



# KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardians,

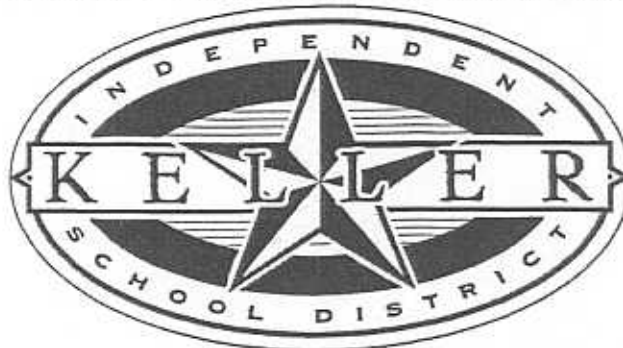
(Your Campus)

Beginning in the 2004-05 school year, KISD will implement a Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) /Advanced Placement (AP) Program that will require the signing of a parent letter of understanding to maintain enrollment in a Pre-AP or AP course at the middle and high school level. The district has set a goal to increase our Advanced Placement scores as well as to assist more students in becoming prepared for the rigorous level of college course work. Attached you will find the Letter of Understanding that outlines the program expectations. This agreement will need to be signed upon entry into the program and will be filed on the home campus once verified by an instructional leader. Please do not hesitate in contacting \_\_\_\_\_ (campus contact) with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you,

(Principal signature)

**Keller Independent School District  
Pre-AP/AP Parent Letter of Understanding**



Keller ISD is offering Pre-Advanced and Advanced Placement classes for Middle School and High School students. The purpose of these demanding courses is to prepare students for college work and/or Advanced Placement exams that give the student the opportunity to receive college credit. Pre-AP and AP courses require more effort, attention and skill than regular coursework. The course work in the AP classes will be modeled after college courses and therefore students will be using college level material and will have to spend a considerable amount of time outside the classroom to prepare for the AP Exam(s). Because these courses are taught with college curricular and college level materials, students must be highly motivated, able to prioritize time, task-oriented, proficient readers, and have parental support. In order for the Pre-AP/AP program to be successful, it is important that parent/guardians and students are aware of the commitment involved.

Homework: Students will have homework in most AP classes every day.

Readings: Pre-AP/AP courses will require outside reading and summer reading.

Essays: To prepare for the national exam(s), AP students will be expected to write numerous essays in several classes.

Grading: Because students will be graded as strictly as in college courses, Pre-AP and AP courses will be weighted 10 points for the purposes of Grade Point Averages and class rankings.

Textbooks: AP courses often require the use of college textbooks, and may, therefore, contain more mature subject matter.

Exams: Students will be expected to register and pay to take the AP exam(s) which will be administered in May of each year.

College Credit: Each student must contact his/her college of choice to check for acceptance of AP credit.

Exiting: A student may exit a Pre-AP/AP class during the SAVE process.

Honor Code: All students will be expected to do their own work. Students may be given projects or exams that must be completed outside of class. If a student breaks his code, it may result in the student being removed from the course.

# ON TO THE FUTURE



## Counseling Newsletter

Spring, 2004

### Texas Scholars Program Update

Dear Parents and Students, Texas Scholars is a program that encourages students to follow a more rigorous course load in high school in order to excel. The program began in 1991, and has traditionally indicated that a graduate should pursue the state's Recommended graduation plan to go above and beyond expectations. This was especially important when the state allowed three levels for graduation: Minimum, Recommended and Distinguished.

The Recommended graduation plan now represents the standard requirements for graduation, and the basic criteria for Texas Scholars has remained at the Recommended level. To maintain the spirit behind the Texas Scholars program, Keller ISD has added an additional component to the program. Texas Scholars, which is an independent educational organization and not a state agency, allows school districts to enhance the requirements.

The Class of 2005 will have the option to be granted the Texas Scholar designation by following the Texas Scholars Recommended program with a distinction in math or the Texas Scholars program with Advanced Measures. The class of 2005 is the only class that will have this option.

Beginning with the Class of 2006, students must choose two of the following requirements in addition to the Texas Scholars requirements to be considered a Texas Scholar in Keller ISD:

- A research project with presentation (which can be completed in the class of the student's choice)
- A portfolio with presentation (which can be completed in the class of the student's choice)
- A score of 3 or better on an Advanced Placement test
- Successful completion of a Dual Enrollment Class
- A license through a licensing board in a skill area (i.e. certification through a Career and Technology Education (CATE) class)

When sending transcripts to colleges, Keller ISD counselors will clearly indicate that Texas Scholars from our high schools have met higher goals and completed the more challenging requirements.

Research conducted by the U.S. Department of Education indicates that rigorous course-taking in high school is the best predictor for success in higher education, and with the Class of 2005 required to take the exit-level TAKS, exceeding minimum expectations will be an advantage.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Scholars program. If you have any questions about Texas Scholars and your child's graduation plan, please feel free to contact your child's high school counselor.

