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Last Day of School

Staff Development Workday

#### JUNE

Graduation Day Reed Arena (Texas A&M University) 10 AM - THS 1:30 PM - TMHS

For all fine arts & athletics events in May, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.





## What is Tomball Talk?

Tomball Talk is a monthly eNewsletter for Tomball ISD. Each issue will highlight the previous month's top headlines as well as awards, events and accomplishments.

## Who is behind Tomball Talk?

Tomball Talk is edited and published by the Tomball ISD Communications Department.

## Have materials to submit?

If you have material (calendar events, news stories, numbers of note) you wish to submit, please email: allisonmcclain@tomballisd.net.

## Nominate an Educator or Group for our Spotlights!

Do you have an educator doing amazing things on your campus or a group that has been actively engaged in the community?

Nominate that respective individual or group, accompanied by a few bullet points explaining why they deserve to be spotlighted.

Email nominations to allisonmcclain@tomballisd.net.

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# WHY TOMBALL?

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- (A) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- (A) SCHOOL PROGRESS
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17,000+ STUDENT ENROLLMENT 20 CAMP<u>USES</u>

**RANKED #1** FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY TAX RATE: \$1.34 UNCHANGED PAST 5 YEARS

22 CTE PATHWAYS





## REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SMALLER SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGED FAMILIES A DESTINATION DISTRICT OF INNOVATION STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM IN 2020



## **CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT STATE OF THE DISTRICT**



With a captivating audience, Tomball ISD had the opportunity to reflect on its continued successes and commitment to education as over 200 community members joined together for the Second Annual State of the District luncheon.

The event was in support of the Tomball Education Foundation and welcomed in TISD Board of Trustees, educators, students, administrators, city officials, and valued community members to Moffitt Oaks Event venue for an afternoon of celebration.

The Tomball Memorial High School Steel Drums, under the direction of Chris King, welcomed guests to the luncheon with a medley of songs. The event kicked off with a welcome from Judge Lincoln Goodwin, Justice of the Peace of Precinct 4 as the MC. He was followed by Tomball Education Foundation President Susan Cline, who provided insight into the TEF.

Student achievement continues to excel across the district and two talented students in TMHS' Trinisa Fung and Tomball Star Academy's Tomas Maldonado shared their experiences of being students in the district and credited their teachers for being change-agents in their lives.

The TMHS Sax Quartet, under the direction of Andy Easton, showcased their talents with several performances throughout the day.

Educators Allison Bearden of Oakcrest Intermediate and Brandon Batchelor of Willow Wood Junior High spoke on the impact the community makes in this school district and why teaching in Tomball means so much to each of them.

Following lunch, Tomball ISD Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora took to the podium to deliver her annual State of the District presentation. She reflected on the past year and the many successes the district has experienced.

She raved about TISD being the only straight A school district in Harris County and how that accomplishment reverts back to the outstanding student achievement that is all across the district.

Salazar-Zamora went on to recognize the district for being honored on the AP Honor Roll, as an HEB Finalist in 2018 and being awarded a \$75,000 grant for the robotics program. She also noted that over 16 million dollars in academic and athletic scholarships were awarded district-wide this past year.

"Tomball ISD students have excelled at the highest levels in academics, fine arts, athletics and FFA and our educators continue to serve as leaders and innovators in all areas, promoting success and competition within our district and beyond," Salazar-Zamora said.

The State of the District speech touched on the district's growth over the last year, highlighted by an enrollment that surpassed 17,000 students, the launch of the Two-Way Dual Language Academy, the expansion of the GE model on campuses, the collaboration through PLCs and the implementation of student support services like Emotional Backpacks, video therapy, online learning modules and intervention resources.

She spoke about Bond 2017 projects and district improvements as well as shared her excitement in being a model district for many others to replicate.

"As a Destination District, we have been fortunate to welcome in visitors in education to our campuses this year. Leadership teams as well as educators from school districts around the state visited our campuses to experience our GE implementation, our collaborative practices through PLCs, our intervention process, our special education challenge days as well as our proposed Two-Way Dual Language Academy."

For the growing district, the support of the Tomball community is invaluable. Salazar-Zamora credited the community for the district's growth and success.

"Without you, our innovative and growth-mindset wouldn't be to our standard of excellence."

She highlighted the recent partnership with LSC-Tomball and Harris County Public Library with the Tomball Community Art Showcase as well as events such as Principal Partners and Leadership Tomball that all involve members of the community.

Guests were then left with this question, "So what does the future hold for Tomball ISD?"

