



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**3. Awards/Achievements/Recognitions**

**Date: May 27, 2010**

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**FUNCTION: Media Services**

**DISTRICT KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

- Educational Excellence
- Excellence in Student, Parent and Community Relations; 2.1
- Employee Excellence and Organizational Improvement

**FISCAL NOTE: N/A**

**Background Information:** *Attached are outstanding achievements by:*

- Community of Character Student of the Month
- Congressional Art Competition Winners
- One-Act Play State Achievement
- Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer
- Keller ISD State Qualifying Gymnasts
- Leadership Development Academy
- UIL Academic State Achievements
- April Heart at Work Winner
- Keller-Hudson Grant Recipients

**Administrative Considerations:**

- None

**Communication Deployment:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **April Community of Character Student of the Month**

Heidi Eggebrecht, an 11th grade student at Central High School, has been named the Keller ISD Community of Character Student of the Month for April. The character trait for April was Perseverance.

## **Congressional Art Competition Winners**

Kay Granger, U.S. Representative for Congressional District 12, recently announced the winners of the 2010 “An Artistic Discovery” 2010 Congressional Art Competition and three KISD students

Fossil Ridge High School student Hanna Schroy won the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Grand Prize for her work on an exceptional charcoal drawing titled “Sightings”. Sarah’s artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. through June 2011. She and two guests will be flown to Washington for the national exhibition opening reception on June 17, 2010 and Hanna will also receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond.

Central High student Minh Bui won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with his work “Mechanical Arm”. He’ll receive a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond and his artwork will be displayed in Congresswoman Granger’s Washington D.C. office for a year.

Fossil Ridge student Vu Pham was also recognized in the competition as Honorable Mention for his mixed media piece titled “Falling Chairs.”

## **One-Act Play State Achievement**

Keller High School’s One-Act Play, The Life and Death of Richard III, won the UIL Class 5A State Competition in Austin on Saturday, May 8. Central High’s performance of Glory Days also advanced to the state competition, marking just the second time in the 84-year history of the competition that two schools from the same district have advanced to State. In addition to being named State Champions, Keller actors collected five of the 19 individual awards including Bret Finholt – as the titular Richard, Duke of Gloucester – earning the Samuel French Award, given to the student deemed the Most Outstanding Performer of the entire competition.

### **Keller High Cast and Crew:**

**Bret Finholt** (Best Actor), **Aaron Latterell** (All-Star Cast), **Kyle Booth**, **Duke Thomas**, **Victor Holguin**, **Savannah Booth**, **Andy Polanco**, **Nicole Degenaar** (All-Star Cast), **Nathan Burke**, **Katie Folger** (Honorable Mention All Star-Cast), **Andrew Gallop**, **Jared Meek**, **McKenna Booth**, **Emily Burke**, **Hannah Garrison**

Technical Crew: **Alec Danz**, **Matt McCallum**, **Melissa McCallum**, **Corinne Morrison**, **Brooke Nelson**

Understudies: **Molly Franco**, **Garrett Morgan**, **Taylor Whitfield**

Directors: **Helen Lewis**, **P. Shawn McCrea**, and **Sara Zinck**

### **Central High Company:**

Travis Threlkeld, Carson Cockrell, Ben Williams, Katelyn Johnson, Kyle Eudy, Jamie Gaines, Michaela Heidemann, Neal Jordan, Kat Cordes, Garret Gabriel, Ashley Kimbrough, Sarah De Vito, Josh Yarbrough, Kelsey Busboom, Dillon Hess, Morgan Burkey, Ellie Knutson, Tanner Lindberg, Jenni Sibley, Cooper Simon, Vivian Glazier, Joey Gregory, Carlie Threlkeld,

Central High theatre teachers Kim Blann, Bobby Malone, and Ann Accas directed the production.

### **Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer**

The Southwest Athletic Trainers Association has selected Keller ISD Assistant Director of Athletics Becky Spurlock to receive a Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. Ms. Spurlock is part of the inaugural class of honorees for this award. The SWATA established the honor to recognize athletic trainers who have made a significant contribution to their profession through work, service and professionalism throughout their careers. Ms. Spurlock will be recognized at the SWATA Honors and Awards Banquet this summer in Arlington.

