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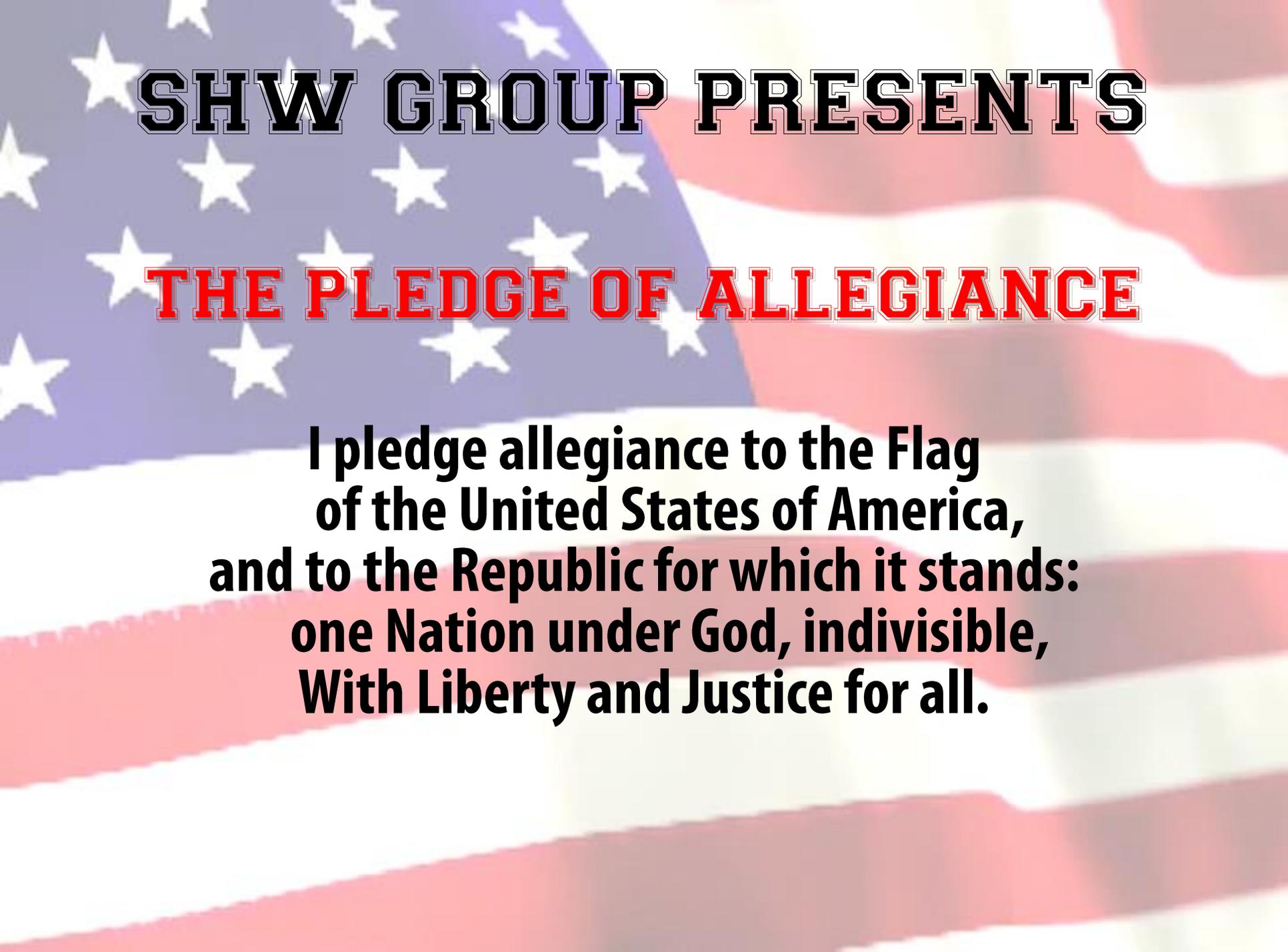
**THE PRESENTATION OF
THE COLORS**

JUNIOR ROTC

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS

IRVING ISD



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THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands:
one Nation under God, indivisible,
With Liberty and Justice for all.**

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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER **(THE NATIONAL ANTHEM)**

**Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?**

**Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?**

**And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.**

**Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the ' brave?**

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**COLLIN
COUNTY**

- ✓ Allen ISD
- ✓ Anna ISD
- ✓ Blue Ridge ISD
- ✓ Community ISD
- ✓ McKinney ISD
- ✓ Plano ISD
- ✓ Princeton ISD
- ✓ Prosper ISD
- ✓ Wylie ISD



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KATIE LANIER

- Allen ISD
- Allen High School
- Grade 11 Physics
- 12-Year Teacher
- Part of learning is taking risks and making mistakes. Every day, students are asked to face possible failure as they try to understand and apply physics. Teachers should be willing to try similar risks. Students are expected to fix the mistake and improve. Teachers should model the same.



Allen Independent School District



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

CYNTHIA O'NEILL



- Allen ISD
- Beverly Cheatham Elementary
- Grade 4 Science
- 12-Year Teacher
- **My personal belief about teaching comes down to one framed piece of paper that is in my classroom which states “In this room, we do not do EASY. We CREATE easy through HARD WORK and LEARNING.”**

Allen Independent School District



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KAREN BUMP



- Anna ISD
- Anna High School
- Grades 9-12 Math
- 12-Year Teacher
- **All students can do math, with hard work and dedication, the language of mathematics becomes clearer. Just like in sports a person does not learn to do something by just watching and observing. You must actually take the 'ball' (or pencil) in your hands and get down and dirty.**



Anna Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

TIFFANY MORSE



- Anna ISD
- Sue Rattan Elementary
- GradeK-5 Special Education
- 12-Year Teacher
- I feel that it is important as a teacher to create an environment that is a safe place, set up to cater to individual and specific needs of each student. I think it is important to be flexible and patient. Flexibility is a must every day.

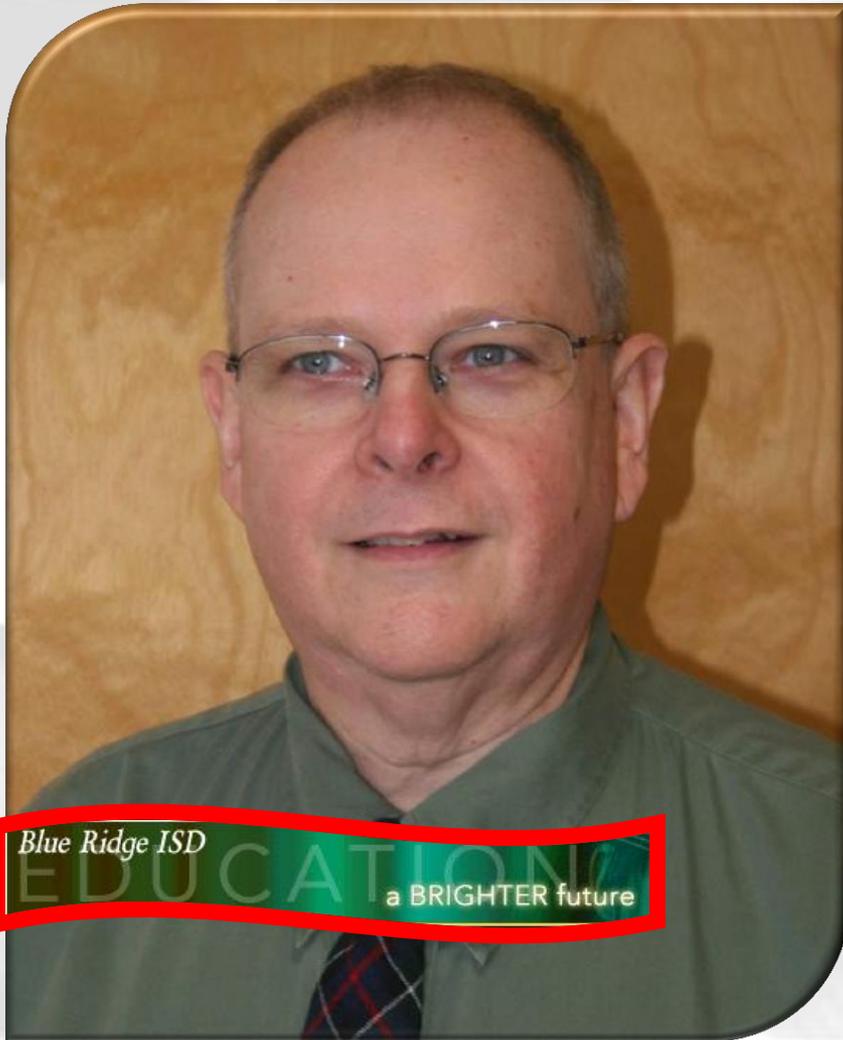


Anna Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

SCOTT LESLIE

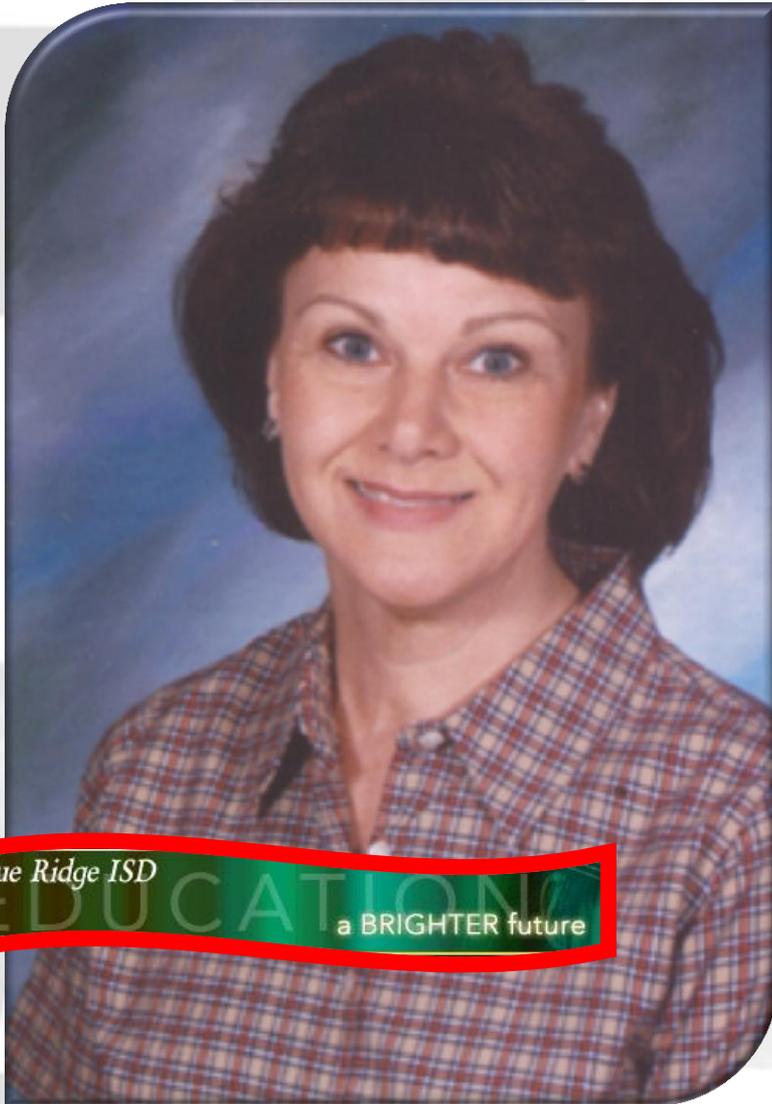
- Blue Ridge ISD
- Blue Ridge High School
- Grades 8-12 Social Studies
- 5-Year Teacher
- My greatest joy in teaching comes from watching my students move out of their family-centered environments to engaging in our world. Observing students connecting disparate pieces of knowledge and assimilating them into a whole has become a series of memorable moments in my professional and personal life.



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BRENDA VAUGHAN

- Blue Ridge ISD
- Blue Ridge Elementary
- Grade 1
- 28-Year Teacher
- I have always had a love for children in my heart. Children must be molded and guided into the right direction by caring adults. Once children understand and realize you care about them, then they will strive to do their best.



Blue Ridge ISD

EDUCATION
a BRIGHTER future

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HEATHER RUSSELL

- Community ISD
- Phyllis NeSmith Elementary
- Grade 1
- 10-Year Teacher
- **My classroom is filled with inventive thinkers, and I credit this to letting them create. Students use iPads to make movies, slideshows, and collages to show what they know. It's fair to say that I am not a fan of worksheets!**



COMMUNITY



HOME

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



JEREMY SOEDER

- Community ISD
- Community High School
- Grade 9 History
- 1-Year Teacher
- The end goal is that my students learn more than what they knew or wanted to know coming into the class and that they develop a love for learning. High school graduation is not the end goal, but that they continue into college. This takes a student that has determination, drive, and a desire to be a lifelong learner.

COMMUNITY  Welcome

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FRANK GUERRA

- **McKinney ISD**
- **Faubion Middle School**
- **Grades 6-8 Art**
- **11-Year Teacher**
- **I strongly believe that students need to have an atmosphere that is caring, secure and extremely motivating. Three elements used in my classroom have been pivotal: (1) the teacher acting as guide, (2) allowing the students natural curiosity to direct his learning, and (3) promoting respect for everyone's ideas and input.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KAYCE VANDERPLAS



McKINNEY

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

- **McKinney ISD**
- **C. T. Eddins Elementary School**
- **Grade 4 English**
- **5-Year Teacher**
- **Education is a very critical piece to every child's life, and it is my job to nurture and encourage all children along their learning journey. As an educator, I must work to build and foster not only an academic relationship, but a personal and social one with each child as well.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

RAMY MAHMOUD



- **Plano ISD**
- **Williams High School**
- **Grades 9-10 Biology**
- **8-Year Teacher**
- **Many of my fellow students at the time became fascinated at my new approach toward education. I knew my calling was to instill a passion of learning as an educator, and it's the best decision I've ever made, besides marrying my wife.**



Plano Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

ERIN SWAIN

- **Plano ISD**
- **Bethany Elementary School**
- **Grade 4**
- **8-Year Teacher**
- **I was teaching other teachers to be just like me. I vowed never to train new teachers that way again. It is essential that we grow teachers with varied teaching styles, encourage them to think outside the box, and teach lessons based upon the interests of their students.**



Plano Independent School District

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CHRISTINE CLARK

- Princeton ISD
- Huddleston Middle School
- Grade 6 ELAR/Science
- 4-Year Teacher
- **Not a day goes by when I don't think about school, or my students, or my lessons. I keep a piece of paper near me – always – so I can jot down an inkling of an idea for a lesson, or simply to keep a list of what needs to be accomplished. It can morph into something to amaze and engage your students.**

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GINNY LAMB

- Princeton ISD
- Godwin Elementary School
- Grade 2
- 5-Year Teacher
- My classroom has its own economy. Students are earning credits for behavior, classroom jobs, and going above and beyond. They also receive debits for breaking a classroom rule. Students are required to balance their checkbooks, and I write them a check, which they can spend at the classroom store.

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TIM HARDY

- Prosper ISD
- Reynolds Middle School
- Grades 7-8 PE/Athletics
- 9-Year Teacher
- **Expectations must be high. If something is worth having and it is easy to get, then everyone would have it, and no one would want it. Hard work and sacrifices are often attributes that students must be willing to endure to reach a set goal. This applies to their school work or the activities they are involved in.**

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TRINA HARLOW

- Prosper ISD
- Folsom Elementary School
- Grades K-4 Art
- 19-Year Teacher
- I was teaching school short term in Uganda. My life changed forever when I held up a crayon to children who had never seen one. The beautiful sound that came from them is seared in my memory. Watching them left an indelible image in my mind and now defines by personal style as an educator.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

DAVID SHIPP



- Wylie ISD
- Wylie East High School
- Grades K-9-12 Physics/IPC
- 8-Year Teacher
- I lean on humor and music to make physics more palatable. When we discuss the universal law of gravitation, I bring in my guitar and sing a rock ballad I wrote for my trash can. My students laugh about the different objects we each are attracted to and never noticed before!



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ATLANTA TIGERT



- Wylie ISD
- Davis Intermediate School
- Grades 5-6 Art
- 13-Year Teacher
- I prove that an autistic kid who won't speak can share his secret thoughts through marker and crayon. I prove that clean up can be done in seconds and that boys can and do paint flowers and they paint them – Pink! I help mold students into critical thinkers and empower them with their creativity.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

DALLAS COUNTY



- ✓ Cedar Hill ISD
- ✓ Coppell ISD
- ✓ Dallas ISD
- ✓ DeSoto ISD
- ✓ Duncanville ISD
- ✓ Faith Family Academy
- ✓ Garland ISD
- ✓ Grand Prairie ISD
- ✓ Hampton Preparatory Academy
- ✓ Highland Park ISD
- ✓ Irving ISD
- ✓ Lancaster ISD
- ✓ North Hills Preparatory Academy
- ✓ NOVA Academy
- ✓ Peak Preparatory Academy
- ✓ Richardson ISD
- ✓ Rylie Family Faith Academy
- ✓ Summit International Academy
- ✓ Sunnyvale ISD
- ✓ Universal Academy
- ✓ Winfree Academy

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BARBARA BOAKYE

- Cedar Hill ISD
- Cedar Hill Collegiate High School
- Grade 9 Pre AP Biology
- 8-Year Teacher
- **As educators, when we realize that it matters not what skills level, IEP, communication, academic level students enter into our classroom, the unthinkable can happen. We can encourage and push children to heights they themselves did not think possible.**



Cedar Hill I.S.D.

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DEBRA SEELEY

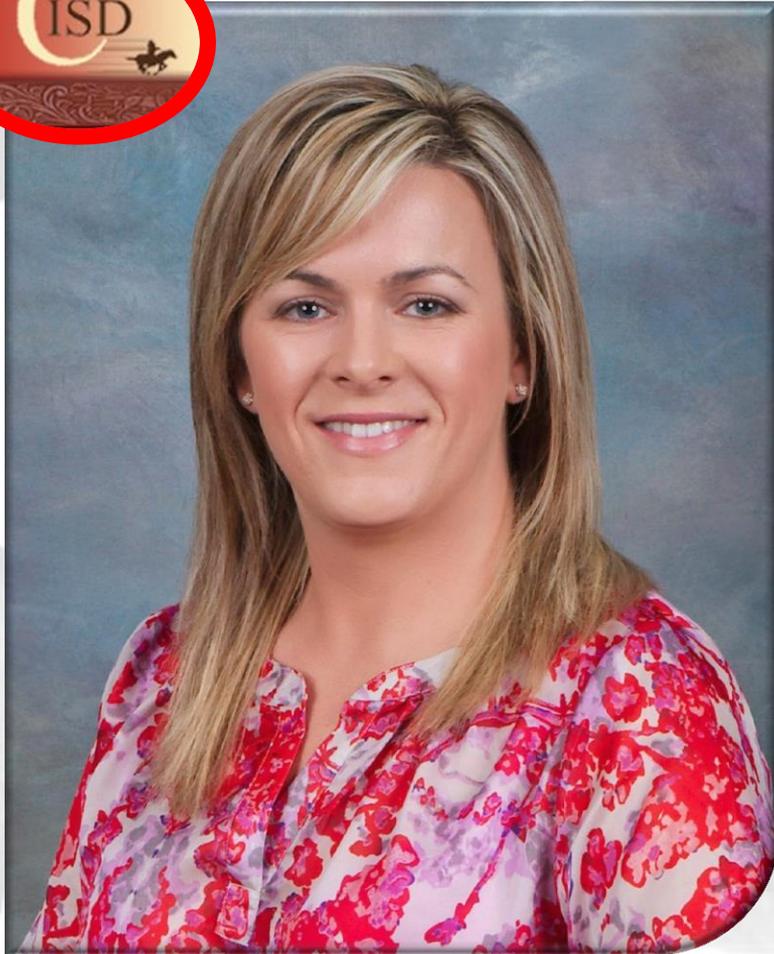


- Cedar Hill ISD
- Lake Ridge Elementary School
- Grades K-2 Special Education
SKILL
- 4-Year Teacher
- Teaching is not just a chosen profession for me, but a call to service to others. Every child is deserving of respect and dignity. It is our job to look beyond the disability and to find ways to let his or her abilities shine.