"We are Bold by Design. Whatever we set our minds to, we can accomplish, and we will always do what is best for all our students."

#### WATCH VIDEO | READ FULL STORY

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# **DESTINATION EXCELLENCE**

#### ALLISON BEARDEN NAMED CONOCOPHILLIPS MATH TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Allison Bearden from OIS was named the ConocoPhillips Math Teacher of the Month for her innovative teaching styles and focus on Project Based Learning. Her students and staff were on hand to celebrate the moment with a visit from Astros' mascot Orbit.

#### READ MORE



#### TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL UIL JOURNALISM TEAM WINS DISTRICT & REGIONALS

Congratulations to the Tomball Memorial High School UIL Journalism Team for a record-breaking year, capturing a District & Regional Championship!

Alanna Craige (News & Feature Writing) and Ore James (Copy Editing) will compete at State in their respective events!

#### SUPERINTENDENT SHINING STARS

Tomball ISD recognized four teachers across the district and honored them as Superintendent Shining Stars for implementing Social Emotional Learning initiatives in their classroom or on their campus.

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# **DESTINATION EXCELLENCE**

#### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS HONORED

Tomball ISD was well-represented in the National Merit Scholarship Program as both TMHS and THS students were recognized for the exceptional work in the classroom and beyond.

These students were honored in front of the Board of Trustees, the Tomball ISD Executive Team and guests during the April School Board Meeting.

#### **READ MORE**



#### CONGRATULATIONS TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL - DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

Tomball High School Baseball captured the 20-5A District Championship with a 15-0 record in district play and a 24-1-2 overall record this season.

For playoff information, **<u>CLICK HERE</u>**.

#### FIVE TOMBALL SCHOOLS EARN GREAT EXPECTATIONS® MODEL SCHOOL DISTINCTION

Tomball ISD schools were celebrated for their commitment to the Great Expectations® (GE) program as Lakewood Elementary, Tomball Elementary, Canyon Pointe Elementary, Creekview Elementary and Oakcrest Intermediate earned the prestigious Model School distinction by the organization.

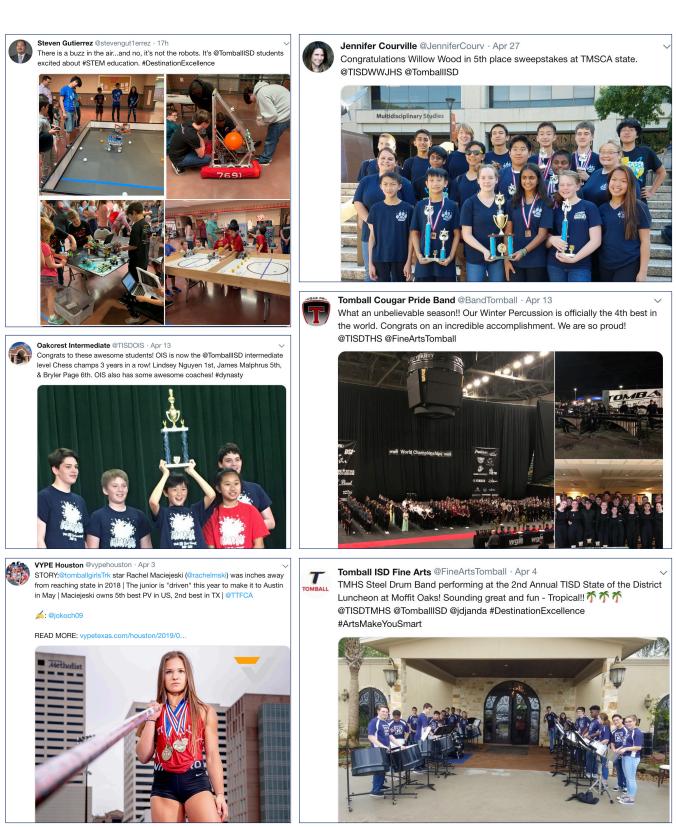
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# **STUDENT SHOUTOUTS**



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# **STUDENT SHOUTOUTS**



Jill Chumley @jillchumley · Apr 24

Tomball Memorial's 2018 yearbook was named a 'Best of 2018' yearbook by Balfour publishing. We are one of 53 schools featured in the front of Balfour's idea book for 2019 staffs!! #TISDTMHS #hardworkpaysoff #GoCatsGo





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Tomball students from @TISDCES, @TISDDPES, @TISDTCES, @TISDTES and @TISDWCES showcased their golf skills and strong character and leadership qualities by participating in the @TheFirstTee Champions Challenge. #DestinationExcellence

More: tomballisd.net/apps/news/arti...