### **KISD State Qualifying Gymnasts**

The Keller High School Girls Gymnastics once again qualified for and had great success at the State Championship meet, held this year on April 14-17 in Alvin, TX. The team came in 7th place in the entire State of Texas.

There were also over 100 gymnasts from across the state competing for individual awards. KHS athletes competing were:

- Tiffany Martinez**- who achieved 4th place in All Around, 3rd in vault, 3rd in floor, and 10th in bars
- Chelsee Abbey** - who placed 7th in vault and qualified on floor and vault for the National HS Meet in Fort Myers, Florida for HS Seniors Only
- Jordan Hartzler** - who qualified on beam for the National HS Meet in Saginaw, Texas for HS Seniors only
- Megan Marcom**
- Ashley Fithian**
- Bridgette Farris**
- Stephanie Fotey**
- Savannah Nichols**
- Christine Farnum**

Fossil Ridge's **Andrea Cedillo** (all-around) and Central's **Jordan Kohoff** also qualified and competed at the State Championships.

### **Leadership Development Academy**

The Leadership Development Academy is a district-designed program for teacher leaders and aspiring administrators within Keller ISD. The LDA program develops a deeper commitment to the

mission, vision and values of KISD, fosters leadership skills, and builds leadership capacity for the future. This year, 20 employees completed the program:

**Marti Chavez**  
**Mara Coker**  
**Ashlee Ely**  
**Heather Freeman**  
**Audra Garner**  
**Ginger Goodman**  
**Margie Hastings**

**Tammy Hayes**  
**Kelly Leach**  
**Sarah Linder**  
**Melinda Martin**  
**Kay Meseck**  
**Valerie Murawka**  
**Roby Nunn**

**Anthony Patrick**  
**Ambre Puff**  
**Charlie Rodriguez**  
**Brad Tyler**  
**Lilia Vasquez**  
**Andrea Wise**

## **UIL State Academic Achievement**

Both Keller High School and Central High School UIL Academic Teams competed at State Competition on May 6 through 8 at the University of Texas in Austin and return home with well-deserved awards.

For Keller High School:

### Literary Criticism

**Christine Farrell** placed 6th individually

The team of Christine, **Alicia Seagraves**, **Wes Corwin**, and **Camila Pacheco-Fores** placed 3rd

They are coached by **Stacy Short**

### Spelling and Vocabulary

**Rachel Gartman** placed 3rd individually

**Evan Snow** placed 7th individually.

The team of Rachel, Evan, **Nicole Sliwa**, and **Katrina Williamson** placed 3rd

They are coached by **Shawna Lynch**

### Accounting

**Madelyn Fagerman** placed 6th individually.

**Sammie Roberts** placed 7th individually.

The team of Madelyn, Sammie, **Nathan McClain**, and **Alcee Embry** placed 3rd

They are coached by **Melanie Rodges**

Also competing at state competition were **Kelly Fagerman** in News Writing and **David Cook** in Calculator Applications and Mathematics.

Kelly was coached by **Kathryn Gurganus** and David was coached by **Cindy Harris**.

For Central High School:

### Poetry Interpretation

**Garret Gabriel** and **Ryan Ellerman** both competed individually

Both were coached by **Ann Accas**

## **April Heart at Work Winner**

Kim Anderson, Assistant Principal at Parkwood Hill Intermediate School, was selected as April's Heart at Work winner. Kim was nominated by Leadership Development Academy participants Ambre Puff, Melinda Martin and Laila Patrick who said they appreciated Kim for taking the time to share with them about the role of an AP at Parkwood Hill found the information she shared very helpful.

### **Keller-Hudson Grant Recipients**

This spring, Keller ISD partnered with the M.R. and Evelyn Hudson Foundation to create the first-ever Keller-Hudson Innovation Grants program. With the ability to provide grant funds anywhere from \$5,000 to \$25,000, the application process was opened up to all Keller ISD employees who were asked to submit their innovative dreams for the district. The result was 232 applications which were then read by a committee of external reviewers and voted on by all employees to select the inaugural recipients.