

Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Presentations
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014

I. Certificates of Recognition

DENTON ISD

DHS senior earns National Merit honor; 21 get NMS honors

One Denton High senior has been named a National Merit Semifinalist while 21 others have received national honors in this nationwide scholars program.

National Merit Semifinalists

Omar Akram, Denton High senior, was among the highest scoring entrants in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship program in Texas and part of an elite group of only 16,000 semifinalists chosen nationwide.

He is the son of Javed and Zahida Akram. He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in biology. He is president of the DHS Math Club, vice president of Spanish Honor Society, and secretary of the UIL Spelling Team.

With this honor, Omar is eligible to receive one of 8,300 Merit Scholarship awards. The total scholarship money is more than \$35 million. Less than one percent of students taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test qualify as National Merit Semifinalists.

Commended Scholars

Fifteen Denton ISD seniors also were recognized as commended scholars by the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

There are less than 34,000 commended scholars recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program nationwide annually and each placed in the top five percent on the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Denton ISD has had more than 100 National Merit Commended Scholars in the past decade and about 35 National Merit Semifinalists.

Denton High

Seth S. Cope is the son of Susan Seaborn and Billy Cope. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in biology or history. He is a member of the Bronco Band, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Math Club and Chemistry Club.

Emily S. Fu is the daughter of Qiang Fu and Pinliang Dong. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in business. She is active in UIL academics, Orchestra, Varsity Tennis Team, Denton High Newspaper Staff and National Honor Society.

Alexander D. Herring is the son of Alison Simons and Malcolm Herring. He is undecided on a university but plans to major in computer science and psychology. His hobbies include video games and wood carving.

Dennis R. (D.J.) Lang is the son of Patricia and Dennis Lang. He's been accepted to Alabama University and plans to major in electrical engineering. He is on the high school swim team and swim club.

Alexander Plese is the son of Natalie Hartsell and Mark Plese. He has not decided on a college or university, but plans to major in properties law. He is a member of the Yearbook Staff and involved in Photoshop and is a guitar player and lizard enthusiast.

George C. Roberson is the son of Dr. Camelia Maier. He plans to attend Emerson College and major in media production. He is active with the Denton High Newspaper Staff.

William M. Root is the son of Alexey Root and Doug Root. He plans to attend Indiana University and major in music education. He is a member of the Denton High Choir, Chess Club and Varsity Tennis Team.

Yiming Su is the son of Jian Quing Su and Yue Ming. Yiming plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in computer science. He is a member of National Honor Society, Math Club, Key Club, Student Council and PAC.

Guyer High

Bailey Lewis is the daughter of Wendy Lewis and Jeff Lewis. Bailey is undecided on a college or university but plans to major in natural sciences. She is a member of National Honor Society, Key Club, and was on the golf team.

Jackie Peterson is the daughter of Michael Peterson and Terri Boettcher. Jackie is undecided about a college selection. She is a member of the Guyer Band, National Honor Society, UIL History team, Key Club and Spanish Honor Society.

Zaara Qasim is the daughter of Mohammad Qasim and Afshan Qasim. Zaara is undecided on a college, but plans to major in pre-med. Activities include Student Council, National Honor Society and UIL History team. Zaara is an active volunteer and tutors math at the Islamic School of Irving.

Haley Tucker is the daughter of Ramona Tucker and Brian Tucker. She plans to attend Harding University. She is a member of the Chamber Choir, school musicals, Latin Club and in her youth group.

Esther Weaver is the daughter of Jerry Weaver and Karen Weaver. She is undecided on a college but plans to major in nursing. She is a member of the choir and her church choir and was on the cast of *Les Miserables*.

Ryan High

David (Marshall) Bielefeld is the son of Mary Bielefeld and David Bielefeld. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering. He is involved in Boy Scouts and tennis.

Jared Allen is the son of Denise Allen and Jeff Allen. He is undecided on a college, but plans to major in mathematics and education. He is involved in soccer, choir and UIL academic team.

National Hispanic Scholars

Denton ISD had four students receive recognition as National Hispanic Scholars.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program recognizes students who are at least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and are among the top 5,000 highest scoring individuals on the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Denton High

Sarah Clark is the daughter of Michael Clark and Whitney Clark. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business. She is a member of the Denton High Choir, National Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball Team, Student Council and PAC.

Guyer High

Jordan Reyes is the son of Carolyn Reyes and Mario Reyes. Jordan plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in biology. Jordan has been on the varsity soccer team and a member of the National Honor Society.

