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Community

The Board recognizes Realtors Supporting Richardson Schools for their generous and continued support of RISD. RSRS has shown a strong and consistent commitment to quality schools and excellence in education for all children throughout the district by funding support programs for teachers and instructional enhancement. Representing RSRS are Dennis Baum and Alan Stewart.

The Board recognizes the National Council of Jewish Women, Dallas Chapter, for their multi-year support of RISD's Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY). Over the past seven years, the Dallas Chapter has contributed more than \$80,000 to RISD's program in the form of grants and contributions, in addition to volunteer time, effort and expertise. Representing the NCJW are Marlene Cohen and Syl Benenson.

Staff

The Board recognizes the RISD Even Start Program for receiving the highest national award possible, the STELLAR Award, for the quality programming and services delivered to RISD HIPPIY children and parents. The award was received over the summer, and followed an intensive four day site visit and evaluation by the National Hippy office.

RISD Even Start Staff include Juanita Magana, Leticia Mena, Arelys Castillo, Alicia Leon, Maria Loera and Kit Prince.

Students

The Board recognizes the following outstanding RISD students for being named National Merit Semifinalists. This national recognition indicates that these students are among the top academic performers in the United States and allows them to be eligible for consideration to receive a National Merit Scholarship.

National Merit Semifinalists include:

Albert Alexander, Pearce
Christine Barron, Berkner
Kevin Brown, Lake Highlands
Adam Cason, Lake Highlands
Joshua Chansard, Pearce
Rui Jun Chen, Richardson
Audra Clark, Lake Highlands
David Gebhart, Berkner
Daniel Gelband, Richardson
Charles Ingram, Lake Highlands
Eric Johnson, Lake Highlands
Kyle Johnson, Lake Highlands
Jessie Lin, Berkner
David Lowrimore, Pearce
Ran Ma, Pearce

Rachel Manny, Lake Highlands
Henry McFadyen, Pearce
Eric Mirochna, Lake Highlands
Sara Mirzaei, Pearce
Esther Nie, Pearce
Philip Rose, Lake Highlands
Casey Sedden, Lake Highlands
Winnie Wang, Pearce
Amy Wilson, Lake Highlands
Rachel Yeates, Lake Highlands

The Board recognizes three Westwood Junior High students for being selected to participate in the Lone Star Leadership Academy this summer. Students were selected based on demonstrated academic success, leadership potential, educator recommendation, and community involvement.

The recognized students include Sara Coon, Zachary Knight and Jonathan Wentz.