

Waco Independent School District
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda Item

Date: September 21, 2023

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RE: Special Recognitions

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Background Information:

Pledge Leaders

Each month, one campus selects two students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the regular business meeting of the Waco ISD Board of Trustees. For the month of September, South Waco Elementary students Sean Spicak and Kaelani Morales-Rodriguez were selected for this honor.

Advanced Placement Scholars

Students receive the designation of Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar through hard work and high academic achievement in AP courses and exams. There are three designations: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honors, and AP Scholar with Distinction. AP Exams are scored on a one to five scale, and scores of 3 or better earn the student college credit for the course at most universities across the United States.

The award of AP Scholar is awarded to students who receive scores of three or higher on three or more AP exams. Waco ISD has a total of 27 students who have earned one or more of these awards.

AP Scholars are as follows:

University High School

Oscar Estrada
Archie Hatten
Sydney Leining

Nahomy Perez
J. German Ruiz

Waco High School

William Barbee
Annabeth Carlson
Josaphat Donaldson
Lucas Everett
Luke Grant

Ethan Lemke
William Prather
Hudson Rice
Elanah Sriram
Piper Woodward

AP Scholar with Honor is awarded to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

University High School

Miriam Hinojosa

Waco High School

Kayla Cho
Daniel Garner
Kohen Scott

AP Scholar with Distinction is awarded to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

University High School

Andres Luevano

Waco High School

James Burnias
Samuel Everett
Helen Goodman
Libby Hack

Alexis Hookham
Danielle Sanders
Sarah Schlapppe

Teacher Recognition for AP Accomplishments

The following teachers had 8 or more students score a 3 or higher on AP exams:

University High School

Becky Zeinert – AP Language and AP Literature had 17 total students
13 students received a 3, and 4 students received a 4

Crystal Ballard – AP World History had 12 total students
10 students received a 3, 1 student received a 4, and 1 student received a 5

Reyes Lopez – AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature had 20 total students
13 students received a 3, 5 students received a 4, and 2 students received a 5

Waco High School

Delilah Amaita – AP Chemistry had 10 total students

8 students received a 3, 1 student received a 4, and 1 student received a 5

Joel Colosimo – AP 2D Art, AP 3D Art, AP Drawing had a total of 8 students

5 students received a 3, 1 student received a 4, 2 students received a 5

Joshua Marks – AP Human Geography had 11 total students

3 students received a 3, 6 students received a 4, and 2 students received a 5

Paul Gonzalez – AP Language, AP Literature and AP Psychology had 37 total students

27 students received a 3, 6 students received a 4, and 4 students received a 5

Rosa Pevia – AP Spanish Language had 12 total students

7 students received a 3, and 5 students received a 4

Community Partner Award

Each month, Waco ISD recognizes a community partner making a difference for students with the Waco ISD Award for Outstanding Community Partners. The recognition celebrates the theme for the 2023-2024 school year “Lead from Results” and acknowledges the impact that our community partners make in the lives of our students and staff.

In September, the district is recognizing Hiz Houze Church. They have been an amazing partner to Waco ISD by supporting students and staff at Kendrick Elementary School and University High School. Hiz House Church has helped Kendrick by providing free disk jockey services and a STAAR pep rally. They also participate in the STAR Book Club and church members regularly come read to students during lunch. They greet students and provide music on the first day of school, record the campus STAAR song annually, are sponsor of and volunteer for the Easter Hop event, and have assisted with getting the Parent Teacher Association started this year. Over the last few years they have also donated over 300 backpacks to students.

At University High, Hiz Houze Church has volunteered to cook for perfect attendance student luncheons, provided free disc jockey services for the senior class picnic and have helped to mentor students.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Administration Recommendations:

For discussion only