



School Notes

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Northwest ISD School Notes, March 1-April 13

Business academy qualifies 15 students to international DECA career competition

Northwest ISD's Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship, housed in Eaton High School, has qualified 15 students to participate in the International Career Development Conference, where they will compete against top students from across the world in categories to advance their professional skills.

The international conference serves as the culmination of the DECA association's competitions, which are designed to prepare future leaders and entrepreneurs for professional careers – particularly in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Northwest ISD students qualified for the international conference in a range of categories by placing first or second in their disciplines at the State Career Development Conference, and several students were selected to prestigious positions for their accomplishments.

As a result of their qualifications, the students will compete at the International Career Development Conference from April 26 to 29 in Anaheim, California.

The Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship's international qualifiers, listed alphabetically, include: Riley Adams, Alicia Alcorn, Chris Arrasmith, Kinsey Girod, Zachary Hill, Benjamin Hunt, Landry Lashombe, Aaron Martinez, Brenna Matthews, Lillie McMaster, Renee Moran, Cherinn Norman, Jacob Norwood, Madelyne Onstott and Shayla Phar.

The accomplishments mark the first time in district history that Northwest ISD students have qualified for the International Career Development Conference. Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship DECA members are led by Cathy Slagle, DECA advisor and academy instructor. They are also instructed by Antonio Banos and Estie Cuellar.

PHOTO INCLUDED [BME ICDC Qualifiers]: Members of Northwest ISD's Academy of Business & Entrepreneurship DECA team pose for a photo after qualifying for the International Career Development Conference. The students will compete in the conference from April 26 to 29 in Anaheim, California.

Five Northwest ISD wrestlers earn state medals, including a UIL championship

Five Northwest ISD student-athletes walked away with medals from the UIL Wrestling State Tournament, including one wrestler who won a state championship.

From Eaton High School, two wrestlers earned bronze medals: Kylie Delgado in the 102-pound girls classification, and Mattison Parker in the 119-pound girls classification. Additionally, Mark Springer won 5A Assistant Coach of the Year honors. Eaton is in its second year of existence, and the awards mark the school's first honors at the state tournament.

Three Northwest High School student-athletes earned state medals: Schon Ausman earned a bronze in the 145-pound boys classification, Andrena Carter earned a bronze in the 165-pound girls classification and Mike Kumlien earned a gold and state championship in the 132-pound boys classification. In winning the state championship, Mike defeated the wrestler who beat him for the regional title in their weight classification.

Both Eaton and Northwest compete in the UIL's 5A classification. The Eaton girls placed eighth as a team, and the Northwest boys placed ninth as a team. Eaton's wrestling team is led by head coach Bryan Shivers, and Northwest's wrestling team is led by head coach Daniel McCready.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton Wrestling Medalists.jpg]: From left: Eaton High School assistant coach Mark Springer (5A Assistant Coach of the Year), Kiyli Delgado (bronze), Mattison Parker (bronze) and head coach Bryan Shivers pose for a photo following the 2016-17 UIL Wrestling State Tournament. Kiyli and Mattison's medals and Coach Springer's award mark the first honors the school, in its second year open, has earned at the state tournament.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest Wrestling Medalists.jpg]: From left: Northwest High School wrestlers Schon Ausman (bronze), Mike Kumlien (gold), Andrena Carter (bronze) and head coach Daniel McCready pose with medals following the recent state tournament. Mike's state championship came after the Texan sophomore defeated the wrestler who beat him for the regional title.

Chris Lee named district's new directory of technology

Chris Lee has been named Northwest ISD's new director of technology, where he will oversee technological issues for the entire district.

Mr. Lee previously served as network engineer. Prior to joining Northwest ISD, Mr. Lee was a campus technician and network administrator at Burkburnett ISD from 2011 to 2015. He worked as a computer technician and network analyst from Wichita Falls ISD from 1997 to 2008 and also served a stint in the private sector as a computer technician.

During his time as network engineer, Mr. Lee oversaw all the business systems that connect the district together. Throughout his career, Mr. Lee has gained experience through managing a wide range of technology, such as servers, wireless networks, wired networks, printers and computers.

Mr. Lee has a bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University and nearly 30 years' experience in the technology sector.

HEADSHOT INCLUDED [Chris Lee.jpg]

Northwest ISD schools on spring break March 13-17

All Northwest ISD schools and offices will be closed Monday, March 13, to Friday, March 17, as students and staff are off for spring break.

In addition to spring break, students will have Monday, March 20, off for the district's second unused inclement weather day. Teachers and staff will use this date as a professional development day at their campuses or offices.

Schools will resume classes during their regular hours on Tuesday, March 21.

Next school board meeting taking place March 20

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

Northwest softball team hosting autism awareness game

Northwest High School's softball team recently hosted its ninth annual autism awareness fundraiser, with a game taking place soon to recognize Autism Awareness Month in April.

The Lady Texans sold T-shirts throughout February, aiding the local Special Olympics program that assists Northwest students with special needs. Those shirts are expected to arrive by the end of March, in time for Autism Awareness Month in April. The Lady Texan softball team will host its annual home game in support of autism awareness on Thursday, April 13, when people who purchased the shirts are encouraged to wear them.

To see the design of the shirt, [click here](#). For more information about the team's Autism Awareness Month game, please email Coach Tanya Morrow at tmorrow@nisdtx.org.

FORM ATTACHED [Northwest Softball Autism Awareness.pdf]

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