

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Richardson Independent School District**  
**Richardson, Texas**

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

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

**Community**

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club officers will present a poster honoring alumni from **Lake Highlands High School** who are serving in the military.

**Oncor Electric Delivery** will present an incentive check of \$29,025 to RISD for energy efficiency improvements it completed while participating in Oncor's 2007 Schools Conserving Resources Program. RISD is one of the first school districts in Oncor's service area to participate in this energy efficiency program.

**Staff**

**Lake Highlands High School Choir/AP Music Theory Director Terry Berrier** has been chosen as one of the recipients for the *2007 University Interscholastic League Sponsor Excellence Award*.

**Parkhill Junior High's Kathy Brodaski** and **Abbey Rosenbaum, Forest Meadow Junior High's Shelly Spaulding**, and **Wallace Elementary's Ron Francis** recently completed the Abydos Learning International (formerly New Jersey Writing Project in Texas) certification. Their rigorous accomplishment included reading more than 30 professional books and articles, conducting classroom observations of Abydos trainers, and presenting writing process lessons for certification critique in less than nine months.

Kathy has been selected by *The Dallas Morning News* as one of the 2007-2008 guest columnists for the area of education. Below is her second column to appear in print.

Kathy is one of our newly-minted Abydos Trainers and she works with the pull-out language arts lab at Parkhill. She is in her 10th year with the district.

**Springridge Elementary Instructional Specialist Linda Attaway** and **Secondary English/Language Arts Literacy Coach Kim Carlton**, already Abydos trainers, completed their Abydos TAKS relief training. In the past five years, more than 250 elementary and

secondary teachers have taken this training in RISD, with a positive impact on our students' learning and TAKS performances.

### **Students**

The Board recognizes the outstanding achievements of the *2008 Texas Music Educators Association All-State High School Musicians*:

From **Berkner High School**: **Alison Razon, Beau Yoder, David Ngo, Dennis Liang, John Calvin Owens, Samuel Lee, and Stacy Yuan.**

From **Lake Highlands High School**: **Benjamin Stewart, Camille Welch, Chris Atieno, Claire Daniels, Jasmine Bell, Justin Chumbley, Lyndsey Jones, and Paul Limanni.**

From **Pearce High School**: **Daniel Shnider, Daniel Silverman, Haley Bates, Jesus Bermeo, Lauren Bull, Megan Bommorito, Peter Farago, Ross Lyle, Shelby Button, So-Yeon Yun, and Zachary Sutton.**

From **Richardson High School**: **Caroline Watson, Jesse Gutierrez, and Trey Pratt.**

The **Pearce High School Band** was selected as the *2007 Division I Ranking Band in the UIL Region three 4A competition*. The Mighty Mustang band was one of just two bands in their area to advance to state. **PHS Band Director: Greg Hames**

The following seniors representing the band are: **Paige Barnett, Laura Baxter, David Bell, Megan Bommarito, Caroline Boyd, Hunter Bunkley, Kevin Christian, Korin Coker, Andrew Day, Susie Duh, Peter Farago, Johanna Fleisher, Keith Ford, Kelsey Frewen, Anne Frey, Brent Green, Austin Gunter, Mehrsa Haratizadeh, James Hearon, Sarah Hurt, Ellie Janco, Kathy Kasrai, Emily Keliher, Clinton Kimmel, Andy Kooiman, Andrew Locklin, Greg Lyle, Frankie Marcus, Andrew McCleskey, Katherine Montgomery, Laura Patterson, Akea Pipkins, Dana Reif, Dulce Rosales, Daniel Silverman, Andrew Smejdir, Rebekah Spencer, Parker Staats, B.J. Thompson, Matt Whitehurst, Sam Wilkerson, Douglas Williams, and Hayley Woodbury.**