

Woods' Kudos Holmes journalism students win national awards

Journalism students at Holmes HS recently received multiple awards and honors from both the Interscholastic League Press Conference (ISLP) and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). These included The Gavel news magazine that received a top rating of Distinguished Merit from ILPC, and a prestigious national Silver Crown Award from CSPA.

In addition to these overall awards, Holmes journalism students received several individual awards for their work, including 1st place in editorial writing, 1st place infographic/sidebar, 1st place sports feature photo, 1st and 2nd place comic strip, 2nd place personal opinion column, and 2nd place in social media. ILPC also awarded the staff Honorable Mention in six other categories.

Help pass the torch to new teachers

As we bid farewell to Northside teachers retiring this year, we welcome a new crew of first year teachers this summer. At the August Elementary New Teacher Academy, the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) will host a free teacher school supply pick 'n' pull program called "Passing the Torch." NEF is now collecting currently relevant, personally-owned instructional supplies and materials from retiring teachers, or any teacher that would like to donate. [Click here](#) for more information



3,000 participate in annual NEF Run/Walk benefitting NISD teachers



An estimated 3,000 runners and walkers participated in the annual Northside Education Foundation (NEF) 5K Run/Walk and Family Wellness Fair, presented by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, held this past weekend at SeaWorld.

In addition to a scenic and brisk run or walk through the park, participants were able to visit with almost 50 different vendors. The San Antonio Spurs Coyote made a guest appearance and cheered on runners during the free Kids Fun Run and pumped up several campus mascots competing in the first ever Mascot Slam Dunk Contest. The slam dunk winner was the Roadrunner from Mary Hull ES.

The 5K top male and female winners were O'Connor HS student Jose G. Ventura IV and Cynthia Lozano, a teacher at Franklin ES. The campus with the largest team was Beard ES, and the largest non-campus team was the Northside Learning Center. Oak Hills Terrace ES was awarded the Spirit Stick. For winner and other event photos [click here](#).

Parade of Homes features tiny living

This year's Construction Careers Academy (CCA) Parade of Homes showcase, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, will feature 152 square feet of compact living. The homes will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They come complete with a sleeping area, bathroom, loft, kitchen, living area, and an outdoor living space. Designed and constructed by seniors in the CCA program, the homes are designed with a western/country flare and named "Yukon," "Wolverine," "Elk," and "Grizzly." The homes will be judged by a team of business partners and community members. Scholarships will be awarded to the team with the overall highest score.



The construction of the homes and Parade of Homes showcase serve as a culmination of all the seniors have learned during their four years at CCA. The homes will be auctioned to the general public beginning at 11 a.m. The Parade of Homes also features a silent auction, food booths, vendor booths, and speakers on tiny house living. The event is free and open to the public. CCA is located on the Warren HS campus.



YouTube Feature

The Holmes HS Career and Technology Showcase revealed many of the students' talents through various programs. During the showcase, students showed off their skills in culinary arts, fashion and cosmetology, health care, and auto collision repair. Northside offers advanced training in 25 different fields. [Click here](#) to view how these programs offer the students hands-on training to prepare them for continued learning and the workforce after graduation.

Learn what's happening in NISD schools



Check out the latest interviews on Northside Speaks as NISD experts talk about interesting topics and activities in the District.

The latest interviews include Construction Careers Academy senior Jordan Perez, talking about the magnet school and upcoming parade of homes; Cassandra Miranda, director of School-Business-Community Partnerships, talking about the value of school partners; Anthony Jarrett, executive director of High School Instruction, discussing national rankings for NISD high schools; and Gerald Lopez, NISD Trustee, explaining the roles and duties of being a NISD board member. [Click here](#) and scroll down to the "Northside Speaks" section to hear what these experts have to say.

Outstanding partners recognized

More than 300 campus winners were recognized at the Partnerships Recognitions and Awards amongst an array of color and artwork as the ceremony was held in conjunction with ArtFest, a showcase of student artwork from across the District.

More than 30,000 people volunteer in NISD each year impacting tens of thousands of NISD students.

"Volunteers and partners are the lifeblood of our district," said Dr. Brian Woods, superintendent. "From individual mentors and tutors to corporate sponsorships, we are very fortunate in Northside to have such positive community support."

Schools annually recognize Campus Partners-of-the-Year in four categories, and District-wide winners are selected among the campus winners.

To read about the District Partner-of-the-Year winners, [click here](#). Pictured is some of the amazing art showcased during ArtFest.



Campus Roundup



Steubing ES

First grade students in Melinda Valdez's class paired with H-E-B to make Mother's Day cakes for their mothers. Each student donned an apron, gloves, and hair nets as they decorated a cake with the skill of a professional baker. It was sure to be a sweet treat for their mothers on Mother's Day. Pictured are (from bottom going clockwise) Macie Sapp, Davin Castillon, Miranda Brooks, Corbin Jeans, Sofia Guerra, Devin Castillo, and Brynlee Dawson.

Fisher ES

Six students at Fisher ES will have their poems published. Students have been learning about poetry as part of the District genre study this year. Mary Totin, librarian, taught different forms of poetry in her library lessons, and encouraged the students to submit original poems to the Young Americans Poetry Digest contest. Six students were chosen to be included in this year's anthology. Pictured are the winning poets, (from l-r, front) Nathaniel Nguyen; (middle row) Amelie Hungerford, Araceli Longoria; and (back row) Alyssa Castillo, Aaliya Mesa, and Gabriella Pena.



PERK OF THE WEEK

Schlitterbahn Waterpark discounted tickets

Plan a getaway this summer to Schlitterbahn's New Braunfels and Corpus Christi waterparks. NISD employees qualify for as much as a 15 percent discount at both parks. Follow these steps to purchase tickets: [click here](#) and select either park's logo, proceed to the eTicket Code section and follow prompts for first-time buyers or returning guests, use code NB16NISD for both parks. To reserve a stay at The Resort at Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels, [click here](#) or call (888) 965-6093 and use promo code PARTNR for a discount.