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The DHS PTSA publishes a total of **five (5) newsletters** throughout the school year. This edition is the second edition for 2013-14. Submissions for the upcoming 2013-14 school year may be emailed to: [missy.mccormick@unt.edu](mailto:missy.mccormick@unt.edu).

For more information about this event and more **DHS Counselor Corner News** see pages 3-6 in this Newsletter.

**Denton High School**  
DHS Counselors and Denton PD  
*present*

## Keeping Kids Safe Online

A free presentation for PARENTS



Parents will learn about the danger's impacting our youth's safety online and will take home strategies that can be integrated into everyday parenting techniques. Presentation will include discussion on the following:

- Top concerns among parents
- Open communication with your child about technology related safety issues
- Parental controls
- Social networks
- Cellphones
- Viruses and Malware
- Cyberbullying and more

**Thursday, January 23, 2014**  
**5:30-7:00pm**  
**DHS Cafeteria**  
1007 Fulton Street, Denton, Tx 76201

Dinner for the family will be provided from 5:30 to 6:00p.m in the cafeteria. The presentation for parents will be held from 6:00-7:00p.m. in the lecture hall. Childcare will be provided in the cafeteria during the presentation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for graduating seniors and parents regarding UNT, TWU and NCTC ....  
see pages 10 of this newsletter.

**MEET YOUR [DHS PTSA BOARD](#)  
FOR 2013-2014**

- President**, Grace Chalon
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**, Cheryl Hassell
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- Newsletter**, Missy McCormick
- Newsletter**, Karen McCormick
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For more information on how you can volunteer to work with the DHS PTSA, please contact: Grace Chalon [gchalon@verizon.net](mailto:gchalon@verizon.net)



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**DHS PTSA MEMBERSHIP-Many thanks to all of you who have joined the 2013-2014 DHS PTSA.!**

As of December 15, we have 428 members. Last year the final members joined was 495.

**Membership is on going until March 15, 2014.** We would really like to meet last year’s numbers in the category of parents. **We are still 32 short!** We would also like to meet last year’s number of student members (109). DHS Seniors, if you are interested in applying for one of our PTSA scholarships, the first criteria is membership in the current year. If you are interested in joining for this current year, please Click here for a [DHS PTSA Membership Form](#).

Thank you. Monica Moen,  
DHS PTSA Membership Committee



**Book Cents will be March 27 – April 1 this year at Golden Triangle Mall... start saving your books! More details to follow.**



**DHS RECIPIENTS FOR DENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION – Congratulations!**

On Friday, December 13, the Denton Public School Prize Patrol, DHS PTSA, and PTSA members presented 9 DHS teachers with grant awards.

The nine (9) recipients include: Ms. Jennifer Fry, Mr. Etienne Illy, Ms. Keri McCrossen and Ms. Heather Gaynor (joint award), Mr. Thomas Stratton, Ms. Corinna Greb, Mr. Mark Baker, Mr. Scott Heffley, and Ms. Jennifer Phillips.

The grants are awarded annually through the Denton Public School Foundation. All of the grant money totaled \$5675.87. Four of the awards were funded by the DHS PTSA, totaling \$3925.87.

Recipient(s)	Amount	Sponsored by	Proposed use
Jennifer Fry	\$989.87	DHS PTSA	iSuccess
Etienne Illy	\$1,000.00	DHS PTSA	Forging Connections with the Community Through Art
Keri McCrossen	\$998.00	DHS PTSA	iPads for Students with Learning Disabilities, Autism, and More
Thomas Stratton and Heather Gaynor	\$938.00	DHS PTSA	High School Theatre: Striving to be Heard!
Corinna Greb	\$500.00	Wally Cooper Endowment	Environmental Conference
Mark Baker	\$250.00	McEwen-Deck Family Grant	Denton High School Choir
Scott Heffley	\$250.00	McEwen-Deck Family Grant	Denton High School Boys Soccer
Jennifer Phillips	\$750.00	David Glass Memorial Grant	Denton High School StuCo



**SECOND ANNUAL DENTON DASH FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Denton Community Council of PTAs is sponsoring its second annual Denton Dash for Public Schools on **Saturday, April 5, 2014.**

Important information about this event can be found here: [https://dentonpta.membershiptoolkit.com/denton\\_dash](https://dentonpta.membershiptoolkit.com/denton_dash)



**DHS PTSA REFLECTION WINNERS –****Congratulations!**

The Denton High School PTSA is proud to announce the winners of this year's Reflections contest.