Cedar Hill I.S.D.

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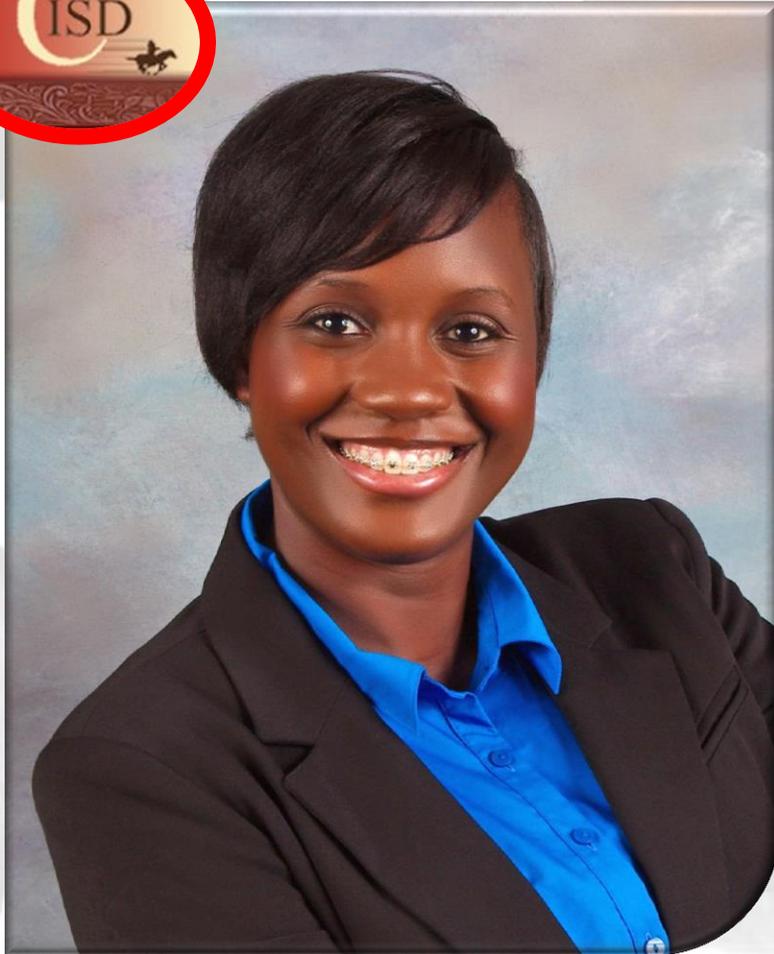
CACEY NAREZ

- **Coppell ISD**
- **Lakeside Elementary School**
- **Grades K-5 Art**
- **31-Year Teacher**
- **When you walk into my classroom you immediately know it is a special place and you know it is where art is made. Mona Lisa welcomes each child to art. And, watch out for the colorful buckets of paint hanging above each table, “they may drip on you” if you’re not careful.**

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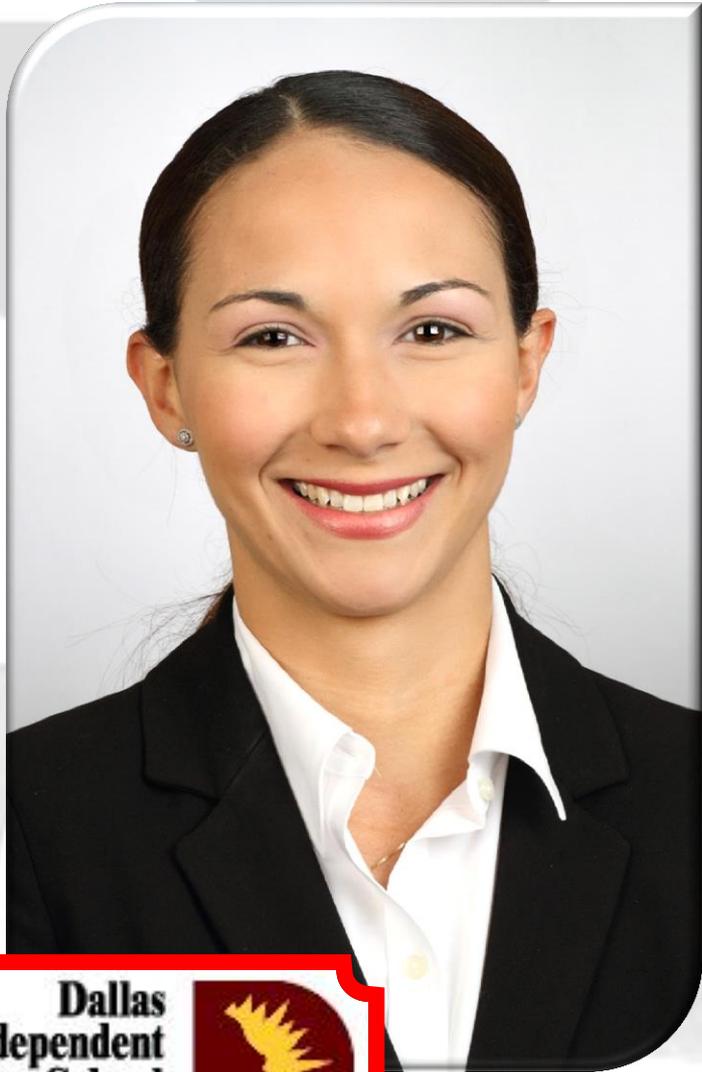


KIMBERLY POPE



- **Coppell ISD**
- **Coppell Middle School North**
- **Grades 7-8 History**
- **10-Year Teacher**
- **A big part of my classroom is the flipped instructional model. “Flipping” my classroom means that I move my lecture to homework and that frees up class time to increase depth and complexity with the material...never have I had a better connection with my students than after implementing this model.**

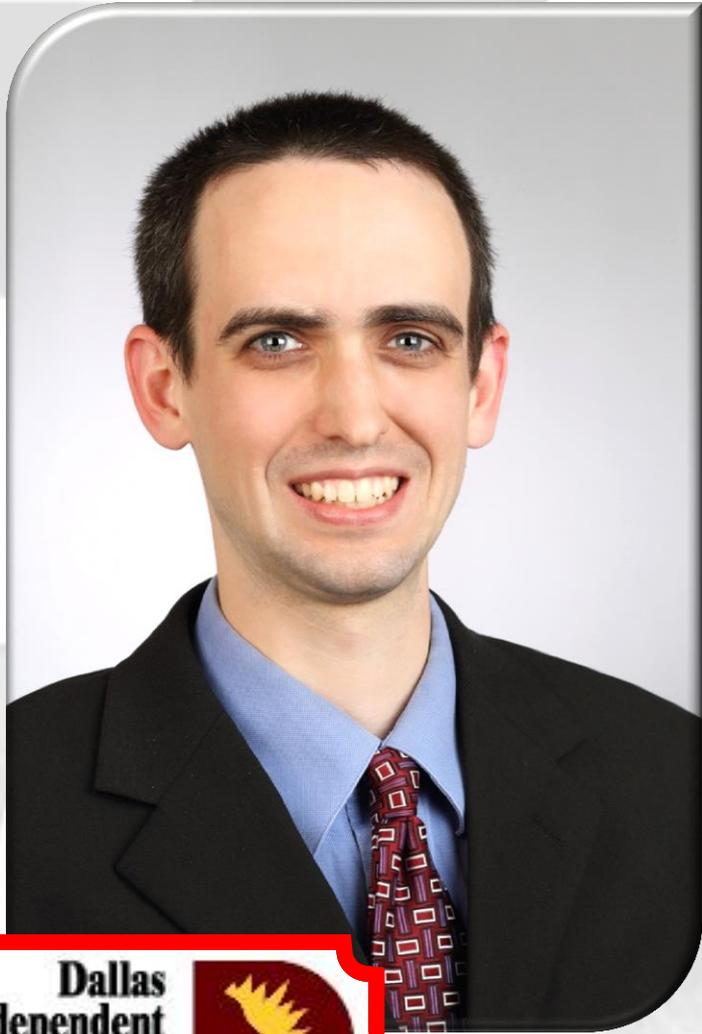
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PAULA CUSHANICK

- Dallas ISD
- Johnston Elementary School
- Grade PK Bilingual
- 4-Year Teacher
- I encourage frequent and positive interactions between parents and myself by creating interactive workshops, participating in parent conferences, and being available at their convenience. I created newsletters that include activities or ways that parents can become involved in their children's learning.

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JOSHUA NEWTON

- Dallas ISD
- School of Science & Engineering
- Grades 9-12 Mathematics
- 4-Year Teacher
- **Mathematics is a subject that enables students to make informed and logical decisions throughout their lives. As a teacher, it is my responsibility to ensure that all students in my classroom gain the necessary skills to be intelligent mathematical thinkers, as well as logical and thoughtful members of society.**

Dallas
Independent
School
District



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DANYAIH BATES

- DeSoto ISD
- Curtistene McCowan Middle
- Grade 8 Mathematics
- 6-Year Teacher
- **Children need to feel safe and secure in order to be successful. The teacher must build a relationship with their students that foster trust, a desire for learning, and respect. Students are encouraged to contribute their ideas, express their opinions, show mutual respect, laugh and look at the brighter side of life.**



DeSoto Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

MELANIE KILLIAN

- DeSoto ISD
- Woodbridge Elementary School
- Grade 3
- 31-Year Teacher
- Kids of all ages want and need the same basic things (even if they don't know it). They want to have trusting, mutually respectful relationships with the adults in their life. They also want direction and clear expectations.



