



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **3. Awards/Achievements**

**April 9, 2007**

**SUBJECT: STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.**

**FISCAL NOTE: None**

**Fossil Hill Middle School Teams Qualify for State History Fair:** Two Fossil Hill Middle School student teams recently qualified for the State History Fair Competition after winning first and second place at the Regional History Fair at UTA on Saturday, March 3.

Fossil Hill eighth-grade students Lisa Phan, Veronica Semler, Mary Sherrin and Samantha Fisher won first place in the performance category. Fossil Hill seventh-grade students Emily Hughes, Taylor Pasche, Ally Baker and Taylor Bellcoff won second place for their performance.

Both of these teams will be competing in the Texas History Day state competition in Austin, April 28. Winners of the state competition qualify to enter the National History Day fair in Washington, D.C. This is Fossil Hill's second year to participate in the state fair.

Individually, Fossil Hill student Theodore Schmidt placed third in the individual exhibit; Brady Chronister placed third for his historical paper; Kyle Merry placed third in the individual documentary category; Nicholas Goodwin placed sixth for his historical paper; and eighth-graders August Erlingsson, Kelsey Teakell and Danny Bolton place sixth for their group documentary.

Congratulations to these students for their excellent work presenting their historical research!

**Keller Middle School Student Recognized for Service:** Keller Middle School student, JeRae' Druery, was among 23 Dallas/Fort Worth area young student leaders recognized for serving their schools and communities at Education in Action's Texas Independence Day Recognition Ceremony and Reception.

JeRae' was honored for her project: Warm Up to Charity – The Warm Winter Clothing Drive. JeRae' organized Junior Honor Society volunteers to create posters and communications for school announcements during the clothing drive. JeRae' collected ten bags of clothing during the drive and donated them to the Keller Community Storehouse, an organization that provides items to people in need.

Congratulations, JeRae' on such a wonderful honor!

**Fossil Hill Middle School Student Named Texas Geographic Bee Semifinalist:** Fossil Hill Middle School student, Scott Tong, was recently notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2007 Texas Geographic Bee. Geographic bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school's geographic bee winner. School-level winners then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states and in the territories, the National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level.

The 2007 Texas Geographic Bee will be held at the Pat May Center in Bedford on Friday, March 30. The state winner will represent Texas in the national finals at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., May 22-23. The state winner will receive \$100 and the trip to Washington, D.C. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

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Respectfully submitted,

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