



Press Release

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NISD Names Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, Honors 52 Employees at the Fifth 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 fifth annual Inspire Celebration on May 1. 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.

Maggie Walsh from Samuel Beck Elementary School was named *Elementary Teacher of the Year* and Joanna Kysar from Chisholm Trail 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 2015 Exemplar Educators:

- *Maggie Walsh, Beck Elementary
- Stacie Breckley, Cox Elementary
- Erin O'Shea-Johnson, Granger Elementary
- Donna Busby, Haslet Elementary
- Angie Hunter, Hatfield Elementary
- Missy Taylor, Hughes Elementary
- Kelly Wilson, Justin Elementary
- Kimberly Slack, Lakeview Elementary
- Monique Lawson, Love Elementary
- Lauren Armstrong, Nance Elementary
- Melinda Grantham, Peterson Elementary
- Kimberly Morgan, Prairie View Elementary
- Jennifer Tepper, Roanoke Elementary
- *Sheri Dattola, Schluter Elementary
- *Hayley Sample, Sendera Ranch Elementary
- Megan Hickerson, Seven Hills Elementary
- *Marcie Conrad, Thompson Elementary
- *Joanna Kysar, Chisholm Trail Middle School
- Alicia Appel, Medlin Middle School
- *Jack Forbis, Pike Middle School
- Alycia DeBok, Tidwell Middle School
- Laynie Johnson, Wilson Middle School
- Sherry Embry, Denton Creek
- Tammy McClure, Byron Nelson High School
- Jamie Weatherall, Northwest High School
- Rachelle Cooper, 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 2015 Employees of the Year:

Linda Dunn, Instructional Support Employee of the Year, Byron Nelson High School
Kimberly Prax, Administrative Support Employee of the Year, Thompson Elementary
Josh Embry, Support Services Employee of the Year, Maintenance Department

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees and administration also recognized 18 retirees.

Northwest ISD 2015 Retirees:

Marcia Baggs, Byron Nelson High School
Beckie Briggs, Hughes Elementary School
Deborah Bullard, Hughes Elementary
Donna Chevallier, Lakeview Elementary
Kyle Copp, Administrative Services
Karen K. Ellsworth, Hatfield Elementary
Janis Forehand, Northwest High School
Carroll French, Granger Elementary
Abby Funkhouser, Hughes Elementary
Rhonda Tullis Holmes, Prairie View Elementary
Margie Hunt, Northwest High School
Brad Kephart, Medlin Middle School
Darlene Jones, Seven Hills Elementary
Kim Mauk, Lakeview Elementary
Anna McCabe, Hughes Elementary
Donna Mills, Lakeview Elementary
Tony Neely, Curriculum and Instruction
Carol Phillips, Justin Elementary
Cathy Sager, Hatfield Elementary

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:

Marie Nassiff, Prairie View Elementary
Kelly Peterson, Technology

Northwest ISD 30-Year Service Award Recipient:

Donna Coleman, Justin Elementary
Brad Kephart, Medlin Middle School
Gail Vopelak, Lakeview Elementary

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