

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007**

Providence Elementary receives top ratings from TEA

One elementary school in Denton ISD received the highest rating of Exemplary for the 2006-07 school year.

To gain "Exemplary" status, a school must have received a 90 percent passage rate in all accountability areas. Plus, the SDAA II, which is a state-developed assessment for special education students, must have a 90 percent passing rate.

The school named "Exemplary" is:

- **Providence Elementary School** – Susan Bolte, principal, and Trey Spalding, assistant principal.

- **Gold Awards**

Providence was among the district's 13 schools to receive special recognition from TEA for its significant gains on different portions of the TAKS and/or other accountability areas.

Providence Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science - Susan Bolte, principal, and Trey Spalding, assistant principal.

CATE staff, students receive national recognition

Career counselors recognized for 'best practices'

The Denton ISD was awarded a "Best Practice in Career and Technical Education" for Successful Practices for Student/Parent Outreach.

The award was co-sponsored by the National Council of Local Administrators for Career-Technical Education (NCLA) and the National Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). The award was received by Marty Thompson, director of Career and Technical Education and dean of the LaGrone Advanced Technology Center, in Oklahoma City at a 2007 "Best Practices" National Conference.

Mrs. Thompson presented information on the extensive career counseling outreach provided by our career counselors, career camps, fifth-grade tours, parent presentations, and multi-agency involvement in family outreach. The presentation was selected from more than 60 applicants and received recognition as a national best practice.

The career counselors in Denton ISD who are responsible for these successful programs are:

Denton High: Kimberly Keith
Guyer High: Jeannie Bragg
Ryan High: Patsy Chilcote

FFA students receive third in national competition

Alyssa Looney and Alyzabeth Looney, students at Denton High, recently competed and placed third in the Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science Division IV in the National FFA Agriscience Fair conducted at the National FFA Convention and Career Show in Indianapolis, Ind.

Their project was titled "*What's Sizzlin?*" These two students attend Denton High and their FFA teacher is Diedre Williams.