

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

DENTON ISD

Vernon Wright named ‘Administrator of the Year’

Vernon Wright, principal of Fred Moore High School, was recently named the Alternative Education “Administrator of the Year” by the Texas Association of Alternative Education. He received the honor at the recent state TAAE conference in Austin.

Fred Moore High is the alternative school for high school students in Denton Independent School District. It is designed for students who need an alternative for academics from the traditional high school setting. Mr. Wright has been principal of the school since 1998.

Prior to being the top administrator at Fred Moore, Mr. Wright was assistant principal at Ryan High for five years. He taught history for one year at the Ryan High campus and five years at Denton High. He also was the basketball coach at DHS from 1987 through 1992. He taught history and coached basketball and football at Strickland Middle School for eight years.

Mr. Wright currently is serving as the president of the Denton Administrators’ Association. He also is a member of Denton Young Professionals and Cross Timbers Community Church and an officer of the Denton Christian Preschool Daycare Board of Directors. He received the Golden Eagle Award in 1996 and was named to *Who’s Who Among Teachers* in 1992. He is a member of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, National and Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and TAAE.

In 1980, he was named Denton ISD Texas History Teacher of the Year and in 1981 was named District Basketball Coach of the Year. He was named the district’s Junior Varsity Coach of the Year for four consecutive years from 1988 to 1991. In 1987, he served on the Denton ISD Middle School Committee to help move the district from the junior high program to a middle school concept. He was a Seniors’ Favorite Teacher in 1992 and 1993.

He received his bachelor’s degree in history and physical education from Texas Wesleyan University and his master’s in education from Texas Woman’s University.