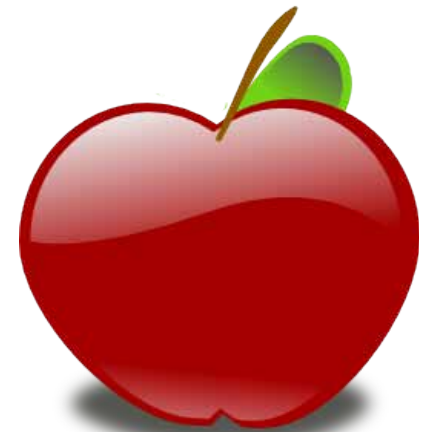


# Recognitions



2010-2011  
North East ISD  
Educator  
Achievements

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*For more than 50 years, North East ISD has been successful in building a tradition of excellence based on academic and extracurricular success. A key component of our students' success is the quality of our teachers.*

*These individuals touch the lives of our students every day. They arrive early in the morning and often leave late in the day. They give extra time to those who need it and rarely get the thanks they deserve.*

*In addition to teaching, they regularly earn grants, scholarships, awards and recognitions that mark their achievements in education.*

*They are active in the community and educational organizations, and regularly seek professional development.*

*In the following pages, you will see a sample of the achievements earned by our educators in the 2010-2011 school year. They are a few of our shining stars.*

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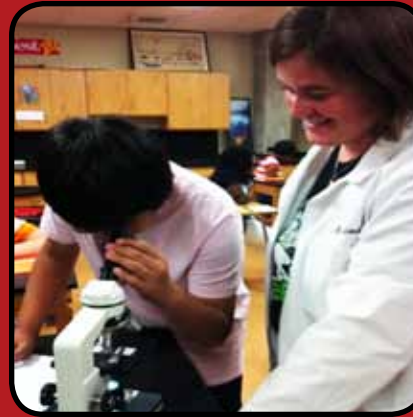


**Brenda Shelton**  
**Principal**  
**Tejada Middle School**

Tejada Middle School Principal Brenda Shelton was selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) as the Region 20 Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year.

School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. As a Region 20 winner, Shelton was eligible to compete for the state title of Texas Principal of the Year.

*“The students, teachers, bosses and the leadership teams that have been placed in my path have been instrumental in helping me to become the leader that I am today,” said Shelton. “It is my prayer that I continue to grow in such a way that I can help all kids reach their potential.”*



**Loryn Windwehen**  
**Science Teacher**  
**Harris Middle School**

Harris Middle School Science teacher Loryn Windwehen represented America’s Teachers at the 2010 Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) in the fall. She applied for the opportunity and was one of the few teachers selected to attend.

The program’s goal is to familiarize science, technology, engineering and math teachers with the field of modeling and simulation.

Windwehen was also selected as Harris’ Teacher of the Year and the NEISD 2012 Teacher of the Year.

*“Attending the conference opened my eyes to a whole new world of technology,” said Windwehen. “I now have a strong awareness of how crucial incorporating not just technology, but innovation, into our daily regimen is.”*



**Tim Draves**  
**Teacher**  
**MacArthur High School**

The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) selected MacArthur High School teacher Tim Draves for membership on its Education Committee for 2010-2011.

Draves won the TSHA Bryan Leadership in Education Award for Outstanding Teacher in Texas History in 2009. History teachers at the middle school, high school and college levels were eligible. Draves has been a teacher at MacArthur since 1991.

*“The appointment, in part, recognizes the work of MacArthur and its students in promoting education and appreciation of Texas History,” said Draves.*



**Noreen Pike**  
**Teacher**  
**Oak Grove Elementary School**

Oak Grove Elementary School Teacher Noreen Pike received a surprise classroom visit from Office Max where she was honored and recognized with \$1,000 worth of school supplies. This was part of the “A Day Made Better” national cause event celebrating teachers for their extraordinary efforts in the classroom. Winning teachers were nominated for this award by their principals for demonstrating passion, dedication and innovation in the classroom.