(ha) e(y) ga) yean @haley\_galyean · Apr 17 So proud of @ARBearden 6th Math students and their Mini Library #PBL that they are presenting at the @ecorise 1st Annual Houston Student Innovation Showcase tonight at Houston City Hall! @TomballISD #TeamTomball #DestinationExcellence - at Houston City Hall Annex



Martha SalazarZamora @m\_salazarzamora · Apr 17 Great job tonight @TISDTSA on a fabulous induction ceremony. We are so proud of the incoming 9th grade class. Thanks to @NuttsForTomball and @lonestarcollege for a true partnership that is making a difference in TISD!! #TISD #DestinationExcellence



Tomball ISD Fine Arts @FineArtsTomball · 15h

CPJH & TIS 6th Grade Choir students performing The Star Spangled Banner tonight at the Juice Box! @astros @ATTSportsNetSW @JuliaMorales Great job by these talented musicians! @TomballISD @TISDCPJHS @TISDTIS @m\_salazarzamora #DestinationExcellence #ArtsMakeYouSmart @jdjanda



## EDUCATORS SPOTLIGHT NEW PRINCIPALS IN 2019-2020

Introducing our new leaders for Rosehill Elementary and Tomball Intermediate ...



**Dr. Bianca Shaughnessy** has been named the new principal at **Rosehill Elementary**, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. She makes the administrative transfer from Tomball Intermediate School, where she served as principal for two years.

Prior to joining Tomball ISD, Dr. Shaughnessy served as an elementary teacher, elementary assistant principal, and elementary principal in Galena Park ISD.

For Rosehill, she will bring with her elementary-level principal experience as well as leadership experience at a dual language campus. This is especially important as Rosehill will serve as the location of our new Tomball ISD Two-Way Dual Language Academy opening in August.

Dr. Shaughnessy earned her Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and her Master's degree in Educational Management and a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

#### SAMORA DAVIS, TIS



**Samora Davis** has been named the new **principal** at **Tomball Intermediate School.** She will be returning to a campus after having served as the Tomball ISD Director of Intervention and Languages Other Than English since 2016. In addition to that role, she was the District 504 Coordinator and Summer School Coordinator.

She brings 17 years of experience in the field of education in both elementary and secondary to Tomball Intermediate. She began her education career as a student teacher at Tomball High School before landing her first job as a Spanish teacher and team leader at THS in 2001.

After spending time as a bilingual educational diagnostician away from the district, she returned to TISD as an assistant principal at Tomball Memorial High School.

Ms. Davis earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Sam Houston State University, her Master's in Education as an educational diagnostician from Houston Baptist University and her Master's in Education for special education leadership from the University of St. Thomas.



## **EXCITING CHANGES!**

REDUCED COST from \$185/week to \$150/week!

Open to 3-year and 4-year old AND 5-year old children (who are not eligible for Kindergarten)

Lunch will be now be included when Tomball ISD schools are in session

The Application for the Early Excellence Academy is Now Open!

Parents or guardians must be a full-time employee of TISD to register and the enrollment process will be on a first come, first serve basis.

You must login to your Tomball ISD Google Account (employeeID@tomballschools.net + your Single Sign On password) to access the website and application link:

https://www.tomballisd.net/EarlyExcellence/

- Capacity limit at 66 children
- Located in an unattached building on the campus grounds of Tomball High School
- For additional questions, please email brendablackmon@tomballisd.net

## **Tomball ISD Fine Arts Festival - 2019**



## Saturday, May 4, 2019 - Tomball HS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Tomball ISD Fine Arts has all the bases covered!ARTMUSICDANCETHEATER

Performances by many talented Musical Groups, Kid Crafts, Food Booths, Silent Auction, and LOTS and LOTS of Student Art Work

# **#TISDMVT**

Congratulations to our #MostValuableTeachers from Tomball Elementary and Creekview Elementary and thank you for being an #Irreplaceable teacher in Tomball ISD.





DEBBIE WARE | TOMBALL ELEMENTAR



SEY BENNETT | TOMBALL ELEMENTAR



CARRIE RAY | CREEKVIEW ELEMENTAR



SUZY LANE | CREEKVIEW ELEMENTAR





LIBBIE SMYLIE | CREEKVIEW ELEMENTARY





DIANA APFEL | CREEKVIEW ELEMENTARY



Congratulations to our #MostValuableTeachers from **#TISDNVT** Congratulations to our #iviostvaluable reachers from Decker Prairie and Rosehill Elementary and thank you for being an #Irreplaceable teacher in Tomball ISD for being an #Irreplaceable teacher in Tomball ISD.







