DENTON ISD

Ten Denton ISD students advance to UIL State Academic Meet

Ten individual academic winners and one team from Denton ISD won in their respective events at Academic UIL Regional Meets, and earned the right to compete at the UIL Academic State Meet on May 26 through May 28 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Students from Denton High competed at the UIL Regional Meet at Texas Tech University, while the team from Guyer High competed at the UIL Regional Meet at UT-Arlington.

Points were tabulated through the top six places in various academic events, with the top three individuals and first-place teams advancing to the UIL state. The fourth-place individuals qualified as state alternates.

Denton ISD's state qualifiers included:

Denton High

Computer science: Dewy Middlemiss-Kurtz, third place; Headline Writing: Maggie-Mae Ellison, third place.

Spelling and vocabulary: Ana Mitchell , second place; Sophia Lin, third place (tie) Adinawa Adjagbodjou, third place (tie); Tony Gao, sixth place. These four students also make up the Spelling and Vocabulary Team that won first place in the team competition. All of them advanced as both individual winners or as a team.

The Denton High academic coaches with state qualifiers are: Ashley Sharp, Julie Seeley, Sandra Dieckman, Rebecka Frey and Barry Wagner.

Guyer High

Persuasive Speaking: Tiffany Wang, first place; Prose: John Fredrickson, second place; Drake Lawson, fourth place; Editorial Writing: Bianca Ramirez, second place.

The Guyer High UIL academic sponsors with state qualifiers are: Josh Hamilton, Karen Gossett and Larry Turner.