DeSoto Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



KIMBERLY BAKER

- Duncanville ISD
- Duncanville High School
- Grade 9 Freshman Connections
- 15-Year Teacher
- **Rule #1: "Don't talk while anyone else is talking." Rule #2: "You are not allowed to make anyone's day worse than it was when they entered the classroom." The most important rule of all is Rule #3: " I will often play music in my room, so...if you can't sing, then don't."**



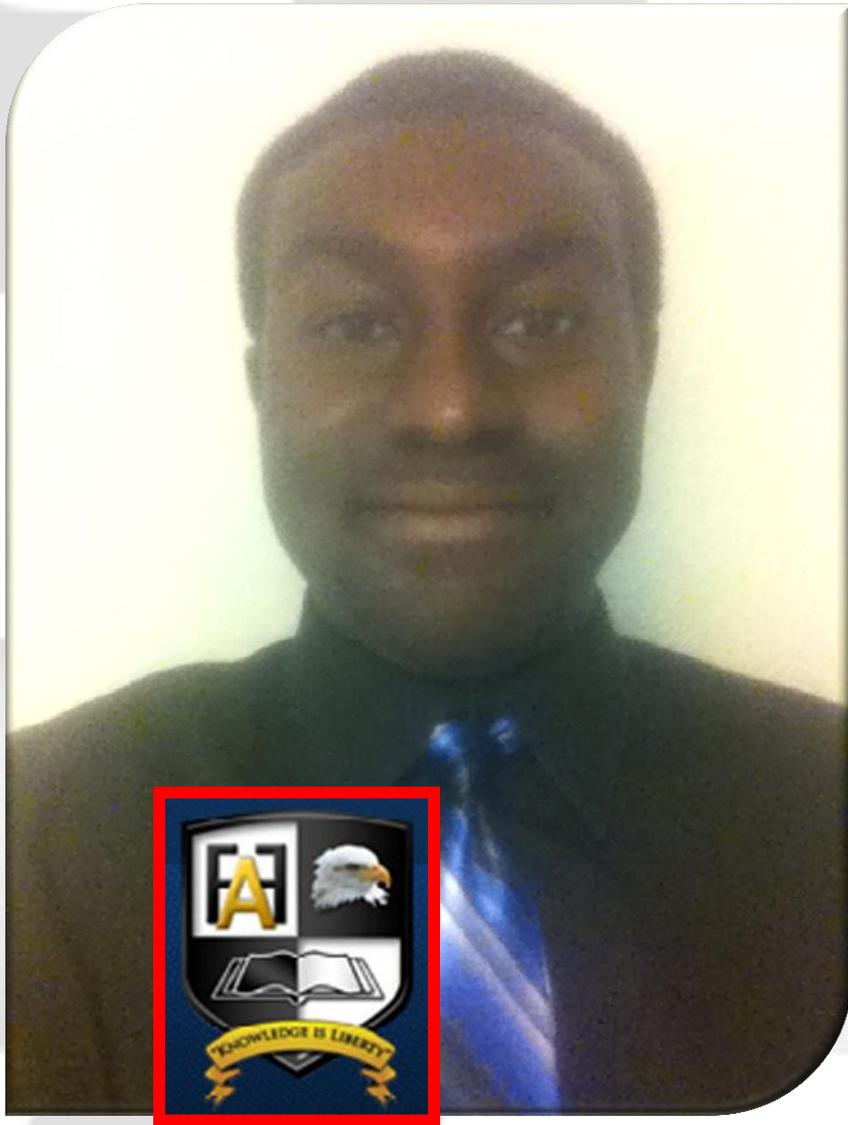
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ELIZABETH HUNTER

- Duncanville ISD
- Acton Elementary School
- Grade 4 Bilingual
- 16-Year Teacher
- **When students leave our schools, they should be equipped with the academic and social skills that will allow them to succeed in a diversified global economy. We must set high expectations for all students regardless of their economic or cultural background.**

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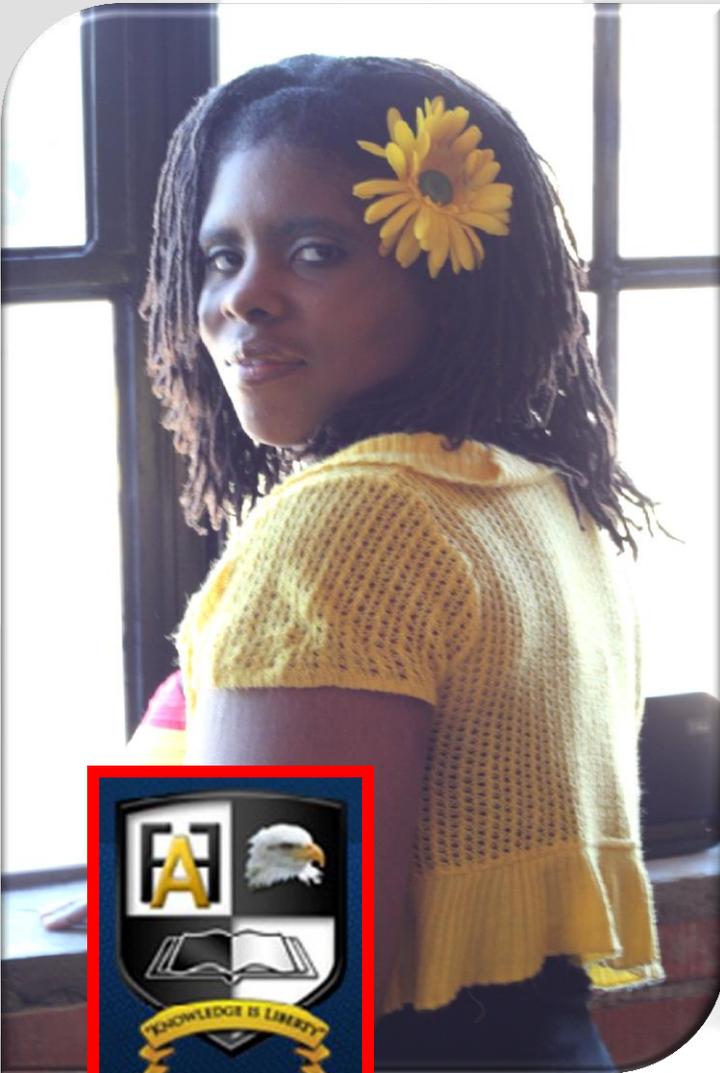
KYLE ROYSTER

- Faith Family Academy
- Faith Family of Oak Cliff Elementary
- Grades 1-5 Technology
- 8-Year Teacher
- When I give my students a task, I tell the students if they put in a high level of work and thought in their assignment that they will always be able to present their creations to the class. I believe that when the students see and feel the gratification of their hard work they will want to maintain that strong work ethic.

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CRYSTAL TAYLOR

- Faith Family Academy
- Faith Family of Oak Cliff Secondary
- Grade 8 ELAR
- 5-Year Teacher
- Outstanding teachers are everywhere within my school, my city, and across the globe. I am honored to be recognized as one. The outstanding teacher teaches beyond the content. I understand the importance of being an encourager just as much as I am an educator.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BLADIMIR PALACIOS

- **Garland ISD**
- **Club Hill Elementary**
- **Grade 4**
- **15-Year Teacher**
- **Teaching is not a job. It is an art, a vocation and a commitment to help young minds reach their highest potential in all areas—math, reading, responsibility, effort, imagination, respect. These bambinos need to be nurtured into believing in themselves, shown what's right and wrong and recognized for their achievements.**

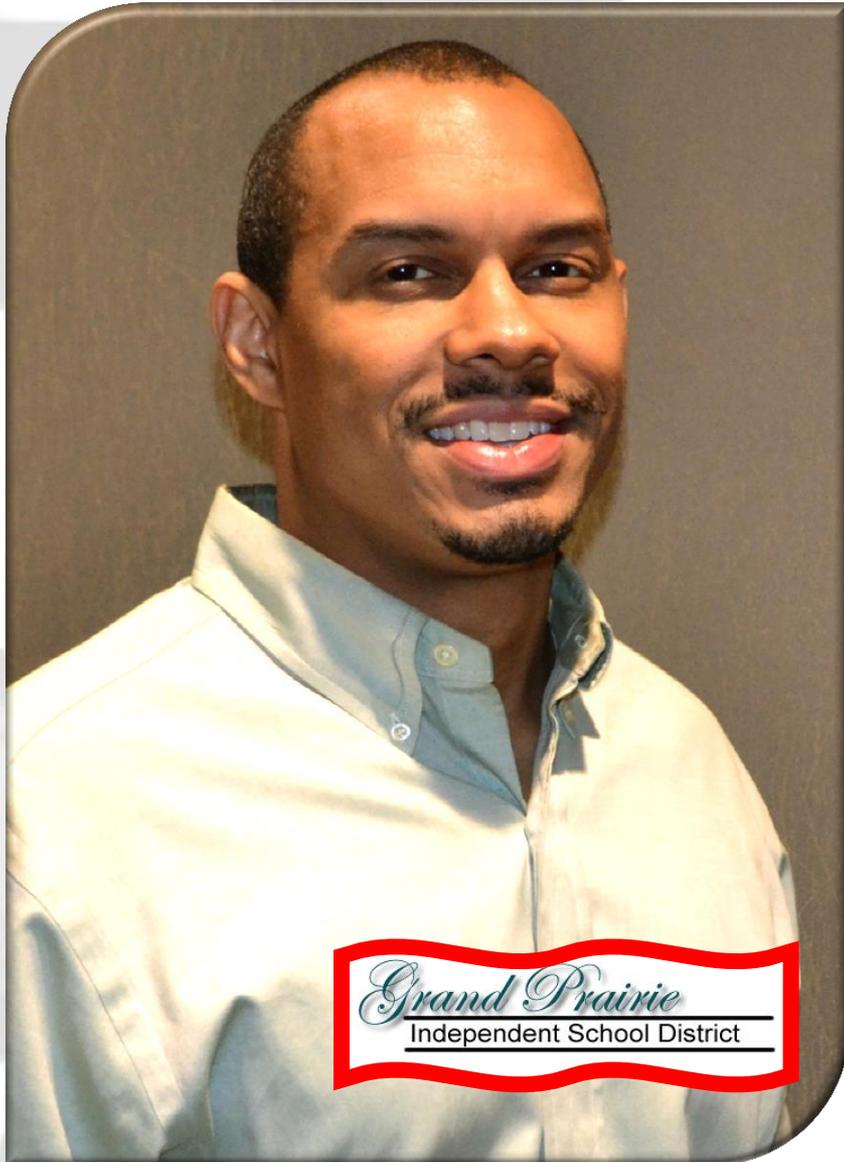
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ROBERT QUACH

- **Garland ISD**
- **Classical Center at Brandenburg**
- **Grade 8 Mathematics**
- **7-Year Teacher**
- **I qualified for most every available sub-population: first-generation Asian-American, low socio-economic status, ESL, and at-risk. Consequently, as a teacher, I am able to empathize with students who are in those categories. However, I push and motivate my students to overcome any obstacles that may lie in their path.**

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CHRIS GIBSON

- Grand Prairie ISD
- Florence Hill Elementary
- Grade 4 Math & Science
- 11-Year Teacher
- Mahatma Ghandi once wrote, “If you want to find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others.” As an educator, I have made it my life’s duty to be a role model, mentor, and example for young people. I always try to live my life by example rather than by words. What people see you do is greater than what they hear you say.