**Literature:**

James Rowland – first place for "The Phantasm"

**Dance Choreography:**

Katherine Chalon – first place for "Thrive"

**Visual Arts:**

Miguel Venegas – first place for "Inspired"

Guadalupe Cortez – second place for "Inspire, Believe, and Dream"

Rodolfo Gomez – third place for "The Raising, Fighting Spirit"

**Special Artist:**

Max Minter – first place for "Dream in the Sky"

Katelyn Hamilton – second place for "He's my Friend"

Jared Finney – third place for "Believe"

**\*\* Katherine Chalon, Rodolfo Gomez and Max Minter had their entries selected to represent Denton ISD at the state reflections competition.**

**DHS COUNSELING CORNER****PAST EVENTS**

**1/9/2014 College Readiness Night:** Over 100 students and parents attended College Readiness Night at DHS on Thursday, January 9, 2014. PSAT scores were distributed and score reports were discussed in detail. In addition, important information was provided to families about what it means to be "College and Career Ready." Finally, important steps for college-bound sophomores and juniors to take were presented. Score reports for students who were unable to attend the event were distributed during lunch on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the DHS Cafeteria. Any students or parents that have questions about their child's PSAT scores should contact their school counselor. If you will have a 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader next year, please look for our next event in the Spring of 2015.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****DHS MYP School-Wide Service Learning Calendar/Counselor Be the Voice Theme**

**January-** Knowledgeable & Inquirers "How can I improve my knowledge?"/ Cyberbullying and Internet Safety (additional information and tips for students can be found on the Naviance home page and the DHS Counseling webpage)

- **1/23/2014 Keeping Kids Safe Online:** Our DHS Counseling Team in partnership with the Denton Police Department will present "Keeping Kids Safe Online." The event will take place **from 5:30-7:00p.m.** Thanks to the DHS PTA and Sonic Drive-In, this event will be preceded with a hotdog dinner for parents and their children from 5:30 until 6:00p.m. In addition, child care will be provided after dinner, in the cafeteria, for those parents who may need those services during the presentation. For additional information please visit the DHS Counseling Department webpage at [www.dentonisd.org/dhscounselors](http://www.dentonisd.org/dhscounselors) or you may contact Jennifer Mize, Student Assistance Counselor, at 940-369-2136 or [jmize@dentonisd.org](mailto:jmize@dentonisd.org).
- **1/13/2014-1/23/2014 Four Year Planning:** Counselors will be working with current 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on 4 Year Planning. Students will be expected to take their 'draft' plan home to discuss with their parents and bring back a more revised plan to be entered into Naviance between **1/27/2014-1/31/2014**. If you have any questions please contact either Kimberly Keith, Career Counselor, at 940-369-2020 or Chris Lydia, 9<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, at 940-369-2012.
- **1/27/2014 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Night:** DHS will be hosting 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition **Night from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.** This event is open to all current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students planning to attend DHS. Transition from middle school to high school can be an exciting, yet challenging experience. Denton ISD wants to ensure that this transition is as stress-free as possible for both students and parents. This event will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit DHS to become more familiar with the DHS campus and student organizations available to them. Additionally, the DHS counseling team has prepared

a short presentation that will give parents essential information on the course selection process, which will be available at two different time periods during this event.

**DHS MYP School-Wide Service Learning Calendar/Counselor Be the Voice Theme**  
**February- Open-Minded "How can I promote a more peaceful world?" / Teen Dating Violence Awareness**

- **2/4/2014-2/12/2014 High School Counselors Visit Middle School Campuses:** High School counselors will be presenting graduation requirements and course selection information to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Each student will receive a course card, PGP (personal graduation plan) worksheet, Pre-AP agreement, Points to Remember handout, Clubs & Organizations list, Physical Information Form (athletics), fine arts director names and numbers, athletic coach names and numbers, and a flyer about an upcoming ATC Career Carnival. The following is the schedule for initial visits to middle schools for 8th grade course selection (times for each event will vary, please contact Middle School campuses for specific times):  
 Calhoun & Harpool: Tuesday, February 4  
 McMath: Wednesday, February 5  
 Crownover & Myers : Thursday, February 6  
 Navo: Friday, February 7  
 Strickland: Wednesday, February 12
- **2/5/2014-2/19/2014 Middle School Q & A Parent Night:** A come and go event for parents and students. HS and MS counselors will be available to answer questions on an individual basis about course selection. While parents are waiting to see a counselor, they can watch a video presentation. Any parent can visit any middle school Q&A night. Each event will take place from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. The following are the dates for parent Q&A information evening at each middle school (Any parent can visit any parent night):  
 Calhoun: Wednesday, February 5  
 Harpool: Wednesday, February 5  
 McMath: Wednesday, February 12  
 Crownover: Thursday, February 13  
 Myers: Monday, February 17  
 Navo: Tuesday, February 18  
 Strickland: Wednesday, February 19

