



SWISD Board Recognitions

March 17, 2026

Arely Ontiveros	Student of the Month
Sky Harbour Elementary	
<p>Arely Ontiveros is a fifth-grade bilingual student at Sky Harbour Elementary who exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, and outstanding character. A straight-A and GT student, she consistently demonstrates an exceptional commitment to learning and achievement. She also serves with distinction as Student Council Vice President and has earned first place in both the spelling bee and AAA competitions. Arely is a kind-hearted, respectful, and inspiring student whose leadership and positive example make a meaningful impact in the classroom and throughout the school community. We are fortunate to have her as a part of the Sky Harbour Elementary family.</p>	

Nolan Anderson	Student of the Month
McNair Middle School	
<p>Nolan Anderson represents the very best of our Race to the A at McNair Middle School.</p> <p>As an Honors student, Nolan maintains outstanding academic performance while balancing a demanding schedule in athletics and fine arts. He competes on both our football and basketball teams and proudly serves as a member of the UIL Varsity Boys Choir, excelling on the field, on the court, and on the stage.</p> <p>In the classroom, Nolan is focused, respectful, and driven to go deeper in his learning. He leads by example, encourages his peers, and consistently sets the tone for excellence.</p> <p>Nolan truly embodies what it means to be a Challenger, committed, disciplined, and racing toward an "A" in everything he does.</p> <p>Nolan, we are proud of you, we believe in you, and we know this is only the beginning of what you will accomplish.</p>	



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Monica Wilson	Student of the Month
SW Legacy High School	
<p>Titan Nation is proud to recognize Monica Wilson as Legacy High School's Student of the Month. Monica is currently ranked #4 in the senior class and exemplifies excellence in both academics and athletics. She is a dedicated member of the Varsity Tennis team, participates in the CTE Education and Training program, and is enrolled in dual credit courses, demonstrating her strong commitment to her education. Monica truly represents what it means to be a student-athlete. She consistently goes above and beyond in her coursework while maintaining high standards as an athlete. Known for her kindness, respect, and true team player, Monica sets a positive example for her peers and the entire Titan community.</p> <p>We are incredibly proud to announce that Monica has committed to Texas Lutheran University, where she will continue her academic and athletic journey by playing tennis at the collegiate level.</p> <p>Congratulations, Monica! We are confident you are destined for great things.</p> <p>Go Titans! Go Bulldogs!</p>	

Multiple Students	Rising Stars
Goran Boskovic Castaneda - Big Country Elementary	
Hector Fernandez - McNair Middle School	
Jordan Rodriguez - Southwest Legacy High School	
<p>Our SWISD Rising Stars have shown incredible growth, making positive changes and improving attendance. We are confident that their hard work will continue to have a positive impact on their entire Southwest ISD experience.</p>	



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Vanessa Villarreal	Athletics ▾
Southwest High School ▾	
<p>Coach Villarreal has been named the San Antonio Sports 5A Girls All-Star Game Coach for this year's prestigious matchup featuring the top 5A players in the city! This honor, presented by San Antonio Sports, recognizes her outstanding leadership and the incredible season she led for our program.</p> <p>This award comes after Coach Villarreal guided the Dragons to their first playoff appearance and Bi-District Championship in over 10 years, marking a historic milestone for SWHS Girls Basketball.</p> <p>Her impact extends far beyond the court. Under her leadership, the SWHS Girls Basketball team has earned back-to-back Beyond the Game recognitions for its commitment to serving our community. She has also fully embraced our Warrior culture as a Warrior Coach, and nearly the entire Lady Dragon Basketball team has achieved Warrior Status over the past two years.</p> <p>We are incredibly grateful that Coach Villarreal chose to lead our program two years ago and are excited for the continued success ahead – both on and off the court!</p>	

Veronica Granger	Non-District Organization ▾
Elm Creek Elementary ▾	
<p>The Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award, sponsored by the Texas School Counselor Association (TSCA), recognizes outstanding school counseling programs and serves as a tool for continuous growth and advocacy.</p> <p>Mrs. Granger received the CREST Award and was recognized at the state annual conference in Fort Worth last month for the wonderful program she delivers to her students. She goes above and beyond to deliver Guidance lessons, build character, and expose her students to colleges and careers through college visits and career fairs. She does this in two languages. She is truly a model of what a complete elementary counseling program should be.</p>	



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James Sanchez-York Arma Rocha	Non-District Organization ▾
McNair Middle School ▾	
<p>The Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award, sponsored by the Texas School Counselor Association (TSCA), recognizes outstanding school counseling programs and serves as a tool for continuous growth and advocacy.</p> <p>McNair MS's dynamic counseling duo received the CREST Award and was recognized at the state annual conference in Fort Worth last month for the great program they deliver to their students. Mr. Sanchez-York and Mrs. Rocha deliver lessons and activities in creative and exciting ways. McNair's counseling team is a great example of how teamwork and advocacy are a win-win for students, teacher,s and their families. SWISD is extremely proud that McNair is the first middle school in the district to get recognized by the Texas Counseling Association.</p>	

Teachers of the Year	Employee ▾
<p>We would like to recognize our 2025-2026 Southwest ISD Teachers of the Year tonight. Their enthusiasm for teaching, love for children, and expertise make them highly respected and admired among their peers and within this great community. We thank them for all they do, and tonight's recognition is just a small token of that appreciation.</p> <p>Campus Teachers of the Year: Big Country Elementary- Jessica Manriquez Bob Hope Elementary- Irene Mauricio Hidden Cove STEAM Academy - April Peña Indian Creek Elementary – Naida Ybarra Kriewald School of the Arts - Arelis Martinez Sky Harbour Elementary- Elva Calderon Spicewood Park Elementary – Amanda Benavides Southwest Elementary – Angelica Luna McAuliffe Middle School – Jessica Gonzales Scobee Middle School – Terri Been</p>	



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Crossroads/DAEP - Zachary Royston
Southwest High School - Kasey Haby
Southwest Legacy High School - Andrew Spainhower

District Teacher of the Year Finalists:

Medio Creek Elementary – Christine Gomez
Sun Valley Elementary – Zulma Vasquez
McNair Middle School – Karen Moncivais
Resnik Middle School – Gilbert Sanchez

Elementary District Teacher of the Year:

Elm Creek Elementary – Estefania Holmquist

Secondary District Teacher of the Year:

CAST STEM High School – Aidan Apperley