

**Denton Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Certificates of Recognition**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

**DENTON HIGH**

**Student selected for Best of Texas award**

Denton High senior, Stephen Donaldson, recently was selected as the Communities In Schools Best of Texas Student of the Year.

The award honors an exemplary CIS student who - because of substantial improvements through CIS involvement - is a role model for their peers and makes outstanding contributions to their school and community. The recipient gives back to the school and community, and gains respect and admiration from others through their positive efforts.

Principal Darrell Muncy said: "Stephen Donaldson is a hardworking student. He worked on his exit level English Language Arts TAKS test until 8 p.m. the day of the test."

Stephanie Sutton, CIS representative at Denton High, said: "He is excited about college and has recently asked about being a mentor next year if he stays in the area. I know that Stephen will continue to be a part of the CISNT family for many years to come."

**GUYER HIGH**

**Student selected for Best of Texas award**

Kristen Carbonaro, Guyer High senior, recently was awarded the Best of Texas Award from the Texas Career and Technology Council in Austin.

Kristen has been enrolled in DISD's health science program for four years and ranks in the top seven percentile of her senior class. Throughout her high school career, she has attended classes at Guyer High and the Advanced Technology Complex.

After high school, she plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos and major in pre-dental and biology.

Guyer High Career Counselor Jeanie Bragg: "Kristen is a very deserving student recipient for this award and scholarship. She is a high achiever, self-motivated, and goal oriented student."

**DENTON ISD**

**Students place in HOSA competition**

Students from Ryan High, Denton High and the Advanced Technology Complex recently placed in the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership Conference and Competition in McAllen.

The following students advanced to the HOSA National Leadership Conference:

- Christine Ryu, Denton High student and ATC HOSA member, earned second place in medical terminology.

From Ryan High, the following students placed:

- Medical Reading Team - Kelsey Holman, Emily Ray and Jordan Vanmeter, third place;

- Parliamentary Procedure Team - Mariana Alfaro, Laura Gilbert, Kyle Palmer, Rishi Paswan, Morgan Ray and Melissa Robbins, second place.
- Jenni Marshall earned the honorable mention award for receiving fourth place in veterinary assisting.

The HOSA advisors are: Helen Hayes, Ryan High; Cheryl Lane, ATC; and Sheila Temple, Denton High.

The national conference will take place from June 24 through 27 in Nashville, TN.

## **DENTON ISD**

### **Schools place in BPA competition**

All three Denton Independent School District high schools recently placed in the state level for Business Professionals of America competition in Austin.

#### **Denton High**

The following Denton High students placed in the following areas:

- Jasmine Johnson, entrepreneurship, second-place;
- Samantha Cogley, graphic design promotion, second-place;
- Ruth Mokua, medical office procedures, first-place.

Brian Redding is the Denton High BPA sponsor.

#### **Guyer High**

From Guyer High the following students placed: Tariq Adediran, CISCO networking, second-place; Jack Cavaluzzi, banking and finance, first-place; Machale Clark, computerized accounting, first-place; Jessica Cook, administrative support, first-place; Kimberly Hyde, presentation management, second-place; Blake Smith, payroll accounting, third-place; Garrett Talburt, advanced office systems and procedures, third-place; and Jenny Young, advanced office systems and procedures, second-place.

Jenny Young is Guyer High's first national qualifier, and Machale Clark is the national alternate. Donna Lowe and Brandon Bush are the Guyer High BPA sponsors.

#### **Ryan High**

From Ryan High High, Miriam Rojas, legal office procedures, first place; and parliamentary procedures team, Mariana Alfaro, Laura Gilbert, Rishi Paswan, Kyle Palmer, Morgan Ray and Melissa Robbins, fifth-place. Donato Gonzales and Lakeisha Melvin are the Ryan High BPA sponsors.

## **GUYER HIGH**

### **Guyer High One-Act Play places in state competition**

For the first time in Guyer High history, the school's UIL One -Act Play cast and crew won second place in the University Interscholastic League state competition at the University of Texas in Austin.

The drama group performed *Amadeus*, by Peter Shaffer,

The One Act Play cast and crew include: Alicia Anthony, Gina Bishop, Tyler Carlton, Kenzie Eckels, Zach Gamet, Garrett Hutchison-Lester, Jennifer Johnson, Lauren Lucas, Nicole

Luft, Amber Prince, Josylynn Reid, Robby Shugarman, Chelsy Smith, Jesi Taylor, Jarrod Weaver, Katherine Whitmore, Shane Wilson, Rachel Murray, Lindsay Rayl and Nate Welty.

In addition to this state second-place honor, Zach Gamett, Guyer High senior, won Best Actor and the Samuel French Award, the overall award for the best actor or actress of the competition. As a recipient of this award, Zach received a plaque and an International Thespian Certificate of Recognition and Guyer High will receive a script library.

Guyer High Seniors Garrett Hutchinson-Lester and Lauren Lucas were presented with All-Star Cast Honorable Mention awards.

*Amadeus* is a show about an artist's passion for his art form. Eleshia Crotwell is Guyer High's theater arts teacher

## **DENTON HIGH**

### **Students receive national recognition for Spanish exam**

Denton High world language students recently received national recognition for excellent performance on the 2009 National Spanish Examinations.

Silver medals were awarded to Sylvia Li, junior, and Paulina San Miguel, sophomore.

Stephen Place, junior, was presented a bronze medal.

Devaki Dave, junior; Jessica Leyva, sophomore, and Rachel Parris, senior, were recognized with honorable mentions.

The National Spanish Examinations are prestigious because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with more than 115,000 students participating in 2009.

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades six through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

This is the first year that students from Denton High have taken this exam. They were instructed by Spanish teachers Donald Place and Kala Hall.