Ryan High

Reilly Martinez is the son of Barbara Martinez and Ricardo Martinez. He is undecided about a college choice. He is a member of the Ryan Football team and National Honor Society.

Melissa Gonzalez is the daughter of Liliana Tejada and Nelson Gonzalez. Although she's undecided about a college, she plans to major in pre-med, biology or chemistry. She is a member of HOSA, National Honor Society, and active in her church youth group.

National Achievement Scholarship

The National Achievement Scholarship program recognizes scholars who annually score in the top three percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who request consideration in the National Achievement Program. Denton ISD had two students honored in this category.

Guyer High

Charis L. Rodgers is the daughter of Don Rodgers and Angela Rodgers. Charis plans to attend Cornell University and major in apparel design and psychology. Activities include being vice president of Student Council, secretary of National Honor Society, assistant editor of the Guyer Yearbook and a member of PTSA.

Chimezie C. Ileje is daughter E.J. Ileje and Julia Ileje. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in biomedical engineering and neuroscience. Chimezie is a member of Student Council, UIL Science team, Prom Committee, Class Government, Model UN, UIL History team and McDonald's Crew Member.

DENTON ISD

Students place in 2013 AP Scholar Awards list

Denton Independent School District had many students named to the 2013 AP Scholar Awards list, which is annually released by the College Board.

The AP program annually recognizes students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through high scores in Advanced Placement courses and on AP exams. Students are awarded certificates for three individual levels including: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor and AP Scholar with Distinction.

AP Scholars

The following students, currently at a Denton ISD high school, were recognized as AP Scholars and received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Denton High

Seniors - Sean Burrows, John Carmona, Emily Fu, Dennis Lii Lang, Neel Shroff, Yiming Su;

Juniors- Kevin Ye;

Sophomores - Emily Hu

Guyer High

Seniors - Isaac Akintitan, Aurelia Allen, Bronson Bledsoe, Kendall Bose, Connor Bourgeois, Maxwell Conradi, Allison Flack, Madison Franklin, John Gilbert, Kade Goodchild, Thomas Gray, Joshua Jordan, Ashley Krinner, Logan Lockhart, Troy Lucas, Sophie Martin, Rachel Mercer, Jimmy Nguyen, Devin Norton, Jessica Pink, David Quintanilla, Jordan Reyes, Teodoro Santiesteban, Natalie Seavey, Michaela Thompson, Adam Vollmar, Travis Ware and Esther Weaver.

Ryan High

Seniors - Jared Allen, David (Marshall) Bielefeld, James Crowe, Margo Fields, Katelyn Finn, Melissa Gonzalez, Reilly Martinez, and Janeciya Steward.

AP Scholars with Honor

Students recognized as AP Scholars with Honor received an average score of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams.

Denton High

Senior - Omar Akram.

Guyer High

Seniors - Bailey Lewis, Kayla Mullin, Jackie Peterson, Zaara Qasim, Charis Rodgers, Christina Suikkari , Natalie Windle.

Ryan High

Seniors - Aaron Lawrence, Thomas Reidy.

AP Scholars with Distinction

Students recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction received an average score of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams. Denton ISD had 32 students named AP Scholars with Distinction including:

Denton High

Senior - William Root.

Guyer High

Seniors - Phillip Carnell and Chimezie Ileje

II. Special Presentation - Navo Choir

The Navo Middle School Varsity Treble Choir has been chosen as one of four Middle School/Junior High School choirs to perform at the 2014 TMEA convention. We are honored tonight to have these students sing segments that they will perform at the TMEA conference.

The choir's TMEA performance will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Henry Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio. The pre-TMEA concert will be presented free to the public on at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in Margo Jones Auditorium at Texas Woman's University.

Members of the choir include:

Madeline Albert

Savannah Anderson

Tiara Bagby

Sherry Ann Buchanan

Ashley Byrd

Alexandria Carranza

Hanna Cater

Brittney Dear

Kara Freeman

Elizabeth Gaytan

Aminah Hall

Georgia Hay

Abigail Henri

Caroline Jackson

Alyssa James

Meriem Keyou

Cameron Lawso

Morgan Malin

Elizabeth Meade

Mary Miller

Brittany Pauly

Lily Redner

GracenSchutze

Mary Rose Seaman

Jaci Sims

Leah Stover
Ginamarie Vanni
Hannah Wilson

Navo Middle School Director Mary Margaret Sadler is in her 38th year of music education, and her fourth year at Navo. She has taught choral students at every level from elementary to high school, in addition to college voice.

III. Special Presentation - Board Recognition Month