

April and May Heart at Work Winners

Keller ISD's Heart at Work Employee of the Month for April 2025 was Kristi Beaver, Child Nutrition Manager at Keller-Harvel Elementary. Kristi was nominated by Lindsay Hollomon, Counselor at Keller-Harvel ES, who shared the following:

"Kristi is absolutely AMAZING! She has one of the softest, kindest hearts of anyone I have ever met. We have had disruption to our weekend snack bag program due to staffing issues at the church who donates them. Each week Kristi has helped me to fill the need. Twice this week she has come with massive amounts of food she purchased to ensure that no child goes hungry. Kristi, you have the biggest heart, and Keller Harvel is a better place with you here!"

Keller ISD's Heart at Work Employee of the Month for May 2025 is Ashley Hutchinson, a Nurse at Sunset Valley Elementary. Ashley was nominated by SVES Office Aide Kennedy Adams, who shared the following:

"Ashley cares so much for the students and staff at SVES! She will take the time to build a bond with students and their parents to ensure that both have trust in her. She values the health of the students and staff above all else and is always happy to help. From the little bumps and tummy aches to the serious issues, she always makes sure that SVES is prepared for any possibility. We appreciate all Nurse Ashley does!"

Keller ISD Star Educator Award Winner

The latest Star Educator Award is being presented to Indian Springs Middle School math teacher, Jessica Zahradnik. Jessica was nominated by ISMS Librarian Angela Wilson who shared the following:

"I am so impressed by Mrs. Zahradnik! She is an effective math teacher because she delivers varied, powerful instruction every day. She turns Taylor Swift songs into relevant math songs. She is an amazing communicator and very detail oriented. She offers tutorials more than any teacher I have ever worked with. She is on campus early each day, late each day, and is a sponsor for our campus SSS (Students Standing Strong). She is positive and happy. It is evident in everything she does that she loves her students and the profession."

Track & Field State Achievements

Three student-athletes from Keller ISD – two from Fossil Ridge High School and one from Timber Creek High School – qualified for the 2024 UIL Class 5A and 6A State Track & Field Championships, held May 1–3 at the University of Texas in Austin. Aniyah Harrison-Stewart of Fossil Ridge High School placed 4th in both the triple jump and long jump events. Jayden Kennedy, also from Fossil Ridge, earned 7th place in the 200-meter dash. Representing Timber Creek High School, LaShonda Reeves finished 7th in the 400-meter dash. These athletes are coached by Brandi Watkins and Ladarius Chambers (FRHS) and Tim Thomas (TCHS).

CTSO National Achievements

Central, Fossil Ridge, Keller, Timber Creek, and Keller Center for Advanced Learning students involved in Career and Technology Education organizations (CTSOs) earned an impressive number of achievements throughout the 2024-25 school year. Their hard work and dedication at their respective State contests have allowed them to advance to National competitions around the United States this summer.

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