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INFORMATION ITEM

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

Staff

Spring Valley Elementary Nurse Sherry Freeland recently received the "*Outstanding Award*" in the *Awards for Excellence in Texas School Health Program*. This prestigious award recognizes and promotes effective school health programs and initiatives that strive to continually improve the lifelong health of students, staff and the greater school community.

North Junior High Nurse Valerie King was recently named to the Dallas/Fort Worth area "*Great 100 Nurses*" list by the *Texas Nurses Association* for excellence in the art and science of nursing. Ms. King will be recognized April 19th at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

Berkner High School Swimming & Diving Coach Talyna Neff has been named the *2008-2009 Regional Coach of Year for Diving*.

Richardson High School Swimming & Diving Coach Regina Moss was also recently named the *2008 – 2009 Regional Coach of the Year for Swimming*.

Stults Road Principal Darwin Spiller will be a part of an March 14th *Texas Alliance of Black School Educators State Conference* distinguished educational panel to discuss Stults Road Exemplary achievement.

Students

2009 RISD High School State Swimming & Wrestling Qualifiers are:

Berkner HS State Qualifiers: Leah Jones, Swimming; **Maggie Smith**, Swimming; and **James Cross**, Diving. They are coached by **Talyna Neff** and **Shelly Silver**.

JJ Pearce High School State Qualifiers: Ainsley Mitchell, Swimming; **Andrew Silver**, Swimming; **Austin Buonasera**, Swimming; **Adam Bull**, Swimming; and **Tripp Wells**, Swimming. They are coached by **Daniel Hafner**.

Lake Highlands High School State Qualifiers: **Jennifer Browder**, Diving; **Isaac Grieder**, Wrestling; **Robby Penny**, Wrestling; and **Ebrima Njie**, Wrestling. They are coached by **Talya Neff**, **Dave Carter**, and **Pete Grieder**.

Richardson High School State Qualifiers: **Andrea Thorne Thomsen**, Swimming; **Shelly Cassel**, Swimming; **Lauren Fuerst**, Swimming; **Christy Butrus**, Swimming; **Sierra Wilmot**, Diving; and **Elena Christiansen**, Swimming. They are coached by **Regina Moss**.