- **2/13/2014-2/21/2014 Middle School Course Card Selection Pick-Up:** High School Counselors will visit each middle school campus to collect course cards. Students will have the opportunity to review their course selections with a counselor. The following are the dates for course card pick-up at each middle school (times will vary):  
 Calhoun: Thursday, February 13  
 Harpool: Friday, February 14  
 McMath: Monday, February 17  
 Crownover: Tuesday, February 18  
 Myers: Wednesday, February 19  
 Navo: Thursday, February 20  
 Strickland: Friday, February 21
- **2/14/2014 Love Doesn't Hurt:** The Counselors will be kicking off Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week in partnership with Denton County Friends of the Family (DCFOF), our local domestic violence and sexual assault agency. On this day, the DHS Counseling Team and DCFOF will be set up in the cafeteria to provide our students with important information about Healthy Relationships.
- **2/17/2014-2/21/2014 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week:** The DHS Counseling Team will be presenting information to the student body on healthy relationships, unhealthy relationships and how to seek help if you are in an abusive relationship.
- **2/20/2014 & 2/24/2014 Course Selection for 2014-2015 School Year:** Course selection for all 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be discussed with all students on 2/20/2014. Students will bring home their course selection forms that day to review with parents. Final course selection forms will be due on 2/24/2014. Please check with your student for necessary forms during this time and to ensure you all are on the same page with the courses they are selecting.

**DHS MYP School-Wide Service Learning Calendar/Counselor Be the Voice Theme**  
**March- Principled "How do I appreciate others?" / Cheating/Lying**

- **3/1/2014 College Financial Aid Event:** Senior students and parents who would like assistance completing the FAFSA are encouraged to mark Saturday, March 1, 2014 on their calendar. On this



day, senior students and families will be able to come to DHS and complete their FAFSA on site with the assistance of Financial Aid representatives from Texas Woman's University, the University of North Texas, and North Central Texas College. The FAFSA is a crucial step for students who need assistance in paying for college. Almost all need-based scholarships and grants will require the FAFSA to be completed as a part of their requirements. Please continue to see the DHS Counseling Department's Web Site for further details as the date nears.

**DHS MYP School-Wide Service Learning Calendar/Counselor Be the Voice Theme**  
**April- Thinker "How can I improve my environment?" / Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness**



### Protecting your Children from Cyberbullying

The days of leaving school and avoiding bullying or harassment are long gone. When today's parents were growing up, if someone was being mean at school you could go home and have a break from all the "drama." For example, you could go to your room listen to your music, talk with your family or hang out with kids from the neighborhood and forget about the hard day you had at school. However, today's teens face a different reality. Cyberbullying can happen at any time. Teens today are constantly "connected." Whether students are on their cell phones, home computers, tablets, laptops or iPods, there is always a way for your teen to be in contact with others through today's technology and social media. Therefore, it is important for parents to play an active role in monitoring their child's online activity. According to the Cyberbully Research Center, "Cyberbullying is when someone **repeatedly** harasses, mistreats, or makes fun of another person online or while using a cell phone or other electronic devices." In a recent study conducted by Cyberbullying Research Center, with youth between the ages of 10 and 18, approximately 20% of the students reported experiencing cyberbullying in their lifetime. When asked about specific types of cyberbullying in the previous 30 days, students reported experiencing mean or hurtful comments, rumors spread about them online, threats, creating fake pages about other students on social media, and posting hurtful pictures.

The DHS Counseling Team recognizes the adverse effects of cyberbullying on today's youth and would like to offer some tips to parents in order to help protect their children from being cyberbullied and to prevent their child from cyberbullying others. According to the research, teens use their cell phones more than any other electronic device. So while you are monitoring online computer access at home it is important not to forget about the online device many of

them carry at all times. Below we describe and give tips on ways to prevent, respond to and report cyberbullying.

#### Prevent Cyberbullying

- Monitor the devices they are using. Know what your child is up to online and establish rules for cell phone and computer use. This will help to minimize the chances of your child becoming a victim of cyberbullying or harassment.
- Install monitoring software and let your children know that it is ultimately the parents' responsibility to ensure appropriate usage.
- Model appropriate and responsible use of technology. Also, talk with your child about appropriate and inappropriate content. This includes pictures.
- Limit the amount of opportunities that your child has access to technology.
- Place the home computer in a common area so that it is easier to monitor.
- Create a "charging station" where electronic devices are put up at bed time and not retrieved until the following morning.
- "Follow" you child on social media. Be there "friend" on social media sites such as Facebook and know. It is important to know their passwords for social media sites.
- Open the lines of communication with your child about cyberbullying. Encourage your child to talk to you when they are experiencing any form of harassment online so that you can help and/or guide them to get help.

