

**Denton Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Certificates of Recognition  
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Hilgenbrinck named top teacher in nation by AAHPERD**

Dr. Linda Hilgenbrinck, adaptive physical education teacher has been named the **National** American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Adapted Physical Educator of the Year.

Dr. Hilgenbrinck was selected by AAHPERD officials from a field of educators throughout the nation.

A graduate of MacMurray College in Illinois, Dr. Hilgenbrinck received her master's from the United States Sports Academy in Alabama and her doctorate from Texas Woman's University.

She is in her seventh year with Denton ISD as an adaptive physical education specialist and works with students of various ages in promoting safe, active and healthy lifestyles while encouraging them to interact with members of their community.

Dr. Hilgenbrinck is a member of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity, American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and TAHPERD. She has served as a presenter or clinician at various professional development events across the country and is an active volunteer with Special Olympics.

In addition to the national and regional honors, Dr. Hilgenbrinck was previously recognized at the state level as the TAHPERD Educator of the Year in December for her leadership, excellence in the classroom and her outstanding representation of the teaching profession.

**DENTON ISD**

**Eleven Denton ISD students earn TMEA all-state honors**

There were 11 fine arts students selected to perform with the Texas Music Educators Association all-state band, all-state choir and all-state orchestra groups.

Students from Ryan, Denton and Guyer high schools went through two separate rounds of auditions against peers from their region and area before being named to their respective TMEA all-state musical performance groups.

They performed with their all-state counterparts at the annual TMEA Convention on Feb. 11 in San Antonio.

**All-State Choir**

**Denton High:** Josh Harden, junior, bass 1; Nathan Schafer, senior, tenor 1; Javan Stalls, junior, tenor 2; and Nicole Thompson, junior, soprano 1. Nathan and Nicole are each making their second all-state appearance for Denton High.

The DHS choir director is Mark Baker and Patti Freeman is the assistant choir director.

**Ryan High:** Meghan Kajihara, senior, alto 1; Piper Johnson, senior, alto 1; and Bryan Pineda, senior, tenor 2. All of these Ryan students are making their second all-state appearance.

David Rives is Ryan choir director and Scott Thompson is the assistant choir director.

### **All-State Orchestra**

**Denton High:** Beckah Maxwell-Leroy, senior, bass. This is her fourth consecutive year to place in the all-state orchestra.

The orchestra director is Tanya Schwoch.

**Guyer High:** Nigel Dean, senior violinist, who earned his first all-state selection, and Adam Oh, junior violinist who earned his second all-state selection.

The Guyer orchestra director is Michelle Brians and she is assisted by Jeremy Atkins.

### **All-State Band**

**Denton High:** Kevin Ford, who earned his first all-state appearance. He plays the alto saxophone.

The Denton band director is Brian Wilson. Jesse Woolery is the associate director, and Robert Brannock is the percussion director.

## **RYAN HIGH**

### **Ryan counselors named among best in the state**

The counselors at Ryan High have been named recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association.

The Ryan counseling staff includes:

- Erica Chupp,
- Patsy Chilcote, career counselor;
- Becky Coley,
- Nicole Dampman,
- Lori Herbst,
- Diane Owen, talent search counselor;
- Anne Scaggs, special services counselor;
- Audra Williams, teen parenting counselor,
- Linda Skaggs, dean of instruction.

The group was honored at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in Galveston. Ryan was one of only 36 schools recognized by the TSCA for the 2011-12 school year.

Ryan High's inclusion among the best counseling staffs in the state marks the second consecutive year a Denton ISD school has been chosen for this honor. Guyer High was named a CREST recipient for the 2010-11 school year.

The CREST award was introduced by the Texas School Counselor Association in 2005 to recognize excellence in school counseling.

CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas.