

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 28, 2025



BOARD:	Recognition
SUBJECT:	Awards, Achievements, and Recognitions
BOARD POLICY:	BJA(Local)
DISTRICT GOAL:	Brazosport ISD will promote, communicate, and market the accomplishments, achievements, and successes of students and staff
FISCAL NOTE:	N/A

Background Information:

- In alignment with our district's strategic plan, it is desired that BISD work to foster student and employee engagement and community partnerships. One effort towards goal achievement is to recognize and affirm the efforts and performances of our students, staff, and community.

Administrative Considerations:

GREAT HISTORY CHALLENGE

On February 24th, 4 students from Clute Intermediate joined students from all over the state of Texas at the Regional Great History Challenge competition at Angleton Junior High. All 4 students from CIS qualified for the National competition that will be held on May 23-25, 2025, at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Florida. Students had to compete in three rounds (and one bi-round) of history questions ranging from Ancient Myths to Modern History. The first to buzz in and answer correctly received a point for a max of 10 per round. The students with the highest number of points after all four rounds were invited to Nationals. Those students are: **Decker Percle, Ramiro Manzanares, Samuel Rivera, Brayan Evenez**, along with teacher and coach **Nicholas Hein**.

TEXAS HISTORY DAY

Students in honors history classes participated in the Texas History Day competition for the first time this year. The theme for 2025 was "Rights and Responsibilities". Thirty-six students qualified for the regional meet held in Sugar Land on February 22nd. Three of our students placed first or second in that competition, making them eligible to compete at the state level. On Saturday, April 5th, students from around the state met at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin to showcase their knowledge and talent. The following BISD students participated in the state competition:

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- **Brooks Adams** - 5th grade - Rasco Middle School - Lincoln's Legacy (Teacher: **Lexie Burse**)
- **Kayla Rodriguez-Hernandez** - 6th grade - Rasco Middle School - Silenced: Afghan Women's Rights (Teacher: **Jeffrey Perales**)
- **Tiah Tijerina**- 6th grade - Rasco Middle School - The Chicano Movement (Teacher: **Erin Cobb**)

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, and the support of the parents in helping BISD to set a standard of excellence.

Career and Technical Education:

Career and Technical Education Student Organizations give students a platform to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world challenges, all while building leadership, teamwork, and career-ready skills. From business to health science, from agriculture education, BISD students are leading the way.

Tonight, we want to celebrate our outstanding CTE student competitors and their dedicated sponsors:

Business Professionals of America — BPA

At the BPA State Leadership Conference in Dallas, 9 BISD students represented with excellence! Over 4,000 students competed, attended leadership sessions, and networked with professionals.

Congratulations to:

- **Angel Pina** – 1st in Presentation Management Team, 2nd in Small Business Management Team, and a Texas Executive Council Candidate!
- **Angelina Leija** - State qualifier in Human Resource Management
- **Abigail Araica** – 1st in Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, and elected Texas Associate Vice President!
- **Brianna Cervantes** - State qualifier in Advanced Office Systems & Procedures
- **Deja El-Amin** – 2nd in Small Business Management Team, 3rd in Payroll Accounting
- **Ashley Blanco** – 3rd in Health Research Presentation
- **Natalya Vallejo** - State qualifier in Administrative Support Research Project and Small Business Management Team
- **Sydney Mendoza** – Texas Executive Council Candidate and state qualifier for Advanced Spreadsheet and Small Business Management

And to their Sponsor: **Amanda Thiede**

Our students are not only winning—they're leading at the state level!

Texas Association of Future Educators — TAFE

At the Teach Tomorrow Summit in Galveston, BISD future educators showcased their creativity and passion for teaching.

Advisors: **Cameron Peters and Mary Ashley Jimenez**

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National Qualifiers include:

- **Kayde Huber & Rami Elyoussef** – Project Visualize: Service
- **Caroline Odom & Adelyn Bonnot** – Children's Literature Pre-K Focus
- **Rosie Rios** – Children's Literature Spanish Kinder–3rd
- Two teams qualified for nationals in the category Interactive Bulletin Board, Middle School Focus:
 - **Caroline Odom & Annie Luker**, and
 - **Chip Dobson & Leon Hudzietz**

Gold Award Winners:

- **Olivia Guffey & Paris Ponce** – Project Visualize: Appreciation
- **Olivia Bonnot & Katherine Odom** – Children's Literature Kinder–3rd
- **Leon Hudzietz** – Teacher Created Materials Middle School
- **Lindsey Nichols & James Mann** – Interactive Bulletin Board Elementary

