

**Denton Independent School District
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Certificates of Recognition
August 26, 2008**

GUYER HIGH

Career counselor receives state award

Jeanie Bragg, career and technology education counselor at Guyer High, has received the Guidance Educator of the Year Award by the Career and Technology Association of Texas. She received the award in Houston during the 2008 CTAT state conference.

Mrs. Bragg, who has been with Denton Independent School District since 1995, now advances to compete with top counselors from six other states for the Region Four award. Prior to joining the staff at Guyer High School, she was the career counselor at Denton High for almost 10 years.

She is a state board member for Career and Technology Association of Texas, where she also has presented at this group's conferences. She is a founder of CTAT's statewide guidance mentoring program, which she helped implement in 2007. In 2001, she received the Guidance Educator of the Year for Texas from Texas Career and Technology Guidance Assn.

Mrs. Bragg has presented at local, state and national conferences on numerous topics in career education, including the National DECA Leadership Conference and more recently, the CTAT conference.

RYAN HIGH

Raider band selected for national festival

The Ryan High band was selected to participate in the National Concert Band Festival, hosted by Bands of America, from March 19 through 21, 2009 in Indianapolis, Ind. at the BOA headquarters.

Each summer, bands from all over the country send in audition recordings to be considered for the festival. Judges and professional ensembles listen to the audition recordings during June and July and decide who meets the standard to be invited to the festival.

In June, Band Director Eddy Russell submitted the Wind Symphony's UIL recording from April, 2008 as an entry and applied to be considered for the BOA National Concert Band Festival. On Aug. 1, the band received an invitation to participate in this prestigious event. This is one of the highest honors the band program at RHS has ever received.

Congratulations to Eddy Russell, band director, and Lee Smith associate band director.