

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
December 10, 2019**

Community Spotlight

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards(TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of local schools. This state-wide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations who partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public-school students.

For more than a decade, the University of North Texas Athletics has hosted more than 20,000 Denton ISD students during various sporting events and touched the lives of even more students through philanthropic efforts. Annually, fourth and fifth graders from local schools are given the opportunity to attend a basketball game at UNT with many experiencing a college athletic event for the first time. Denton ISD students perform the national anthem, participate in halftime games and often get the opportunity to interact with student-athletes from other sports.

In addition, UNT Athletics, in partnership with Conference USA and Michaels, has awarded \$40,000 over four years in giftcards to our fine arts teachers on all grade levels. For many of our teachers, this gift doubles the size of their annual budget and allows them to provide additional supplies directly benefit our students.

Each spring, UNT Athletics partners with our middle schools for the National Girls and Women in Sports Day, bringing female middle school athletes to UNT for workshops and lessons from current college student-athletes. These, and many others, the reason why UNT Athletics was chosen for the December Community Spotlight.

Jamie Adams, Associate Athletic Director for Marketing, is accepting the commendation on behalf of UNT Athletics.

Donation from the Downtown Restaurant Association

Two Denton ISD graduates and local restaurant owners, John Williams (Oak Street) and Corey Bobbitt (Komodo Loco), could not stand the thought of students not being able to pay off their school lunch balances, risking a student’s ability to select their meal of choice. In 2018, they created a one day food festival in an effort to solve the shortage.

This fall signature sponsor, AccessBank Texas, assisted with the Second Denton Mac and Cheese Fest to benefit the Denton ISD Child Nutrition Dept. and the event sold-out within 24 hours.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, thousands lined the closed Oakland Street near the square to sample macaroni and cheese prepared by 26 local restaurants and organizations. An afternoon of fun and \$15 tickets has now reaped almost \$8,100 which is now clearing student’s balances and helping hundreds of students across the district.

The winners included Po-K Loco, first place; The Bearded Monk, second place; and Hannah’s Off the Square, third place.

Special thanks to participants that included: Komodo Loco, Caskey’s Bar & Grill, Riprocks Bar & Grill, Mulberry Street Cantina, AccessBank Texas, Guaranty Bank & Trust, Sweetwater Grill, Mellow Mushroom, East Side, Juicy Pig Barbecue, 940’s Kitchen, The

Loophole, Local Pint, The Chestnut Tree, Ten: One Artisan Cheese, Queenie's Steakhouse, 2 Charlies, Armadillo Ale Works, Denton Co. Brewing Company, The Bearded Monk, Andy's, Paschall's, Angeline's, Hannah's Off the Square, Po-K Loco, and Golden Boy Coffee.

If you or your organization wish to contribute to paying off the overdue lunch balances for students in need, click here <http://bit.ly/LunchBalanceDonation>

Board Spotlight

In November Kelley McGee, art teacher at Borman Elementary, was named the Texas Art Education Association's Elementary Art Teacher of the Year. The state award is given to an educator who has significantly contributed to the association and to art education on the local, state and national levels. Our district has enjoyed the benefits of Mrs. McGee's talents and teachings for many years through her students numerous projects. From the donations to the Denton Public School Foundation's Groundhog Gala to the art exhibit at TASA/TASB, she has emerged as a leader on many levels.

Ms. McGee's passion for student success and caring for children recently expanded into her family life. To highlight her work with students and share a recent life changing experience, we are proud to feature her in this month's Board Spotlight.