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## Cristina Galindo Denton High School's Teacher of the Year



*Cristina Galindo*

Department Chairperson for World Languages and Spanish teacher, Cristina Galindo, was named Teacher of the Year for DHS for 2008-2009. Mrs. Galindo has taught with the district for twenty years, ten of those at DHS. She works with students who are at high risk of dropping out of school as

well as with the students who will succeed in most everything they do. All are important to her. Cristina said, "Students all need to know that as cliché as it sounds, nothing is free and very little is easy.

Teaching is not easy, but that is the point. Teaching is still a passion for me. I am never bored and always challenged."

Mrs. Galindo received a ring from Josten's on April 14th at a ceremony recognizing the hard work and dedication that she along with 31 other teachers have given to the school district.

*It may not be apparent to everyone that teachers make a difference in a student's life. We just don't recognize that often enough, we should."*

*~Cristina Galindo*

## Muncy's Message

"Spring has sprung..." and we are rapidly bringing the 2008-09 school year to a screeching halt. We are wrapping things up for the summer months and preparing for a change in location next year for many faculty and staff members. With the addition of six new classrooms, two new science labs, a new counselor's suite as well as the newly constructed athletic facility, teachers, counselors and administrators will be nomadic in nature.

Although the end is in sight, there are many activities that a school year simply would not be complete without. Next week is our state assessment – TAKS testing, only to be followed by AP testing, which of course gently leads us into final exams. If your child is coming home in a daze, and doesn't have the energy to study for a blood test, it is because they are living the life of a 21<sup>st</sup> century high school student... *no child left untested!*

With the close of every school year a legacy of students leave DHS behind only to search for greener pastures and lifelong endeavors. Senior events are always a joy to be a part of as they embark on "the real world." It is always rewarding to see graduates years after their departure as we catch up on the various roads they have traveled. It is always a joy to see our alumni as they return from years at college, time in the military or those that have ventured down the paths of the working world. No matter where their aspirations have taken them, Denton High School is always their home.

We say goodbye for now to the class of 2009 on June 5 and we look forward with great anticipation to the incoming class of 2013. New faces - more history. *Denton High School – where it all began!*

Darrell

## Important Dates

AP Exams – May 4-15th  
ELA – Tuesday, April 28th  
Math – Wednesday, April 29th  
Science – Thursday, April 30th  
TAKS Testing (all grades) – April 27th – 30th  
THEA Test at DHS – Tuesday, April 28th, \$30

## DHS GRADUATION

June 5, 2009

University of North Texas Coliseum

4:30pm



## State Honors DHS Student Council

Congratulations to the Denton High School Student Council on their amazing landslide victory in the Texas Association of Student Councils' (TASC) state presidential race. Facing the experienced Allen and Boswell High Schools, our students acted with class and dignity throughout the campaign.

Junior **Will Hayes** was sworn in as the new **TASC President** in front of 4300 students at the Arlington Convention Center. He will serve as the chairman of the TASC board of directors and will represent Texas at the National convention this summer in Denver as well as at many other Texas workshops.

**Kimberly Thaggard** will represent Denton High School on the **TASC board of directors** as the advisor to the president.

Denton High ran as a school for the presidential office, knowing that just one student and one advisor would serve as our representatives. The DHS officers, who are truly the best I have worked with in my 8 years with Student Council, were instrumental to our success and deserve recognition. Our outstanding leadership team who attended the convention includes: Seniors **Trent Erwin, Priscilla Jasso, Macy Koontz, Isaiah Laws, Katie Franks** and Juniors **Will Hayes, Kelsie Vogds, Libby Knight, and Kate Morales**.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council Sponsor



## Celebration Banquet!

The DHS Student Council will host a celebration banquet in honor of their state presidency campaign on **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Advanced Technology Complex**. Johnny Carino's will be catering and awards will be presented. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale until May 18<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Hughes or Mrs. Thaggard to purchase tickets.

## Scholarship Committee to be Formed

If you are a parent, teacher, mentor or other adult interested in **saving money by applying for scholarships** to help your child or other Denton High School students cover college expenses, please contact us! Scholarship money is available. Many students and parents are not accessing this scholarship funding because they do not know the process.

