

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
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CALHOUN MIDDLE SCHOOL

History teacher Caroline King highlighted in Educator Spotlight

Caroline King, Texas History teacher at Calhoun Middle School, is finding different ways to ensure her students learn and understand the importance of Texas History. Through the use of interactive displays – both real world and digital – her students get a first-hand feel of the lessons that formed our state. This success has helped Ms. King earn a turn in the Denton ISD Educator Spotlight.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

King, Fritch recognized by state association as top social studies teachers

Caroline King, Texas History teacher at Calhoun Middle School, and Kimberly Fritch, world geography teacher at Braswell High School, were recently recognized as two of the top teachers in the state by the Texas Council for the Social Studies.

Ms. King was selected as the 2017 Outstanding NOVA Award recipient, which annually recognizes the best first-year social studies teacher in the state. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas and also serves as the cheer coach and pep squad sponsor at Calhoun.

Ms. Fritch was selected as the 2017 Outstanding High School Teacher Award, which annually recognizes the best high school social studies teacher in the state. The recipient of the first Braswell High Teacher of the Year honor a year ago, Ms. Fritch also serves as an instructional coach and the school's student council sponsor. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas.

The Texas Council for the Social Studies recognized each of the winners at its annual conference in Las Colinas earlier this month. Ms. King and Ms. Fritch were each awarded a plaque commemorating their honor and a check for \$250.

FINE ARTS

Three district music programs earn Mark of Excellence national honor

The Denton High School Jazz Program, the Guyer High School Orchestra and the McMath Middle School Tiger Band each earned recognition in the prestigious Mark of Excellence competition by The Foundation for Music Education.

The Mark of Excellence is a competition in which the top quarter of selected entries are chosen as national winners. Each school's recorded entry competes against others from across all 50 states, with only the best selected for this honor.

The Denton High Lab Band 1 was named a national winner in the jazz honors portion of the competition and the Guyer High Rhapsody Orchestra was named a national winner in the orchestra honors section of the competition. The McMath Tiger Band was named a national commended winner.

This marks the fourth time in the past seven years Denton ISD has placed at least one music program in the Mark of Excellence competition.