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TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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SUBJECT: STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Keller High One-Act Play advances to State competition: The cast of the Keller High School One-Act Play competed in the State UIL competition in Austin earlier this month, and two troupe members collected All Star honors: Adam Gerhardt, All-Star Cast, and Amanda Brundett, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. This is only the third time in Keller High School's history that a One-Act Play group has advanced to the State-level. The cast qualified for the state competition by winning the UIL regional title in April. At the regional meet, the cast was voted "Outstanding Company," and individuals who won awards were Amanda Brundrett, All-Star Cast, and Adam Gerhardt and Ally Davis, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Directors are teachers Helen Lewis, Chris Williamson and Cathy Gullo.

Keller High seniors earn corporate scholarships: The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced the following Keller High School students who are winners of Special Scholarships underwritten by major corporations: Patricia E. Ambrose, the James E. Casey Scholarship sponsored by The UPS Foundation; Ricky M. Kauser, May Department Stores Company Scholarship sponsored by The May Department Stores Company Foundation; and Cassidy D. Cervenka, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Merit Scholarship sponsored by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation.

Keller ISD students qualify for National Merit competition: The College Board announced twenty-five Keller ISD students who qualified to enter the 2005 National Merit Scholarship program. The students, who are among the top 50,000 students taking the test, earned a Selection Index score of 201 or above on the 2003 PSAT / NMSQT.

Qualifying students at Fossil Ridge High School are: Tara Cruse, Jenifer Dodd, Sarah Duesman, Amelia Isbell, Chi Mai, Megan Munguia, Brady Olsen, Megan Reynolds and Marissa Stewart. Keller High School students are: Rachel Crowder, Jacob Davis, Ashley Elgie, Tamara Fink, Tyler Gibson, Gregory Golden, Clinton Hansen, Van Hoang, Katherine Laird, Ryan Phillips, David Pitts, Spencer Scherer, Xiaochu Song, Sophie Turcotte, Mathew Valenta and Katherine Williams.

Fossil Ridge paper wins top UIL award: The Fossil Ridge High School *Panther Times* won its first Distinguished Merit Rating from the University Interscholastic League Press Conference. Fossil Ridge students John Roberts, Renee LeClaire and Stephanie Garcia are co-editors of the award-winning publication.

Student ambassadors to visit Great Britain: Two Keller ISD intermediate school students will visit Great Britain in June as part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Nick Turner, a sixth-grader at Bear Creek Intermediate School, and Allie McCabe, a sixth-grader at South Keller Intermediate School, will travel to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to visit students from the other countries.

Local PTA wins district award: The Hidden Lakes Elementary School PTA won three awards at the PTA's District 11 Conference April 17. The recognitions are: Outstanding Parent Involvement Award, Outstanding Student Programs Award and Outstanding Youth Protection Award. District 11 covers all of Tarrant County, Arlington, Lewisville and Flower Mound. The programs will be entered in competition at the Texas PTA Convention to be held in July.

Fossil Ridge junior aces SAT math: Fossil Ridge High School junior Chi Mai scored a perfect 800 on the SAT college admissions test.

Fossil Ridge debates head to national competition: Three Fossil Ridge High School students will participate in the National Forensic League's national competition June 13 – 19 in Salt Lake City. The students are: Ali Akbar, alternate, Student Congress competition; Joshua Check, alternate, Lincoln Douglas debate; and Jacob Loftin competitor, Lincoln Douglas debate. Only four students from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex qualified in this event and Loftin is the first in Keller ISD's history.

Panther Regiment collects four trophies at music festival: The Wind Ensemble and the Wind Symphony of Fossil Ridge High School's Panther Regiment won Superior Ratings and Outstanding Band Awards at the Classic Musical Festival in Breckenridge, Colorado. Solo artists winning awards are: Saloni Gandhi – Flute, Gabbie McBride – Clarinet, Jackie Lamm – Clarinet, and Alex Vera – Saxophone.

Ag students place in Area competitions: Two teams of Keller High School students placed in Area V competitions in April. The team of Justin Hall, Cody Eubanks, Ben Reeves and Heather Reyes place 12th out of 30 teams in the Area V Agricultural Mechanics career development event, and the team of Heather Reyes, Justin Hall and Kristie Zuber place 20th out of 70 teams in the Area V Horse Judging career development competition.

Central freshmen win journalism awards: Central High School freshmen Randall Jenkins and Sam Sok won honorable mention awards at the University Interscholastic League Press Conference April 17 in Austin. Jenkins, the school newspaper's fall sports editor, won honorable mention for sports column writing, and Sok won three honorable mentions for sports feature photography.

Bear Creek artists take awards at Southlake contest: Six Bear Creek Intermediate School students won awards at the Southlake Art in the Square art contest for elementary schools. In the Hat Design competition, the following students won awards: Sarah Sykes, first place; Garrett Bacak, second place; Katie Ross, third place; and Evan Richard, fourth place. Two Bear Creek teams also won awards in the Chair Decorating contest: Cami O'Neal and Cheyenne Corbin, first place; and Danielle Huffaker and Alyssa Mora, second place.

Junior writer places in national scriptwriting competition: Keller High School junior Kasei Snow won second place and a \$250 award in the Princeton University 10-Minute Play Contest. Kasei's play is titled "The Flight."

Keller ISD students earn national Latin awards: Twenty Keller ISD students earned special recognitions on the National Latin Exam. The Fossil Ridge students winning gold medals and being rated Summa Cum Laude are: Stephanie Potts, Luke Murphy and Sarah Duesman. Maxima Cum Laude students who won silver medals are: Sarah Adams, Frank Robinson, Josh Yi, Sara Trigg, Tara Luther, Stephanie Crane and April Roberson. Students earning Magna Cum Laude recognition are: Min Kim, Ava Damri, Adam Wojciechowski, Sara Bettles and Amanda Martinez. Cum Laude students are: Rachel Johnson, Salvador Valdes, Pamee Yang, Amber Atwater and Nicole Rogers. The National Latin Exam is sponsored by the National Junior Classical League and the Classical League. In 2003 over 128,000 students in the United States and 10 other countries participated in the exam.

Keller choirs collect top awards at contests: Choirs from Keller High School participated in two competitions in April and collected 11 trophies. Three choirs competed in the Region 5 UIL Concert / Sight-reading Contest, and the Varsity Treble Choir earned the Sweepstakes Trophy, and the Varsity Mixed Choir was awarded a Superior Sight-reading Plaque. Five choirs participated in the Buccaneer Classic Festival in Corpus Christi, and all choirs received Superior Trophies. The Concert Choir, Tribe Show Choir, Varsity Treble Choir and the Varsity Mixed Choir won Best in Class for their division.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jason Meyer
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