

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008**

Foundation awards grants, scholarships

More than \$78,000 in grants and scholarships has been awarded to Denton Independent School District staff members by the Denton Public School Foundation in partnership with Denton ISD.

The funds are being utilized to enhance classroom instruction and for staff development, school officials said.

A total of \$78,606 was awarded to staff members - \$56,495 in grants to teachers and \$22,111 in scholarships for staff development, additional degrees or to attend conferences and seminars.

Teachers received grants and scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, which includes funding for a variety of programs and projects.

Grants to teachers, staff

The staff members who are recipients of the \$56,495 in DPSF grants and from other donors for the grants-to-teachers program include:

Ann Windle School for Young Children – Karmen Martin, \$1,000 grant from Foley’s (Macy’s) for “Here We Go Round the Playground.”

Borman Elementary – Michelle Trietsch, \$694 from VLK for “Look! I am a Published Author!”

Evers Park Elementary – Barbara Ganzer, \$925 from Cheryl Phillips Memorial Grant for “Let’s See Learning;” Jason Shipley, \$900 from Groundhog Gala for “National Geographic for Kids.”

Ginnings Elementary – Kay Adamson, \$817 from CoServ Grant for a document camera with a light box; Lisa Hawkins, \$550 for “From Granite to Galaxies;” Sherri Herrera, \$350 for “Access New Comers-Jumo Start Language Skills;” Kay Landoli, \$499 for “I see the Light;” Michelle McClanahan, \$499 for “Do You See What I See?” Rebecca Price, \$665 for “Show me the Money!” Tammie Seay, \$499 for “Show me the Way;” Kelli Whisenhunt, \$1,000 from for “I Can See Clearly Now;” Debi Lokey, \$1,000 for “Math Olympics: Go for the Gold;” Michael Brinkley, \$1,000 for “Picture + Story = Thousand Words.”

Hawk Elementary – Belinda Campbell, \$990 from Charter Builders for “From Participation to Performance;” Laura Davis, \$500 for “Owl Study-Up Close & Personal.”

Hodge Elementary – Donna Gregory, \$953 from Mr. Ed Grant-to-Teachers for “On the Road to the Code.”

Houston Elementary – Melissa Gerdes, \$755 for “Math Facts in a flash;” Connie Miller, \$450 for “Bat Education In-School;” Diana Newberry, \$1,000 from Kristoferson Family Grant for “Book to Remember.”

Lee Elementary – Maria Luna, \$998 for a second-grade spring math carnival; Emily Manning, \$830 from VLK for “Vibrant Vocabulary Ventures;” Vickie McQueen, \$987 for “Hand on Reading Success;” Kimberly Quinn, \$1,000 for thinking maps software.

McNair Elementary – Lanelle Epps, \$740 for a projector.

Pecan Creek Elementary – Veronica Montes, \$484 from VLK for “Get Set! Assess! Succeed!” Kristie Smith, \$827 from Bill Utter Ford for “The Pecan Creek E.S. Oso Jumpers (Bear Jumpers);” Erin Vennell, \$849 for “Math 4 All.”

Providence Elementary – Amanda Batson, \$276 for “If You Give a Tutor a Table;” Patricia Beasley, \$549 for “Picture writing and image-making within the writing process;” Jennifer Rowe, \$515 from CoServ for “Advancement through Video;” Robin Webb, \$766 for “Multimedia Madness.”

E.P. Rayzor Elementary – Cindy Venables, \$493 from Doug Key Grant for “Catch a Reading Star.”

Newton Rayzor Elementary – Lori Cadwallader, \$500 from First State Bank for “2007 Denton ISD Teacher of the Year.”

Rivera Elementary – Maria Longoria, \$1,000 for Spanish literacy books for Guided Reading; Vicki Molchan, \$905 for “Fiction and Non-Fiction: Bridging New Knowledge To What Readers Already Know.”

Savannah Elementary – Sandra Taylor, \$400 for “Reaction Attraction.”

Woodrow Wilson Elementary – Vanessa Arispe, \$997 for “Building Literacy for Life through Real World Connections to Math, Science, and Social Studies;” Bertha Lopez, \$500 from Margaret Clarke Endowment for “Did You Say Crocodile? Dijiste Cocodrilo?” Varina Lavelle, \$500 for “A Vision for Us;” Deborah Moseley, \$295 for “Stay as Smart as Your Fifth-Grader.”

Calhoun Middle School – John Sullivan, \$500 from Ronny Crownover Grant for “2007 Denton ISD Teacher of the Year.”