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SARAH TERRACE

- Grand Prairie ISD
- South Grand Prairie High School
- Grade 11 United States History
- 25-Year Teacher
- Our students were born in the Information Age, so veteran educators like myself must recognize technology's continuous improvements and adapt our instructional tools and strategies by creating innovative lessons that are authentic, relevant, kinesthetic, and intriguing.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

CHARLOTTE CLINTON



- Highland Park ISD
- Highland Park Middle School
- Grade 7 Spanish
- 2-Year Teacher
- Teaching is fluid and dynamic. It's demanding and exhausting, and sometimes it can be gut-wrenching. Nevertheless, teaching is worthwhile and irreplaceable, incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. To be a great teacher requires unyielding commitment and a full heart and soul investment.



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JESSICA SMITH

- Highland Park ISD
- Bradfield Elementary
- Grades K-4 Art
- 9-Year Teacher
- I am proud to be a fourth-generation Texas teacher, and proud to teach in the same school district that my mother once worked for. In fact, my first classroom was the same room that my mother taught in when she was pregnant with me! I suppose you can say it is truly a family tradition.



HIGHLAND PARK
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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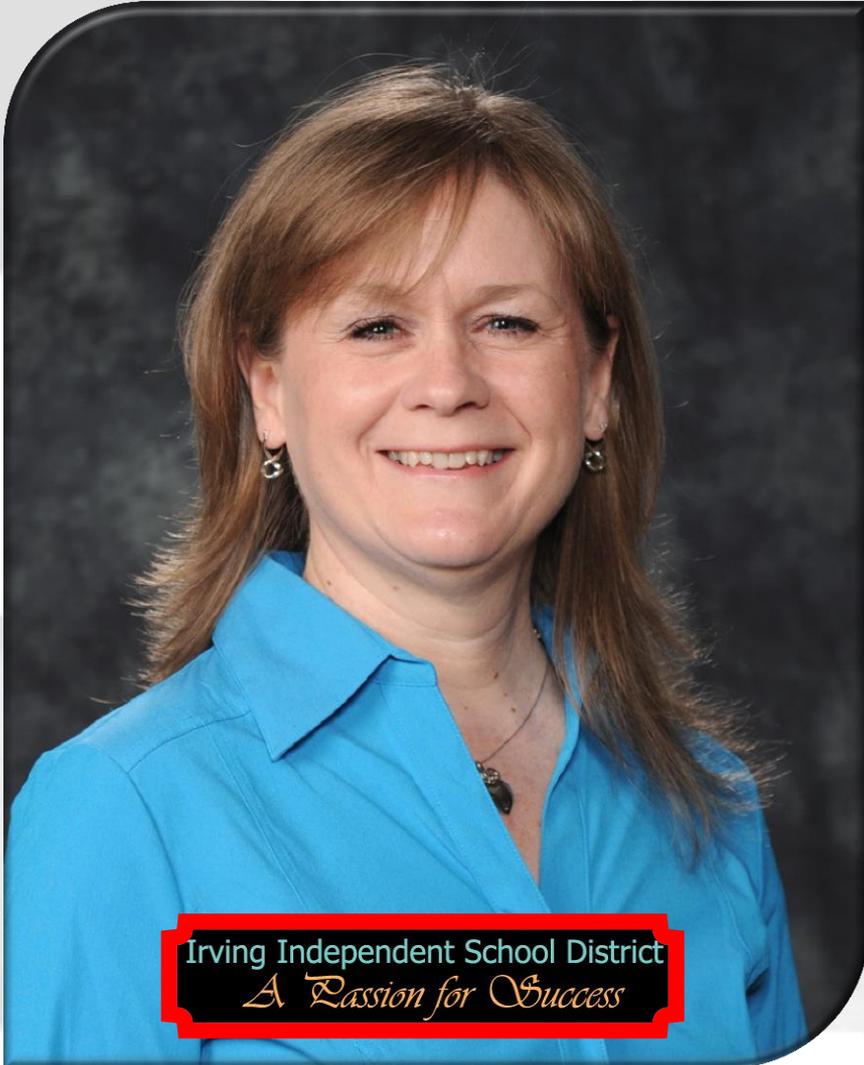
GRIZELLE LARRIVIEL

- Irving ISD
- Brandenburg Elementary
- Grade 5 GT/Dual Language
- 3-Year Teacher
- My mom's old Cuba and my youthful United States of America offered me many insights on how one philosophy could cripple a country and another help build a nation. In teaching a child, your delivery of fundamental philosophies could do much of the same. I wanted to seek possibilities...have choice...expect the best.



Irving Independent School District
A Passion for Success

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



Irving Independent School District
A Passion for Success

JULIE GARNER

- Irving ISD
- Lamar Middle School
- Grades 7-8 Science, ESL, SpEd, PreAP GT
- 11-Year Teacher
- **Our task is to take our diverse students where they are, to help them strive for excellence, and to imagine how they can change the world by providing the rigor required to think beyond what they have learned.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



ADRAIN BONNER

- **Lancaster ISD**
- **Lancaster High School**
- **Grades 9-12 Band**
- **11-Year Teacher**
- **I enjoy being a teacher because I have the opportunity to work with young people and help them explore as they learn. I try to provide meaningful real-life experiences that my students will always remember fondly.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



SUSAN WOODS

- Lancaster ISD
- Rolling Hills Elementary
- Grade 3 ELAR
- 6-Year Teacher
- While in the military, I focused on fulfilling my dream of becoming a teacher by completing college courses that would lead to a degree in education. It is by chance that throughout my nine years in the military, I was always chosen to work with children of all ages.

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LAUREN TREBERT

- North Hills Preparatory
- Uplift Education Secondary
- Grade 12 AP English and Composition
- 7-Year Teacher
- I was always teaching my friends, my peers, and yes occasionally my elders, perhaps a bit of a know it all before I learned the wisdom to know I knew far less than I realized. I guess I have always been a teacher, mostly because I so dearly love to learn, how could I be anything else?

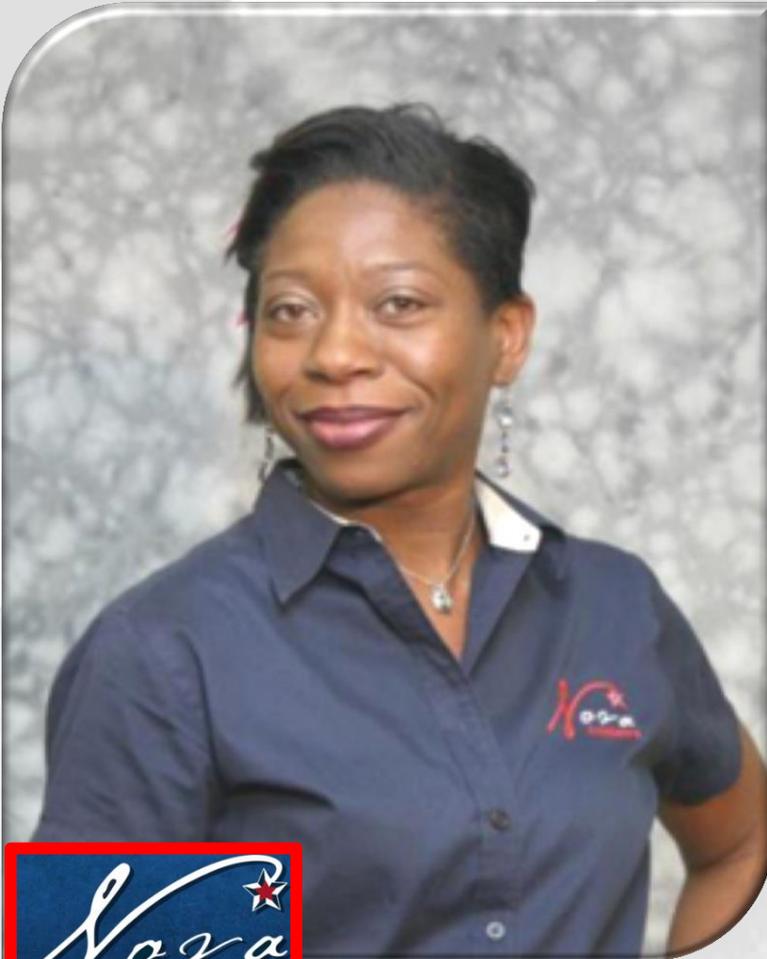


**NORTH HILLS
PREPARATORY**

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SADE BURKMAN

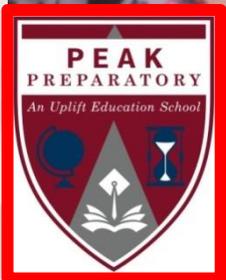
- NOVA Academy
- NOVA Academy Prichard
- Grades 7-8 Reading/ELA
- 10-Year Teacher
- **Every opportunity I get, I stress the importance of involving stakeholders in school events and decision-making processes. I, as a teacher, work exceptionally hard to strengthen the teaching profession.**



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DANI EBERT

- Peak Preparatory
- Uplift Education Secondary
- Grade 7 Math
- 7-Year Teacher
- The majority of my students come from low income homes where they are having to 'take care of the household' while parents work late jobs. If my 12-13 year-old students can balance their school life and home life as if they were grown adults, why should I consider 'cutting back' on the amount of effort I put forth for them?

