

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Richardson Independent School District Richardson, Texas

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INFORMATION ITEM

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Jess Harben Elementary Students

Community

The Warren Center, formally RDC for Children, would like to recognize **Richardson ISD** for their generous support and hospitality.

The Board recognizes the outstanding efforts of community partner **Richardson Police Department,** represented by the UNIDOS staff. The Board also recognizes **The Network of Community Ministries,** represented by their board and staff.

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce will recognize **Westwood Junior High's Julian Williams** for having his artwork selected for the Chamber's Teacher Appreciation Cards.

Students

Richardson High School Senior Meg McMills was recently named the 2008 DECA State Career Development Conference Winner, in the category of Restaurant Management Services and Marketing. She will advance to the international competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

The **Berkner High School** Academic Decathlon Team advanced to the State Large School Competition for Texas 5A schools.

The Berkner team members include: **Justin Jimenez, Robert Deel, Bill Mikesell, Abir Lebin, Noura Liben, Amit Goyal, Monica Tong, Rebecca York** and **Robert McCarthy.**
Coached by **Dean Webb** and **Tanya Gregson.**

The J.J. Pearce High School Academic Decathlon Team advanced to the State Medium School Competition for Texas 4A schools.

The J.J. Pearce team members include: **Samar Damghani, Isabella Westlauer, Shelby Walker, Abigail Zapote, Parker Staats, James Anderson, Ian Campbell, Justin Neel,** and **Michael Mohkamkar.**

Coached by **Dr. Carol Whatley** and **Carol Hewitt**.

The RISD 2007 Invention Convention Special Award Winners include:

Most Altruistic Invention, sponsored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce: **Jake McMahon, Prairie Creek Elementary** and **Mimi Richards, Canyon Creek Elementary**.

Best Environmentally Related Invention, sponsored by the Richardson Environmental Action League: **Hannah Saboune, Bowie Elementary; Quinten Adabie, Math Science Technology Magnet; and William Roberts, Moss Haven Elementary**.

Most Pet Friendly Invention, sponsored by the Arapaho Road Animal Clinic: **Ade' Harding, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet; and Riley Hague, Math Science Technology Magnet**.

Best Invention Related to Storage & Organization, sponsored by The Container Store: **Hannah Saboune, Bowie Elementary; Chelsea Cohen, Spring Creek Elementary; Grant Mootz, Big Springs Elementary; Harrison Alsup, Canyon Creek Elementary; Sarah Paige Abel, Prairie Creek Elementary; Lauren Schleinat, Mohawk Elementary; Brenna Holley, Prairie Creek Elementary; Emily Hohnstein, Lake Highlands Elementary; Alexandra Tonubbee, Lake Highlands Elementary; Brenna Erwin, Canyon Creek Elementary; Daniel Lee, Bowie Elementary; Timothy Seitz, Brentfield Elementary; Alli Garcia, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet; Mimi Richards, Canyon Creek Elementary; Mady Rhodenbaugh, Big Springs Elementary; Alison Quarles, Greenwood Hills Elementary; Austin Rae Downey, Lake Highlands Elementary; Marissa Berlanga, Northrich Elementary; Amber Caldwell, Yale Elementary; Kelsey Aldridge, Yale Elementary; Katlyn Kramer, Prestonwood Elementary; McKenna Marquart, Yale Elementary; William Roberts; Moss Haven Elementary; Rowan McFaye, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet; Amanda Gyemant, Northwood Hills Elementary; and Suzy LeBel, Northwood Hills Elementary**.

Most Patentable Invention, sponsored by Baker Botts: **Chelsea Owens, White Rock Elementary**

Invention Selected Best of Show: **Brenna Erwin, Canyon Creek Elementary; and William Roberts, Moss Haven Elementary**.