

Board Recognition

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Guyer High School Receives ‘Silver with Access’ Level of AP School Honor Roll

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit and maximizing college readiness.

Guyer High School recently received the “Silver with Access” level of the AP School Honor Roll, which is a recognition given to United States schools where 50 percent or more of the graduating cohort takes at least one AP exam; 30 percent or more of the graduating cohort score a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam, and 5 percent or more of the graduating cohort takes five or more AP exams – with at least 1 taken in 9th or 10th grade – while in high school.

Guyer High is also being recognized with the AP Access Award. Schools earn this additional award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics.

The principal of Guyer High School is Dr. Shaun Perry. Denton ISD’s Executive Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning is Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux.

Community Spotlight

Local Business Owner Raises \$17,000 for Unpaid Lunch Balances

A Denton ISD graduate and local restaurant owner, John Williams (Oak Street), helped organize the fifth-annual Downtown Denton Mac N’ Cheese Festival, which raised money to pay off hundreds of unpaid lunch balances.

The festival, which was held in November, raised \$17,000 that will now go towards clearing lunch debt at multiple Title I campuses. In total, Mr. Williams helped facilitate more than two dozen local restaurants who participated in the event that benefitted Denton ISD students.

John Williams will be in attendance to receive this recognition.

Board Spotlight

Martinez Elementary School Security Officer Recognized for Work with Students

Brandy Reed is the School Security Officer (SSO) at Martinez Elementary School – but she is much more than that to everyone on the campus.

Officer Reed stands at the front door every morning, greeting students with high-fives as they start their day. At lunch, she quizzes students on safety tips and passes out stickers for correct answers. Officer Reed even highlights students who are helping keep the school safe on the morning announcements and takes a photo with them, placing it on a board near the front of the school.

Officer Reed goes above and beyond for the students and staff at Martinez Elementary, and she has become an integral part of the school's community.

Officer Reed will be in attendance to receive this recognition. The principal of Martinez Elementary is Karsten Hatcher.