A committee of parents, teachers, and staff members is forming to help parents and students with the search for college resources and funds. Please call or email Dottie McEuin if you are interested. We will meet soon and start the search for the class of 2009-2010.

~Dottie McEuin, DHS Counselor,

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## PTSA President's Message

At the April 14, 2009 meeting of the DHS PTSA, members of the Nominating Committee put forward the following slate of Officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

**President:** Grace Chalon  
**Vice Presidents:** Christy Sanchez, Janell Trachta  
**Secretary:** Ivy Doak  
**Treasurer:** Janet Shelton

The slate was approved at the PTSA meeting held on April 14, 2009. Appointed positions and committee chairs were discussed, with these results:

- Parliamentarian - Kala Marsh
- Campus Leadership Team (CLT) – Beth Patterson, Janet Shelton, Kala Marsh
- Membership – Martha Stevens, Teresa Baldwin
- Volunteer Coordinator – Kathy Belcher
- Fundraising – Loyce Wilson
- Newsletter – Emily Seiple
- Staff Appreciation – Heidi Klein
- Renaissance – Cindy Schleinat, Kayla Swenson
- Homecoming – Kelly Dozier, Miriam Green, Beth Patterson

Mia Price will be invited to be our Legislative Representative; the position with Arts in Education is open.

~Eva Poole, President, Denton High School PTSA



## DHS Fillie Tryouts!

An officer and team meeting has tentatively been

scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please look for a school announcement that will provide additional details.



**Tryout Dates: Officer, May 4-7<sup>th</sup>**

**(daily after school, in the Fillie Gym)**

**Team Tryouts: May 11-14;**

**(daily after school, in the Fillie Gym)**

The Fillies will be performing at the Arts & Jazz Festival ~ Friday, April 24 at 5pm, on the main performing stage behind the Senior Center!

**The Fillie/Honor Guard Banquet will be Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the C.H. Collins Banquet Hall**

(awards and dessert banquet; formal dress)

~Fillies Booster Club



## The Students of the Month!

9<sup>th</sup> Kat Specht and Denton Hudspeth  
 10<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Webb and Francisco Arellino  
 11<sup>th</sup> Shelby Burgeron and Daniel Castro  
 12<sup>th</sup> Leidy Silva and Aaron Smith

**Juniors:  
make a  
college visit  
this summer!**





## Senior Class

Prom is just around the corner and we cannot wait for our "Night on the Nile." We hope to see every junior and senior at TWU on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mark May 29<sup>th</sup> in your calendar! The senior breakfast and awards will be held on **May 29<sup>th</sup> in the back gym**. Seniors should plan to arrive on campus by 7:45 to enjoy an awesome breakfast and entertainment prepared by our parents and teachers. After breakfast, we will move to the auditorium and announce special awards and recognize the seniors of the class of 2009.

Seniors still have time to submit photos for the senior slide show. We have quite a few photos, but we do not want to leave-out you and your friends. If you do not have a picture, but want to be a part of the slideshow, then come by room 149 and Miss Davis will be happy to snap a photo of you and your friends for the slide show. You can also send pictures to Miss Davis at [sdavis@dentonisd.org](mailto:sdavis@dentonisd.org). See you at prom!

~Senior Class Officers



## Bronco Band Upcoming Events

- ◆ The Spring Concert is scheduled for Friday, May 15, at 7:00pm in the DHS auditorium.
- ◆ The Percussion Bash is scheduled for Monday, May 18, at 7:00pm in the DHS auditorium.
- ◆ The Awards Dinner will be at the ATC on Saturday, May 23 from 7:00-10:00pm. No cost for Band students (reservation procedure to be announced); all others, \$15.
- ◆ A meeting for everyone who plans to be in the Band and/or Color Guard, AND THEIR PARENTS, is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at 6:00pm in the Band Hall. Please plan to attend if your student will be in either of these organizations next fall.
- ◆ State UIL Solo & Ensemble competition will be in Austin on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all!
- ◆ The final Band performance of the school year will be at the graduation ceremonies at the UNT Coliseum on Friday, June 5 at 4:30pm.
- ◆ Band Officer camp starts on Monday, July 27.
- ◆ A MANDATORY meeting of all Band students will be held on Saturday, August 1 at 1:00pm in the Band Hall. Details to follow.

