

Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) State Achievement

Students from Bear Creek Intermediate and Keller Middle School participated in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) State Competition in April. TMSCA is an organization for coaches of academic UIL teams in Texas middle schools and high schools, specifically those that compete in mathematics- and science-related tests. TMSCA releases tests each year for use in invitational competitions hosted by individual schools, as well as for the annual state-level TMSCA competition held each spring.

Bear Creek Intermediate School

Akshay Singh (1st Number Sense, 6th Math)

Cameron Strieder (4th Science)

Russell Hart (5th Science)

Coaches: Sally Hart, Melanie Nelson and parent volunteer Barbara Stogner

Keller Middle School

Amy Kuprasertkul (2nd Number Sense, 4th Calculator, 5th Math, 19th Science)

Annabel Wang (16th Number Sense)

Patrick Celentano (17th Science)

Sean Strobel (15th Science)

Coaches: Mary Snow and parent volunteers Henry Wang, Alex Kuprasertkul, Mr. Bounpasenth, Dr. Sin, and Mrs. Pelotte

UIL Academic State Achievement

For the first time KISD history, Keller High School won the UIL Region I Academic Championship, which is comprised of 63 high schools with a land mass spanning from Plano to El Paso. The win, which represented years of team building, intense study and practice, advanced the KHS Academic team to the UIL State Academic Competition, which was held May 24 - 27 in Austin, TX.

Mathematics, Science, Calculator Applications - Chris Miller

Coach: Cindy Harris

Accounting Team - Dala Thomas, Hillary Nolan, Madelyn Fagerman, Sammie Roberts

Coach: Melanie Rodges

Literary Criticism Team - Alicia Seagraves, Anna Windle, Camila Pacheco-Fores, Wes Corwin

Coach – Stacy Short

Journalism Headline Writing - Sarah Ziomek

Coach: Stacy Short

Spelling & Vocabulary Team - Rachel Gartman, Farah Abifaraj, Nicole Sliwa, Malorie Holguin

Coach: Shawna Lynch

UIL One-Act Play State Achievement

Central High School's production of *The Rivers and Ravines* was named the first runner up to the state championship title during the 83rd Annual UIL State One-Act Play Contest held May 16, in Austin, TX. CHS was among 255 conference 5A schools that entered the contest in March and advanced through four levels of contests to make the top eight in the state finals. This was the first appearance for the school in the State One-Act Play Contest and the first team event in the history of Central High School to qualify for a UIL state team event.

Members of the silver medalist company include: Anthony Cervantes (Best Actor / Samuel French Outstanding Performer), Katelyn Johnson (State All-Star Cast), Matt McPherson (State All-Star Cast), Porcia Bartholomae (State Honorable Mention All-Star Cast), Mark Gold, Sarah DeVito, Travis Threlkeld, Jamie Gaines, Ben Williams, Michaela Heidemann, Cody Hallford, Kat Cordes, Garret Gabriel, Ashley Kimbrough, Stefanie Warnick, Jenni Sibley, Ryne Easen, Matt Tiller, Morgan Burkey, and Ellie Knutson. The play is directed by Bobby Malone, Kim Blann, and Ann Accas.

12th Congressional District Art Competition Winners

Three Keller ISD art students took top honors at the annual "Art Discovery" Art Competition sponsored by Kay Granger, U.S. Representative for Congressional District 12.

Central High student Sarah Wright won the 1st Place Grand Prize for her stunning PrismaColor drawing titled "Puzzle". Sarah's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. through June 2010. Sarah will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond and Scholarships from Texas Christian University and Savannah College of Art and Design. This is the second year in a row a CHS student has won this competition.

Fossil Ridge student Kimberly Hill won 2nd Place. Her piece named "Handstand" is done in a mixture of art media including collage, spray paint, and colored pencil. Kimberly's artwork will be displayed in Congresswoman Kay Granger's office and she will receive a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond.

Central High student Richard Ward won 3rd Place for his exceptional computer piece titled "Innocence". Richard's artwork will be displayed in Congresswoman Kay Granger's office and he will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Another piece of Richard's artwork was selected as the grand prize in 2008 and is currently on display in the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

April and May HAW Winners

Karin Mahlenkamp, Caprock Elementary School Assistant Principal, is the Heart at Work Winner for April. She was nominated by Caprock third grade teacher Jessica Gonzalez, who said Karin does an "awesome job going above and beyond to take care of all of us and being patient." Jessica cited one recent situation in which she had issues concerning her DMAC reports. It was her first year using DMAC, so she had a lot of questions. She said Karin not only answered every one of them, but even took the time to stop by her classroom to demonstrate what she had been talking about.

Karen Harris, a fourth grade teacher at Hidden Lakes Elementary School, is the Heart at Work Winner for May. She was nominated by Hidden Lakes PE teacher Kay Kime. Since Karen's class had missed some time due to testing and bad weather, she took her class down to the gym early so her students could be timed for their 4th grade Play Day running events. Usually a long and tedious task, the extra time allowed Kay the opportunity to complete her Play Day running assignments quickly as well as got Karen's class back on schedule with the other 4th grade classes.

Community of Character Student of the Month

Central High School senior Thomas Langehennig has been named as the Keller ISD Community of Character Student of the Month for April. The character trait for April was perseverance. Thomas has shown a great deal of perseverance in his attempt to complete high school with plans to go to college despite the many obstacles in his life that he has had to overcome. He always has a smile on his face for everyone he meets.