

Central High School Boys Cross Country State Achievement

The Central High School Varsity Boys Cross Country Team finished 3rd at the 5A Region I Championships to earn the team's first ever trip to compete in the UIL Class 5A State Championships, which were held in November in Round Rock, Texas.

Coached by Emily Norris, CHS's Cross Country Team includes runners Tyler Beecham, Andrew Colby, Alex Kimp, Caullen Parker, Nathan Parker, Justin Paul, and Aaron Rhodes. While Central has sent several individual athletes to state championships in the school's six years of varsity competition, these seven student-athletes compose the first team that CHS has sent to State. They finished 11th and Nathan Parker was the team's top runner, finishing 31st overall with a time of 16:29.22.

Texas ACT Council 2009 College Readiness Award

Keller High School received the 2009 College Readiness Award from the Texas ACT Council for maintaining or increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college readiness. Less than 5% of all high schools in Texas were honored for this superior level of accomplishment. In 2009, the number of Texas students who took the ACT reached nearly 160,000, an all-time high, and Texas ACT scores have increased substantially over the last five years. This award shows that Keller High's faculty and staff are providing the kind of education that makes a positive difference for all students in preparing them for college and the workforce. This is the second year in a row that Keller High has received this award.

TASBO Texas School Business Specialist Certification

KISD Fixed Assets and Records Coordinator, Vicky Johnson, successfully completed the requirements to earn the Certified Texas School Business Specialist (CTSBS) designation by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). Certified individuals must earn 60 hours of continuing education every three years to maintain their certification.

TASBO is an independent, not-for-profit professional association, dedicated to serving as the recognized source of accurate, objective school business and operations information, educating its diverse membership and constituency in professional best practices, and promoting high standards of conduct and professional ethics in the industry.

KISD Campus Design Excellence Awards

The design for Basswood Elementary School, the district's 21st elementary facility, was recently recognized as a Merit Award winner by the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. For over 40 years, the Fort Worth AIA has awarded projects designed by chapter members that exhibit the highest level of quality architectural design. This year, the awards jury was held in October at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Out of the 40 projects submitted in the region, Basswood Elementary School's design won one of the few Merit Awards presented for "Excellence in Design." Basswood Elementary School was designed by architectural firm Hahnfeld, Hoffer, Stanford.

The design for Caprock Elementary School, the district's 20th elementary facility, received three awards this past fall for Design, Educational Appropriateness, and Sustainability. The awards were presented by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) during the TASA/TASB conference and awarded to VLK Architects and Keller ISD. Of the hundreds of projects submitted for consideration from all around the state, Caprock Elementary School's design was one of the small few to be recognized by the TASA/TASB Associations. Caprock Elementary School was designed by architectural firm VLK Architects.

December Heart at Work Winner

Kelli Palmer, an Intervention Specialist Teacher at Whitley Road Elementary School has been selected as the Heart at Work winner for December. Kelli was nominated by WRES classroom aides Barbara Jensen and Cheryl Goines, for "helping Kelli M. with a list on the computer to make labels for one bus and daycare children."

December Community of Character Student of the Month

Jordan Kilkenny, an 11th grader at Keller High School, has been named the Keller ISD Community of Character Student of the Month for December. The character trait for December was Caring.