#### Respond to Cyberbullying

- Encourage your child to not respond to cyberbullying messages and ask your children to share these messages with you.
- Block the person who is harassing your child online. This can be done through their social media accounts. If you are unsure how to do this, talk with your child. They will know the steps to take.
- Keep all evidence of cyberbullying including, texts, photos, instant messages, Facebook messages and harassing email.

#### Report Cyberbullying

- If your child is being harassed by another student at school, let your child's Assistant Principal know about the situation.

- Report the harassment and/or bullying behavior to the social media site. This behavior often times violates the sites user terms and agreements.
- Cyberbullying can be considered a crime, and may be reported to the Police, when messages contain:
  - Threats of Violence
  - Child Pornography or photos with sexually explicit messages
  - Images taken from places where privacy is expected (bathrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms).
  - Stalking type behaviors
  - Hate crimes

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's online activity, please reach out and contact your child's counselor or Assistant Principal. If you would like more detailed information on how to keep your child safe online, please attend our parent presentation on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 5:30p.m. in the DHS cafeteria, entitled "Keeping Kids Safe Online." Dinner and childcare will be provided. More information can be found on our webpage at [www.dentonisd.org/dhscounselors](http://www.dentonisd.org/dhscounselors) or you may contact Jennifer Mize, Student Assistance Counselor, 940-369-2136 or [jmize@dentonisd.org](mailto:jmize@dentonisd.org). Information used to write this article can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.bullyingstatistics.org/content/cyber-bullying-statistics.html>

<http://www.cyberbullying.us/research.php>

<http://kids.usa.gov/grown-ups/for-parents/articles/cyberbullying/index.shtml>

[http://www.cyberbullying.us/Top\\_Ten\\_Tips\\_Parents\\_Cyberbullying\\_Prevention.pdf](http://www.cyberbullying.us/Top_Ten_Tips_Parents_Cyberbullying_Prevention.pdf)



## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME NEWS

### HEB College Night: January 27

Save the date of Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for the Hurst, Eules, Bedford sponsored IB College Fair. Over 40 universities will be in attendance, specifically to speak to IB students. This event is ideal for **current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students**. [See event the flyer here](#). Parents are responsible for transportation to this event with their student if interested in attending. Questions can be directed to IB DP Coordinator Beth Hughes at [bhughes@dentonisd.org](mailto:bhughes@dentonisd.org) or 940-369-2238.

### Supervisor Meetings for Personal Project

This year all DHS Sophomores are busy creating their MYP Personal Projects. An important part of the project is the relationship that the Personal Project students formulate with their Personal Project Supervisors, made up of teachers

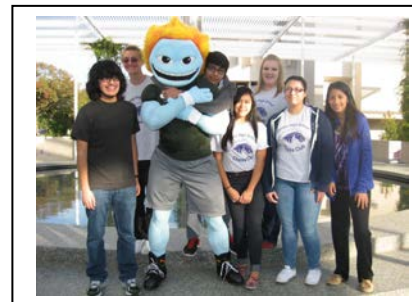
and staff at Denton High School. Once students selected their "Big Questions" in October these mentors went through the list and hand-picked the students/questions for which they felt they could provide the greatest resource. The SECOND supervisor meetings will take place January 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Questions can be directed to IB MYP Coordinator Kimberly Thaggard at [kthaggard@dentonisd.org](mailto:kthaggard@dentonisd.org) or 940-369-2014.



## DHS CHESS CLUB

### DHS Chess Club visits with UT Dallas Chess Club

On Friday, November 15, 2013 seven DHS Chess Club members, along with club sponsor Fred Mueller and



volunteer coach Alexey Root, visited UT Dallas and the Dallas Chess Club. UT Dallas does not have a football team but it does have one of the top college chess teams in the United States. The Denton High students toured the UT Dallas campus and interacted with several UT Dallas students through the game of chess. First on the afternoon agenda was a match played on UTD's outdoor, people sized chess board. DHS's William Root partnered with two UTD students to defeat a team of the other six Denton High students in a consultation chess match on the outdoor board. After the outdoor match the Denton High students followed a chess game presented by Grandmaster Cristian Chirila, one of eight grandmasters on the UT Dallas chess team. There are only 950 grandmasters of chess in the world today, and our DHS players met eight of them. The Denton High students finished the UTD afternoon by playing one-on-one chess with UT Dallas students.



### Competition at the Dallas Chess Club

On the evening of November 15, after meeting with the UT Dallas grandmasters, William Root, Zaryab Shah, Vanessa Jimenez, and Alex Elizalde played four rounds of chess at Dallas Chess Club. They faced many tough chess competitors of all ages and won about half of their games. Lashai Acfalle, Geneva Alexander, and Rachel Villarreal watched UT Dallas students perform selections from Broadway musicals including several songs from the musical Chess.



