

## CELEBRATIONS:

### **DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR MEMBERS ADVANCE TO STATE**

The following students participated in District Solo & Ensemble Festival February 6, 2010 and received 1<sup>st</sup> Division Ratings. They will be traveling to Austin in May to participate on the State Level. DHS choir director is Pamela Dawson.

#### **Solos and Ensembles:**

Emmanuel Allen	Chalay Moore
Johnny Brantley	Breanna Wright
Rollins Gilmore	Frederick Williams
Twyla Hawkins	Atteona Ware
Taylor Johnigan	Kortnie Walker
Alexandria Jones	Audrey Tillis
Tu'Kevia Jones	Ke'Asha Stanley
Racquel McBay	Jeremy Shedd

### **DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL EAGLETTES SHINE**

Over the weekend of February 6-7, the DeSoto High School Eaglettes participated in *The Showtime International Dallas Fort Worth Drill Team Contest*.

The Eaglettes did an amazing job and represented Desoto High School and DeSoto ISD extremely well. DHS Eaglettes sponsor is Mashundra Gray.

The Eaglettes earned:

- Sweepstakes Award
- Judges Award
- Best in Category in Hip Hop
- Best in Category in Novelty
- First Runner Up in Pom
- First Runner Up Kick

### **SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY DHS TEAM**

The DeSoto High School Speech and Debate Team hosted the annual Texas Forensics Association (TFA) qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament at DeSoto High School on February 12-13.

Over 25 schools from across Texas will be competing for TFA qualification in the following areas: Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Student Congress, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory Prose, Poetry, Duet Acting, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

UIL academic contests range from social studies to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 627,000 competed in one or more of the 23 general academic contests. DHS Speech and Debate sponsor is Callista Nwoke.

### **DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMERS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS**

Congratulations to the DeSoto High School swim team! The girls placed third overall and the boys 4<sup>th</sup> at the District Swim Meet held January 30 at the Rockwall Natatorium. Individual and relay teams that finished in the top six places advance to the Regionals on February 12-13. DHS swim coach is Maria Palmer.

<b><u>Swimmer</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
LeBraun Freeman	200 Freestyle	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:28.81
Ciara McGrew	50 Freestyle	6 <sup>th</sup>	32.27
Austin Howard	100 Butterfly	4 <sup>th</sup>	1:20.74
Laura Lopez	100 Freestyle	4 <sup>th</sup>	1:11.86
Harley McPherson	100 Backstroke	5 <sup>th</sup>	1:55.18

#### **Relay Teams**

***Girls 200 Freestyle Relay*** 3<sup>rd</sup> (2:16.55)

Laura Lopez, Meagan Jentho, Ciara McGrew, Jasmyne Hambrick

***Boys 400 Freestyle Relay*** 4<sup>th</sup> (1:59.07)

Austin Howard, David Koehler, LeBraun Freeman, DeShawn Ball

***Girls 200 Freestyle Relay*** 2<sup>nd</sup> (5:15.48)

Laura Lopez, Meagan Jentho, Ciara McGrew, Jasmyne Hambrick

***Boys 400 Freestyle Relay*** 4<sup>th</sup> (4:34.77)

Austin Howard, David Koehler, LeBraun Freeman, DeShawn Ball