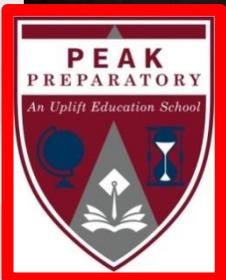


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MEGHAN PITTMAN

- Peak Preparatory
- Uplift Education Elementary
- Grade 1
- 3-Year Teacher
- I am one example of when a child is placed in a high performing environment, one will succeed. Day after day, kids prove that they can rise to the expectations we set for them. So, it seems like it should be pretty simple – set high expectations and all kids will succeed.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

TOBI BROOKS

- Richardson ISD
- J. J. Pearce High School
- Grades 9-12 Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus
- 10-Year Teacher
- I believe teachers need to be in community with each other, not in competition. Asking other teachers for help is crucial to my growth. I learn how to understand the curriculum from veteran teachers. I will borrow and beg great ideas to make my students successful!



R RICHARDSON ISD

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



OSWALDO RIVERA-ORTIZ

- Richardson ISD
- Forest Lane Academy
- Grade 1
- 3-Year Teacher
- I saw women fighting for a cup of oil in India; kids selling cigarettes in Mexico and others playing with a dirt-filled sack in Haiti. I saw how people hid in caves and built houses underground in Turkey. Seeing through others' eyes made me trust them, understand them and embrace them.

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Rylie Family Faith Academies, Inc.
Dallas, Texas



EFFIE KENLEY

- Rylie Family Faith Academy
- Inspired Vision Elementary
- Grade 3
- 7-Year Teacher
- I am on a mission to not only teach what they need to know in their education, but also give them a second education. I want them to be responsible, good citizens who make a difference with their lives. My most significant contribution in education is the character that I work hard to instill in my students.

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Rylie Family Faith Academies, Inc.
Dallas, Texas



NAZAN ADEEB SOHAIL

- Rylie Family Faith Academy
- Inspired Vision Middle/High
- Grade 6 ELAR
- 20-Year Teacher
- **I see potential in every student of mine. Every student is capable of learning and achieving if provided with the right tools. Every student needs the nurturing to fully bloom and be a beautiful flower.**

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CASSANDRA BEYER

- **Summit International Academy**
- **Uplift Education Primary**
- **Grades 3**
- **4-Year Teacher**
- **Every student has the right to a quality education no matter where they live, what they look like, or where they come from. It is our job as teachers to leave the excuses behind and do everything in our power so that is possible.**



**SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL
PREPARATORY**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



STACIE MORRIS

- **Summit International Academy**
- **Uplift Education Middle**
- **Grades 6/8 Special Education**
- **10-Year Teacher**
- **I would communicate to the public that every student has the ability to grow and learn. Every student should be given the opportunity and tools to do their very best. I believe that teachers will know how to find the learning styles of their individual students and differentiate their lessons to meet the needs of each student.**

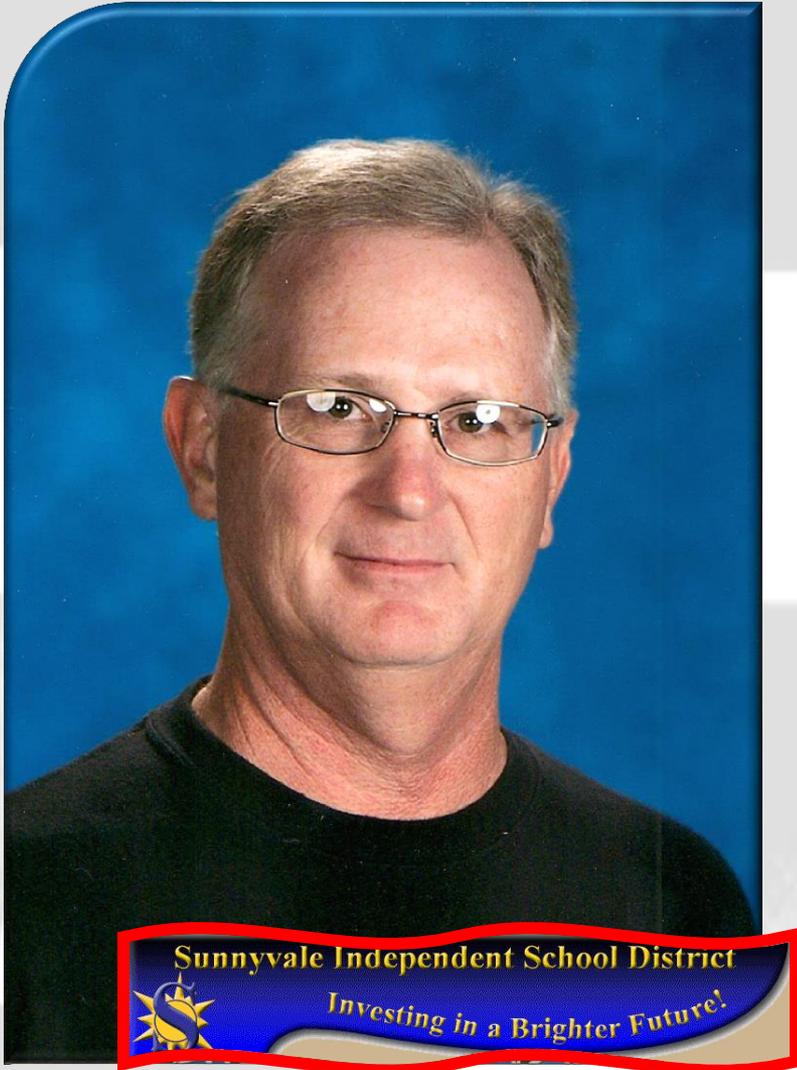


**SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL
PREPARATORY**

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JIMMY WILSON

- Sunnyvale ISD
- Sunnyvale High School
- Grades 9 & 11 Biology/Physics
- 32-Year Teacher
- **I believe, as teachers, we do what needs to be done. That sometimes means sacrifice and doing something out of our comfort zone. The end result is that the students benefit. I teach kids, not a subject.**



Sunnyvale Independent School District



Investing in a Brighter Future!

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



JOE RINE

- Universal Academy
- Universal Academy Coppell/ Irving
- Grades K-12 Band/Orchestra
- 9-Year Teacher
- **Unlocking the melodies in the mind and heart of 9 and 10 year-old students has become the music I desire to hear. I may not be in the room for the greatest musicians playing their latest recording, but I am in the room recording the first song ever played by these young musicians. There is no greater joy!**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



DAVID STUBBLEFIELD

- Winfree Academy Charter
- Winfree Academy Lewisville
- Grades 9-12 Social Studies
- 4-Year Teacher
- **Without forcing a 'frontal assault,' technology allows me to sneak past a student's skepticism and surprise attack him or her with something they'll love. If I can get them to love the subject, not just learn it, they'll learn for the rest of their lives.**

Winfree Academy Charter Schools

Making the world a brighter place.

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ELLIS COUNTY

- ✓ Avalon ISD
- ✓ Ennis ISD
- ✓ Ferris ISD
- ✓ Life Schools
- ✓ Maypearl ISD
- ✓ Milford ISD
- ✓ Palmer ISD
- ✓ Red Oak ISD
- ✓ Waxahachie ISD
- ✓ Waxahachie Faith Family Academy



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Avalon Independent School District
Home of the Mighty Eagles



JENNIFER HOLLEY

- Avalon ISD
- Avalon School
- Grade 2
- 11-Year Teacher
- **My students are the reason I get to school early each morning and stay late in the afternoon. Watching each of them grow and discover is the greatest gift I could ever receive. I am truly blessed to be a part of their lives!**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KELLY BOSTON

- Ennis ISD
- Ennis High School
- Grades 9-12 Agriculture
- 21-Year Teacher
- I came from a family of educators. My parents are both retired teachers, and many of my extended family are teachers. So, from a very young age, I think I understood the trials and challenges of being a teacher, so I knew what I was getting into! I know I'm doing exactly what God put me on earth to do, and I am thankful for that.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

TARA HARVEY

- Ennis ISD
- Travis Elementary School
- Grades K-6 Life Skills
- 12-Year Teacher
- **My philosophy about education is simple. It's about making a real connection with students. As a elementary teacher, there is no greater fulfillment than seeing that personal connection turn into student success through the course of a school year.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



DEEANN BOLIN

- Ferris ISD
- McDonald Elementary School
- Grades 1-3 Special Education/
Math/Reading
- 7-Year Teacher
- Building relationships is my first and foremost priority. “Don’t smile until Christmas,” is what I was told by many of my co-workers as I started my first year teaching. Initially, I thought about taking this advice, but how do you connect with your students if you never smile?

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



ANETTE MENDOZA

- Ferris ISD
- Ferris High School
- Grades 9-12 Spanish
- 13-Year Teacher
- **We should educate with passion, love and enthusiasm. Create lessons that are not monotonous. Teach with wisdom that spark joy and hope that many desire to have. That as teachers, we become eternal in the hearts of our students.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



JUSTIN BURNS

- Life Schools
- Life School Elementary Red Oak
- Grades K-6 PE
- 9-Year Teacher
- In society there is a lack of positive male role models. I believe I can make a difference in the lives of my students, especially my male students. I can teach them the importance of working hard, always having good character, and how to lead their families.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BRAD DAVIDSON

- Life Schools
- Life School Secondary
Waxahachie
- Grade 12 Special Ed/English
- 4.5-Year Teacher
- **Our classrooms must become places where students are challenged to think deeply about the information they are learning. Rather than simply asking 'what', 'where,' and 'when,' we need to be asking 'why' and 'how.' We must force students to think!**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

REBEKAH HYATT



- **Maypearl ISD**
- **Maypearl High School**
- **Grades 9-12 Science/Physics**
- **13-Year Teacher**
- **I have a passion for science and the thought processes to which it lends itself. I work to incorporate this belief and passion into my classroom. My greatest accomplishments are when I inspire a student to go further, reach higher, and go outside the box for solutions – when I inspire innovation.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



TAMMY ODGERS

- **Maypearl ISD**
- **Kirkpatrick Elementary School**
- **Grade 1**
- **13-Year Teacher**
- **Teaching is a state of constantly changing in order to meet the needs of your students. Some things work for some but not all. You have to make adjustments and allow each child to succeed in their own way. I often refer to my class as a “6 ring circus.”**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

GWEN TAYLOR



- **Milford ISD**
- **Milford School**
- **Grades 9-12 Biology**
- **2-Year Teacher**
- **I believe that education is an active, ongoing process. We must be life-term learners. This is true today more than any time in the history. We must provide students with the tools for lifetime employability and provide them with abilities to succeed in careers that do not yet exist.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



PALMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PAT CHANDLER

- Palmer ISD
- Palmer Middle School
- Grade 8 English
- 27-Year Teacher
- I endeavor to treat all my students with respect and humor. So many of them just need to hear kindness in your voice and to see it in your eyes. I learned to be positive and flexible and to tell the students how much I appreciate them and to brag on them.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



PALMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CATHY WZRESINSKI

- Palmer ISD
- Palmer Elementary School
- Grade 1
- 12-Year Teacher
- If I had to sum up my personal philosophy of teaching, it would come down to four fantastic words: compassion, consistency, collaboration and creativity. I show up to class equipped with not only plan A, but also plan B, C, and D or Z, if needed.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

PAIGE PATTERSON

- Red Oak ISD
- Red Oak Junior High School
- Grade 18 ELA
- 11-Year Teacher
- Even though education has always been a part of my life, initially, I did not choose teaching as my career. After graduating from college, I joined the Army. It was in the Army that I developed my love of teaching and helping others. I was assigned the task of teaching officials at Fort Hood. I fell in love with it.



