

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

FINE ARTS

Denton ISD had 11 students performing at TMEA convention

The Denton Independent School District had 11 students from its three high schools to perform with the all-state band, choir and orchestra at the annual Texas Music Educators Association convention, which was Feb. 12 in San Antonio.

Each of the all-state groups performed throughout the day and Denton ISD was proud to be represented in each of the groups. The district qualified six all-state representatives in choir, four in orchestra and one in band.

All-State Choir

The district's all-state choir representatives include:

Ryan High: Meghan Kajihara, Piper Johnson and Bryan Pineda. Choir director is David Rives; assistant director is Scott Thompson. .

Denton High: Nathan Schafer and Nicole Thompson. Choir director is Mark Baker; assistant director is Patti Freeman.

Guyer High: Brenna Dougherty. Choir director is Michael Pricer.

All-State Orchestra

The district's all-state orchestra representatives include:

Ryan High: Kayla Cunningham. Orchestra director is Tami Peterson.

Denton High: Beckah Maxwell-Leroy and Anna Ryu. Orchestra director is Tanya Schwoch.

Guyer High: Adam Oh. Orchestra director is Michelle Brians; Jeremy Atkins is assistant director.

All-State Band

The district had one band member representative:

Denton High: Andrew Chad. Brian Wilson is band director; Jesse Woolery is assistant director.

The 11 students mark the fifth consecutive year that Denton ISD has sent double-digit performers to the TMEA convention. Since 2007, the district has produced 62 all-state representatives in musical fine arts.

WILSON ELEMENTARY

Wilson choir, students performing at state, national conferences

Wilson Elementary's All-Star Choir was selected as the State Elementary Honor Choir Invitee to the 2011 Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio and performed Friday, Feb. 11, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

The Wilson All-Star Choir was selected among several elementary schools across the state through an audition process. This is the third time Wilson has been selected as a TMEA Honor Choir. They are directed by Cecile Johnson, music teacher at the school.

In addition to that honor, six current and former Wilson students have been selected to perform with the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Youth and Children's Choirs. These students will perform at the OAKE National Honors Concert in Minnesota during Spring Break, at Orchestra Hall – home of the Minneapolis Symphony.

The OAKE National Children's Choir will include Wilson students: Victoria Bustos, daughter of Carlos and Andrea Bustos; Samson Hudson, son of Paul and Lynne Hudson; and Heydi Vanegas, daughter of Edward and Reina Vanegas.

The OAKE National Youth Choir will include former Wilson and current Strickland students: Julia Durbin, daughter of Kelly and Mary Durbin; Karen Haskin, daughter of Andy and Kim Grover-Haskin; and Dawson Lahart, son of Brad and Kim Lahart.