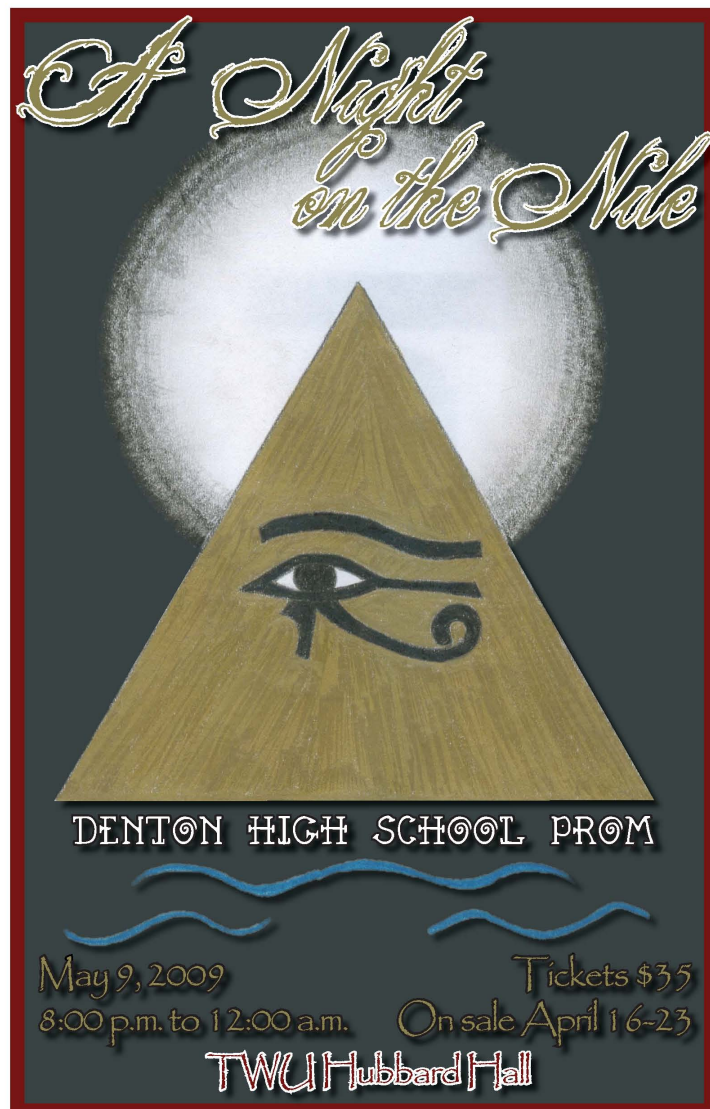
**Please check the band calendar often for additions, changes & updates! Our first football game is Friday, August 28 at Centennial High School. See ya there!!!**

~Band Booster Club



## Student Council Wins Sweepstakes

Congratulations to the DHS Student Council, a Texas Association of Student Councils' (TASC) **Sweepstakes** council in 2008-2009, the eighth consecutive year to earn this distinction. In order to receive the highest award given by the state association, the council had to be commended in five areas: Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health (juniors **Libby Knight and Will Hayes**, chairmen); Energy and Environment (senior **Ryan Davidson**, chair); Pride and Patriotism (senior **Katie Franks**, chair), Community Service (senior **Priscilla Jasso**, chair), and Outstanding Student Council (junior **Kelsie Vogds**, chair). Denton High is one of only 196 schools of the 1300+ TASC schools statewide to achieve this distinction.



**May 9, 2009**

**8 p.m.- 12 a.m.**

**TWU Hubbard Hall**

**\$35 Tickets -- On sale April 16-23**

**Deluxe dessert buffet will be served**

*Student bringing a date that is NOT a student at DHS will be required to fill out a permission slip form with a copy of their date's ID.*



## Soccer Banquet

The Denton High School Soccer Booster Club will

**have their end-of-year banquet on May 7th,**

beginning at 6:30pm, at the Collins Athletic Complex. Admission is free for players; tickets are needed for all others. If you have



questions, please contact: Kaylin Farmer at [kfarmer@kelsoeoil.com](mailto:kfarmer@kelsoeoil.com).