On **January 18 DHS Chess Club members** competed in the Texas Region 2 Scholastic Championships. We have been fortunate to win the Region 2 Championship in both of the last two years. On February 7 through February 9 the DHS team will be in Houston competing in the Texas State Scholastic Championships. In 2012 DHS students brought home the 6th Place trophy.

### Chess Club meets on Fridays, 4:10-5:10 p.m. Room 228

More Information contact [Alexey.root@gmail.com](mailto:Alexey.root@gmail.com) or visit [chess club website here](#)

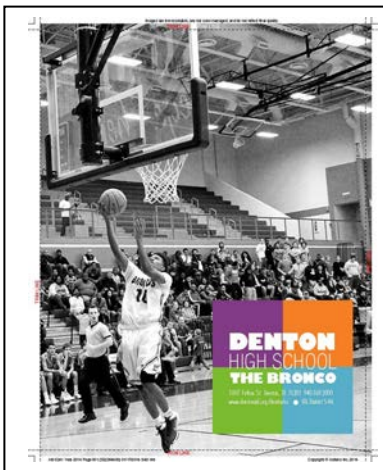


The DHS Chess Club is sponsored by Fred Mueller and coached by parent volunteer Dr. Alexey Root, former US Women's Chess Champion.



## Yearbook Announcements

See what this year's book has to offer!



2013-2014 the *Bronco Yearbooks* can be [purchased online here](#) for \$75 for a limited time only!

[Senior Ads](#) can be [purchased online here](#) until January 25th, 2014, or until we sell out, so purchase them while you can.

**NOTE:** This is just a reminder that to guarantee your yearbook **you must purchase by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**. You can purchase online at <http://www.jostens.com> for \$80 or you can get a 5% discount on the book by sending cash or check with your student to room 207.

Thanks.  
Mr. Bogomol and Staff



### UIL Academics

As our DHS students prepare for UIL Academic competition we are entering several invitational meets. On Friday, January 10 the UIL Math team competed at the annual Paschal HS Invitational Charity Math Meet. The following day on Saturday, January 11 DHS students competed again in full slate of UIL Academic contests at Flower Mound HS. On January 25 students will compete in a meet at Argyle HS, and on February 8 our UIL Academic teams will be at Ryan HS for another pre-district invitational meet.

### Results from the Paschal Math Competition

Friday evening January 10 was a special one for the DHS UIL Math Teams at the Annual Paschal HS Charity Meet. Other schools at the meet included Birdville, Joshua, Oakridge, Western Hills, Haltom, and of course Paschal. The contests offered were UIL Number Sense and Mathematics followed by a special Team Relay Event. In the five man Team Relay individual students must correctly answer Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus questions. The correct answer to the Algebra 1 question is needed to get the correct answer to the Geometry question, and so on through Calculus. The first team to come up with the correct Calculus answer is declared the winner.

**In the UIL Number Sense contests the results were:**

**Novice Division:** 1st - *Tony Gao*, 2nd - *Jimmy Du*, 3rd - *Gabriella Webster*

**Advanced Division:** 1st - *William Root*, 2nd - *Omar Akram*, 5th - *Yiming Su*, 6th - *Neel Shroff*

**The UIL Math Contest results were:**

**Novice Division:** 1st - *Tony Gao*, 3rd - *Jimmy Du*, 6th - Seth Cope

**Advanced Division:** 1st - *William Root*, 4th - *Yiming Su*, 5th - *Karti Chaturvedi*, 6th - *Omar Akram*

**In the exciting Team Relay DHS captured both the 1st and 2nd Place trophies!**



Another way of viewing the above results: DHS students brought home 16 out of the 26 available awards. By the end of

the awards ceremony the announcer was referring to Denton High School simply as the "Big D". Check out the picture and the smiling faces.

Also competing were **Vanessa Jimenez and Brianna Young**. All students represented DHS with Dedication, Honor, and of course Success. The UIL Math and Number Sense teams are coached by Fred Mueller.

### Success at Flower Mound

The Flower Mound Meet on January 10 was our first opportunity to practice with all of this year's UIL released tests. Unfortunately, several of our students couldn't attend because of a re-scheduled SAT date due to the great ice event prior to the winter break. As always our students represented DHS with Bronco Pride, competing head-to-head with students from schools as far away as Lubbock. A good time was had by all. Schools at the meet included many of the 5A and Magnet schools from the greater DWF area.