Sincerely,

Judy Seifert  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

# NORTTEX

## COLLEGE FAIR

Thursday, September 11, 2003

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS  
Coliseum

- 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. & 8:15 - 8:45 p.m. - Financial Aid Forum  
Gateway Center, Ballroom, Rm. 35
- 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. - "Getting Into College"  
Speakers: Donna Clark & the Counseling Staff of  
Flower Mound High School  
Gateway Center Ballroom, Rm. 35

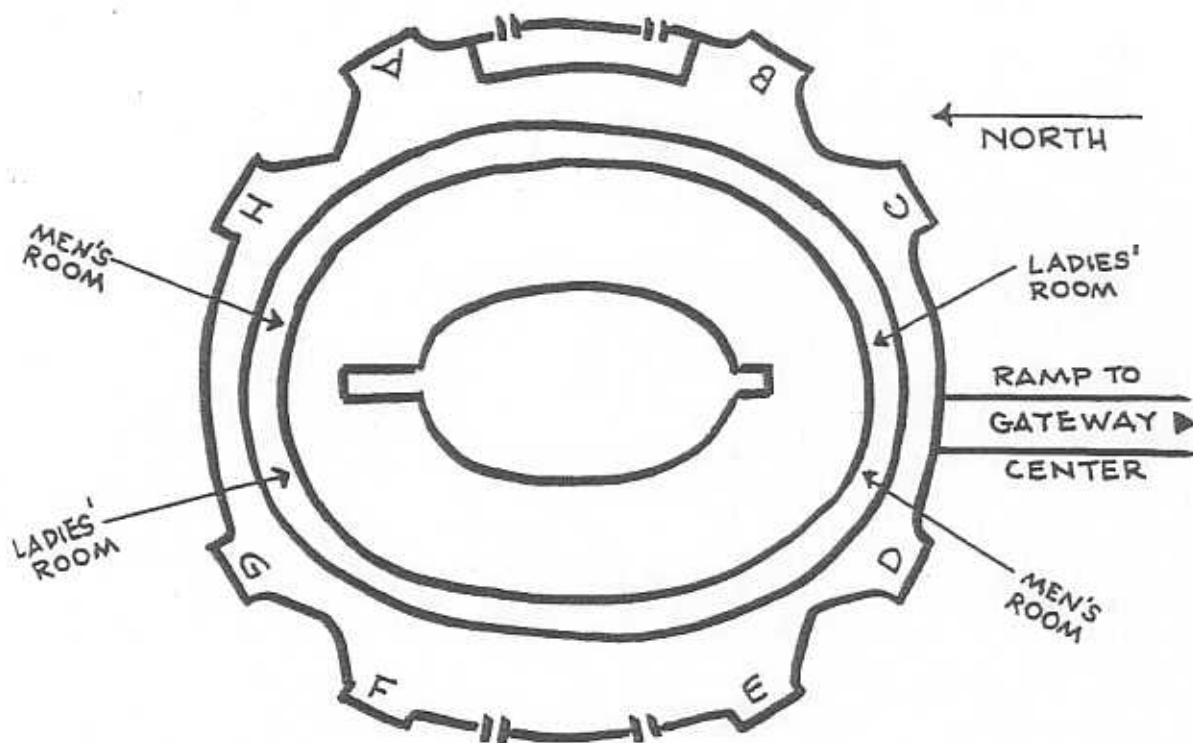
### Participating High Schools

*Denton ISD: Denton High School, Ryan High School, Fred Moore High School*

*Lewisville ISD: Dale Jackson Career Center, The Colony High School, Edward Marcus High School,  
Flower Mound High School, Hebron High School, Lewisville High School,  
Lewisville High School North, Lewisville Learning Center*

*Surrounding ISDs: Argyle, Aubrey, Gainesville, Krum, Lake Dallas, Little Elm,  
Northwest (Justin), Ponder, Valley View*

# NORTeX COLLEGE FAIR



## LOCATED ON THE ARENA FLOOR:

Collin County Community College  
 Kilgore College  
 North Central Texas College  
 Prairie View A&M University  
 Prairie View A&M University School of Architecture  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 Tarrant County College  
 Texas A&M University - College of Education - San Antonio  
 Texas A&M University - College Station  
 Texas A&M University - Commerce  
 Texas A&M University - Corp of Cadets  
 Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
 Texas A&M University - Galveston  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas State University - San Marcos  
 Texas Tech University  
 Texas Wesleyan University  
 Texas Woman's University  
 University of Houston  
 University of North Texas  
     *UNT - Air Force R.O.T.C.*  
     *UNT - College of Arts and Sciences*  
     *UNT - College of Business*  
     *UNT - College of Education*  
     *UNT - College of Engineering*  
     *UNT - College of Music*  
     *UNT - International Studies and Programs*  
     *UNT - School of Community Service*  
     *UNT - School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management*  
     *UNT - School of Visual Arts*  
     *UNT Talent Search*  
 University of Oklahoma  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
     *University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing*  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 University of Texas at Dallas