*“Along with the basics, such as planners, pens and highlighters, they also gave me a very nice office chair, digital camera and label maker,” said Pike. “This gift was so generous that I was able to spread the riches among my fellow teachers and students. Everyone benefitted from their generosity. I am very grateful for this wonderful honor.”*



**Craig Nolder**  
Diving Coach and P.E. Teacher  
Coker Elementary School

Craig Nolder, NEISD head diving coach and P.E. teacher at Coker Elementary School, was selected for the 2010 Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award for Diving presented by the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA). The award was presented to Nolder at the 2010 TISCA Clinic in Austin in September.

*"I was very honored to have been select as the recipient of the Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award for coaching in diving," said Nolder. "It was very humbling that my coaching colleagues saw fit I receive this award. It is a great way to end my coaching career here at NEISD."*



**Lisa Mittler**  
Art Teacher  
Johnson High School



**Melissa Volz**  
Art Teacher  
Lopez Middle School

Two NEISD teachers received Step Up Innovative Art Scholarships, which are funded by Step Up for Arts Education and the City of San Antonio Office of Cultural Affairs.

Johnson High School art teacher Lisa Mittler earned her scholarship based on a professional development project in the subject of visual art. She used the award to purchase materials to teach her students fiber art, such as fabric, dyes, fabric paint and beads.

Lopez Middle School teacher Melissa Volz purchased a glass fusing kiln and hosted two after-school glass fusing workshops at Lopez. The students in the workshop created glass fused projects with the intent of donating the product as a gift to a community of elderly people living in a local assisted living facility.

*"The award has allowed me to purchase materials for teaching fiber art to students, a medium that I love and am excited to teach my students," said Mittler. "They really enjoy working with fabric and sewing. When my classes are sewing, you can hear a pin drop. They get so into it!"*

*"The glass fusing project not only introduced my students to a new medium and technique, it also provided them with the opportunity of learning the gift of giving," said Volz. "Having students create work with the intent of giving to a target group was even more enjoyable for the students, they knew they would put a smile on someone else's face."*



**Rachel Naylor**  
NEISD Assistant Director of  
P.E., Health and Athletics

The UT School of Public Health at Houston CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) team recently selected Rachel Naylor, NEISD assistant director of P.E., Health and Athletics, as a CATCH Champion of 2010. Naylor was selected based on her commitment and passion for improving school health. She was one of five CATCH Champions selected from across the state.

NEISD has been implementing CATCH at its elementary campuses since 2001 and at its middle schools since 2008.

*"It was such an honor to be one of the five selected 2010 Texas CATCH Champions," said Naylor. "I am passionate about kids and their health...it was humbling to be recognized for what you love to do each and every day."*



**Jamie Dale**  
Teacher  
Eisenhower Middle School



**Kristen Guerra**  
Teacher  
Tejada Middle School



**Robin Howard**  
Teacher  
STEM Academy

Eisenhower Middle School teacher Jamie Dale, STEM Academy Teacher Robin Howard, Madison High School teacher Debora Parker (not pictured) and Tejada Middle School teacher Kristen Guerra earned Firstmark Educator Awards and a \$500 scholarship. The fourth annual scholarship program is sponsored by Firstmark Credit Union and is open to full-time public and private educators teaching kindergarten through 12th grades.

*"I was extremely honored to be awarded the Firstmark Educator award," said Guerra. "I am passionate about teaching and I am always looking for ways to inspire my students. I used the grant to purchase supplies for my forensic science class."*

*"The money I won was used to help support the purchase of additional batteries and electronics to build a working wind turbine here at STEM," said Howard. "We are in the final construction phase and should be able to get approval to run wiring through the walls into my classroom soon."*

*"Firstmark Educator scholarship impacted our students by helping our program. We bought a flip camera, two voice recorders, and some headphones with microphones. I also won the We Are Teachers Microgrant in August. Our school won a flip camera and \$200 to buy headphones with microphones. Our goal is to try and incorporate more technology into our foreign language program here at Eisenhower."*



**David Bolster**  
Teacher  
Harris Middle School

Harris Middle School Teacher David Bolster represented Texas at the National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence competition at the Salute to Education Gala in February 2011. Bolster was selected to go to the competition by the Texas State Teachers Association after winning the Ermalee Boice Instructional Advocacy Award for Teaching Excellence last year.

All state winners were also invited to travel together to China in the summer of 2011 for eight days to learn about Chinese culture and educational practices.