### **Exceptional DHS results included:**

**William Root:** 1st - Literary Criticism, 5th Overall, 3rd Gr12 - Number Sense, 11th Overall, 5th Gr12 - Math

**Anna Mitchell:** 4th - Spelling

**Tony Gao:** 7th Gr9 - Number Sense, 11th Gr9 Math

**George Roberson:** 6th - Headline Writing

Also attending the meet with Bronco Pride were **Gabriella Webster, Jimmy Du, Brianna Young, Alex Elizalde, Dewey Middlemiss-Kurtz, William Tanner, Brandon Shields, and Ryan Carr**. All of these students deserve a congratulatory pat on the back for the hard work they put into preparing for each contest.

### BIG THANKS!!!

Also to be commended.... A big thank you to our DHS academic coaches and sponsors for preparing our students:

**Barry Wagner: Computer Science, Julie Seeley: Ready Writing, Ashley Sharp: Literary Criticism, Sandra Dieckmann: Spelling, Darby Dyer: Debate, Greg Bogomal: Journalism, Current Events, and Computer Apps, and Fred Mueller.**

### Number Sense, Math, and Calculator.

**Camden Hunt**, Trumpet, 6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Symphonic Band  
**Josh Eckel**, Trumpet, 8<sup>th</sup> Chair Symphonic Band  
**Colten Hiley**, Tuba, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Symphonic Band  
**Annie Heffley**, Percussion, 7<sup>th</sup> Chair Symphonic Band  
**Kaitlyne Peters**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Concert Band  
**Christian Hammonds**, Bb Clarinet, 10<sup>th</sup> Chair Concert Band  
**Seth Cope**, Trumpet, 8<sup>th</sup> Chair Concert Band  
**Alex Souris**, Percussion, 6<sup>th</sup> Chair Concert Band

### Denton High Wins Battle of the Bands

Hats off to **Dr Buchanan** for hosting the Orthodontic Associates of North Texas Battle of the Bands on November, 2013. This Facebook competition featured a video of the Bands from Krum High School, Ryan High School and Denton High School. There was a great deal of Spirit displayed and Denton High School garnered the greatest number of Likes to secure the winning prize.

The Band sends out it's gratitude to Dr Buchanan for gifting all three Bands with a generous monetary award.

Thanks is also extended to **Gary Matthews and Carola Hundrich-Souris, Band Booster parents** who drove the cause to participate. And as always, thank you goes to the **Directors, B.Wilson, J.Woolery and R.Brannock**.

### Jazz Students Play It Big

**Denton High School Lab Band 1** was a featured performer at the JENerations Jazz Festival, part of the Jazz Education Network Conference on January 9, 2014 at the Dallas Hyatt Reunion Convention Center. The Jazz Education Network is a global non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in the United States of America that seeks to advance jazz education, promote performance and develop new audiences. JEN was founded in 2008 in Chicago and now has over 1,500 members in 2 countries, every USA state and 7 Canadian provinces.

The Lab Band 1 submitted an audition recording in March of 2013 and was notified in June that they earned a spot on the Festival's main stage. Grammy nominated saxophonist Jeff Clayton (Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, Clayton Brothers) was the guest artist with the band. The Lab Band 2, also had a performance separate from the Lab Band 1. All of the participating students were able to take part in the conference workshops as well as see a variety of great Jazz performances.



## DHS BAND NEWS

Applause Appreciated....The DHS 2013-2014 Band invites the Bronco Nation to congratulate the following students who auditioned for and earned places in the **UIL All Region and Area Bands**.

**Taylor McClintock**, Piccolo, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Symphonic Band, Area Band Member

**Truett Ide**, Oboe, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Symphonic Band, Area Band Member

**Omar Rivera**, Bb Clarinet, 6<sup>th</sup> Chair Symphonic Band, Area Band Member







**(DHS AP Exam Information)**

The fee for AP Exams this school year will be approximately \$90-\$93.60 per exam. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch will qualify for a reduced price and should see Mrs. Hart for the amount due and verification.

**AP Exam registration will be online only and will open January 6, 2014.**

[www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/441951](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/441951).

Each student's AP Registration and payment is due by **Friday, February 7th, 2014**.

Both should be turned in to Mrs. Hart. Students may pay by cash, or check at the testing office or online at <https://denton.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&grp=78>

[Registration instructions](#)

**BRING YOUR PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF ONLINE PAYMENT TO MRS. HART.**

**(Helpful links for AP students)**

- ✓ Visit the [College Board Website](#) for information on all of CollegeBoard's programs including AP, PSAT, SAT & lots of useful planning tools!
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- ✓ Learn all about **AP (Advanced Placement) exams & courses**.
- ✓ Plan for your AP Exam weeks with the **AP Exam Calendar**.
- ✓ **AP College Credit Policy Information** from CollegeBoard
- ✓ **AP Exam Score Reporting** information

## Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**Attention senior parents:** January is the month to complete your tax returns so that your senior can complete the [FAFSA](#) application for federal financial aid. Most universities require a complete FAFSA application before they will award private scholarship dollars, so all college bound families need to complete the FAFSA.