Crownover Middle School – Patti Faight, \$1,000 from Ben E. Keith Endowment for “Proof is in the Print;” Rebecca Glass, \$1,000 from Charter Builders “Teaching From the Write Source;” Donna Johnson, \$1,000 for “Blast into Fitness and Energize Your Mind.”

Navo Middle School – Rebecca Baker, \$1,000 for “Battle of the Books.”

McMath Middle School – Nancy Cortes, \$1,000 from Robert Colon McSween for “The Virtual Fieldtrip Project;” Gail Frisby, \$1,000 from SHW Grant for a Holocaust Museum fieldtrip; Kurt Smith, \$1,000 for camera projector instruction.

Strickland Middle School – Kristina Boone, \$1,000 from VLK for “Teaching From the Write Source;” Jeffrey Panter, \$1,000 for “Teaching From the Write Source;” Garrett Susan, \$602 for “Using Symbol Imagery to Increase Reading Fluency.”

Denton High School – Mark Baker, \$250 from McEwen-Deck Program Grant; Michelle DeAngelo, \$990 from Jostens Student Center Grant for “GPS Hide and Seek;” Sherry Dieterich, \$1,000 from Presbyterian Hospital for “Bob the Builder - No More!” Maria Dudash, \$960 from DHS PTSA for “It’s Your Future/Teen Leadership Development;” Scott Heffley, \$250 from McEwen-Deck Program Grant for soccer program; Beth Hughes, \$1,000 from TDIndustries for “ABC’s & 123’s: Displays for Visual Learners;” Fred Mueller, \$545 from Dain-Rauscher for “Sharing a Vision for

Achievement;" Valery Smith, \$1,000 from DHS PTSA for "The Art of Teaching;" Rhonda Weldon, \$752 for "Bluetooth Baby."

Guyer High School – Sabrina Erwin, \$700 from Denton County Medical Alliance for "Blast off;" Nancy Graves, \$1,000 for "Freeing Books into the Wild;" Deborah Grindle, \$1,000 from Guyer Family Endowment for "Paths to Scholarships;" Darlene Kent, \$256 from Charter Builders for "Get in the Game;" Alisha Kirby, \$1,000 from Jostens Inc. for "The Love or Heart of Reading Bystarts"

Ryan High School – Georgianne Burlage, \$830 from DATCU for "Hold that Thought! Validating Students' Ideas!" David Cribbs, \$1,000 from Wimberley-Shelton grant for "Robotics Initiative;" Debra Kelly, \$918 from Troy & Sarah LaGrone Grant for "Geography Alive;" Matt Smith, \$1,000 from Devon Energy for "AP Environmental Start-up."

Special Ed Department – Rebecca Julius, \$1,000 for "Denton ISD Family Center."

Annex Service Center – Sandra Golden, \$1,000 from Charter Builders for truancy posters.

Advanced Technology Complex – Demeatrice Peters, \$475 from Troy & Sarah LaGrone Grant for "Teaching Across the Metroplex"

The \$4,000 Denton Public School Foundation Schoolwide Initiative Grant went to Calhoun Middle School staffers Connie Shaw and Janet Parker for "We're not old, We're a classic!"

Staff scholarships

There was \$22,111 awarded in scholarships from the Denton Public School Foundation. The awardees included:

Ann Windle School for Young Children – Jennifer Engelbrecht, \$1,000 scholarship, and Yazmin Vazquez, \$1,000 scholarship from the Ann Windle Endowment.

Borman Elementary – Nardeen Boxwell, \$950.

Hawk Elementary – Marti Blair, \$1,000.

Hodge Elementary – Stacy Strurgell, \$855 from ATPE.

Nelson Elementary – Kelly Korenek, \$820; Tema Lambert, \$1,000.

Providence Elementary – Rhonda Banks, \$600 from Charter Builders.

E.P. Rayzor Elementary – Linda Bozeman, \$1,000.

Savannah Elementary – Bonnie Bynum, \$1,000 from Mike Gregory Teacher Scholarship.

W.S Ryan Elementary – Colyn Bryant, \$1,000 scholarship from ItACHTexas.

Crownover Middle School – Cynthia Brown, \$1,000; Bryan Stone, \$815.

Navo Middle School – Janet Cephas, \$685; Joshua Taylor, \$971.

Denton High School – Shandi Davis, \$1,000 from DHS PTSA; William Watkins, \$1,000 from DHS PTSA; Rhonda Weldon, \$819 from DHS PTSA.

Guyer High School – Chris Cansler, \$840; Kathryn Wallace, \$1,000; Stephanie Wear, \$1,000 from Gregory Family Teacher Scholarship; Richard Wesson, \$1,000.

Ryan High School/Technology – Pamela Kachka, \$756.

Ryan High School – David Cribbs, \$1,000.