

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
June 7, 2022**

VASE Gold Seal Winner - Guyer High School

Out of 32,177 artworks, one Guyer High School student's piece was chosen to receive Gold Seal Honors by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) who sponsors the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). Alex Luna received this prestigious honor as one of only 150 works selected.

VASE is the only art event of its kind in the nation. Students are provided the opportunity to bring artworks created in their art classes to their regional event where they are interviewed by a certified juror who evaluates their work based on a standard based rubric and their understanding of the art processes involved in the development of their artwork.

Gold Seal recognition represents the pinnacle of artistic success in the VASE program. The works of art have received the Superior Rating IV at each of the three jury levels. Medals are awarded to those students receiving a Superior (Rating 4) rating in each division at the regional event and medallions are awarded to those students receiving an Exemplary (Rating 4) rating at the state event. The Gold Seal medallion is the top state award presented to Distinguished works of art chosen by the state jury panel.

The Guyer High School art educators include Shaye Watson and Tiffany Fitzsimmons. Dr. Shaun Perry serves as principal of Guyer High School.

State UIL Academic Denton High, Ryan High schools

Six students representing Denton High and Ryan High schools competed this spring in UIL State Academic events placing each of them among the elite in their respective events.

Denton High's Alyssa Trasporto won first place in Spelling and Vocabulary; Declan Ayre won third place in both Copy Editing and Science. Ryan High's Madison Gordon won second place in newswriting; Izabella Grimaldo won third place in headline writing; Sifallah Bouyadjera won first place in Poetry Interpretation; Payton Stoeckert won first place in Prose Interpretation.

The purpose of the UIL Academic contests is to motivate student thorough comprehensive competition, challenge students to think critically and provide students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of essential knowledge and skills.

The Denton High sponsors include Seth Ross, Rebecka Frey and Heather Lentz. Joel Hays serves as the principal of Denton High School. Ryan High School sponsors include Sarah Schreiner, Jeannene Abney and Scott Thompson. Vernon Reeves serves as the principal of Ryan High School.

Esports (Rocket League) State Champions – Guyer High School

Esports, also known as electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. Usually involves teams or individuals competing against each other in tournaments for bragging rights, cash prizes, or other prizes. Formed from a casual hobby to an organized professional sport, today's professional gaming is now a \$1 billion industry leading players to scholarships, sponsors, and a full-time career. Esports tournaments are broadcast on major media networks including ESPN, TBS, SyFy, Telemundo, and more. Esports is even being discussed as a potential Olympic event, with demonstration events planned for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Rocket League is a fantastical sport-based video game, developed by Psyonix (soccer with cars). It features a competitive game mode based on teamwork and outmaneuvering opponents.

Players work with their team to advance the ball down the field, and score goals in their opponents' net. Rocket League is a technical game which involves both high-level dexterity and fast-paced gameplay. While one of the most welcoming elements of the game is its accessibility and familiarity with traditional sport (soccer), the best players are highly advanced and have fine-tuned their mechanics.

The esports team from Guyer High School, including Justin Peacock, Jackson Block and Colby McDaniel, won the Rocket League State Championship and advanced to National Competition. Guyer High's team ultimately finished eighth in the nation.

Guyer High's Margarete Neale is the esports team sponsor, and Dr. Shaun Perry serves as the principal of Guyer High School.