# **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

#### DRU BAKER | TMHS, '18 Freshman Student-Athlete at Texas Tech University

Dru Baker may only be one year removed from high school but his ability to adapt and grow as a student-athlete has made his first year at Texas Tech University one to remember.

A 2018 graduate of Tomball Memorial High School, Baker's name lit up the sports columns during his time as a Wildcat student-athlete. The drive and motivation he had to excel at the next level landed him a baseball scholarship for the Red Raiders out in Lubbock, Texas.

Baker was raised in the Tomball community his entire childhood and isn't shy to praise the support he received during those days.

"My childhood growing up in Tomball was nothing short of great," he said. "There was a lot of opportunity throughout my childhood to grow and learn about who I wanted to be with no worries."

He attended Lakewood Elementary, Northpointe Intermediate and Willow Wood Junior High before embarking on his high school career at Tomball Memorial High School in 2015.

"I think the best part about the Tomball community was that even with all the growth in population, it still felt like a small town," he recalls. "Everybody knew everybody, and you could always count on neighbors and friends to be there for you."

Even though it had only been open for a few years, Tomball Memorial High School provided Baker with an experience that he will never forget.

"Attending TMHS provided me a lot of opportunities to create new traditions and legacies for the school because it was new," he said. "My best memory from high school was representing my school and playing sports with my friends, whom I have played with since I was little."

Representing Tomball Memorial as the quarterback on the football field and as an infielder on the baseball field, Baker was a two-sport athlete that modeled the ability to juggle and excel at the highest levels.

"It was very busy playing two sports in high school, but I have been doing that for most of my life, so it wasn't too much of a struggle," he said. "The support from my coaches was great. They never forced me to specialize in one sport, which as great since I loved playing both."

He was an All-District performer in both sports and an All-State honoree in baseball. Baker threw for over 4,500 yards in his career with 42 touchdowns. He also hit .440 with five home runs, 12 doubles, two triples, 45 RBI and 20 stolen bases during his senior season alone.

Baker helped the Wildcats advance to the Baseball Regional Finals with a 30-12 overall record in 2018.

"My senior year baseball season was the most fun of my life," he said. "I had been playing with these guys for four years and we finally had the chance to show off in playoffs."

When it came to choosing a university, Baker had options. He had put himself in a strong position both athletically and academically to have a choice of where he wanted to extend his education and he chose Texas Tech University.

"I chose to attend Texas Tech University because it had everything I was looking for in a college and in baseball," Baker said. "The coaches were great and the facilities were awesome."

Playing college sports provides an avenue for students to represent their University and Baker has enjoyed every minute of that opportunity.

"Playing baseball at the highest level is very nerve racking, however, it is an amazing experience learning from all the coaches and older players on the team," he shared. "Also, it is really cool that I get to see a lot of new places while traveling for baseball."

In 2018, Texas Tech advanced to the NCAA College World Series after beating Duke in the Super Regionals. The Red Raiders are aiming for their fourth trip to the College World Series in six years under head coach Tim Tadlock and Baker has the opportunity to be a part of that moment.

Baker has contributed immensely on the baseball field as a true freshman, starting nearly 30 games and hitting over the .300 mark. As the season nears the end, Baker and the Red Raiders look to make another postseason run. Along with his efforts on the field, he continues to focus on his academics. He is a sports management major and has dreams of one day working for ESPN following his baseball career.

When Baker has time to reflect on his early contributions at Texas Tech, he will be able to recall the hard work, dedication and the will to succeed he had growing up in Tomball.

"For me, the motivating factor in continuing to be a student-athlete was all the hard work I put in this sport growing up. I spent a lot of weekends and weeknights practicing. I was elated when I received an offer from TTU because it proved to me that the hard work paid off."

Baker has continued to represent Tomball Memorial High School and the community as a model student-athlete and has seemed to have found the right place for him to be an immediate contributor both on and off the field.



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# **GRADUATION INFORMATION**

#### Tomball High School Graduation Saturday, June 1 • 10 a.m.

Doors Open at 9 a.m. Graduates arrive at 9:15 a.m.

Reed Arena - Texas A&M University 1554 Olsen Blvd. College Station, TX 77840 <u>More Info</u>

### Tomball Memorial High School Graduation Saturday, June 1 • 1:30 p.m.

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m. Graduates arrive at 12:45 p.m.

Reed Arena - Texas A&M University 1554 Olsen Blvd. College Station, TX 77840 <u>More info</u>

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# DISTRICT CALENDAR

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