

## **Board Recognition**

**Dec. 12, 2023**

### **Community Spotlight**

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

DesiRay Kernal is a graduate student and women’s basketball player at the University of North Texas. Earlier this summer, DesiRay began volunteering with the district at both of Denton ISD’s Back-to-School Fairs.

DesiRay attended both fairs at Braswell and Denton High School, lending a hand in a variety of capacities. In addition, she also visited Rivera Elementary School earlier this fall with the rest of the Mean Green women’s basketball team, playing basketball and participating in other activities with students.

For the unique way DesiRay has assisted our district, and for going above and beyond to assist our students and staff, we wish to thank DesiRay for her continued support.

*DesiRay Kernal will be in attendance to receive this recognition. UNT’s Dr. Leah Foster, Director of Player Engagement and Assistant to the Head Coach; Olivia Hunt, Director of Recruiting and Player Development; and LaDerica Paul, Director of Basketball Operations will also be in attendance.*

### **Board Spotlight**

The Braswell High School Wind Symphony earned the distinguished honor to perform at the 77th Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

An invitation to the Midwest Clinic is one of the highest honors a band or orchestra can achieve. The Braswell Wind Symphony is one of only six high school bands from across the country chosen to perform a featured concert for attendees.

The Braswell Wind Symphony is also the first band from Denton ISD that has been selected to perform at the Midwest Clinic.

The Midwest Clinic began in 1946 and features some of the top clinicians, ensembles and music educators not just in the United States, but internationally, as well. In order to be selected to perform at the clinic, ensembles must submit audio and video recordings which are then judged along with thousands of other submissions.

*Taylor Sitzman, Braswell High School Associate Director of Bands, will be in attendance to receive this recognition. Aaron Snipes is the Director of Bands at Braswell High School. The principal of Braswell High School is DeCorian Hailey.*