Red Oak
Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



HONEY LANTRIP

- Waxahachie Faith Family Academy
- Waxahachie Faith Family Elementary
- Grade PK
- 7-Year Teacher
- **Preparing my students, not only for kindergarten, but for a lifetime of learning is the most important thing I can do for them. My most significant accomplishment each year is the growth my students have made and the fact that they are ready and excited for the next step.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



VANESSA LOTT

- Waxahachie Faith Family Academy
- Waxahachie Faith Family Secondary
- Grades 8-12 Social Studies
- 8-Year Teacher
- **Students need to know we care. I have become an adopted mother to one senior, a mentor, a security blanket, and so forth. My greatest contribution is being that steady rock, the foundation for students who need to know that someone does care for them and wants them to succeed in the classroom and in life.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



MEGAN MILLS

- Waxahachie ISD
- Waxahachie High School
- Grades 10-12 Librarian
- 26-Year Teacher
- I try not to sweat the small stuff but focus on the bigger picture which is student success. My teachers know that I am a team player and I am the administration's go-to-girl. No matter what goes on at home, put on the happy face for work because you may be the only happy face your students and peers see that day.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

HOLLY REID

- Waxahachie ISD
- Oliver Clift Elementary
- Grade 2
- 7-Year Teacher
- **As Aristotle put it, 'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.' It is time for us, as a community, to see each other as whole people and to educate our children to develop into the citizens, thinkers, discoverers, and friends that they are so very capable of becoming.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

**FANNIN
COUNTY**

- ✓ **Bonham ISD**
- ✓ **Sam Rayburn ISD**
- ✓ **Savoy ISD**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BONHAM
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



DARYL DORRIS

- **Bonham ISD**
- **I. W. Evans Elementary School**
- **Grade 4**
- **32-Year Teacher**
- **I am one of seven fourth grade teachers on my team. I am one of twenty homeroom teachers on my campus. But, I am the only one that teaches MY students. I am their teacher, leader, mentor, role model, and “decider.” I am just trying to be the best teacher I can in order to strengthen and improve the twenty-two hearts and minds in front of me.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BONHAM
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



STACY HUNNICUTT

- **Bonham ISD**
- **Bonham High School**
- **Grades 9-12 Vocational/Technology**
- **32-Year Teacher**
- **My students wanted me to make breakfast – gravy and biscuits. I told them we needed some kind of meat for the grease like bacon or sausage. They were shocked. They said all they needed was water and a gravy mix. I learned they loved being the ones to tell me about it. I still make gravy from scratch, but I have been known to pull out the mix.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

MARK GIBBS

- Sam Rayburn ISD
- Sam Rayburn High School
- Grades 10-12 Social Studies
- 14-Year Teacher
- I am always looking inward. I look inward to always attempt to analyze and improve my teaching, my attitude and myself. Accountability in the teaching profession is a personal one. All I can do is take care of business in the classroom and take care of my students.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

AMY HILL

- **Sam Rayburn ISD**
- **Sam Rayburn Elementary School**
- **Grade PK**
- **14-Year Teacher**
- **I am dedicated to the success of my students both in and out of the classroom. The skills they gain in school will expose them to many opportunities in life. It is my goal now as a Pre-K teacher to lay an exciting and positive academic foundation for each of my students.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

JENNIFER VANCE

- Savoy ISD
- Savoy Elementary School
- Grades 5-6
- 6-Year Teacher
- My philosophy in education has many aspects. How could it not? I have been educated and trained well by my past experiences, colleges, administrators, colleagues, and more importantly my students. I have taught and I have learned from all of those I have interacted with in my life.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

GRAYSON COUNTY

- ✓ Denison ISD
- ✓ Gunter ISD
- ✓ Howe ISD
- ✓ Pottsboro ISD
- ✓ Sherman ISD
- ✓ Tom Bean ISD
- ✓ Van Alstyne ISD
- ✓ Whitesboro ISD
- ✓ Whitewright ISD



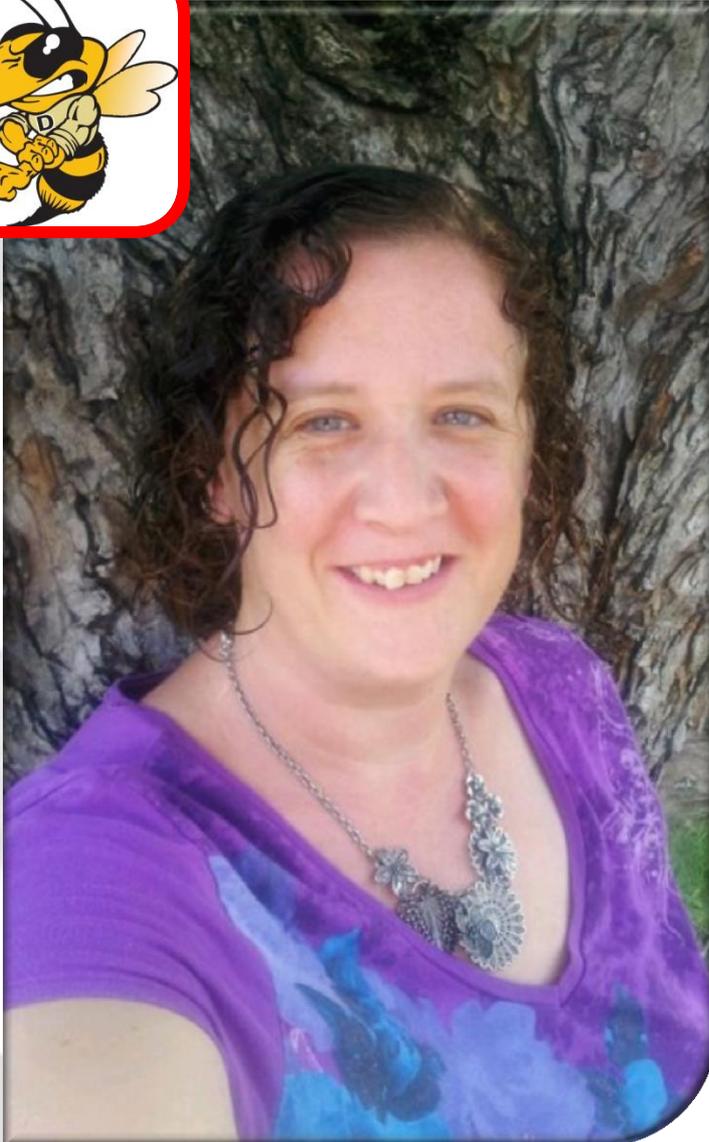
SHW GROUP PRESENTS



STACI AVILA

- Denison ISD
- Terrell Elementary
- Grade 2
- 17-Year Teacher
- I feel one of the most important parts of being an outstanding teacher is to show love and compassion to your students. Students who feel loved and encouraged will do anything to learn and will flourish in the classroom. It melts your heart to see the look on a child's face when they finally understand a challenging concept.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



ANGELA NOWLIN

- Denison ISD
- Denison High School
- Grades 11-12 English
- 11-Year Teacher
- **My students say that I am nosy. I am nosy because I want to know how their lives are going, what their plans after high school entail, how their new job is impacting their school work, how they can better manage their time, how their parents are doing, and the list goes on and on. With each student, the questions are different.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

ELISABETH POPE



- Gunter ISD
- Gunter High School
- Grades 11-12 Physics/Anatomy
- 12-Year Teacher
- I remember well asking a nursing instructor how the blood pressure cuff worked. The response I received was “...you only need to know how to use it, not how it works...” That was an important moment because I realized that I *wanted* to learn how it worked. I quit nursing school and decided to become a science teacher.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

TINA SMITH



- Gunter ISD
- Gunter Elementary
- Grades PK-4 Computer Science
- 23-Year Teacher
- I want my students to feel joy. I want them to laugh and have fun. I share stories about my family or I might try to relate a concept to a game show. I can do anything to help students love learning and coming to school.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



KATHY MITCHELL

- **Howe ISD**
- **Howe High School**
- **Grades 11-12 Mathematics**
- **35-Year Teacher**
- **Teaching allows me the opportunity to see the fruits of my labor and marvel at what the students' educational and personal community has accomplished. Seeing my students succeed, in whatever their career choice might be, is the reward I find in teaching.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



CYNTHIA OUTLAW

- Pottsboro ISD
- Pottsboro Intermediate School
- Grade 4 Math
- 19-Year Teacher
- The children of today need us more than anyone can possibly imagine. So many children are home alone for several hours after school without the guidance of parents or family. That is why I give of my time freely after school several days a week to the students that struggle academically and to help build their self-esteem.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

SHERRY STEPHENS



- Pottsboro ISD
- Pottsboro High School
- Grades 9-12m Theatre Arts/
Speech/Broadcast Journalism
- 11-Year Teacher
- I have never received any awards, until now. I have stayed in the backstage, content to watch my kids succeed and receive their awards in the spotlight. This, I feel, is the way it should be, because I define my own success through the successes of my students.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



LARENA DOUGLASS

- Sherman ISD
- Sherman High School
- Grade 11 English
- 11-Year Teacher
- **My personal feelings and beliefs about teaching are sometimes in conflict with what the government mandates education should be. I am a teacher first and foremost for my students. There are life lessons and unique problems that must be solved in order to reach students and make a difference.**



Sherman
Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



DIANE GIBSON

- Sherman ISD
- Fairview Elementary
- Grade K
- 31-Year Teacher
- I celebrate accomplishments that my children make. What a joy it is to see a child's self esteem improve, self-confidence grow and develop, or watch as a young child grasps a concept that he had been struggling with. I am privileged to be the teacher who introduces and helps a child learn to read and write.