## Top Ten Project

The Denton High School Student Council was honored at the Texas Association of Student Councils' state convention in Arlington on March 30, 2009 with the **Top Ten Project Award**. Their annual event, the Homecoming Carnival, was detailed in the application drafted by senior **Isaiah Laws**. Senior **Corwyn Raesz** and junior **Makenna Wiedower** gave a total of 9 presentations at the state convention in front of standing room only crowds about the DHS carnival, which is held during lunches on the Homecoming afternoon and includes booths sponsored by various campus organizations.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council Sponsor

## BookCents Thank-you...See You Next Year!



Thanks to your efforts and generosity, the first used book sale to benefit Denton ISD campus libraries and Council of PTAs made over \$12,000. The book sale was held at the Civic Center March 26-28. BookCents is the first collaboration between the Council of PTAs and the Denton Public School Foundation. Over 2000 PTA volunteer hours went toward the event. We plan to do it again!

Next year's book sale will be **March 25-27, 2010**. The campus book drive will be **late January**. Start saving your used books now and asking others for theirs. Our campus winners for \$100 prizes for most books contributed this year were McNair, Strickland and DHS during the book drive and Guyer overall. Thanks again for providing our campus libraries with more books and volunteer training for PTA volunteers...See you next year!

~Sandy Kristoferson

## UIL Math & Science Meet at Flower Mound

The UIL Math and Science competitions included over 120 students from 19 North Texas Schools. DHS finished 8th in the All School Sweepstakes for Math and Science.



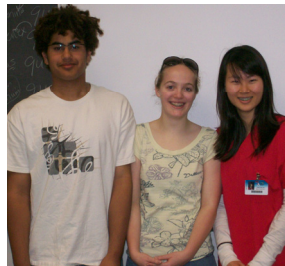
**Math students honored**

Science. Eric Wilis: 8th Number Sense. Sylvia Li: 10th Number Sense. Jesse Valencia: 8th Number Sense.

~Fred Mueller, Sponsor Math Club

## Latin Club News

The Junior Classical League [Latin Club] had its Area Latin competition in Garland last month. DHS students all won prizes! Out of 600 competitors, we made quite a showing! The following students brought home awards from Area C Latin Competition:



**Latin students honored**

**Bill Atkinson**- 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Mottoes Level IV, 10<sup>th</sup> Place, Mythology Level IV. **Kris Carmona**- 1<sup>st</sup>

Place, Greek Life and Lit II; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Models – for his Roman Shield, 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Mythology

Level II. **Christine Ryu**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Advanced Grammar Level III. **Julia Moen** – 10<sup>th</sup> Place, Advanced Grammar Level III.

Also, congratulations to Kris Carmona, Julia Moen, and Christine Ryu on their induction into the National Latin Honors Society. National Latin Exam honorees:

**Latin I: Vivi Tamprateep**- Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude.

**Latin II: Sara Sullivan**- Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude.

**Latin III: Jonathan Berg**- Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude.

~Sarah Hustwit, Sponsor

## SAT College Board News

With only a few months left in the school year, there's still time for your students to sign up for and take the SAT®. The regular deadline for the June SAT is May 5.

[My College QuickStart™](#) provides a great way to help get ready for the SAT. Available exclusively to PSAT/NMSQT® takers, [My College QuickStart](#) includes a personalized SAT study plan and enables students to:

- Review test-taking approaches.
- Take an official SAT practice test.
- Try an SAT essay and compare it to scored samples.
- Learn from the explanations of right and wrong PSAT/NMSQT answers.

Students no longer need an access code to log in at [www.collegeboard.com/quick](http://www.collegeboard.com/quick). Be sure and also visit [My College QuickStart Resources](#), where you can set up a **demo account** and more!

~Doretha Hudspeth, Counselor

## Pep Club's Star Bronx Coffee Cafe

Pep Club is doing remarkably well with Star Bronx Coffee Cafe! Our "Donut Fridays" are a hit! We are hoping to have our Coffee Cafe everyday next year with all our new members! Remember, Large Coffees are \$1.00 and Small are \$.50 with all kinds of creamers for your taste. We also offer all kinds of hot tea at the same prices. Thank you to the teachers who are supporting us and to all the Pep Club Members that show up every coffee morning to help! They get up really early to be here, so when you see them, thank them! You guys are awesome! Come enjoy a cup of java with us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (with donuts) and help support the Pep Club! GO BRONCOS!