Bronze Awards also went to

- **James Mann & Kayleigh Johnson** – Children's Literature Pre-K Focus
- **Olivia Guffey** – Children's Literature Kinder–3rd

SkillsUSA

BISD welders

- **Travis Bell** – 1st Place Welding 1 (Gold Medal), State Qualifier
- **Ricardo "Ricky" Arizmendi IV & Vicente Calvillo** – 1st Place Project: BBQ Pit Reverse Flow

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo — HLSR

In a highly competitive project showcase, BISD's Tier 1 team earned:

- Reserve Champion – Project Execution
- Reserve Champion – Best of Show

Team members:

- **Tristen Thompson**
- **Luke Lindsey**
- **Stuart Pittman**
- **Enrique Romo**
- **Kurtis Stanislaw**
- **Guillermo Hernandez**
- **Eliazar Rubio**
- **Jackson Cobb and**
- **Jorge Espinoza**

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This Tier 1 project was evaluated in four categories, and BISD earned Reserve Champion (2nd Place) in both 'Project Execution' and overall 'Best of Show.'

We are extremely proud of every BISD student who competed in BPA, TAFE, SkillsUSA, and HLSR. Your hard work and achievements reflect the power of hands-on learning and high-quality CTE instruction. This concludes our recognitions for this year's Career and Technical Student Organization competitions.

Educational Results Partnership's 2024 Honor Roll Recipients

We are pleased to announce OM Roberts, Brannen, and Polk Elementary as earning the recognition on the ERP (Educational Results Partnership) Honor Roll list. This list recognizes top public schools, school districts, and charter schools in Texas that have outperformed their peers in closing achievement gaps, particularly among higher-poverty and historically disadvantaged student populations.

This year, 63 school districts in Texas made the Honor Roll. This is approximately 9 percent of all eligible districts in the state. Results are based on data of student outcomes on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) for the 2022 through 2024 academic years.

This effort is part of a national campaign to engage business leaders in recognizing successful schools and educational systems that are preparing students with the fundamental skills needed to be successful in the workforce and in life. The Honor Roll is the only school recognition program based solely on objective student achievement data, with the goal of finding and highlighting successful districts and encouraging collaboration among educators on best practices for raising student achievement.

The Texas Honor Roll is presented by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence in collaboration with the Texas Business Leadership Council and other business leaders across the state.

April Spotlight Teachers

- **Secondary Spotlight Teacher-** from Brazos Success Academy- **Kristen Center Brown-** History Teacher- Ms. Center Brown exemplifies passion, dedication, and excellence in education. Her love for teaching history is evident in every lesson, and she brings the subject to life in a way that deeply engages and inspires her students. She builds meaningful trust and rapport with each student, creating a classroom environment rooted in respect and connection. She teaches with purpose every single day, making the most of every moment. Dependable, caring, and guided by a strong sense of integrity, she sets high standards not only for her students but for herself as well. She is truly a model educator and a vital part of our campus community.
- **Elementary Spotlight Teacher from** Lanier Elementary- **Erica Cray-** Science Teacher- Mrs.

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Cray consistently goes above and beyond to make science meaningful and engaging for her students. Her passion for continuous learning is evident, as she seeks opportunities to grow professionally and takes initiative in leading science professional development to support her colleagues. She is a positive force on campus, fostering strong relationships with her students and team members. In addition to her instructional leadership, Mrs. Cray serves as a mentor through her work with Leos and Pearls, providing students with valuable opportunities to develop leadership skills and a heart for service.

Extra-Mile Award

We will present an Extra-Mile Award to **Justin and Kathryn Phillips** for creating the Legacy Flag Football League for BISD 5th & 6th-grade students. The flag football league had games for six weeks on Saturday mornings at Slade Field and had 56 players participating last fall and 56 players participating this spring. 31 current Brazoswood football players serve as coaches and referees, and student trainers volunteer their time to be available. Last fall, our student logged over 490 volunteer service hours supporting this opportunity for our 5th & 6th-grade students to participate in a flag football League. Legacy League Mission Statement: At Legacy League, our mission is to empower the next generation through the game of football. Guided by the belief that every touchdown scored today is a step toward shaping the leaders of tomorrow, our high school players volunteer their time to mentor, coach, and inspire young athletes. We are dedicated to nurturing teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship in a positive environment where young players develop both on and off the field. By fostering this connection, we aim to create a lasting impact that extends beyond the game, preparing today's youth to become tomorrow's role models.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Social Media
- District Website

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Respectfully submitted,

Danny Massey
Superintendent