University of Texas at El Paso  
 University of Texas at San Antonio  
 University of Texas at Tyler  
 University of Texas Medical Branch of Allied Health - Galveston  
 University of Texas Medical Branch of Nursing  
 University of Texas of the Permian Basin  
 Weatherford College  
 West Texas A&M University

## LOCATED IN THE COLISEUM:

ACT, Inc.  
 Air Force R.O.T.C. (UNT)  
 Angelo State University  
 Army National Guard Reserve  
 Art Institute of Dallas  
 Austin College  
 Barbizon School of Modeling  
 Baylor University  
 Belmont University  
 Benedictine College  
 Berry College  
 Bethany College  
 Blinn College  
 Bradley University  
 Brown University  
 Bryant College  
 Centenary College of Louisiana  
 Chatham College  
 The Citadel  
 Clemson University  
 College of Santa Fe  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University - Fort Collins  
 Columbia University  
 Concordia University at Austin  
 Converse College  
 Cottey College

Court Reporting Institute of Dallas  
 Criswell College  
 Culinary Institute of America  
 Dallas Baptist University  
 DePauw University  
 Drury University  
 East Texas Baptist University  
 Emory University  
 Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Florida Southern College  
 Fort Lewis College  
 George Mason University  
 Georgia Tech  
 Grayson County College  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Hendrix College  
 Hill College  
 Houston Baptist University  
 Howard Payne University  
 Howard University  
 Huston-Tillotson College  
 Indiana University  
 Jacksonville College  
 Jarvis Christian College  
 Johnson & Wales University  
 Kansas State University  
 Kaplan/Score! Prep  
 KD Studio Actors Conservatory of the Southwest  
 Lake Forest College  
 LeTourneau University  
 Lincoln Tech Institute  
 Lon Morris College  
 Louisiana Scholars College  
 Louisiana State University  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 Lubbock Christian University  
 Lyon College  
 Mary Baldwin College  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)  
 The Master's College  
 McLennan Community College  
 McMurry University  
 Mesa State College  
 Midwestern State University  
 Model & Talent Industry  
 Naval Recruiting Station - Denton  
 Navarro College  
 New Mexico Tech University  
 Newman University  
 North Lake College  
 Northwestern State University  
 Northwood University  
 Ohio State University  
 Oklahoma Baptist University  
 Oklahoma City University  
 Oklahoma State University  
 Ouachita Baptist University  
 Our Lady of the Lake University  
 Parker College of Chiropractic  
 Paul Quinn College  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Randolph-Macon Woman's College  
 Remington College  
 Rhodes College  
 Sam Houston State University  
 Samford University  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 Schreiner University  
 Seton Hall University  
 Smith College  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Southern University and A&M College  
 Southwestern University  
 St. Edward's University  
 St. Gregory's University  
 St. Mary's University  
 Stanford University  
 Stephens College  
 Sterling College  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Sul Ross State University  
 Tarleton State University  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Texas Southern University  
 Texas State Technical College - Marshall  
 Texas State Technical College - Waco  
 Texoma Tech Prep  
 Trinity University  
 Trinity Valley Community College  
 Truman State University  
 Tuskegee University  
 Union University  
 United States Air Force Academy  
 United States Military Academy  
 United States Navy  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Arkansas - Fayetteville  
 University of Dallas  
 University of Denver  
 University of Evansville  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Kansas  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Mary Hardin Baylor  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
 University of Mississippi - Ole Miss  
 University of Missouri - Columbia  
 University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of New Orleans  
 University of Northern Colorado  
 University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma  
 University of St. Thomas  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 University of the Ozarks  
 University of the South  
 University of Tulsa  
 University of Wyoming  
 Valparaiso University  
 Vernon College  
 Villanova University  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington and Lee University  
 Wayland Baptist University  
 Wesleyan College  
 Western State College of Colorado  
 Westminster College  
 William Woods University  
 Xavier University

**LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY CENTER:**

*(Exit door D of the Coliseum - - go across ramp; proceed to 1st floor Gateway Center Ballroom corridor)*

Bank One/Sallie Mae  
 Citibank - The Student Loan Corporation  
 Educaid  
 Frost National Bank  
 JP Morgan Chase  
 National College Funding Services  
 Nellie Mae  
 Southern Security College Funding  
 Texas Bank  
 Wells Fargo

# Special Thanks to:

*Denton ISD Counseling Staff*

*Denton ISD R.O.T.C.*

*Leansville ISD Counseling Staff*

*UNT Office of Admissions Staff*

*UNT Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity*

*UNT Business Services Staff*

*UNT Coliseum Staff*

*UNT Dining Services Staff*

*UNT Eagle Ambassadors*

*UNT Printing Services Staff*

*Hobby Graphics and Signs*

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Thank You  
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Zach Tucker  
Branch Manager

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