~Caroline Renfro, Sponsor



## IB Authorization Team Visit for IB Middle Years Programme

**May 14 and May 15** Calhoun Middle School and Denton High School are hosting the IB Middle Years Programme Authorization Team. The IB Authorization Team will spend May 14 on the Calhoun MS campus. While there they will meet with administrations of campuses, representatives from DISD administration and the DISD Board of Trustees. Parents and teachers will also meet with the team. The IB Authorization Team will be on the DHS campus May 15 and meet with teachers and administrative staff. Each campus will take the IB Team on campus tours. The Authorization Team will conclude their visit with a debrief session involving administrators and coordinators. The results of the IB Authorization visit will be sent to the New York office, then on to the International Baccalaureate Organization offices in Geneva, Switzerland.



## IB Diploma Programme

The first IB Diploma Candidates are completing the initial year of their two year educational goals! Congratulations to them and all their efforts! IB DP Candidates were guests of Texas Woman's University on April 21, 2009. The IB students attended the TWU Creative Arts and Research Symposium. They viewed research poster sessions and attended research award sessions.

IB interviews with incoming IB Diploma Applicants have been going strong and the new group is taking shape. IB Applications may still be picked up and turned in...never too late to take control of your educational future. An IB Retreat is being planned for the end of school, and one certainly would want to be involved and learn the IB ways.

~Lynn Singletary, Ph.D., IB Coordinator



## Teacher of the Month – Michael Crawford



As DHS' new percussionist extraordinaire, Mr. Crawford led the fine men and women of our drum line and pit squads to 5<sup>th</sup> Place at the Lone Star Competition last month. As a quasi-new member of our staff, Mr. Crawford is already receiving rave reviews and praise via a combined effort of his new

administrators, colleagues, and students. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication Mr. Crawford!

## Staff Member of the Month -- Martha Puga



Aaron Frederick nominated **Martha Puga** for Staff Member of the Month. Several members of our administrative staff recommended Martha for the incredible work she has been doing with our "at-risk" students, specifically in the areas of child care and planned parenthood. Everyone join me in a "Frederick" chant for our esteemed School Age Parenting

Representative....PU-GA, -PU-GA,-PU-GA!!!



## Teacher Plans for Overseas Presentation



Christopher Khoury has been accepted to give a presentation at the International Association of Special Education (IASE) in Alicante, Spain. Christopher, a doctoral student at the University of North Texas, is part of a research team that will be working with the Kuwait Ministry of Education to help develop an effective educational program for preschool children in Kuwait. He will be presenting an overview of the Kuwait project, and the progress his team has made in developing the preschool educational program.



## State HOSA Competition Congratulations!



Please congratulate Christine Ryu –2nd Place at State HOSA Competition for medical terminology! She will be going to Nashville for national competition in June.

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students, therefore, helping students to meet the needs of the health care community.

~Sheila Temple, Sponsor



## DHS Junior Scales Academic Heights



Jake Favalora, a DHS junior, was recently accepted into Stanford University's 2009 High School Summer College Undergraduate Program. To determine eligibility, students are screened for maturity and intellectual capability through a lengthy application process.

Jake will be taking undergraduate courses in the sciences, humanities, arts, and languages, which are fully credited toward his undergraduate degree at Stanford University with credit transfer availability to other universities.

He is a key member of the DHS Technology Club, and the Robotics team, participating in regional and state competitions. During the Fall of 2008, Denton County Boosting Engineering and Science Technology (DC BEST) robotics competition, Jake was the only member of the team who successfully programmed the new robotic microprocessor, or PLC (Programmable Logic Controller) in order to integrate it with the mechanical functions of the robot.

He is currently working on a project for the Technology Students Association regional, state, and national competitions. This unique electronics project is a National Qualifier Event project for electronics research and development, and is a semiconductor stereo amplifier that uses a high-voltage "spark" for a speaker, instead of the traditional speaker. His prototype is complete and fully functional.

