

Board Recognition

Nov. 14, 2023

Braswell Sophomore Macy Wingard Wins 6A Cross Country Championship, First State Title in School History

Macy Wingard made history on Nov. 4 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, winning the Class 6A cross country championship to secure Braswell's first state title in school history.

The Braswell sophomore finished the 5,000-meter race in 16 minutes and 57 seconds to take home the gold medal. In addition to winning the state title, Macy also won the District 5-6A championship and the 6A Region I championship.

Braswell Cross Country Coach Gary Brown and Campus Athletic Coordinator Kent Laster will be in attendance to receive this recognition. The principal of Braswell High School is DeCorian Hailey.

Community Spotlight

Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of "Stand Up for Texas Public Schools," recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public school students.

Woodlands Medical Group is a network of doctors that offers total patient care, from family medicine to physical medicine and chiropractic care. For the past two years, Woodlands Medical Group has provided free sports physicals to students at each of Denton ISD's Back-to-School Fairs.

This year alone, Woodlands Medical Group performed more than 200 sports physicals at the district's Back-to-School Fairs, ensuring students were healthy and ready to begin the school year. For the unique way they have assisted our district, students and staff, we wish to thank Woodlands Medical Group for their continued support.

Dr. Clint Camacho, Rhonda Brawner and Katharine Weis from Woodlands Medical Group will be in attendance to receive this recognition.

Board Spotlight

Strickland Middle School's Rene Hernandez received one of the most prestigious honors in the state of Texas, being named the Texas Association of School Psychologist's (TASP) Outstanding School Psychologist of the Year – Specialists/Masters Level Award.

Mr. Hernandez was chosen among dozens of candidates, garnering praise for the work he has done to provide an inclusive space for neurotypical and neurodiverse individuals through Strickland's Anime Club. Additionally, Mr. Hernandez has also raised money to give students the opportunity to purchase books at the book fair.

As one member of TASP's Executive Board described, Mr. Hernandez, "inspires his colleagues to celebrate each child's individuality, remove barriers and advocate for equity." Mr. Hernandez was honored at the 2023 TASP Convention in Frisco on Nov. 2-4.

Mr. Hernandez will be in attendance to receive this recognition. The principal of Strickland Middle School is Jeff Panter.