### Tutorial Schedule for Spring

If your student needs an extra assistant please look at the tutorial schedule for Spring 2014. [The calendar is located on DHS Website here](#). Also, Individual Teacher Tutorial Schedule is also [included here](#) for your convenience.



### Other Useful links for students and parents:

[HAC for student Log In](#)

[HAC – Home Access Center](#)

[DHS Volunteer Database](#)

[2013-14 Denton ISD Calendar](#)

[2013-14 A/B Calendar](#)

[Nutrition and Cafeteria Menus](#)

[Horseshoe – Student On-Line Newspaper](#)

[Counseling Center](#)





## University of North Texas

.....*Green Light to greatness*

As one of the nation's largest public universities and the most comprehensive in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, we are dedicated to providing an excellent educational experience to our 36,000 students. UNT offers [97 bachelor's](#), [81 master's](#) and [35 doctoral degree programs](#).

### UNT Mission Statement

The UNT We Mean Green Fund (WMGF) will provide funds for projects that increase the energy efficiency of our facilities, reduce the amount of waste created on campus, encourage sustainable behaviors, and integrate all three tenets of sustainability into the campus culture: environmental, social, and economic.

### QUICK LINKS for Prospective and Current Student(s):

- [Admissions process](#)
- [Scholarships and financial aid](#)
- [UNT's Honors College](#)
- [Colleges and Schools](#)
- [Student organizations](#)
- [Residence Halls](#)
- [Plus More Future Students](#)

The [Division of Institutional Equity and Diversity](#) partners with the UNT Faculty and Staff and the entire campus community to create an inclusive environment that prepares and promotes UNT student success in a global marketplace. At UNT, all members of our community value, support, and respect each other and the educational benefits of diversity.

**UNT is pleased to announce the opening of the [Pride Alliance Center](#) at UNT for students, facility and community partners that are LGBT or want to support LGBT friends.**

### UNT System

- [University of North Texas](#)
- [UNT Dallas Campus](#)
- [UNT Health Science Center](#)
- [UNT Dallas College of Law](#).....*begins Fall of 2014*

### UNT Bests

- **Environmental philosophy program** recognized as the best in the world by the International Association for Environmental Philosophy
- **Public administration (city management/urban policy) master's program** ranked 1st in Texas and 8th nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*
- **One of the nation's best music colleges** and an internationally respected jazz program
- **Online M.B.A.** ranked as a **Top 20** best buy among distance programs by *GetEducated.com*

- UNT named **one of America's 100 Best College Buys®** for 18 consecutive years
- UNT named a **Best in the West college** by *The Princeton Review*
- **Medical librarianship graduate program** ranked 1st in Texas and 6th nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*



## TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

With an enrollment of approximately 15,000 students, Texas Woman's University is the nation's largest university primarily for women. TWU offers degree programs in the liberal arts, nursing, health sciences, the sciences, business and education. Its campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston are joined by an e-learning campus offering innovative online degree programs in business, education and general studies.

TWU serves the citizens of Texas in many ways, including:

- Graduating more new health care professionals than any other university in Texas
- Easing the teacher shortage by placing highly qualified professionals in the classroom
- Offering a liberal arts-based curriculum that prepares students for success in a global society
- Conducting research that impacts the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity, osteoporosis, stroke and diabetes.

### TWU Mission Statement

Texas Woman's University builds on its long tradition as a public institution primarily for women by educating a diverse community of students to lead personally and professionally fulfilling lives. TWU prepares women and men for leadership and service through high quality undergraduate, graduate and professional programs on campus and at a distance. A TWU education ignites potential, purpose and a pioneering spirit.

### QUICK LINKS for Prospective and Current Student(s):

- [Admissions process](#)
- [Scholarships and financial aid](#)
- [TWU's Honors College](#)
- [Colleges and Schools](#)
- [Student organizations](#)
- [Residence Halls](#)
- [Plus More Future Students](#)

### TWU System

- [TWU - Denton](#)
- [TWU - Dallas](#)
- [TWU - Houston](#)

