

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
May 14, 2019**

OAKE National Honor Society

Blanton Elementary's Amelia Coker traveled to Columbus, Ohio in March to perform at the Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE) National Honor Children's Choir concert on Saturday, March 23. Selected through an intense audition process, Amelia was the only elementary student in Denton ISD selected in the top honor of participating in the OAKE National Honor Children's Choir.

Students rehearsed with nationally and internationally-recognized conductors Nyssa Brown, Julia Shaw, Andrea Solya, and Peter Erdei as part of the elite honor choirs. The experience culminated in a concert at the Mershon Auditorium on the campus of the Ohio State University.

Amelia and other selected students from around the nation performed pieces by G.F. Handel, Zoltán Kodály, and many other master composers. Additionally, she, along with ensemble members, sang the world premiere of a new choral work by American composer Douglas Beam.

OAKE is a national leader in the field of music education and teacher training whose mission is "to support music education of the highest quality, promote universal music literacy and lifelong music making, and preserve the musical heritage of the people of the United States of America through education, artistic performance, advocacy and research."

The music director at Blanton Elementary is Nicholas Miranda.

Braswell Theater students win at State UIL Contest

Braswell High School senior Emily Mordecai and junior Kaitlyn Stanley competed recently at the State UIL Theatrical Design contest. They were named two-time state finalists in UIL Theatrical Design.

Emily Mordecai competed in Theatrical Marketing and placed second in the state, receiving the UIL Silver Medal. She was praised on her design work, branding, and unity in her marketing concept.

Emily's work will be on display at the State UIL Contest this weekend in Round Rock and will tour UIL Summer events.

Kaitlyn Stanley competed in Costume Design and was ranked among in the top 60 in the state. She was praised for her inspiration board, costume plates and illustration, and creative connection to the original text.

Kaitlyn's competition pieces are currently on display in the Braswell Auditorium Lobby through May 23.

Ben Parker and Michelle Greene teach theater, Bravo Company, at Braswell High.

Board Spotlight

At campuses across the district, we have several programs that encourage young ladies to pursue leadership opportunities. This month's Board Spotlight highlights two of those including the Ruling Our Experience (ROX) program at Rodriguez Middle School and the Young Women in Leadership (YWL) program at Guyer High School. We believe that by encouraging our students through small groups such as these, we are impacting the next generation of leaders as we that cultivate and empower their interests

Sponsors of the ROX program at Rodriguez Middle School are Catherine Lopez and Jennifer Cheek. The YWL program at Guyer High is sponsored by Misty Moffitt.

We would also like to acknowledge that tonight's spotlight was written and produced by Hunter Herrin, college intern, as his final project for this school year.