Congratulations to Jake, who may very well be designing the next generation of electronic devices in our future, and to DHS for providing its students opportunities to scale academic heights.

~Joe Faddis, Electronics



## PTSA Bylaws Update

Revised PTSA bylaws, per the Texas PTA 2007 template as mandated, were presented at the April 14, 2009 PTSA meeting. Changes were proposed to those bylaws and will be voted on at the May 12, 2009 PTSA meeting. The revised bylaws and proposed amendments are posted on the DHS PTSA website for public review. If you have any questions, please call PTSA Parliamentarian Kala Marsh at (940) 320-1260.



## Visual Arts

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Regional State Visual Arts Scholastic Event at Fossil Ridge High School in Keller. It was a real education for DHS teachers and students that participated in the Regional VASE as it was our first time- and what a learning curve. The following students received the following scores- and we have 2 students progressing to the state VASE event at Houston/Clearlake in April. Amy Dierdorf (State), Monica Huckabay, Angela Prentice, Sylvia Li (State), Samantha Cogley, Austin Roberts, Marilyn Yeats, Brandon Stephens, Regan Turney, Tori Kennedy, Ein Carr, and Aisha Soto.

~Leslie Kregel, Sponsor



## Bronco Band Raffle!

The Denton High School Bronco Band Booster Club is currently selling tickets for a raffle to be held at the **Bronco Band Spring Concert on Friday, May 15th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.** After an outstanding showing in this season's competition (most recently the Wind Ensemble received straight Division 1's for both Concert and Sight-Reading portions at the Region 2 UIL event) the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band are gearing up for a busy spring in preparation for next year's marching and contest seasons. The Spring concert will be an extravaganza showcase of all 3 bands and an event not to miss. **The concert is...FREE!**

Raffle tickets (which may be purchased in advance and will be available until the first intermission the night of the concert) are only \$2.00! You can enter as many times as you like, and you do not have to be present to win. Each entry gives you a chance to win either a Nintendo Wii game system, or an Acer Aspire One Netbook computer. Come enjoy a great performance from a wonderful trio of bands and enter for your chance to win one of these great prizes! Or just purchase a ticket from your local neighborhood Bronco Band member and help support the Denton High School Bronco Band. Don't worry, you could still win a prize, but you'll be missing the real treat!



## State German Contest

The DHS German students have had quite a busy year. In addition to the fun club activities, they have competed in several events, from athletic to academic. Their most recent event was State German Contest at the University of Texas in Austin. After qualifying at Winterfest, six DHS students won

the opportunity to compete at the state level in various individual and group events. Among the winners:

**Francesca Farris**— Culture Test, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Sight Reading, 7<sup>th</sup> place. The big event of the competition is Paß auf, a Jeopardy style contest with questions about every aspect of German-speaking Europe. The DHS team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in this event. Team members included Robert Kangas, Francesca Farris, Natalia Palomino, Taryn Schuessler, Sara Sullivan and Vivi Tamprateep.

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor



## District UIL Winners!

Congratulations to these Denton High students who won at the district UIL academic competition!

Veronica Valdez - Accounting - 6th place \*Trevor Davila - Computer Science - 1st Place individual - 1st place Team \*Tim DeReuse - Computer Science - 2nd Place individual -1st Place Team \* Lee Chen - Computer Science - 3rd Place individual - 1st Place Team \* Sylvia Li - Computer Science - 6th Place individual - 1st Place Team \*Amy Dierdorf - Feature Writing - 2nd Place individual \*Amara Bradetich - Feature Writing - 3rd Place individual \* Trevor Davila - Mathematics - 1st Place individual, 1st Place Team \*

