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Communities in Schools North Texas Awards Student and Educator from NHS

"I'm so excited," says Northwest High School senior and recipient of Communities in Schools North Texas (CISNT) Student of the Year award Jamie Patterson. "I've never won anything in my life."

Jamie Patterson has been involved with Communities in Schools (CIS) for 11 years. She contributes time to the organization and strives to make an impact through her volunteerism at school. During the holiday season, Patterson was instrumental in receiving donations and organizing food baskets for those in need. In addition, she assists the CIS program at NISD's Seven Hills Elementary School in Newark.

Northwest High School CISNT Program Manager Holly Steward writes in her recommendation:

Patterson is described as a leader among her peers academically and is constantly helping others with her school work. She has recently helped two other students get a job where she works at Subway. She is always encouraging her family to do well in school and pass their classes.

This fall, Jamie plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in criminal justice. She attributes the influence of CIS and important educators in her life that have made this achievement possible. "CIS helps people find a place," Patterson says. "It gave me a sense of belonging."

CISNT has also named Northwest High School lead counselor Jamie Farber as the CIS Educator of the Year. Farber has received this honor based on her dedication to the CIS mission of ensuring all students graduate and have an opportunity to seek post-secondary education. In her role as counselor, Farber shows a commitment to involving parents and the community as well as establishing high expectations for students and teachers.

"I am truly honored and thrilled to be recognized as the Educator of the Year for CISNT," says Farber. "The mission of Communities in Schools mirrors my heart and provides an avenue to work more closely with our community to serve our students and further meet their needs."

Farber has served in education for 17 years and has played an instrumental part in supporting the CIS program for the past four years.

Both Patterson and Farber will be recognized at the CISNT Texas Star Gala on May 18. CISNT will present five awards at the gala. "Having two honorees from Northwest High School is truly special and a strong reflection for the campus," said CISNT's Steward. Never before have two recipients been from the same school.

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