

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
November 12, 2019**

Mark of Excellence

The Foundation for Music Education's "Mark of Excellence" project seeks to recognize and award outstanding achievement in performance by high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras. The project gathers entries from throughout the United States and provides valuable feedback for all entrants. A unique competitive environment is created which allows ensembles to compare their performance quality to other outstanding groups from across the country.

The top 25 percent of entrants are recognized as National Winners, with the second 25 percent named as Commended Winners. The most outstanding groups are recognized in regional and/or national publications and at national and regional conventions.

Congratulations to the students and directors of these four outstanding Denton ISD ensembles for being honored with a Mark of Excellence Award.

Crownover Middle School

Crownover MS Wind Ensemble - Christin Bunch, Director

National Wind Band Honors - National Winner

Representative Students currently at Guyer High

Caleb Kaufman
Audrey Greaber
Kayden Owens
Cale Golden

Representative Students currently at Crownover Middle

Sarah Asadollahi
Camdyn Chambers
Grant Swift
Will McLaughlin

Crownover MS Symphonic Band - Dr. Kyle Mullins, Director

Citation of Excellence Winner

Representative Students

Jackson McFarland
Matthew LeBaron
Alli Robinson
Brandon Garza-Mendez
Anakin Nguyen
Joseph Kamau

McMath Tiger Jazz Band

McMath MS Tiger Jazz - Travis Harris, Director

National Jazz Honors - National Winner

Representative Students currently at McMath

Nicholas Salas
Alexander Evangelopoulos
Rowan Eshbaugh-Soha
Aaron Borges

Representative Students currently at Denton High

Tajalli Baugher
Nicholas Iaia
Nicole Cygan
Daniel Wen

Denton HS Jazz

Denton HS Lab Band 1 - Jesse Woolery, Director

National Jazz Honors - Commended Winner

Representative Students

Reuben Dean
Mitchell Case
Jasi Lopez
Noah Rana
Eric Crenshaw
Matthew Garcia
Owen White
Simon McClurg

Community Spotlight

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

Five years ago, the University of North Texas Division of Student Affairs reached out to our district as part of the planning for the celebration of the university’s 125th anniversary. The “Future Eagles” campus visit was born out of a brainstorming session and to date, more than 11,000 Denton ISD students have participated in the program.

Each fall, Denton ISD sixth graders visit campus, attending mock lectures from university professors including tours by the High School Career Connect program, in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs. In addition to the experience, athletic tickets are given away and a student from each Denton ISD middle school receives a \$500 scholarship to UNT if they choose to study there following high school graduation.

While the partnership with the Division of Student Affairs largely centers around the “Future Eagles” program, other departments and student organizations also volunteer and mentor within Denton ISD schools. Volunteers from multiple campus student organizations participate in mentoring, reading events and other national initiatives including “Make a Difference Day” and “The Big Event.”

The University of North Texas Division of Student Affairs is making a lasting impact in the lives of our students. These are some of the reasons why they are being honored in the November Community Spotlight.

Melissa McGuire, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, is accepting the commendation on behalf of the University of North Texas Division of Student Affairs.