



## Press Release

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### **NISD Names Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, Honors 47 Employees at the Sixth 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 sixth annual Inspire Celebration on April 21. 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.

Monica Maynor from Roanoke Elementary School was named *Elementary Teacher of the Year* and Brittany Harper from Byron Nelson High School was named *Secondary Teacher of the Year*. Maynor and Harper will go on to compete in the Region XI Teacher of the Year competition where a finalist will be chosen to advance to the state contest.

NISD Exemplar Educators were selected from all 27 campuses based on their leadership, motivation and effectiveness in the classroom.

#### **Northwest ISD's 2016 Exemplar Educators:**

Claire Baker, Beck Elementary  
Victoria Fields, Cox Elementary  
Susan Jacobs, Granger Elementary  
Lauri Ward, Haslet Elementary  
Rhonda McElhaney, Hatfield Elementary  
Patricia Hunter, Hughes Elementary  
\*Brandi Wheeler, Justin Elementary  
Beverly Huddleston, Lakeview Elementary  
Kimberly Stine, Love Elementary  
Heather Downing, Nance Elementary  
\*Sandy Bishoff, Peterson Elementary  
Sara Hayes, Prairie View Elementary  
\*Monica Maynor, Roanoke Elementary  
Kelly Walterscheid, Schluter Elementary  
\*Amy Swearingen, Sendera Ranch Elementary  
Melissa Quisenberry, Seven Hills Elementary  
Heather Martin, Thompson Elementary  
Rachelle Enax, Chisholm Trail Middle School  
Melissa Cordero, Medlin Middle School  
\*Lisa Morton, Pike Middle School  
Michelle Jennings, Tidwell Middle School  
Liz Ruelas, Wilson Middle School  
Sharon Dahse, Denton Creek  
\*Brittany Harper, Byron Nelson High School  
Misty Taylor, Eaton High School  
Shannon Bessette, Northwest High School  
Elizabeth C. Haines, 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 2016 Employees of the Year:**

Pat Bishop, Instructional Support Employee of the Year, Steele Accelerated High School  
Beverly Fowler, Administrative Support Employee of the Year, Sendera Ranch Elementary  
Randy Bray, Support Services Employee of the Year, Maintenance Department

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

**Northwest ISD 2016 Retirees:**

Glynda B. Arnold, Hughes Elementary School  
Glenda Beam, Administration  
Anita Chaney, Nance Elementary School  
Kimmie Etheredge, Granger Elementary School  
Pam Foster, Hughes Elementary School  
Mary Kay Hammer, Hughes Elementary School  
Julie Hammon, Northwest High School  
Lorraine Johnson, Medlin Middle School  
Ann Klinger, Cox Elementary School  
Nancy Koberlein, Prairie View Elementary School  
Dennis McCreary, Administration  
Mary Jane McLeod, Schluter Elementary School  
Jerhea Nail, Administration  
Belinda Reasoner, Schluter Elementary School  
Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., Administration  
Patricia Smith, Prairie View Elementary School  
Gail Vopelak, Lakeview Elementary 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:**

Jerhea Nail, Administration  
Colleen Reynolds, Justin Elementary School

**Northwest ISD 30-Year Service Award Recipient:**

Patricia Smith, Prairie View Elementary School

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