*"It was an honor to be invited to D.C. for the gala, as well as for the staff development activities held there," said Bolster. "The trip to China is an added bonus and should be an incredible experience."*



**Andrew Post**  
Band Director  
Lopez Middle School

Andrew Post, band director at Lopez Middle School, represented NEISD as the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching nominee. Post was selected by Lopez staff after receiving the most number of votes.

Post is currently in his 16th year as a music educator with NEISD, and his fourth at Lopez. He has also been awarded "Teacher of the Year," a Trinity Prize Teacher of the Year finalist, Who's Who of American Teachers and nominated for DisneyHand National Teacher of the Year.

*"I am honored yet humbled to be recognized as the Trinity Prize winner not only for Lopez Middle School, but for all of North East ISD," said Post.*



**Helen Deloney**  
Nurse  
Health Services

At a reception in May, the NEISD Health Services department recognized Helen Deloney and Linda Gibson as NEISD Nurses of the Year.

Gibson became a full-time nurse in 1990 at Encino Park Elementary and is now retiring after 21 years at the school. Deloney began working at Windcrest in 2005. For the past year, she has been flexing and helping Health Services with a variety of tasks.

Gibson has been a Lifetime Parent Teacher Association (PTA) member since 1992. She won the Superintendent's Award in 1999 and 2009. She also instituted P.A.C.K. (Pack Assorted Colors for Kids), a nutritional program created by Welchs at her campus.

Deloney collaborated with the Environmental Health department in gathering documentation for Indoor Air Quality reports, participated in district health initiative events and helped lead new nurse orientations.

*"I felt very honored to have received recognition this year as one of North East's Nurses of the Year," said Deloney. "School nurses have a unique opportunity to promote health and wellness within the communities they serve. I am very grateful that NEISD has had the vision to understand and support the role we play in making a difference in the lives of our students."*

*"The past 21 years at Encino Park have taught me many things, but perhaps the most important is that without your health, nothing else really matters," said Gibson. "The NEISD nurses and clinic assistants have such an important and complex role in helping to maintain optimal health for the students and the staff throughout the district. I am proud to be a NEISD school nurse."*



**Linda Gibson**  
Nurse  
Encino Park Elementary



**Andrew Davis**  
Teacher  
MacArthur High School

*"I am excited and honored to have received this award," said Davis. "My college mentor Dr. Laurie Scott and my colleague at MacArthur Dr. Jan Garverick nominated me for this award. They both were present when I received the award. The freshmen orchestra students I teach have been simply fantastic this year. Very teachable individuals and willing to excel in teamwork and musicianship."*

MacArthur High School's Assistant Orchestra Director Andrew Davis was selected as the recipient of the Texas Chapter of the American String Teachers Association's "Majorie Keller" Young Music Educator Award. The plaque was awarded at the Texas Music Educators Association Annual Convention in San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in February.



**Lindsay Richard**  
Teacher  
Wilderness Oak  
Elementary School

Wilderness Oak Elementary School first-grade teacher Lindsay Richard won the H-E-B Excellence in Education Rising Star Award in the elementary category from nominees across the state. As the winner, she was awarded \$5,000 for herself and \$5,000 for her school.

H-E-B recognized Richard's efforts to instill a spirit of giving among her students. Her students raised nearly \$10,000 for the American Red Cross with their 'Hearts for Haiti' campaign.

In May 2010, the NBC Today Show picked Richard's class as the winner of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter's Most Extraordinary Class contest because of their efforts, and flew them to Florida.

*"I am so proud of my first graders and their efforts to help make the world a better place," said Richard.*



**Sharon Brown**  
ELA Teacher,  
Johnson High School

**Lisa Knight**  
ELA Teacher,  
Johnson High School

Sharon Brown and Lisa Knight, both ELA teachers at Johnson High School, received H-E-B Fund for Teacher Excellence grants to fund the pursuit of their graduate degrees.

They submitted applications, which included responses to a series of essay questions about the practice of teaching and two letters of recommendation. Knight and Brown also went through an interview process before being selected for the grants.



**Sandy McClure**  
Teacher  
Academy of Creative Education

Academy of Creative Education (ACE) teacher Sandy McClure was surprised by KENS5 TV and San Antonio Credit Union (SACU) at school when they presented her with the KENS5 ExCEL Award.

