

Jennifer L. Hughes, PhD, MPH, graduated from Joshua High School in 1999 as historian of her senior class. Jennifer is a Psychologist and Clinical Scholar in Behavioral Health at Nationwide Children's Hospital and an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, College of Medicine, and the Division of Health Behavior and Health Promotion, College of Public Health, at The Ohio State University. With a relentless commitment to suicide prevention and youth mental health, Dr. Hughes co-developed two groundbreaking evidence-based treatments for depressed and suicidal youth. She is an international trainer for the "Youth Aware of Mental Health" (YAM) program, spreading mental health awareness and suicide prevention across the United States and globally. As a leader in professional organizations like ABCT and APA, she champions research and advocates for improved mental health for children, adolescents, and families. Dr. Hughes's influence transcends academia, as she delivered a powerful TED talk on resilience for youth. Her exceptional work has prevented deaths by suicide in youth and helped people live their lives to the fullest. Joshua ISD is proud to recognize Dr. Jennifer Hughes as the 2023 Wall of Fame Inductee.