

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
March 26, 2019**

Youth Art Month – VASE

The VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) is an annual art competition that is hosted by the Texas Art Education Association. The mission of the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event is to recognize exemplary student achievement in Visual Arts by providing students an opportunity and programs which will set a standard of excellence.

There are four divisions in which students can compete, depending on their skill level and number of high school credits. Students are scored based on a two-part process. Competitors participate in an individual interview with a VASE juror where they discuss their art from conception to creation using proper vocabulary. Scores ranging from 1-4, with four being the highest possible score are given. Next, students are scored on their individual artwork based on the same 4-point scale. The two scores are averaged resulting in the final rating.

Braswell High School teachers Kiba Jacobson and Lauren Melton have five students who advanced to compete at the state level. These students are: Elizabeth Adebayo, Ally Ordyna, Emma Rodrigues, Jasmine Starkes and Alexzys Alicia Szabo

Guyer High School teachers Tiffany Fitzsimmons, Christian Reid, Jeremy Sale and John Mooney had ten students advance to state. The Guyer High state qualifiers include: Elaine Asay, Caroline Bowen, Mira Dali, Abby Hunt, Isabella Jones, Alice Lee, Osvaldo Orellana, Tina Pham, Samantha Reaves and Marge Sitzes.

TAEA Youth Art Month Exhibit

Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month State Capitol Exhibition 2019 begin with a display at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in the Lower Rotunda of the Texas State Capitol Building running from March 3-31.

One student, Fifth Grader Arianna Nicholson from Stephens Elementary, has an original work included in the prestigious show – a hand-carved linoleum block. She was one of 100 artists chosen out of the entire state K-12 submissions.

Megan Trammell is the art teacher at Stephens Elementary.

Board Spotlight

When we heard about the “circles” educators are using to strengthen relationships with students, we knew we had to follow-up. Our sixth grade science teacher at Strickland Middle School, Jessica Bejarano, attributes her use of this classroom management tool to dramatically improving student’s behavior as well as increasing academic performance. To highlight her work with students and share their experience, we are proud to feature her and the process in this month’s Board Spotlight.

CoServ Charitable Foundation

Coserv is a proud supporter of Denton ISD, its students and its staff. The company is an energy cooperative that provides electricity and natural gas to residents and campuses in a portion of our district.

In support of those families and their students, CoServ annually gives to the Denton Public School Foundation (DPSF) to provide grants to teachers and scholarships for students. This year CoServ is continuing that support with a \$25,000 donation to the district through the Foundation. Since 2005, CoServ has donated \$232,500 to Denton ISD students and teachers.

CoServ representatives, Whitney Gohlke, manager of community relations, and Julie Willis, community support specialist, will present the donation to the Foundation Executive Director Jackie Jackson and representatives of the DPSF Board.

CoServ Capital Credits

As the second-largest energy co-operative in the state, CoServ takes pride in rewarding its members with retired funds in the form of capital credit checks to large entities or capital bill credits to those with less than \$200 accrued.

Whitney Gohlke and Julie Willis also will award Denton ISD a check for \$23,839.29 in capital credits.