

**Recognition  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
January 10, 2023**

**Community Spotlight – RSVP Rockin’ Readers**

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of local schools. As part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” this state-wide honor recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public school students.

Retired and Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a division of AmeriCorp Seniors, one of the largest volunteer programs in the nation. Comprised of volunteers, 55 and older, from across Denton County, their goal is to increase our student’s life skills, esteem, and confidence through intergenerational mentoring.

Locally, our program began in 2001 at Hodge Elementary with the idea of creating a program that is multigenerational and would inspire the joy of reading. Using a donated rocking chair as the station for volunteers to do their work, the group was branded “The Rockin’ Readers.” Since its inception, they have placed volunteers at 11 campuses, serving kindergartners through third graders. And, they currently have a waiting list.

We wish to honor and highlight the important role these community volunteers are making in the lives of our students and thank them for their effort to impact the lives of our young people.

*Diana Corona, Executive Director, Christine McReynolds, Rockin’ Readers Coordinator, and Nino De La Garza, Volunteers Services Coordinator will attend to accept the award.*

**LaGrone Academy – Auto Tech Team**

Our partners at Toyota of Denton recently honored Auto Tech Team from LaGrone Academy for finishing in first place at the 2022 Auto Tech Competition sponsored by the North Texas Automobile Dealers at Texas Motor Speedway.

This event had 40 different teams from across the North Texas area compete in a variety of skilled competitions. For their success, each of the students received a set of Snap-on tools.

More information is available  
<https://www.ntxad.com/automotive-careers-education/2022-auto-tech-competition/>

Our team included: Zachary Dowdy, Jakob Holzer and Carter Smith. Their instructors include Doug Adcock, Richard Navarro and Doug Merriman

*The principal of LaGrone Academy is Marcus Bourland.*

## **Board Appreciation for Texas**

Texas is home to more than 5 million public school children who are enrolled in more than 1,100 school districts. That translates into 7,200 volunteers who are elected by their local citizens to act as trustees – making effective and good decisions to benefit the education of our community’s young people.

In Denton ISD, our seven elected trustees work many hours – often representing us at community breakfasts, during their lunch hour and evening events. They respond to parent phone calls and emails, attend training regarding public information, policy and law, and strive daily to make effective decisions to benefit our community’s more than 32,000 young people and 4,200 employees.

We want to acknowledge the work and volunteer efforts of:

President Mia Price  
Vice President Barbara Burns  
Secretary Dr. Patricia Sosa-Sanchez  
Trustee Dr. Jim Alexander  
Trustee Charles Stafford  
Trustee Sheryl English  
Trustee Amy Bundgus

Thank you for your service and constant commitment to our organization – your impact will be felt for generations.