Sylvia Li - Mathematics - 2nd place individual, 1st Place Team \* Jesse Valencia - Mathematics - 1st Place Team \* Lee Chen - Mathematics - 1st Place Team \* ViVi Tamprateep - Mathematics - 1st Place Team\* Trevor Davila - Number Sense - 1st Place individual, 1st Place Team\* Jessie Valencia - Number Sense - 4th Place Individual, 1st Place Team\* Sylvia Li - Number Sense - 1st Place Team\* Eric Willis - Number Sense - 1st Place Team \* Franky Gonzales - Prose - 6th place individual\* Laurel McDonald - Ready Writing - 5th Place individual\* Patrick Burke - Social Studies - 1st Place individual, 1st Place team\* Ruth Mokua - Social Studies - 4th Place individual, 1st Place team \* Christine Ryu - Social Studies - 1st Place Team\* Loise Mokua - Social Studies - 1st Place Team\* Iruna Kharel - Spelling and vocabulary - 2nd Place individual, 1st Place Team\* Sara Kangas - Spelling and Vocabulary - 3rd Place individual, 1st Place Team \* Francesa Farris - Spelling and Vocabulary - 1st Place Team \* Vivi Tamprateep - Spelling and Vocabulary - 1st Place Team \*Franky Gonzales - Prose - 6th Place individual.



## UIL Coaches

**Coaches for students who placed or who have students going to Regionals:**

Barry Wagner - Computer Science, Michelle DeAngelo - Social Studies, Fred Mueller - Number Sense and Mathematics, Sandra Dieckman - Spelling and Vocabulary Marilyn Stevens - Feature Writing, Julie Seeley - Ready Writing, Alison Trapp - Prose, Barbara Goolsby - Accounting  
~Carol Hyatt, UIL Coordinator





## UIL Spelling and Vocabulary Team

The newly formed UIL Spelling and Vocabulary team is having a great year. After competing only once during the regular season, they went into the district contest rather tentative about the possibility of making it to the regional level. The results, however, showed how much work they put into the challenge. They were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for the team and will represent DHS at the Regional UIL Contest in San Angelo. This was quite an achievement, but it was made even sweeter by the fact that three of the members of the team won individual awards as well: Vivi Tamprateep—2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sarah Kangas—3<sup>rd</sup> place, Francesca Farris—4<sup>th</sup> place.



*Irina Khavel and Vivi Tamprateep*

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor



## Nurse Notes

### Life Long Health Plan- Part 2

The flip side of healthy eating -get up & get moving. A free website, <http://www.sparkpeople.com>, has great tips and tools for tracking both nutrition and exercise. Sample articles:

"Keeping Exercise Fun & Adventurous"

"Too Busy to Workout?"

"Think you are too Heavy to Exercise?"

"Bust your Bad Mood with Exercise" (helpful for moody/stressed teenagers)

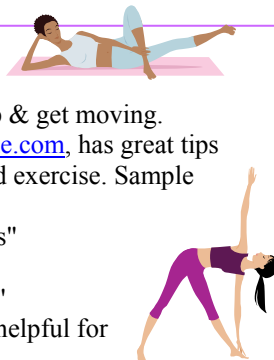
In high school, exercise comes built-in via sports or activities; while others have to do it on their own, especially as adults. Being a role model for your adolescent is the best way to teach them the value of lifelong exercise. Consider a *Fit for Life* competition between yourself and your teen.

Let them see the variety of ways to stay in shape through all stages of life.

Helpful quote for the Parenting Teens Stage.

~Cindy Yousko,  
RN, School  
Nurse

*Don't worry that children never  
listen to you; worry that they are  
always watching you.*  
~Robert Fulghum



## Senior/Junior Class Yard Sale 2009

The classes of 2010 & 2011 are joining forces to raise money for the 2010 Prom. Start saving your unwanted, usable items for this year's yard sale in August. We'll be holding it in the DHS Cafeteria. Watch for future announcements!

~Michelle DeAngelo, Sponsor



## UNT German Gathering

On Saturday, April 18th, students, teachers and Germanophiles from throughout the region gathered at UNT for a day filled with the sights and sounds of Germany.

As the students arrived, they entered a world where German opened all of the doors. They received a passport which accompanied them through the day as they participated in non-competitive, hands on activities. They spoke in German with other students at their level in their Konversationsgruppe where they had a guided transition into the German-only environment. They attended seminars and workshops of their choice which allowed them to explore aspects of the German-speaking countries which they would not experience in a traditional classroom setting. They heard and spoke German with seminar leaders and their peers while learning about the modern and traditional cultures in which the language is spoken.

