

Heart at Work Employee of the Month

Keller ISD's Heart at Work Employee of the Month for December 2025 is Taylor Coltrin, a second-grade teacher at Parkview Elementary School. Taylor was nominated by Parkview Elementary Assistant Principal Heather Gaona, who shared the following:

Mrs. Coltrin consistently demonstrates exceptional care and dedication in building positive relationships with her students. One student has experienced significant challenges this year, including the loss of an older sister, a recent move, and transitioning to a new school. On days when he struggles to come to school or begin his day, Mrs. Coltrin takes the time to connect with him, offers encouragement, and helps him reset. Her compassion and intentional approach not only support his emotional well-being but also enable him to successfully engage in learning. Mrs. Coltrin's ability to foster trust and stability exemplifies her heart of teaching.

FACE Awards

The FACE Awards shine a spotlight on the dedicated members of Keller ISD's Operations teams – spanning Maintenance, Grounds, Child Nutrition, Custodial, Warehouse, and Natatorium staff – whose behind-the-scenes efforts keep our schools running smoothly every day. FACE stands for Friendly, Above & Beyond, Customer Service, and Excellence. These awards honor individuals who embody these qualities not just in their work, but in the way they approach every interaction – with positivity, pride, and a commitment to serving others. This quarter, we are proud to present the FACE Awards to Sherry Langham (IES Child Nutrition Manager), Mailien Vu (VRMS Head Custodian), and Dantea Jackson (BWES Campus Security Officer). Their contributions ensure that every Keller ISD student, staff member, and visitor experiences a welcoming, efficient, and exceptional environment.

Reagan Brumley, Bands of America Honor Band 2026 Rose Parade

Reagan Brumley, a senior at Keller High School and member of the KHS Wind Ensemble, has been selected by Music for All to join the Bands of America Honor Band in the 2026 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. He'll perform alongside more than 250 musicians – including winds, percussion, and color guard – from across the nation in this prestigious national ensemble. As a bass clarinetist, Reagan will spend a week in southern California rehearsing, performing at the Tournament of Roses Bandfest, participating in special activities, and making a featured appearance in the world-famous parade broadcast.

FFA State Achievement

Future Farmers of America (FFA) is one of KCAL's CTE student organizations, dedicated to promoting leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The program offers hands-on experiences that help members build essential skills and explore a wide range of careers from farming and veterinary science to business and government. After a strong performance at the Area competition, KCAL's FFA students advanced to the State level, where they competed in Leadership Development Events (LDE). These events create opportunities for students to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision-making, communication, and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Both team and individual events reinforce concepts taught in agricultural science classrooms. The FFA State Competition was held December 5-6 at Sam Houston State University.

Greenhand Creed Speaking

Courtney Washington

Taylor Scarbrough

Valeria Lopez

Leilah Burnside

Agricultural Advocacy

Grace Spivey

Samantha Kricensky

Tatum Clanton

Allison Lindeman

Senior FFA Quiz

Lexi Coots

Kayla Baucham

Morgan Moses

Danielle Waltz

Greenhand FFA Quiz

Jaden Eubank

Marching Band State Achievements for KHS, TCHS

After delivering standout performances at the 6A Area B Marching Contest on October 25 – earning top marks for precision, musicality, and showmanship – both Keller High School and Timber Creek High School advanced to the UIL 6A State Marching Contest on November 3 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. At state, these talented student musicians represented KISD with pride as they competed against the top bands in Texas, ultimately placing within the top 25. Congratulations once again to these outstanding program leaders, who are here to accept this award on behalf of their entire marching band:

KHS Drum Majors

Ashley Chung

Grayson Hicks

Candice Santoso

KHS Color Guard Captains

Kenzie Simmons

These musicians are under the direction of Daniel Bloss, Richard Alvarado, Julianna Fletcher, Connor Koriath, and Edward Camarena.

TCHS Drum Majors

Kate Margason

Katherine McGovern

Rebekah Fleitas

Eddie Weber

Micah Howard

TCHS Color Guard Captains

Liberty Thompson

Giselle Samuels

These musicians are under the direction of Brad McCann, Daniel Malacon, James Pile, Dan Shinoshara, and John Kregler.