

Board Recognition
March 29, 2022

Youth Art Month – “Big Art” Day and VASE Winners

During the celebration of Youth Art Month, campuses across the district participated in “Big Art” Day, a statewide art initiative by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) with the goal to raise awareness of art education and art as a creative force in communities.

From an “Art Walk” at businesses on the Denton Square to campus displays, students of all levels participated. Images and information are available at #BigArtDay

Denton ISD had 18 students and 19 pieces selected for State Qualification through the Texas High School Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). This prestigious event had more than 35,000 entries from across Texas and this year’s honorees included winners from three Denton ISD high schools.

Students create artworks, write about their creative processes and understanding of visual art, and articulate information about their artwork during an interview with a VASE juror, who evaluates their work using a standards-based rubric.

Ryan High School

Emily Stanley

Art educator is Aimee Foutch, and the Vernon Reeves is the principal.

Braswell High School

Avery Allen

Allison McLeod

Ashlynn Smith

Abigail Clark

Sydney D'Acquisto

Samuel Sanders

Art educators include Rebekah Hurst, Julia Freund, Angelia Ford and Kiba Jacobson. DeCorian Hailey is the principal.

Guyer High School

Josephine Faulk (two honors)

Anne Richter

Alex Luna

Reagan Mendeke

Sophia Lee

Collin Fey

Chloe Turner St. Pierre

Abby Luna

Kelsey Large

Hailey Omert

Kenna Owen

Art educators include Tiffany Fitzsimmons, Jeremy Sale, Shaye Watson, Christian Reid, John Mooney. Dr. Shaun Perry is the principal.

TASBO Award – Purchasing Team

In 2009, the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) established the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations which recognizes Texas school districts, open-enrollment charter schools and education service centers committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services.

Of the more than 1,100 education organizations in Texas, Denton ISD was one of only 58 districts who met the criteria for the 2022 honor. This marks the third consecutive year the district has received the award.

Dr. Scott Niven, deputy superintendent, will recognize the Denton ISD Purchasing Team.

Board Spotlight – NABE Teacher of the Year

At their awards banquet in New York, the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) announced Myers Middle School's Cesar Rosales as the National Bilingual Education 2022 Teacher of the Year. The outstanding honor recognizes a teacher's efforts to promote the importance of languages, literacy and equity in the classroom.

NABE is the only national, non-profit professional organization dedicated to representing and advocating for bilingual/multilingual students, and bilingual and dual-language education professionals.

"The passion and dedication that Mr. Rosales has for teaching and mentoring his students daily is exceptional, and we are just so excited for him to be nationally recognized as bilingual teacher of the year," said Dr. Gwen Perkins, area superintendent of academic programs.

Mr. Rosales' award highlights Denton ISD's long-standing commitment to providing equitable resources to our Spanish-speaking communities. Currently, 16.2 percent of Denton ISD students are enrolled in dual language and English Language Learners (ELL) programs.

The district currently has nearly 5,000 families who have opted to receive all district communications in Spanish. Denton ISD maintains a web presence entirely in Spanish to help community members navigate the site more easily in its native language. To visit the Spanish version of the district website, visit www.dentonisd.org/espanol

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