**TWU Bests**

- The **median first-year earnings of TWU bachelor's degree graduates are the second highest** among Texas public universities. (College Measures, 2013)
- TWU was named **one of the top five universities in the U.S. who have contributed to the national Energy Star Low Carbon IT Power Campaign**. (2012)
- *U.S. News and World Report* magazine ranks TWU in the **top three in the state** and the **top 10 nationally** among universities with the **most diverse student populations**. (2014 Best Colleges issue)
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks **TWU's library and information studies and occupational and physical therapy programs among the nation's best**. (2014 Best Graduate Schools issue)
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks TWU's **graduate program in occupational therapy 15th nationally**. (2014 Best Graduate Schools issue)
- TWU's **physical therapy program is ranked 27th in the nation** by *U.S. News and World Report*. (2014 Best Graduate Schools issue)
- *Military Times* magazine ranks the **TWU School of Management among its Best for Vets business schools**. (2013)
- Fashion-Schools.org ranks TWU among the **top 10 fashion schools in the Southwest**. (2013)
- *Poder Hispanic* magazine ranks TWU **13th among Texas public universities awarding master's degrees to Hispanics**. (2012)
- The **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ranks TWU's Hispanic enrollment increase** (224 percent from 2000-2012) the **eighth**



[North Central Texas College](#)

Established in 1924 under the leadership of Texas community college pioneer Randolph Lee Clark, North Central Texas College is the oldest continuously operating public two-year college in the state. From its roots as a small, rural "junior" college — an extension of the local public schools actually — NCTC has grown and matured into a comprehensive, full-service community college of truly regional scope, serving students from six major campuses located across its service area.

The North Central Texas College Community College District is one of 50 public community college districts statewide. Although the actual college district boundaries are coterminous with those of Cooke County, NCTC reaches far beyond its home campus in Gainesville to bring higher education programs and services to residents of a large service area which also includes Denton and Montague counties and Graham ISD.

**NCTC Mission Statement**

North Central Texas College is dedicated to student success and institutional excellence. The College District encourages student achievement by providing affordable, quality learning environments, comprehensive student support, and public services.

**NCTC System**

- [Gainesville](#)
- [Corinth](#)
- [Bowie](#)
- [Graham](#)
- [Flower Mound](#)
- [eCampus](#)

**QUICK LINKS for Prospective and Current Student(s):**

[Admissions process](#)  
[Scholarships and financial aid](#)  
[Honors Studies](#)  
[Academic Programs](#)  
[Student organizations](#)  
[Residence Halls \(Gainesville Only\)](#)  
[Plus More Future Students.](#)

**NCTC Bests**

- Oldest Continuously Operating Two-Year College in Texas
- Making Affordable, Quality Education
- Stimulating Learning Environment
- Offering programs leading to associate degrees and certificates

[Career and Technical Education](#) programs at NCTC are designed to prepare you for the high-demand, high-skill careers of today's changing workplace. It is predicted that nearly half of the job openings filled by workers with post-secondary education will go to people with an associate's degree or an occupational certificate. Some of these jobs pay more than many of the jobs held by those with bachelor's degrees.

Whether you are interested in a high-tech job like computer networking, a career in the healthcare industry or one of many other career fields, NCTC has one-year certificate and two-year degree programs that can enable you to walk out of the classroom and into the workforce!

Not only are NCTC students provided hands-on training from instructors who are professionals in their field, our CTE programs also build communication and critical thinking skills, both highly valued by employers.

Our programs are for those just leaving high school as well as working adults interested in upgrading their skills or making a career change. Explore our CTE webpages and find the career that is for you!



## DHS USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF!

Denton Independent School District

[For Parents: Information and Resources](#)

[For Student: Information and Resources](#)

[For Staff: Information and Resources](#)



### The following is the Denton ISD's policy regarding weather procedures:

The decision to close schools based on inclement weather is made when possible by 6:30 a.m. School closing decisions are reported on the [Denton ISD Website](#), the [Denton Record-Chronicle Online](#) and on the major television networks: Channel 4 (KDFW), Channel 5 (KXAS), Channel 8 (WFAA), Channel 11 (KTVT), Channel 23 (KUVN) and Channel 39 (KXTX). The major radio stations include: FM 88.1 (KNTU), AM 820 (WBAP), AM 1080, (KRLD), and others.

It is also announced on the district's main telephone line at (940) 369-0000. This year, we will use our automated Call-out system for weather alerts. **Please be sure to have your current contact information on file with each school your child(ren) attends.** You can also [sign-up to receive an e-Alert](#) in your email.

**Please note:** Media outlets only inform viewers and listeners of those school districts that are either starting late or canceling school. If no information is given, Denton ISD will be starting at the regular time.

**Any School closings will be posted at the Denton Independent School District website .....[here!!!](#)**



*Denton High School, in partnership with the home and community, is dedicated to the development of knowledgeable, compassionate individuals who actively and ethically contribute to the betterment of our world.*

*By providing challenging and educational experiences that encourage cooperation, creativity and intercultural understanding, DHS aims to create life-long learners who embrace the diversity of others.*

*Adopted 2007*