

**Denton Independent School District
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DENTON ISD

District high schools qualify 15 for UIL state academic meet

The Denton Independent School District's three high schools recently combined to qualify 15 students for the UIL state academic meet, which is scheduled for May 21 through 23 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Denton ISD students accounted for three team victories and an individual first-place finish at the UIL Region I academic meets at the Class 5A, which includes Guyer High, and 4A, which are Denton High and Ryan High. The top three individuals and top two teams in each category advanced to the state meet.

The students placing at the regional level included:

Denton High:

Computer Science: William Root, first place.

Number Sense: Team Denton (William Root, Omar Akram, Wade Cope, Kevin Ye), first place; William Root, first place.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Team Denton (Omar Akram, Ana Mitchell, Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu), first place, and Omar Akram and Rebecca Fu, second place (tie).

The Denton UIL coaches are Fred Mueller, Barry Wagner and Sandra Dieckman.

Guyer High:

Poetry Interpretation: Andrew Hansen, second place

The Guyer UIL coach is Michael Bolen.

Ryan High:

Literary Criticism: Team Ryan (Kathryn Hokamp, J.D. McClanahan, Meghan Kajihara, Rachel Rosenberg), first place; J.D. McClanahan, first place;

Poetry Interpretation: Conner Belt, third place; **Prose Interpretation:** Cody Vann, third place, and **Ready Writing:** Sarah Miles, third place.

The Ryan UIL coaches are Shawn Zeigler and Jeannene Abney.

GUYER HIGH

Guyer Theater's One-Act Play advances to state

Guyer High School Theatre scored a third consecutive victory by winning at the UIL Class 5A Region I One Act Play competition at Texas Tech University.

The school's performance of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* posted a high-score of 34, tying with Martin High in Arlington for the win and advancing Guyer Theatre to the UIL state competition in Austin.

The Guyer Theatre director and UIL drama sponsor is Elisha Crotwell.

DENTON ISD

Ryan, DHS students place at state HOSA contest

The Denton Independent School District earned four top-five finishes at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership Conference in San Antonio.

Ryan High:

The parliamentary procedures team earned fifth place at the competition. Team members included: Jocelyn Almaraz, Paloma Arellano, Salman Hasan, Chris Hoye, Valerie Lawrence and Matthew Ogenche.

Lilyana Cole finished fourth in extemporaneous writing.

Maggie Evans (healthy lifestyles) and Gifty Arhin (researched persuasive speaking) also represented Ryan at the state HOSA conference.

Helen Hays is the HOSA sponsor at Ryan.

Denton High:

Christopher Murillo posted the district's highest individual finish – with the state runner-up title in medical math.

The DHS community awareness team of Krystina Blevins, Vivian Olabamiji and Bre'Ana Walker finished fourth.

As the state runner-up, Christopher will compete at the HOSA National Conference in Orlando, Fla. in June.

The HOSA sponsor at DHS is Emily Parks.

DENTON ISD

BPA students place at state, national competition

Denton Independent School District students recently scored a team victory at the Texas Business Professionals of America State Conference and then at the National BPA conference.

Ryan High

Ryan High's parliamentary procedures team earned first place at the state competition and finished as runner-up at the National BPA Conference in Chicago.

Team members included: Jocelyn Almaraz, Paloma Arellano, Salman Hasan, Chris Hoye, Valerie Lawrence and Matthew Ogenche.

Chris Hoye and Salman Hasan placed in the top five in the parliamentary pro-concepts category as individuals at the state level. Salman Hasan was named National Champion at the Chicago conference. Chris Hoye and Mathew Ogenche placed in the Top 10 in individual testing.

Helen Hays is the BPA sponsor at Ryan.

Guyer High

Guyer High had two teams qualify and compete at the state conference:

Financial Analyst Team - Robert Bradford, Brandon Dominguez and Jeremiah Owen.

Administrative support team - Jahanara Hoque, Reed Phillips and Carol Scott.

