

BOARD RECOGNITION

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DENTON ISD

CoServ awards district more than \$20,900 in capital gains

Donnie Clary, CoServ CEO, and other company representatives awarded the district a check for \$20,989.46 in capital gains credits. With CoServ serving as an energy co-operative owned by members, the credits are awarded back to members.

ADKINS ELEMENTARY

Music teacher Randy Schmidt highlighted in Educator Spotlight

Randy Schmidt, music teacher at Adkins Elementary, is a well-known author who believes in sharing his professional experiences with his students to get them more involved in school and music. For his work, Mr. Schmidt is this month's Denton ISD Educator Spotlight.

FINE ARTS

District places seven students on TMEA all-state musical groups

Students from three Denton ISD high schools were recently named to the Texas Music Educators Association's all-state choir, all-state orchestra and all-state band.

Each of these students went through a rigorous process to earn their musical group's top honor, joining a select few students in the state. The seven Denton ISD students will perform with their top-ranked peers across Texas at the 2016 TMEA State Convention in San Antonio.

The district's all-state honorees included:

Choir

Denton High School: Courtney Lawson, senior, soprano 2. The Denton choir director is Mark Baker.

Guyer High School: Kate Gillman, senior, alto 2. The Guyer choir director is Stephen Evans.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that Courtney was selected to the TMEA all-state choir, becoming only the second Denton ISD student to be named all-state each of their four years in high school. This is also the third consecutive year that Kate was selected to the TMEA all-state choir.

Denton ISD has placed at least one student on the TMEA all-state choir for 12 consecutive years.

Band

Ryan High School: Destiny Lerma, junior, clarinet; and Luke Owens, junior, trumpet. The Ryan High band director is Eddy Russell.

Guyer High School: Connor Wooley, junior, trombone. The Guyer band director is Amy Woody.

This marks the second consecutive year that Connor was selected to the all-state band. Denton ISD has placed six students on the TMEA all-state band in the past six years.

Orchestra

The district's six students selected to the all-state orchestra included:

Guyer High School: Ethan Nguyn, sophomore, bass; Abhishek Shah, senior, violin. The Guyer orchestra director is Michelle Hanlon.

This marks the third consecutive year that Abhishek was selected to the TMEA all-state orchestra and second time for Ethan. Denton ISD has placed 15 students on the TMEA all-state orchestra in the past eight years.