

**Board Recognition**  
**July 29, 2025**

**Denton High School BBQ Team Competes at National High School BBQ Championship**

A team of Denton High School students earned an invitation to the 2024 National High School BBQ Championship after a successful spring competition season and strong performance at the state level.

The team competed in the State High School BBQ Championship in May, going head-to-head with more than 120 teams from across Texas in categories such as ribs, ribeye, grilled cheese, chicken lollipops, chili, and optional brisket. Denton High School's combined team score earned them a spot at the National High School BBQ Championship that was held in June in Kansas City, Missouri.

Team members include Athena Arriaga, Hayden Crump, Jillian Everett, Charlie Frey, John David Moffitt, and Zaine Smith.

The program is entirely self-funded through catering-based fundraisers and supported by a dedicated group of volunteers.

*The team is sponsored by Denton High School teacher Brian Redding. Parent volunteers Mark Moffitt, Angie Moffitt, and Rebecka Frey also played key roles in supporting the students' success. The principal of Denton High School is Joel Hays.*