

**Recognition  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
June 21, 2016**

**DENTON ISD**

**District produces nine qualifiers, alternates for UIL state academic meet**

Denton ISD high schools recently produced nine students that qualified or finished as alternates for the UIL Academic State Meet held at the University of Texas at Austin in May.

Each of these students was among the top three finishers in their individual event or top two finishers in their team event at the Class 6A and Class 5A UIL regional academic meets. These students included:

**Denton High**

Spelling and Vocabulary – Hannah Chen, Talha Akran, Donna Son and Caden Young, third place (team); Seth Ross is the UIL subject sponsor.

Ready Writing – Lillian King; Julie Seeley is the UIL subject sponsor.

Fred Mueller is the UIL academics team sponsor at Denton High.

**Guyer High**

Informative Speaking – Maddie Spears; Jason Sykes and Derek Ziegler are the UIL subject sponsors.

Poetry Interpretation – Davina Agawu; Jason Sykes and Derek Ziegler are the UIL subject sponsors.

Feature Writing – Bianca Ramirez; Larry Turner is the UIL subject sponsor and academics team sponsor at Guyer High.

**Ryan High**

Prose Interpretation – Damara Williams, fourth place; Jeannene Abney and Michael Thompson are UIL subject sponsors.

Mark Kiraly is the UIL academics team sponsor at Ryan High.

In addition to these UIL state academic qualifiers, Guyer High's cast and crew earned a fourth-place finish at the state one act play competition. It is the fifth time in seven years Guyer's theatre program and UIL sponsor Elisha Crotwell have qualified for the state contest.

**EVERS PARK**

**Carrie Martin named Barnes & Noble national Teacher of the Year**

Carrie Martin, a second-grade teacher at Evers Park Elementary, was recently named the national Teacher of the Year by Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Mrs. Martin claimed the award on the basis of a letter, written by Ti Anna Bridges-Reed, explaining how she made an impact on her education. Ti Anna, a member of Ryan High School's Class of 2016, credited Mrs. Martin with helping her overcome dyslexia and supporting her throughout her educational career in Denton ISD.

As a result of the national recognition, Mrs. Martin was awarded \$5,000 for herself and Evers Park Elementary from Barnes & Noble. Ti Anna was also awarded a \$500 gift card to help with the cost of her college textbooks and a Nook e-reader.

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### **Jamie Wilson earns national recognition for communication**

The National School Public Relations Association recently selected Dr. Jamie Wilson, Denton ISD superintendent of schools, as one of 24 education leaders for outstanding community engagement and communication practices. Dr. Wilson is the lone honoree from Texas and the only representative from the organization's South Central Region of the United States, which encompasses seven states, named as a 2015-16 Superintendent to Watch.

Winners were recognized for using dynamic, fast-paced leadership with strong communications and research at its core. The award is designed to recognize superintendents, with fewer than five years' experience as a superintendent, using communication technology in innovative and effective ways.

"In his short tenure as our district's top educator, Dr. Wilson has distinguished himself as a leader, advocate and effective communicator in both the region and state," said Barbara Burns, Denton ISD board president, in her letter of nomination. "Dr. Wilson's personal style lends itself to complete transparency, approachability and ability to affect change."