

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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**INFORMATION ITEM**

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**TOPIC:** Commendations – Recognition of Board Members, the Community, Staff, Schools and Students

**Special Presentation**

Members of the **Lake Highlands Wranglers** will present a special performance as they are recognized by the Board for being invited to perform at the Presidential Inauguration in January.

**Community**

The Board recognizes RISD resident **Art Middlebrook** for being named the *2005 Heart of Hope Volunteer of the Year* by the volunteer center of Dallas County. Mr. Middlebrook continues to be an invaluable resource for RISD, sharing his time and talents with numerous schools, events, competitions and committees. Art sets an example for all RISD residents and is extremely deserving of this honor.

**Staff**

The Board recognizes **Berkner High School** AP English teacher **Bob Davis** for the publication of his second book entitled *Galveston Cats*. He has presented this book at the Texas International Association Reading Conference and the Texas Council of Social Studies Conference as a resource for the integration of Social Studies and Language Arts. It is Mr. Davis' second published book.

The Board recognizes **Greenwood Hills** physical education teacher **Rick Urbanczyk** for being named by the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education and Dance as the *2004 Texas Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year*. Rick, also the 2003 RISD and Region 10 elementary Teacher of the Year, accepted his latest honor in December.

The Board recognizes **Berkner High School** Director of Bands **Mike Brashear** for his induction into the *American Bandmasters Association*. This rare honor recognizes Mike as one of less than 300 people in the United States to receive an invitation to join this select organization. He was inducted at their national convention last week.

**Students**

The Board recognizes the following students for having their artwork selected from among thousands of entrants to be displayed in the Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month Capitol Exhibit in Austin. Only 100 works of art were selected from across Texas, and three of them are from RISD.

**Sharon Frias, Richardson High School; Josh Greenfield, Brentfield Elementary; and Ryan Harris, Greenwood Hills Elementary.**

The Board recognizes **Richland Elementary** students **Jessica Tong** and **Tracey Tran** for having their artwork selected for the *2005 Dallas is Diversity calendar*. Student artwork from across DFW was submitted, and just 12 were selected for publication.