



3.Awards/Achievements/Recognitions

Date: May 26, 2011

SUBJECT: DISTRICT STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

FUNCTION: Media Services

DISTRICT KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Educational Excellence; 2.1

Excellence in Student, Parent and Community Relations; 2.1

Employee Excellence and Organizational Improvement; 2.1

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information: *Attached are outstanding achievements by:*

- UIL One-Act Play State Achievement
- UIL Academics State Achievement
- Outstanding Campus PR Reps of the Year
- May Heart At Work Winner
- Keller-Hudson Innovation Grant Recipients

Administrative Considerations:

- None

Communication Deployment:

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Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Johnson
Director of Communications

UIL One-Act Play State Achievement

Fossil Ridge High School recently competed as a finalist in the UIL State One-Act Play Contest. The group was one of eight Conference 5A schools winning four levels to advance to the State Contest. This was Fossil Ridge's third appearance at the State Contest in the history of the school, placing 3rd in 2006 and 2nd in 2008. In addition, this was Keller ISD's fourth consecutive year to have a school at the State One-Act Play Contest, with an unprecedented five appearances by three different Keller ISD schools.

Members of the Fossil Ridge High School One-Act Play Company include:

Creytn Crosby
Dylan Born
Daniel Brown
Joseph Cabral
Peyton Cimino
Emily George
Tyler Hall
Nick Lisenbee

Kimberly Merry
Leslie Morris
Paige Powell
London Powers
Gabrielle Rodriguez
Meagan Sanders
Jessica Sapp
Brian West

FRHS theatre directors are Vonya Eudy and Deborah Garoui.

UIL Academics State Achievement

Students from the Keller High School UIL Academics Team recently competed at the State Competition in Feature Writing, Mathematics, Calculator Applications, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Extemporaneous Speaking. The KHS Academic Team was the District 7-5A champions and placed 2nd overall in the Region I Contest in Lubbock. These students qualified for the State Academic Competition by placing first, second, or third at the Regional Contest.

Members of the Keller High UIL Academics Team include:

Christina Rossa
David Cook
Amy Kuprasertkul
Barrett Rowston
Katie Stasaski

UIL Academics is coached by Melanie Rodges, Kathryn Gurganus, Melanie Nelson, and Rhianna Anglin.

Outstanding Campus PR Reps of the Year

Rick Westfall - Keller High School Principal, and Eric Persyn - Central High School Assistant Principal, are being awarded as the 2010-11 Outstanding Campus PR Reps of the Year for their continued service and dedication to the PR Rep program. In addition to their daily responsibilities, both Rick and Eric have gone above and beyond, not only this year, but for the past three years, sending in numerous submissions to help support their school and promote the many great things going on at their campuses. The Communications Department held a contest this spring to see which Campus PR Rep could send in the most submissions in which Rick and Eric won hands down. The two combined have sent in an impressive 90 submissions to date for the 2010-11 school year!

May Heart At Work Winner

Katie Huff, a 2nd grade teacher at Parkview Elementary School, was selected as the Heart at Work winner for May. Katie was nominated by Jennifer Plocek, a Parkview Intervention Specialist teacher. Jennifer expressed her gratitude toward Katie by stating, *“During the UIL/DI breakfast, Katie noticed I was closing in on my breaking point and jumped in to help hand out the ribbons.”*

Keller-Hudson Innovation Grant Recipients

This spring, Keller ISD once again partnered with the M.R. and Evelyn Hudson Foundation for the second annual Keller-Hudson Innovation Grants program. With the ability to provide grant funds up to \$25,000, the application process was open to all Keller ISD employees who were asked to submit their innovative dreams for the district. This year’s applications had the opportunity to be reviewed by all employees who then voted on their favorite projects. A panel of educators across the country also weighed in with input to select the final five recipients of this year’s awards.

Jody Keith – Central High School

Digital Learning at Central: Bringing Teaching and Learning into the Digital Age

Lucy Kubo – Keller High School

Young Adult Keller Book Festival

Quentin Donnellan – Fossil Ridge High School

Keller Science Council – Nationally Recognized Speakers, Science Competitions, Events

Cyndy Griggs – Hidden Lakes Elementary School

Complete our Incomplete – Outdoor Creative Learning Center

Veronica Price – Whitley Road Elementary School

Fine Arts Curriculum Backpacks – Connecting the Arts to our Core Curriculum