

**Board Recognitions**  
**February 12, 2018**

**McMath Middle counseling staff wins CREST award**

Denton Independent School District's McMath Middle School Counseling Department was recently named as recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association.

This marks the sixth consecutive year at least one Denton ISD campus has received a CREST award.

Each of the recipients will be honored in February at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in San Antonio. The McMath Middle School Counseling Staff includes: Brian Adams, Mary Arndt and Kelli Hauser.

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 and is a program that focuses on 10 areas that leave the greatest impact school counselors have on the achievements, career aspirations, personal gains and social aspects of students' lives. The program helps counselors evaluate their current counseling guidelines and techniques while also promoting their services to students and parents.

**District acknowledges Carpenter for leadership at Denton Chamber**

After 36 years leading the Denton Chamber of Commerce, Chuck Carpenter has retired. Under Mr. Carpenter's leadership, the chamber created the Leadership Denton program to develop business leaders in the community and added the Small Business Development Center.

The City of Denton contracted with the Chamber in 1976, more specifically Mr. Carpenter, to market the City of Denton as a destination, so he founded the Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB).

The Chamber also has been continuously accredited through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce through his leadership. Of note, there are only 25 Accredited Chambers of Commerce in the state of Texas, and just over 200 out of nearly 7,000 local chambers across the country have achieved and continuously retained this prestigious certification.

For the economic impact he has made on our community and support of our students and staff, we wish to acknowledge Mr. Carpenter for his 43 years of leadership and love of our community.