



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**3. Awards/Achievements/Recognitions                      Date: February 24, 2011**

**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:*

- TMEA All-State Musician Achievement – Central, Fossil Ridge, Keller and Timber Creek HS
- American Diabetes Association of North Texas – Keller ISD Nurses Recognition
- 2010 NCEA Higher Performing Schools List for Texas – Bluebonnet Elementary

**Administrative Considerations:**

- None

**Communication Deployment:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Communications

## **TMEA All-State Musician Achievement – Central, Fossil Ridge, Keller and Timber Creek HS**

Eighteen Keller ISD students were selected to be a part of the All-State performances held during the annual TMEA Clinic/Convention, February 9-12, in San Antonio, TX. Only one-half of one percent of students who begin the audition process in September actually earns a place in the All-State group, facing four rounds of competition in order to reach the state level.

TMEA is an organization of over 10,000 school music educators dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. TMEA comprises five divisions: Band, Orchestra, Vocal, Elementary and College. TMEA leaders carefully monitor the actions of all state decision-making bodies on issues affecting fine arts instruction.

Congratulations to the following TMEA All-State Musicians:

### **Central High School Band:**

David Dunn  
David Smith

The CHS Band is under the direction of Kevin McNulty.

### **Fossil Ridge High School Choir:**

Ronald Harris

The FRHS Choir is under the direction of Josh Powell.

### **Fossil Ridge High School Band:**

Melissa Byars

The FRHS Band is under the direction of Mike Sisco.

### **Keller High School Choir:**

Brittany Deisher  
Kelsey Harper  
Megan Kolster  
Stephanie Peterson  
Taylor Coleman  
Heather Poole  
Trey Robbins  
Zach Steele

The KHS Choir is under the direction of Chi Chi King.

### **Keller High School Band:**

Ellen Wimmer  
Devin Garza  
Jayson Niner

The KHS Band is under the direction of Mark McGahey.

### **Timber Creek High School Choir:**

Aubry Kistler

The TCHS Choir is under the direction of Amy Fambrough.

### **Timber Creek High School Band:**

Emily Walters  
Jonathan Morales

The TCHS Choir is under the direction of Sonny Martinez.

These are the FIRST Timber Creek High School choir and band students to qualify as TMEA All-State Musicians.

## **American Diabetes Association of North Texas – Keller ISD Nurses Recognition**

Keller ISD's School Walk for Diabetes is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year. It was created by two Keller High School nurses - Debbie Gregor and Kathy Poulson. They were inspired to start the walk so their diabetic students could get involved in giving back to the community by taking ownership of their disease, educating others, and raising money for a cure. Its success has grown each year and most recently has led to Keller ISD receiving the 2010 Outstanding School District Event Award by the American Diabetes Association of North Texas.

Not only that, but last year, 29 KISD school nurses helped promote the School Walk for Diabetes on their campuses, raising close to \$22,000. Because of their efforts, Keller ISD was also recognized by the American Diabetes Association of North Texas for being one of the top fundraising school districts in the nation, coming in at No. 8.

Congratulations to this outstanding group of KISD nurses for getting involved and promoting the Diabetes Walk on their campuses each year. This year's School Walk for Diabetes will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 9-11 a.m. at the Keller ISD Athletic Complex.

Jenni McIntosh – Basswood ES  
Sharon Painter – Bluebonnet ES  
Rebecca Bailey – Caprock ES  
Tami Finley – Eagle Ridge ES  
Marchelle Taylor – Florence ES  
Debbie Hooker – Freedom ES  
Denise Juarez – Heritage ES  
Jennie Anderson – Hidden Lakes ES

Karen Fant – Independence ES  
Stephani Estes – Keller-Harvel ES  
Dena Weeks – Lone Star ES  
Jessica Kindiger – North Riverside ES  
Tina Sieck – Park Glen ES  
Roxann Montgomery – Shady Grove ES  
Melinda Baker – Willis Lane ES

Brittany Duniven – Bear Creek IS  
Karrie Avila – Parkwood Hill IS  
Candace Harriman – South Keller IS  
Loriann Simpson – Trinity Meadows IS

Beth Mehl – Fossil Hill MS  
Mary Budai – Indian Springs MS  
Susan Smith – Keller MS  
Brenda Selzer – Trinity Springs MS

Michelle Hughes and Julie Holdrige – Central HS  
Debbie Pentecost and Debbie Young – Fossil Ridge HS  
Ashlee Nave – Timber Creek HS

Kathy Orwig – Traveling Nurse

## **2010 NCEA Higher Performing Schools List for Texas – Bluebonnet Elementary**

Bluebonnet Elementary School has been named to the 2010 National Center for Educational Achievement's (NCEA) Higher Performing Schools List for Texas.

The Higher Performing Schools List identifies those Texas schools that have shown tremendous commitment and effort in bringing more students to college and career readiness than expected. The schools identified on this year's list are based on one of two measures: consistent improvement in student achievement from previous years and/or absolute student achievement using the school's Commended Performance results on the spring 2010 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.

Bluebonnet Elementary School received this honor for Writing.

The NCEA's mission is to help K-12 students reach college and career readiness through rigorous academic preparation. The NCEA carries out data analysis, research, advocacy, and program development that promote high academic standards.