

Denton Independent School District

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Certificates of Recognition

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

DENTON ISD

Denton district honored for music education

For the third year in a row, the Denton Independent School District has been named as a “Best Community for Music Education in America.” The school district also attained this honor in 2008, 2007 and in 2004.

This is a great honor for our district because it is based on providing music as an integral part of every student’s education. The local district was selected again for its commitment to school-based music programs.

The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation and its American Music Conference division, which both work to promote the benefits of active participation in music and music education, sponsored the survey.

According to the results of the survey, recipients of this distinction cite increased enrollment and funding for school music programs.

It was one of only 10 in Texas to make the list. Other area districts on the list are Northwest ISD, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, Arlington ISD, Plano ISD and Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD.

David McCullar is the director of fine arts for Denton ISD.

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Athletic director named to Hall of Honor

Ken Purcell, Denton Independent School District athletic director, recently was named to the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association’s Hall of Honor at the association’s annual convention in Brownsville.

Mr. Purcell was chosen from among 15 nominees in Texas. He will be inducted to the Hall of Honor as part of the annual Texas High School Coaches Association convention this summer in Austin. The tentative date of the THSADA Hall of Honor banquet is Sunday, July 19.

“This is a unique honor and one that Mr. Purcell richly deserves after the impact he has made on countless individuals throughout the State of Texas for more than 36 years,” said Russell Reeves, middle school athletic coordinator for Denton ISD.

WILSON ELEMENTARY

Teacher selected for professional development award

Cecile Johnson, Wilson Elementary music teacher, recently received a \$1,000 Lucile Cornet Individual Award for professional development from The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.

This award will enable Ms. Johnson to attend the Music Pedagogy Tour to Budapest, Hungary. She will attend classes and concerts in Budapest and in Kescemet at the Kodaly Institute, birthplace of Zoltan Kodaly, whose philosophy of music education Mrs. Johnson utilizes in her teaching of music.

The Educational Foundation supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence. Established in 1964, the Foundation is a non-profit organization located in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International headquarters in Austin, Texas.

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Special education director earns scholarship

Val Morgan, director of special education for the Denton Independent School District, recently received the Eula Lee Carter Scholarship from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

The international scholarships committee chairman announced that the society granted 25 \$6,000 scholarships for 2009.

Recipients of the scholarship must have earned a master's degree, be enrolled in a recognized graduate program and have been a society member for at least three years to qualify for consideration.

Mrs. Morgan, a member of the society's Iota Iota chapter in Texas, is attending Texas Woman's University, where she is majoring in Special Education Administration. The honor society for women educators promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth of women educators.