

**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

**Staff**

The University of Texas Exes and their College of Education recently selected **Donna Anthony** of **J.J. Pearce High School** as one of *Texas' Outstanding High School Teachers for 2008*.

**Students**

Two **Lake Highlands High School** students successfully competed in the statewide *Japanese New Year's Card Contest* sponsored by the Japanese Teacher's Association of Texas. Cards included the animal of the New Year, greeting phrases in Japanese, and information of Japanese customs and traditions that demonstrate a knowledge of Japanese writing and culture.

**Kara Kearney** won the grand prize, and **Emily Still** earned a second-place award.

The following high school students recently competed in the *11<sup>th</sup> annual Dallas Regional Japanese Speech Contest*.

They competed in up to five categories, including poetry recitation, free speech, and college level speech.

From **Richardson High School**: **Abigail Diamond**, **Keyonna Daniel**, **Jai Walker**, and **Todayla Wright**.

From **J.J. Pearce High School**: **Clint Donelson** and **Tommy Sealock**.

From **Berkner High School**: **Gina Chou** and **Angel Shen**.