



Press Release

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NISD Names Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, Honors 46 Employees at the Annual Inspire Celebration

Approximately 600 people watched as Northwest ISD recognized retirees, 25-year and 30-year service award recipients, Exemplar Educators from each campus, and its Employees and Teachers of the Year at the district's annual Inspire Celebration last night. The Inspire recognition program was designed to recognize and celebrate dedicated educators and support staff for the important contributions they make to the students and community of NISD.

Tracey Kiplinger from Samuel Beck Elementary School was named *Elementary Teacher of the Year* and Frank "Skip" Carter from Medlin Middle School was named *Secondary Teacher of the Year*.

NISD Exemplar Educators were selected from all 26 campuses based on their leadership, motivation and effectiveness in the classroom.

Northwest ISD's 2014 Exemplar Educators:

- *Tracey Kiplinger, Beck Elementary
- *Christine Savage, Cox Elementary
- Deborah E. Caillet, Granger Elementary
- Sarah Waterman, Haslet Elementary
- Naoko Harada, Hatfield Elementary
- Jessica Alvis, Hughes Elementary
- *Kelly Barrett, Justin Elementary
- Jessica Hovland, Lakeview Elementary
- *Lisa Wills Degnan, Love Elementary
- Laraine Cochran, Nance Elementary
- Robert Seerwetz, Peterson Elementary
- Sarah Thomasson, Prairie View Elementary
- Chelsie Rich, Roanoke Elementary
- Emily Bond, Schluter Elementary
- Jim Mahler, Sendera Ranch Elementary
- Mari Heffington, Seven Hills Elementary
- Rebecca Maddox, Thompson Elementary
- *Misty Taylor, Chisholm Trail Middle School
- *Frank "Skip" Carter, Medlin Middle School
- Jamie Shirley, Pike Middle School
- Tom Horn, Tidwell Middle School
- Jennifer Beedlow, Wilson Middle School
- Rick Ford, Denton Creek
- Christy Edgar, Byron Nelson High School
- Lynn Rottman, Northwest High School
- Megan Tompkins, Steele Accelerated High School

*Designates Teacher of the Year Finalist

Northwest ISD also recognized its three Employees of the Year, who were nominated by their co-workers and selected by a committee.

Northwest ISD's 2014 Employees of the Year:

Amy Smith, Instructional Support Employee of the Year, Cox Elementary
Debora Tuggle, Administrative Support Employee of the Year, Sendera Ranch Elementary
James Monroe, Support Services Employee of the Year, Maintenance Department

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees and administration also recognized 12 retirees.

Northwest ISD 2014 Retirees:

Cindy Brown, Ed.D., Administration
Patricia Chisholm, Sendera Ranch Elementary
Cathy Faris, Administration
Nancy Knox, Special Education
Gwen McCormick, Tidwell Middle School
Lois McKee, Roanoke Elementary
Larry D. Morris, Northwest High School
Diane Paige, Granger Elementary
Linda Ruhs, Granger Elementary
Teresa Smith, Administration
Alice Vickers, Northwest High School
Mary Whittenberg, Northwest High School

Northwest ISD desires to recruit and retain highly motivated staff. At the Inspire Celebration, the district honored its 25-year and 30-year service award recipients – individuals who have experienced the successes and fast growth in Northwest ISD over the years.

Northwest ISD 25-Year Service Award Recipients:

Cindy Brown, Ed.D., Administration
Trudi Davis, Hughes Elementary
Thelma Graves, Administration
Nancy Knox, Hatfield Elementary
Cindy Nelson, Roanoke Elementary
Teresa Smith, Administration

Northwest ISD 30-Year Service Award Recipient:

Kim Mauk, Lakeview Elementary
Cathy Thomas, Justin Elementary

Media Note: Please contact Emily Conklin at conklin@nisdtx.org for specific requests of photos.

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PHOTO CAPTION [TraceyKTOY]: Pictured left to right at the NISD Inspire Celebration: NISD School Board President Josh Wright, Northwest ISD Education Foundation President Carol Jones, 2014 Elementary Teacher of the Year Tracey Kiplinger, Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and 2013 Elementary Teacher of the Year Jairia Diggs.

PHOTO CAPTION [SkipCTOY]: Pictured left to right at the NISD Inspire Celebration: NISD School Board President Josh Wright, NISD Education Foundation President Carol Jones, 2014 Secondary Teacher of the Year Frank "Skip" Carter, Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and 2013 Secondary Teacher of the Year Charles Cooper.