Ridge; Xen Morgan, Fossil Ridge; Ben Tiller, Fossil Ridge; Salvador Valdes, Fossil Ridge; Russell Williams, Fossil Ridge and Josh Mitzel, Keller.

Among the chosen athletes for the 4A team were nine Central High School students. Richard Casarez was named to second team and each of the following athletes was given an honorable mention: Michael Birt, Brandon Bogusch, Andrew Fore, Armando Granados, Bernard Hammonds, Joseph Pike, Victor Rodgers, Sammy Turpin and Nicholas Lewis.

**FRHS students advance to state competition:** Fossil Ridge German students attended Winterfest Competition in Plano on Feb. 4. Six students advanced to state competition which will be held in Austin on Feb. 25. They are Hayley Bagwell, Brikena Dauti, Kayla Ketcham, Matt Melton, Tim Wellman, and Randall Williams.

**BPA students advance to state:** The following Business Professionals of America (BPA) students attended the Burkburnett regional competition on Jan. 21. BPA competition consists of business skills used in the workforce including accounting, word processing, spreadsheet, database, marketing, entrepreneurship, management, information technology, speaking, presentation skills and interviewing. Students may compete in one individual and one team event. This year twenty-four students are state qualifiers. State competition will be March 1-4 in Lubbock. The following students are state qualifiers: Diane Schwebs, Holly Monaghan, Kalyn Panizo, Jill Cunningham, Eric Buetow, Chrissy Grigalis, Stephanie Adams, Chauntae Brannon, Samantha Thomas, Brandon Dewey, Brittany Worrell, Hali White, Poonam Patel, Poojah Patel, Alex Buetow, Taylor Larson, Zach Gaydos, Brandon Henriksen, Jessica Chandos, Juliette Adams and Andrew Stotts. State Alternates: Eric Buetow, Jill Cunningham, Chrissy Grigalis, Andy Rosso, Creighton Caddell, John Skoglund, Katie O'Connor, Jessica Chandos, Amanda McNeil, Chaunae Brannon, John Skoglund, Akash Patel, Bobby Nevireddy, Juliette Adams, Daniel Crabtree, Katie O'Connor, Molly Videtich, Lauren Petit.

**Fossil Ridge wrestlers advance to regional competition:** The Fossil Ridge wrestling team competed in the District 10 wrestling tournament this month and placed third. Wrestlers that will be advancing to the regional tournament are district champions Matt Ramos, Brennan Ochoa and Monique Curry, as well as district runner-up Landon Wyatt. Regional alternates for the panthers include Tiffany Bicoy, Matt Housden, Austin Gray, Neil Thorpe, Aaron Masters, and Josh Mendez.

**KISD students fare well at Area 13 Spelling Bee:** At the Area 13 Spelling Bee held at Central High School, Evan Snow, a 7th grader from Keller Middle, was Spelling Bee Champion. Michael Haywood from Indian Springs was the runner-up. Evan will compete on March 7 at the Regional Spelling Bee at Will Rogers Auditorium; the winner of the Regional will compete for the National Spelling Bee Championship in Washington, D.C. in June. Area 13 consisted of 38 spellers, one from each elementary, intermediate, and/or middle school from Keller ISD, Northwest ISD, and Westlake Academy.

**FRHS students named to All-State Team:** The Texas Sports Writers Association recently announced their All-State Teams. Larry Carter-Holmes and Shawn Santos of Fossil Ridge received Honorable Mention recognition. The All-State high school football teams are voted on by members of The Texas Sports Writers Association based on regular-season and post-season performance.

**FRHS swim and dive team perform well at district:** The following Fossil Ridge students will advance to regional swim and dive competition: Hunter Henderson, Tim Walby, Kyle Thomas, Philip Box, Selena Stewart, Taylor Turman, Hayley Cash-Reed, and lehua Saludares.

**Central journalism students garner honors:** Seven student journalists at Central High School won state honors in the Texas Association of Journalism Educators Clip Contest for 2006. Newspaper design honors went to Ehsan Azad, honorable mention opinion/editorial page; Larrah Lewis, honorable mention, feature page design; and Jarrett Vance, excellent sports page design. Yearbook honors went to Mark Ostry, honorable mention people design; Angel Williams, superior, alternative copy design; Lisa Splawn, honorable mention, infographic design; and Aaron Yancy, honorable mention, organizations photo.

**Central High Choir performs at Disney:** During winter break, the Central High School Choir took a trip to Disney and participated in a candlelight parade. The choir participated in two performances of the Disney Candlelight Ceremony on Dec. 3. The Candlelight Ceremony is a mass choir, orchestra concert telling the story of the birth of Jesus. Central High was the only choir chosen from Texas.

**Fossil Ridge High School band students place in state competitions:** The following students were selected among the top band students in the greater Tarrant County area and chosen to advance to area tryouts for band: Jonathan Harris, trumpet, Monika Hooi-Rodriguez, flute, Cody McClarty, trumpet, Luis Santiago, trumpet, Toan Tran, Bassoon and Victoria Yip, Clarinet.

At area tryouts (which include students from all across D/FW and North Texas) six students received positions with the All-State Band.

Cody McClarty was selected to All-State Band and is the first freshman in seven years from KISD to make the 5A All-State Band. Monika Hooi-Rodriguez, Luis Santiago and Toan Tran were named to All-State band. Victoria Yip and Jonathan Harris were named second alternates to All-State Band.

The All-State tryout process begins with nearly 20,000 students trying out for approximately 300 positions. All of these musicians are in the top 1 percent of performers from across the state.

**Five HMS students selected for honor choir:** The following five students from Hillwood Middle School were selected to sing in the 2006 Southwest American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) 5-7th grade Honor Choir. They are: Joseph Crawford, Jared Friz, Alan Munsch, Phillip Williams and Zachary Palmer. These tenors will attend the SWACDA Clinic and Convention in St. Louis, Mo. They will perform with other students selected from the Southwest division of the country.

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Respectfully submitted,

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