She was given a \$1,000 check and her photo was displayed in local SACU branches to recognize her achievement. McClure was chosen for her dedication to teaching and positive impact on her students.

*"I was honored and surprised to be named a SACU/KENS 5 ExCEL award winner," said McClure. "I accepted the award for all the hard work that the entire ACE staff does on behalf of the amazing students that attend the Academy of Creative Education."*



**Gloria Robinson**  
Theatre Teacher  
Reagan High School

Reagan High School theatre teacher Gloria Robinson was chosen to participate in the Texas Theatre Educators Forum hosted by the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Texas at Austin. She was one of 13 teachers and arts education administrators from Texas who were invited to this event.

*"The forum was an engaging conversation that supported and encouraged UT faculty and Texas teachers alike," said Robinson. "Everyone was strengthened through the sharing of ideas and methods to enhance the individual programs and build partnership across our vast state and among their peers. This was an opportunity to engage in dialogue together and to learn from each other."*



**Veronica Pena-Montalvo**  
Theatre Teacher  
Tejeda Middle School

Tejeda Middle School teacher Veronica Pena-Montalvo was awarded a H-E-B Fund for Teacher Excellence Grant for more than \$1,000. The grant will help her attend the Broadway Teachers Workshop in New York City in July 2011.

The workshop is a three-day intensive workshop on Broadway that includes shows with post-show cast discussions; workshops and master classes with Broadway performers, creative teams, and production staff; and peer sessions throughout.

*"I am honored to be selected as a recipient of this grant," said Pena-Montalvo. "Attending the workshop is a unique opportunity for me to grow as a professional and bring my experiences back to Tejeda and my theatre colleagues at NEISD."*



**Penny McCool**  
Teacher  
STEM Academy

**Michael Cardona**  
Principal  
Lee High School

Lee High School Principal Michael Cardona and STEM Academy teacher Penny McCool were selected as finalists in the 2011 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.

McCool was named in the Rising Star Secondary category and received \$1,000 for herself and \$1,000 for her school. Cardona was named a finalist in the Secondary Principal category. He won \$1,000 for himself and \$2,500 for his school. NEISD colleague and teacher Lindsay Richard was also nominated in the Rising Star category. They were three of eight San Antonio area educators selected by H-E-B to advance to the state competition and compete for greater recognition and cash prizes.

The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards celebrated its 10th anniversary of recognizing and rewarding outstanding Texas educators. The awards are now the largest monetary rewards program for educators in Texas, and one of the largest in the nation.

*“As a principal you don’t expect surprises like this,” said Cardona. “I am honored by the recognition from H-E-B.”*

*“I love giving science lessons and imparting a sense of reasonability to my students,” said McCool. “For instance, if students are listening to a report about nuclear reactors in Japan, I hope they’ll better understand how heat transfer works and whether the report seems accurate.”*



**Richard Hasenyager**  
Director  
NEISD Library Services

Richard Hasenyager, director of NEISD Library Services, was selected to be in the National Library Journal’s 2011 Movers and Shakers edition.

This journal spotlights librarians and others in the library field who are doing extraordinary work to serve their users and to move libraries of all types and library services forward. They hail from all corners of the library world and several nations and are nominated by their colleagues, friends, bosses and admirers.

*“Being selected as one of only 50 librarians worldwide as a Mover and Shaker by Library Journal is truly an honor,” said Hasenyager. “I share this distinction with many of my peers that I share a great respect.”*



**Richard A. Middleton**  
Superintendent of  
Schools (Retiring)

Superintendent of Schools Richard A. Middleton was named a 2010 Texas Health Champion Award by the Michael and Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living and Live Smart Texas.

According to Deanna Hoelscher, director of the Michael and Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living, the award committee was impressed by Middleton’s initiative to develop a multi-faceted wellness program through his creation of the Healthy Lifestyles curriculum.

*“Chronic conditions such as obesity, diabetes and asthma are on the rise and affect a child’s performance and attendance in school,” said Middleton. “If we are to do our students any justice, we must educate our families, provide interventions and give tools that will help them manage and prevent these illnesses -- not just for school, but for their own personal and professional livelihood.”*