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Bright Stars Celebrates SBISD Teachers of the Year and SBEF Scholarship Recipients

On May 12, Spring Branch Education Foundation was excited to hold our favorite event in person for the first time since 2019! Bright Stars celebrates each SBISD campus Teacher of the Year and SBISD Principals of the Year and honors every senior receiving an SBEF scholarship this year.

Approximately 650 guests packed the ballroom for a fun-filled evening. 205 seniors were each awarded their scholarships to pursue their post-graduate programs and each Teacher and Principal of the Year was recognized for excellence both on their campus and in SBISD. Bright Stars Chair, Laura Minyard, explained, “Bright Stars is such a special opportunity to honor our amazing Teachers of the Year and wonderful SBISD seniors! I think it’s pretty unique that we have an evening dedicated to honoring these two groups and celebrating each winner. I’m so proud to be a part of this fantastic event!”

Laura Minyard led Teacher and Principal of the Year honorees in several games with fabulous prizes donated by Board Members and other friends of Spring Branch Education Foundation. Our SBISD staff members won dinners, staycations, spa treatments, and more! Teachers and Principals of the Year also each took home a gift certificates from HEB and Amazon, courtesy of Spring Branch Education Foundation.

Scholarship winners shared the evening with teachers and staff, reconnecting with their own teachers from years ago for a night of celebration. Laura Minyard pointed out that “many people in the Spring Branch community don’t realize the scale of the SBEF scholarship program until they attend Bright Stars! Evan Perroni, the SBEF Scholarship Chair, awarded over 200 scholarships worth \$289,000 on Thursday night. That really makes an impact for the families of our community.”

Since 1993, Spring Branch Education Foundation has worked alongside Spring Branch ISD to support both students and educators. SBEF partners with Spring Branch ISD and the community to fund programs that enhance education and prepare our students for the future. For the last seven years, SBEF has given more than \$1 million to Spring Branch ISD annually. In 2021, SBEF also funded every SBISD teacher grant request, provided school supplies for each student at all

SBISD Title I pre-kindergarten, elementary, and middle schools, and awarded \$186,100 in scholarships to graduating SBISD seniors.

Photos: (1) Ruth Gerum Scholarship Recipient, Hy Cao from Memorial High School, and Suzanne Stiles; (2) SBISD Employee Campaign scholarship recipients.