Some may have watched their first ever German show. Others may have gained new interest in German music. Yet others may have tasted their first real gingerbread, or cut loose and learned a new dance, performed a fairy tale or created art that would make even Dürer proud. The souvenirs they took away from the experience were not only scrapbook items and a t-shirt, but also a new confidence and passion for the language.

~Sandra Dieckman Sponsor



## DHS Blood Drive is Model for Schools

DHS broke its record for the 3rd year in a row. The DHS community donated 153 units of blood on April 3, 2009. Carter blood drive workers were quoted saying, "This was the most organized blood drive in a high school they have seen."

Carter professionals also said they want to use DHS as a model for other schools on how to organize blood drives.

~Scott Spaulding,  
Blood Drive  
Coordinator



*Student Cristina Liroy at Carter Blood Drive*



## Caught on TASK



Congratulations to Todd Simpson! Mr. Simpson, history teacher, receives a district laptop computer for school use for integrating technology activities in the history classroom. The district program: Technology Accelerating Student Knowledge gives teachers the opportunity to win mp3 players, cameras and other enrichment tools for the classroom.

~Hollye Knox, Curriculum Technology Specialist



# Schwan's Truck Load Sale



Please join us on **Thursday, April 30, from 3:30 to 6:00pm** to raise funds for **DHS PTSA**. Schwan's will have a fully stocked truck on site. Please go to <http://www.schwans.com> for a complete list of the products available. Schwan's accepts cash, checks, Check Debit Card, Visa, Master Card, Discover and EBT. Look for the Schwan's truck in front of the school. If you have any questions, please call **Janell Trachta, PTSA Fundraising Co-Chair**, at 940-891-0706.




**Denton High School offers an English class to parents for free! Come Thursday from 5:30-7:00 to room 105 in the front of the school or call 940-369-2218.**

**If that schedule isn't good for you, call (940) 369-0091 for information about classes at other locations.**

**iSe ofrece una clase de inglés para familiares de estudiantes, y es gratis! Venga el jueves de 5:30 a 7:00 a salón 105 al frente de la escuela o llame a 940-369-2218.**

**Si ese horario no le conviene, llame (940)369-0091 para información sobre clases en otros lugares.**

## LATE BREAKING NEWS

**HeeWon Kim** placed second in region which qualifies him for the **State Tennis Tournament**. Congratulations to HeeWon and Coach Carlos Blanco on a great accomplishment. Go Broncos! 

The following students have been invited to participate in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

**Jonathan Berg  
Trevor Davila  
Julia Difiore  
Julia Moen  
Christine Ryu**

**Patrick Burke  
Timothy DeReuse  
Sylvia Li  
Clarissa Root**



## GRAD NIGHT 2009

Denton High School Seniors will graduate June 5, 2009. **Project Grad Night** is an alcohol-free and drug-free event staffed by parents, endorsed by school administration and supported by parents and friends in our community. We are proud to provide an environment where our graduates can gather one last time as classmates and enjoy graduation night in a safe and friendly place.

Students will board buses, departing from Denton High School around 10:00 p.m. for a fun filled evening at Solana Health Club in Trophy Club. They will return by bus on Saturday morning around 5:00 a.m. The evening provides an opportunity for the students to play games, participate in sporting activities, dance, eat, and socialize. During the evening, Graduates will have the opportunity to win prizes such as CD and DVD players, mini refrigerators, TVs, and gift certificates. **To make this evening possible, - WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Please commit to helping our DHS Seniors!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I would like to make a monetary donation. Attached? Amount? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I can donate an item from my work or business. What item? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I know a business/person who will contribute. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I will call a few (3-5) businesses to see if they will contribute money or prizes.  
☐ I can donate can soft drinks or water the night of Grad Night.  
☐ I can donate cookies or brownies the night of Grad Night.  
☐ I can sell Grad Night tickets during the day at the Denton High in May.  
☐ I can help load folding chairs before the event.  
☐ I can help the night of Grad Night.  
☐ I want to help be a part of the Grad Night fun by volunteering to help!!

**If you can help, please complete and turn in this form before May 15, 2009. It can be given to any of the committee members listed below, or turned in at the DHS Receptionist's desk marked to the attention of Renee Koontz.**

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