

**Board Recognition**  
**Sept. 26, 2023**

**Artwork from Denton ISD High School Students Featured on City of Denton Traffic Boxes**

In collaboration with the city of Denton, 10 Denton ISD high school students' artwork is now prominently displayed throughout the Original Denton District as vinyl wraps on various traffic boxes. The state-designated cultural district extends from the Downtown Square to Carroll Boulevard, Quakertown Park, Prairie Street and portions of Southeast Denton, including Fred Moore Park.

Teachers from Braswell, Denton, Ryan and Guyer High Schools, and the LaGrone Academy, provided student art to be considered for placement on the traffic boxes. A subcommittee of the City of Denton Public Art Committee – the advisory board that helps guide the city's public art program – considered all submitted works and chose two winners from each campus.

The project is supported by a Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) grant. In 2022, Denton Parks and Recreation received the \$6,000 grant from TCA. An equivalent funding match from the City of Denton provided the budget to support printing and installation of the 10 traffic wraps.

The 10 Denton ISD students whose artwork is featured are below:

**From Braswell High School on the theme “Denton Diversity:”**

Ariel Hall  
Nicole Velazquez

*Ange Ford, Art Educator*

**From Denton High School on the theme “Historic Denton:”**

Anwyn Head  
Ella Magee

*James Rosin, Art Educator*

**From Guyer High School on the theme “Nature:”**

Dylan Ricciardella\*  
Ireland LaBass

*Tiffany Fitzsimmons and Christian Reid, Art Educator*

**From Ryan High School on the theme “Music Denton:”**

Andrea Hernandez

Yanisel Morales

*Aimee Foutch and Jayden Johnson, Art Educator*

**From LaGrone Academy on the theme “Science:”**

Luiz Barbosa

Ethan Jimenez

*Will Milne and Elizabeth Hull, Visual Arts Educator*

**Board Spotlight**

Denton High senior Phoebe Richter received a perfect score on her ACT test, a college entrance exam used throughout the United States.

Only 0.25 percent of all test takers receive a perfect score on the ACT, which is graded on a 36-point scale. Last year, more than 1.3 million students nationwide took the ACT exam, meaning Phoebe was one of less than 3,400 students to receive a perfect score. The average score in 2022 was 19.8.

**Denton ISD Business Office Receives Highest Possible Financial Rating for 21st Consecutive Year**

For the 21st consecutive year, Denton ISD’s Business Office has received the highest possible Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Denton ISD received an “A” superior rating for the 2022-2023 school year, receiving 98 out of a possible 100 points.

The state's school financial accountability rating system ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve these practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes.

## **Community Spotlight**

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

Denton Barber Co. was instrumental in helping Denton ISD provide free haircuts to students during both of the district’s annual Back-to-School Fairs. Denton Barber Co. provided multiple barbers at both Back-to-School fairs and also orchestrated other barber shops attending and participating, as well.

For the unique way they have assisted our district, students and staff, we wish to thank Denton Barber Co. for their continued support.