

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
March 8, 2016**

DENTON ISD

Youth Art Month: Three artists featured at State Capitol

As part of Youth Art Month, three Denton ISD students' artworks were selected to be part of the Texas Art Education's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration. Tyler Johnson, Ginnings Elementary; Charli Viering, Stephens Elementary; and Molly Wehbe, Adkins Elementary will be part of an exhibition that features works by students in PreK through 12th grades from across the state of Texas.

Based on the criteria, the district sends eight works each year and the selected works ranked among the top 100 pieces. Student art from almost 50 school districts will be on display in two Austin locations: the South Gallery at the State Capitol, from Feb. 28 – March 5, and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum from March 6 – April 3.

Youth Art Month is a national celebration designed to recognize the artistic capabilities of students and children. It is sponsored by TAEA an organization that strives to provide avenues for children to showcase their work and promote art education within Texas' communities.

Art teachers include: Kay Adamson, Ginnings Elementary; Megan Trammell, Stephens Elementary; and Kelley McGee, Adkins Elementary.

LAGRONE ATC

Welding Team wins the ESAB National "A Cut Above" contest

The LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex's "Team Bench Warmers" won the 2015 ESAB "A Cut Above Welding & Cutting" Contest with their entry of park benches that feature custom artwork highlighting each of school's programs.

Team Bench Warmers includes Bobby Wallace (Ryan High), Eve Torres (Ryan High), Daniel Teniente (Ryan High), Andy Ochoa (Denton High) and Braden King (Pilot Point High).

Each team member received a \$500 cash prize, and the school received cutting and welding equipment that included:

- One ESAB Migmaster® 215 Pro Ready-to-Weld Package
- One Victor® Medalist 250 Medium Duty Cutting System
- One Thermal Dynamics® Cutmaster™ 42 Air Plasma Cutting Outfit
- Two ESAB Aristo® Tech HD high definition welding helmets

ESAB is a manufacturer of welding and cutting equipment, and they support education and students through this contest for high school students each year. The contest draws more than 500 entries in both individual and team categories.

This is the second consecutive year the school has won the contest, and last year's team was featured in an instructional video about the contest produced by ESAB that can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gbr4G0tFbA>

Rebecca Hendricks is the sponsor.

DENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Learning Forward honors Denton High for campus excellence

Learning Forward recently recognized Denton High School with a "Campus Excellence in Professional Learning Award" for their commitment to life-long learning and the success of students and teachers.

The organization shows campus leaders how to plan, implement and measure high-quality professional learning so faculties can maximize student success. It connects educators through resources, systems and conferences to share coaching strategies to build professional learning communities.

As part of the award, Denton High will be featured at the Learning Forward-Texas Annual Conference hosted this June at the Hurst Convention Center.