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Schools

Eleven RISD schools were recently named to the prestigious Texas Business and Education Coalition Honor Roll for their consistently high academic performance.† With 11 campuses, RISD ranked first in Region 10 and second district in the state in the number of schools honored.† The campuses include Brentfield Elementary, Canyon Creek Elementary, Forestridge Elementary, Math/Science/Technology Magnet, Mohawk Elementary, Northrich Elementary, Parkhill Junior High, Pearce High School, Prairie Creek Elementary, Prestonwood Elementary and Yale Elementary.

Staff

RISD's Executive Director of Finance Crystal Shirley and Director of Financial Services Nikki Hamblin have both been recognized recently by two separate national associations.† They have both earned the designation of Registered School Business Specialist with the Association of School Business Officials International.†

In addition, Ms. Hamblin and Ms. Shirley have been presented with an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.† This recognition is associated with their work on the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which has again earned GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the highest form of recognition possible in the area of government accounting and financial reporting.

Students

Sixteen RISD seniors have been named 2006-07 National Merit Semifinalists, making them eligible for consideration to receive a National Merit Scholarship.

These students represent some of the top academic performers in the United States, scoring in the top one percent nationally on the 2005 PSAT.

RISD's 2006-2007 National Merit Semifinalists include:

Christina Auldrige, Berkner

Elizabeth Biasatti, Pearce

Odessa Hamidi, Pearce

Christopher Irvin, Berkner

Isabelle Jargowsky, Richardson

Sarah Jenevein, Pearce

Tammy Lee, Berkner

Jenna Nolan, Richardson

Rebecca Piroga, Pearce

Michael Sheetz, Richardson

Luke Shelton, Pearce

Kathryn Strong, Pearce

Elson Wang, Pearce

Kendra Woodall, Pearce

Albert Young, Berkner

Grace Yuan, Richardson