

Board Recognition
February 8, 2022

CREST Awards

Denton Independent School District's Rodriguez Middle schools' Counseling Department was named the recipient of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association.

This marks the eleventh consecutive year at least one or more of Denton ISD campus' has received a CREST award. Each of the recipients was honored at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in San Antonio.

"It is a tremendous honor to receive this recognition from TSCA, so I am very proud of this counseling team and the work we're doing at the district," Amy Lawrence, director of counseling services said. "This is the eleventh consecutive year one of our counseling teams has been recognized, just further solidifying the hard work they put in daily to provide invaluable services to our students and families in Denton ISD."

The CREST award was introduced by the Texas School Counselor Association in 2005 to recognize excellence in school counseling.

CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas and is a program that focuses on 10 areas that leave the greatest impact school counselors have on the achievements, career aspirations, personal gains, and social aspects of students' lives. The program helps counselors evaluate their current counseling guidelines and techniques while also promoting their services to students and parents

The following counselors/social workers will be present to be honored:

Rodriguez Middle School Team

Stephani Mohon
Michael Rooney
Jennifer Cheek

The principal of Rodriguez Middle School is Carly Rogers.

TASA/TASB Conference Art

Last fall during the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards Conference in Dallas, several elementary art students from Denton ISD created works that were displayed for attendees from across the state.

Two elementary students had works selected and featured as part of a large art installation sponsored by Texas Art Education, a very prestigious honor.

Kaitlyn Estrada, a fifth-grader from Borman Elementary created a cut-paper collage self-portrait, and Iyana Mohair, a third-grader at Stephens Elementary, created a layered collage with paper, marker and paint.

Eight students created works on site, and their pieces were auctioned at the Denton Public School Foundation Groundhog Gala to benefit college scholarships and classroom teacher grants. Student artists helped create large drawings of local landmarks with watercolor backgrounds.

Students from Adkins Elementary that participated in the project include fifth-graders, Maggie Bautista, Brooklynn Gonzales, Jag Oxley-Clayton and Laith El-Kurd.

Fifth graders from Borman Elementary that participated in the project include Sebastian Russell, Diego Cabrera, Avery Hosack and Kaitlyn Estrada.

Photos of the student's work can be viewed here

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-G73FkwPiFChnjTpK-AS8z8hmvRYjp7n?usp=sharing>

Adkins Elementary is led by Erin Vennell, principal, and Jamie McCormick teaches art. The principal of Borman Elementary is Jesus Lujan, and art teachers include Kelley McGee and Casey Golden. Chris Rangel is the principal of Stephens Elementary, and Megan Trammell is the campus' art educator.

Board Spotlight

Doug Adcock, instructor at the LaGrone Academy, is a nationally recognized auto technician. After his retirement from Ford Motor Company, he felt called to make a bigger impact on his community. Fortunately, our students are benefitting from his expertise and leadership.

Mr. Adcock's heart for our students expands beyond the closing school day bell. To highlight his hard work with the next generation of auto technicians, we are proud to feature him in this month's Board Spotlight.