

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
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CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

ATC students shine at Skills USA state competition

Students from Denton Independent School District's LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex recently put on a quality showing at the annual Skills USA Texas Leadership and Skills competition at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi.

The ATC students accounted for 22 first-, second- or third-place honors, including 15 by Denton ISD students. The following ATC students were recognized by Skills USA among the best in the state:

Advertising Design: Jacob Philpott, Ryan High, Best of Show; Makayla Burton, Krum High, State Superior; Shelby Chaffin, Ryan High, State Superior; Sarah Davison, Aubrey High, State Superior; Sydney Evans, Aubrey High, State Superior; Cindy Lemon, Denton High, State Superior; Jennifer Liopy, Denton High, State Superior; Jacob Philpott, Ryan High, State Superior; Raquel Castro, Ryan High, State Excellence.

The advertising design instructor is Dena Wilson.

Cosmetology: Leigh Vest, Pilot Point High, Gold Medal – Men's Haircutting; Niki Gibbons, Ryan High, Bronze Medal – Nail Art Skills; Carlyn Anderson, Guyer High, first place – cosmetology products; Yazmin Cortez, Guyer High, first place – cosmetology products; Niki Gibbons, Ryan High, first place – cosmetology products; Oyuki Hernandez, Guyer High, first place – cosmetology products; Myrla Martin, Krum High, first place – cosmetology products; Madison O'Neill, Ryan High, first place – cosmetology products; Brandi Richards, Krum High, first place – cosmetology products; Jaclyn Sparks, Guyer High, first place – cosmetology products; Leigh Vest, Pilot Point High, first place – cosmetology products.

The cosmetology instructors are Brenda Buster and Katrina Chancellor.

Culinary Arts: Madison West, Guyer High, Silver Medal – Skills; Chris Welch, Guyer High, Bronze Medal – Technical Test.

The culinary arts instructors are Paul Niles and Robert Sayne.

Ryan, DHS students place at HOSA contest

The Denton Independent School District earned three Top 15 finishes and qualified one group for a national competition at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership Conference in Houston.

Ryan High: The parliamentary team finished as the state runner-up. The parliamentary team of Hanna Bagheri, Jessica Benevides, Eunice Esparza, Kyle Palmer, Ana Perdomo, Morgan Ray and Marcos Torres will now compete at the HOSA National Conference in Orlando, Fla. on June 23.

Jenni Marshall placed fifth in veterinary assistance.

The HOSA instructors are Helen Hayes.

Denton High: Christopher Murillo finishing 11th in Nutrition.

Ida Haghighi, the school's HOSA vice president, also was recognized by the organization and was selected as a voting delegate at the conference.

The HOSA instructors is Sheila Temple

DENTON HIGH

DHS student receives national award

Denton High student Gabriela Ceja has received a Discus Award for her all-around work in and out of the classroom.

Gabriela joined a select group of high school students to be recognized for this online-based award. The Discus Awards recognize students who excel in academics, arts, athletics, community service, faith, government, green, technology, work and other achievements.

Gabriela earned the award for her ability to balance several of the key attributes in her academic and social life. She ranks 10th in her graduating class, is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society, is a four-time all-region band member, and is the drum major of the marching band.

She also works two part-time jobs as a food server and pharmacy clerk. She has played the piano for 13 years and has performed at the Texas state piano convention the past four years.

DENTON ISD

RHS, GHS water polo teams make history at state tournament

Denton Independent School District's aquatics program made had two of its four qualifying teams make it to the semifinals of the TISCA state water polo championships in San Antonio.

Ryan High: The Ryan High School girls water polo team finished third in the state, defeating Alamo Heights 18-7. The team fell one game short of the championship, losing a tight state semifinals contest to Houston Stratford 11-9, which was the girls' only loss of the season.

The Ryan High girls team includes Sabrina Carlile, Samantha Carlile, Sarah Carlile, Sarah Dickerson, Maggie Evans, Savanna Huss, Mikaela Pynch, Kathryn Ray, Cate Starrett, Mandi Sutherland, Kiana Wacklin and Kenya Zuniga.

The Ryan High boys water polo team, which lost to Guyer in the regional third-place game, finished ninth in the state.

The Ryan High boys' team includes Cole Anthony, Zach Beckwith, Dan Dykeman, Blaine Gaston, Alex Lynch, Landon Skelton, Dawson Smith, Robert Sutherland and Morgan Sutherland.

Guyer High: The Guyer High boys water polo team also reached the state "final four" but lost its last two matches. Guyer fell 17-9 to Dallas St. Marks in the third-place game, placing them fourth in the state.

The Guyer High boys' team includes Chandler Fentress, Robin Frei, Cole Mahan, Kyle Mahan, Ryan McCullough, Matthew Martin, Dawson Pritchard, Tyler Rivers, Andrew Rutledge, Jacob Roghair, Chase Pritchard and Ryan Samsky.

The Guyer High girls finished 13th in the state.

The Guyer High girls' team includes Selina Alvarado, Sam Bates, Christina Coon, Reagan Fentress, Kathleen Gorman, Aletha Gray, Erin Hopkins, Sabrina Lyon, Mollie Ramsey, Martina Severn, Jodie Stautner and Allie Tester.

DENTON HIGH

DHS senior qualifies for state tennis tournament

Denton High School standout Hee Won Kim has clinched a spot in the Class 4A UIL state tennis championships to be played May 10-11.

Kim, the Region I champion, will open the tournament at 9 a.m. Monday at the Lakeway World Tennis Center in Austin. Kim will face Austin Mayo of Lake Travis High.

The Denton senior qualified for the state tournament by winning all four of his matches at the regional tournament. Kim upset Charlie Allred, the top-seeded player out of of Wichita Falls High, in the championship match 6-1, 6-3.