

**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, the Community, Staff, Schools and Students

### **Special Presentation**

Students winning special awards at the 2005 RISD Invention Convention will demonstrate their inventions for the board.

### **Staff**

**Lake Highlands High School** teacher **Kathryn Laster** has been selected as one of *Texas' Outstanding High School Teachers for 2006* by the University of Texas Exes and the UT College of Education.

RISD Executive Director of Finance **Crystal Shirley** and Director of Accounting **Nikki Hamblin** have each earned the designation of *Certified Texas School Business Official* from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. This certification is only granted to school professionals through a combination of coursework, school business experience and specialized training.

**Parkhill Junior High** teacher **Sharon Springer** has been recognized as a *Student Assistance Programs Professional of the Year* by the Texas Association of Student Assistance Professionals. She is one of just three individuals in Texas to earn this honor.

### **Students**

Three RISD student artists had their work selected for the *Texas Art Education Association 2006 Youth Art Month Capitol Show*. These students were honored yesterday in Austin and their work has been on display at the capitol:

**RISD Academy** student **Bianca Castillo**; **Pearce High School** student **Eddie Marianukroh**; and **Canyon Creek Elementary** student **Vivian Louise Taylor**.

*RISD 2005 Invention Convention Outstanding Grade Level Award Winners* include:

Kindergarten: **Campbell Hartigan, Spring Creek Elementary; Nicholas Alexander, Stults Road Elementary**

First Grade: **Gus Karau, Brentfield Elementary; Zachary Hundley, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet; Eddie Boler, MST Magnet**

Second Grade: **Dana Harrington and Sarah Swiney, Prairie Creek Elementary; Alexander Bihari, Richland Elementary; Quinten Adabie, MST Magnet; Sydney Nobles and Brooke Harris, Spring Creek Elementary**

Third Grade: **Trey Nakhoda, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet; Alicia Brown, Spring Creek Elementary; Kat Mirus, Big Springs Elementary; Austin Rae Downey, Lake Highlands Elementary; Will Aman, Moss Haven Elementary**

Fourth Grade: **Amanda McGowan, Prairie Creek Elementary; Ian Hamlett and Adam Loving, Yale Elementary; Greyson Rubin, Brentfield Elementary; Kiley Robbins, Big Springs Elementary; Peyton Williams, Lake Highlands Elementary; Samantha Trust, Prestonwood Elementary; Anna Fields, Spring Creek Elementary; Nazmus Sakeb, Stults Road Elementary**

Fifth Grade: **Alex Morris, Brentfield Elementary; Tony Sabzkooh, Prairie Creek Elementary; Thomas Shook, Canyon Creek Elementary; Roman Gruszecki, Mohawk Elementary; Addie White and Rachel Kivlighan, Bowie Elementary; Jonathan Chari, MST Magnet**

Sixth Grade: **Nathan Ochoa, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet; Drew Johnson-Scott and Nicoli Mortola, MST Magnet; Jessie Golman and Reagan Moore, Spring Creek Elementary (*Selected Best of Show*); Charlotte Miller, White Rock Elementary**

Seventh Grade: **Elizabeth McClinchie, West Junior High**

Eighth Grade: **Josh Williams and Domonique Brown, Forest Meadow Junior High**

Twelfth Grade: **Brooke Garvey, Jessica Pinkard and Jamie Pelletier, Pearce High School**

In addition, **White Rock Elementary** student **Chelsea Owens** won the award for *Most Patentable Invention*.