Also representing Guyer at the state BPA conference were Jeremiah Owen, payroll accounting; Scott Carol, keyboarding; Robert Bradford, advanced accounting, and Brandon Dominguez, spreadsheet applications.

Donna Lowe and Erin Holloway serve as BPA co-sponsors at Guyer.

DENTON HIGH

DHS earns 3 wins, 5 top finishes at state TSA competition

Denton High students recently earned three wins, five top-five finishes at the Texas Technological Student Association state competition in Waco.

Best in state: Nathan Gray, Ignacio Palomino and Chyanne Nichols earned the top award as project designers for their work on a barbed wire roller, hydraulic wire tension device and welding rod warmer.

State Runner-up: Gabriel Castro was named runner-up for his project in the architectural project category.

Other state winners: Christian Diaz, third place, architecture; Daniel Carrillo, fourth place, architecture; Rachel Kim, fifth place, architecture; and MariPenn Yeatts, fifth place, animitronics.

Charles Brazile, Joe Faddis and Laurence McClendon serve as TSA and high school technology club sponsors.

DENTON HIGH

Student qualifies for American Invitational Mathematics Exam

William Root, Denton High sophomore, recently qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination – one of the top student math competitions in the world.

Only the top 2.5 percent of students taking the AMC 10 and top 5 percent of students taking the AMC 12 qualify to take the AIME.

William qualified by taking the AMC 12 as a sophomore. If he becomes a top performer on AIME, he will be invited to participate in United States of America Mathematical Olympiad.

Fred Mueller is the Math Club sponsor at DHS.

DENTON HIGH

DHS students among nation's best on National Spanish Exam

Denton High recently had 47 students take the National Spanish Exam and placed above the national average.

More than 125,000 students across the United States annually take the exam each spring to test their knowledge of the Spanish language.

Gold Medal:

Freshman Alejandro Ruiz took the bilingual Level 2 exam and scored in the top one percent of all students in the nation, earning a prestigious Premio de Oro gold medal and the highest score.

Other Premio de Oro: Kody Jones, freshman; Gabriela Godina, junior; Vanessa Jimenez, freshman; Omar Akram, sophomore; Elena Souris, junior; Ariana Rodriguez, junior, and Yolanda Narcisso, senior.

Silver Medals:

Silver: Giovanni Gomez, freshman; Flor Macias, freshman; Taylor Beatty, sophomore; Rosalena Granados, freshman; Danielle Jacobson, freshman; Katy McGregor, senior; Christopher Penny, sophomore; Anna Ryu, sophomore; Isaac Warriner, sophomore; Cynthia Hernandez, junior; Nico Cortes, junior; George Roberson, sophomore; William Root, sophomore; Cristal Benitez, junior.

Bronze Medals:

Bronze: Stephen Ashcraft, freshman; Andy Ye, freshman; Pedro De Santana, sophomore; Gus Cocchiarella, sophomore; Cynthia Panteleon, sophomore; Tasnya Rasheed, sophomore; Nicole Beisel, junior; Emily Gray, junior.

Honorable mention:

Honorable mention: Fawaz Alhumaidi, freshman; Ellen Biggerstaff, freshman; Abdalla Justaniah, sophomore; Peyton Lenaburg, freshman; Jose Cortes, freshman; Keshia Gomez, sophomore; Blanca Guijarro, junior; Samuel Re Calderon, sophomore; Michelle Acogido, sophomore; Jacob Audirsch, sophomore; Taylor Sorrells, sophomore; Anya McManus, freshman; Rachel Villarreal, sophomore; Emily Curran, junior; Kendall Wagner, junior; Johnathan Penny, junior; Ethan Young, sophomore, and Kevin Ye, freshman.

Denton High teachers Cristina Galindo, Kala Hall, Donald Place, Maricela Salazar and Luis Tovar sponsored and helped prepare the students for the exam.