



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4. Awards/Achievements/Recognitions

Date: August 26, 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: None

Background Information: *Attached are outstanding achievements by:*

- 2010 Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year and State Finalist
- National Council for NetSmartz Workshop Service Recognition
- VLK Architects Plaque Presentation - TASA/TASB Architectural Award

Administrative Considerations:

- None

Communication Deployment:

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Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Johnson
Director of Communications

2010 Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year and State Finalist

Keller ISD's Donalyn Miller, a language arts teacher at Trinity Meadows Intermediate School, was named as the 2010 Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made during an Education Service Center Region XI banquet on August 10. Forty-nine teachers, representing 26 school districts in Region XI participated in this year's competition. The Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by the Texas Education Agency, allows districts to submit one elementary and one secondary candidate to compete at the regional and state levels.

Ms. Miller has moved on to compete at the state level for the Texas Teacher of the Year award where she was recently named one of six state finalists (three elementary teachers and three secondary teachers). She will travel to Austin for an interview with the selection committees on September 11, 2010 and the elementary and secondary state winners will be announced at a state ceremony October 22, 2010.

Ms. Miller received her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of North Texas in Denton. She is currently working on her master's degree in reading from UNT. She recently published *The Book Whisperer*, a book describing her beliefs about teaching reading and classroom practices that she employs to increase student reading achievement and motivation.

National Council for NetSmartz Workshop Service Recognition

KISD Instructional Technology Facilitator Vicki Hart has served on the The National Council for NetSmartz Workshop (NCNW) for three years. NCNW is an advisory panel of dedicated adults, educators and teens that play a key role in promoting safer practices on- and offline. Members of the NCNW support NetSmartz in creating focused and effective educational programming for audiences worldwide.

NetSmartz Workshop is a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® (NCMEC), developed to help teach children ages 5-17 how to be safer on- and offline. NetSmartz Workshop provides animations and age-appropriate, interactive activities that use the latest 3-D and Web technologies to entertain while they educate.

VLK Architects Plaque Presentation - TASA/TASB Architectural Award

VLK Architects announced that Timber Creek High School has been recognized by the Texas Association of School Administrators and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) with Design, Educational Appropriateness, Innovation and Sustainability architectural awards. Congratulations to the entire team for all their efforts, creativity and vision. Recognition in all these categories validates the vision that Keller ISD had for Timber Creek High School.

Leesa Vardeman, Principal-in-Charge, **VLK Architects**

Chad Davis, Project Designer, **VLK Architects**

James Hinton, Designer, **VLK Architects**

Justin Hiles, Project Architect, **VLK Architects**

Lauren Brown, Project Coordinator, **VLK Architects**

Ryan Squyres, Architectural Intern, **VLK Architects**

Rola Fadel, Project Construction Administrator, **VLK Architects**

Tom Rutledge, Civil Engineer, **Teague, Nall and Perkins**
Mike Wilson, Civil Engineer, **Teague, Nall and Perkins**
Nick Nelson, Landscape Architect, **Teague, Nall and Perkins**
Brad Isbell, Structural Engineer, **Clough, Harbor and Associates**
Lance Brooks, Foodservice Consultant, **H. G. Rice and Company**
Don Penn, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineers, **Image Engineering Group**
Rene Garza/John Kimpton, Theatrical, Acoustical and Audio/Visual Consultants, **Wrightson,
Johnson, Haddon and Williams**

Darrell Benton, Executive Vice President, **Steele and Freeman**
Brad Ramsey, Project Manager, **Steele and Freeman**
Larry Gregg, Project Superintendent, **Steele and Freeman**
Joerdan Kennedy, Project Engineer, **Steele and Freeman**