

# **RECOGNITION BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING JANUARY 20, 2015**

## **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX**

### **ATC advanced welding students win national competition**

An advanced welding class from the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex recently won a national educational contest and \$4,000 in cash and equipment, which will be used to help the program grow.

Garrett Williams, Preston Simpson, Lane Stewart, Turner Osburn and Colby Wenger – all students in the welding program at the ATC – won Victor Technologies’ “A Cut Above” contest, which received entries from more than 50 high schools, technology centers and colleges across the country, many of whom submitted multiple projects. The ATC students created a large metal “aquarium” with ornamental metal fish and painted “foliage” that can be viewed under black light.

As a result of the win, Victor Technologies will give \$4,000 worth of money and equipment to the ATC and its students, a \$500 prize for each winning-team member.

Rebecca Hendricks is the welding instructor at the ATC and sponsored the winning-team’s entry.

## **COUNSELING SERVICES**

### **Six Denton ISD campuses repeat as CREST Award recipients**

The Denton Independent School District recently had six campuses named as recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association.

CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas and the CREST award was introduced by the Texas School Counselor Association in 2005 to recognize excellence in school counseling.

This marks the fifth consecutive year at least one Denton ISD campus has received a CREST award. The honor also marks the third year in a row that Harpool Middle School and McNair Elementary have each earned recognition from the TSCA.

Each of the recipients will be honored in February at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in Galveston. This year’s honored campuses and counselors include:

**McNair** – Deanne Harrup;

**Crownover** – Jennifer Carter, Amy Matthews, Kati Willis;

**Harpool** – Sable Gonyea, Darlene Kent, Annette Price, Annette Price;

**Denton High** – Kathleen Ashton, Justin Fields, Doretha Hudspeth, Kim Keith, Chris Lydia, Jennifer Mize, Jari Peltier, Martha Puga;

Guyer – Jeanie Bragg, David Christian, Christina Dorton, Brandy Guilford, Martha Puga, Mary Rivers, Lisa Tsakonas, Andrea Wyatt;

Ryan – Erica Chupp, Angela Clouse, Rebecca Coley, Erin Coulter, Nicole Dampman, Lori Herbst, Anne Scaggs and Christine Snow.

## **COUNSELING SERVICES**

### **Career and technology counselor earns national recognition**

Jeanie Bragg, a career and technology counselor across the entire Denton Independent School District, was recently presented the 2015 Career Guidance Award by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Ms. Bragg is a former Denton ISD student and a graduate of Denton High School. She has worked for Denton ISD for more than 20 years, including the last 10 as the primary career and technology counselor at

Guyer High School. She received her award at the ACTE National Awards Banquet as part of the organization's convention in Nashville last November.

She was one of fine finalists for the national award with all nominees being evaluated on career development professionals who have made significant contributions to advocate, educate and communicate the value of Career Technology Education as a viable career option to a variety of audiences in their communities.

Ms. Bragg has established a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate career guidance program for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students in Denton ISD, developed and implemented a statewide Career Counselor Orientation Training Program, partnered with the University of North Texas to establish a Business Leadership Academy and has received more than \$30,000 in grants to support her student endeavors.

Ms. Bragg received her bachelor's in business administration and master's in education from the University of North Texas. She was awarded the ACTE National Guidance Educator of the Year award in 2009.

## **DENTON ISD**

### **TASPA honors HR director as Personnel Administrator of the Year**

Dr. Robert Stewart, Executive Director for Human Resources, was recently named the recipient of the Dr. Mary Hopkins Personnel Administrator of the Year Award by the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators.

The award is annually given to individuals in the human resources field whom TASPA officials deem to possess strong leadership ability, a high degree of personal and professional integrity and the ability to recruit high-quality members to their organization.

Dr. Stewart was one of only six finalists for the award after being named the Region IV Personnel Administrator of the Year in November.

"Dr. Stewart is the epitome of professionalism in this industry. He has been recognized for years as an innovating and progressive-thinking administrator by his colleagues and peers, so he's very deserving of this honor and recognition," said Dr. Richard Valenta, assistant superintendent for human resources for Denton ISD.

## **DENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

### **Foundation recognizes 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its inception with Board**

The Denton Public School Foundation is marking the 20th anniversary of its founding with a special recognition at Denton ISD's January Board of Trustees meeting. The Foundation was chartered on December 29, 1994.

The original signees of the charter included: Carol Ridens Atkins, Colleen Briscoe, Dr. Bettye Myers, Charles Stafford and Vicki Holt. All of the signees – except Ms. Holt – will be in attendance at the recognition with the Denton ISD Board of Trustees where a special resolution from the city of Denton will be read and past and current Foundation board members will be recognized, along with Sandra Parker and Vicki Sargent, former Foundation directors.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$2.5 million in grants to teachers, staff scholarships and more than \$600,000 in student scholarships.