Sherman
Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



CHRISTY CLARK

- Tom Bean ISD
- Tom Bean Elementary
- Grade K
- 15-Year Teacher
- I am passionate about my profession and my love of children. My students know it, their parents know it and my colleagues know it. I believe in the power of knowledge and the implications that it can inspire within our children.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



DIANE GETRUM

- Tom Bean ISD
- Tom Bean High School
- Grades 10-12 Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Robotics
- 18-Year Teacher
- **The first time I put trust before content was with a group of juniors who repeatedly lost it when the tests were laid on their desks. Privately they told me it was test anxiety. For a month we started math class with breathing lessons. By the time TAKS rolled around they could successfully derail negative thoughts.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

SUSAN FLEMING



- Van Alstyne ISD
- Van Alstyne High School
- Grades 11-12 English
- 11-Year Teacher
- I adore my job and believe I appreciate this profession even more so because I did not become an educator until I was 36 years old. Sure, I have had great success teaching TAKS and I could boast of my scores. But my contribution to education is that I have helped students learn to think, to question authority, to open their minds and hearts to new ideas.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

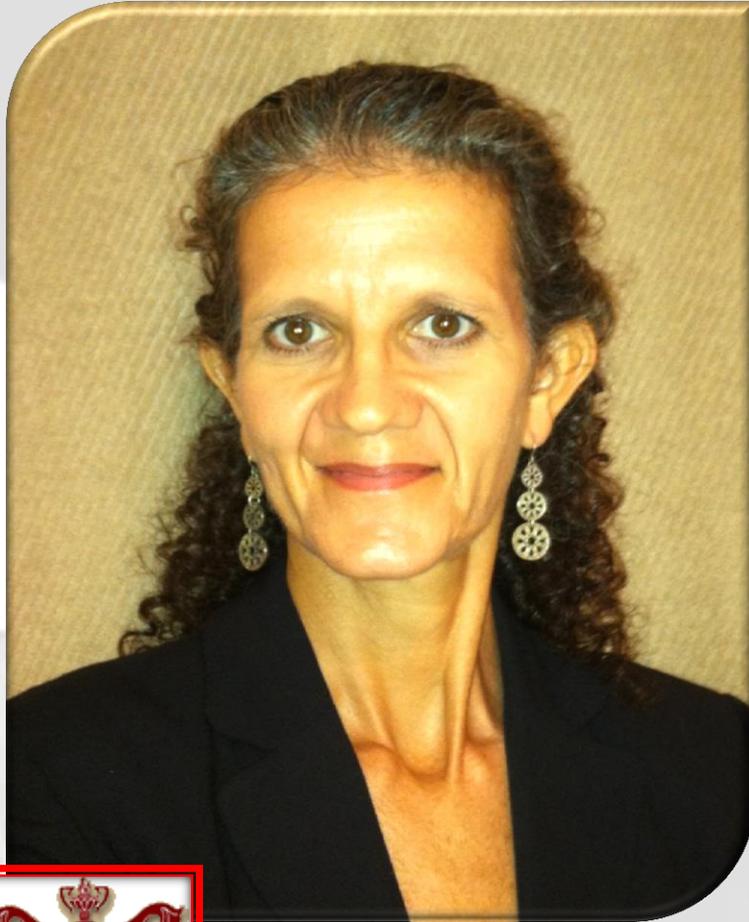
DIANE GILLUM



- Whitesboro ISD
- Hayes Primary School
- Grade PK
- 22-Year Teacher
- Over the years I had many wonderful teachers, but the ones who stand out in my mind today had one thing in common: they made me feel loved, important, and capable. Each had creative ways of motivating, challenging, and bringing out the best in their students.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BARBARA URBAN

- Whitesboro ISD
- Whitesboro High School
- Grades 9-12 Science
- 23-Year Teacher
- **My parents were my best teachers. From them I learned to problem solve, to work with my hands to produce a product, to take pride in my work, to give more than one-hundred percent, to be honest, and to be loyal. But, more importantly as a teacher, from my parents I learned to be compassionate, to value every human being, to help others in need.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



WILMA BALLARD

- Whitewright ISD
- Whitewright Elementary School
- Grade 4
- 41-Year Teacher
- I am blessed with a natural love for children and I feel compelled to do what I can for all of them. I know that the “unlovable” ones are the ones who need love the most and I try teaching them the best. The rewards are sometimes immediate: love notes, thank you hugs from students, but the ones that are a long time coming really touch your heart.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



PAULA BODINE

- Whitewright ISD
- Whitewright Middle School
- Grades 7-8 ELA/Theatre Arts/Choir
- 25-Year Teacher
- My personal feelings about teaching will always be that the rewards always outweigh the frustrations. I believe all teachers can't be all things to all students, although sometimes we are expected to be. We have to make connections with the students in order for them to learn.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

HUNT COUNTY

- ✓ Boles ISD
- ✓ Caddo Mills ISD
- ✓ Commerce ISD
- ✓ Greenville ISD
- ✓ Quinlan ISD



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

TIFFANY CHRISTENSEN

- Boles ISD
- Boles Middle & High School
- Grades 9-10
- 3-Year Teacher
- **A classroom should not be a venue for one way communication. How we teach is every bit as important as what we teach. I encourage and expect participation from each of my students. An important part of the learning process is class discussion and the expression of individual opinions.**



BOLES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

EMILY WEBER

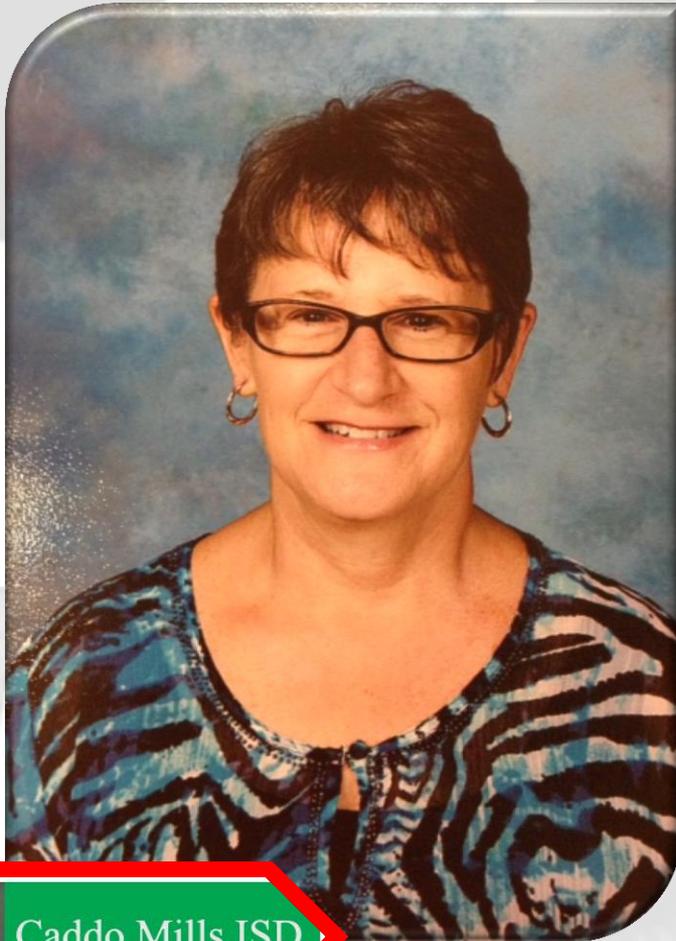
- Boles ISD
- Boles Elementary School
- Grade K
- 5-Year Teacher
- **My students know that I believe in them so therefore they learn to believe in themselves. Yes, we are here to teach young children how to read and how to add and subtract but we are also here to shape their minds into young learners and show them how to become successful in life.**



BOLES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

LINDA BLACK



- Caddo Mills ISD
- Kathryn Griffis Elementary
- Grades 1-5 Reading Specialist
- 34-Year Teacher
- When schools are successful, other districts want to know what they are doing to help students be successful. My love for teaching reading has been spread throughout the state of Texas because I believe that sharing my knowledge, experience and resources will help others become successful reading teachers.



Caddo Mills ISD

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

PETE ROWE

- Caddo Mills ISD
- Caddo Mills High School
- Grades 9-12 Physics, Chemistry, Anatomy, Girls' Basketball
- 11-Year Teacher
- I thrive on personal interactions with my students, my fellow teachers, and my students' parents. Teaching is a team effort and I am a team player. I have an ability to relate to the students I teach, and I can make learning fun for them.



Caddo Mills ISD

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



TRECIA HARRELL

- Commerce ISD
- Commerce High School
- Grades 11-12 US History/
Government/Economics
- 6-Year Teacher
- My message to teachers would simply be this: Don't let the challenges keep you down. You decided to become part of this profession for a reason. Grasp for those little things that make you smile and keep you going and remind you why you love to teach.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KEIONDRA SIMPSON



- Commerce ISD
- A. C. Williams Elementary School
- Grade 3
- 4-Year Teacher
- So often children and adults let their circumstances effect their dreams. That is the worst thing anyone can do. I remember hearing someone say, “If you can dream it, you can achieve it.” Imagine if the world took that thought and ran with it. ‘Sky’s the limit’ would be the understatement.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

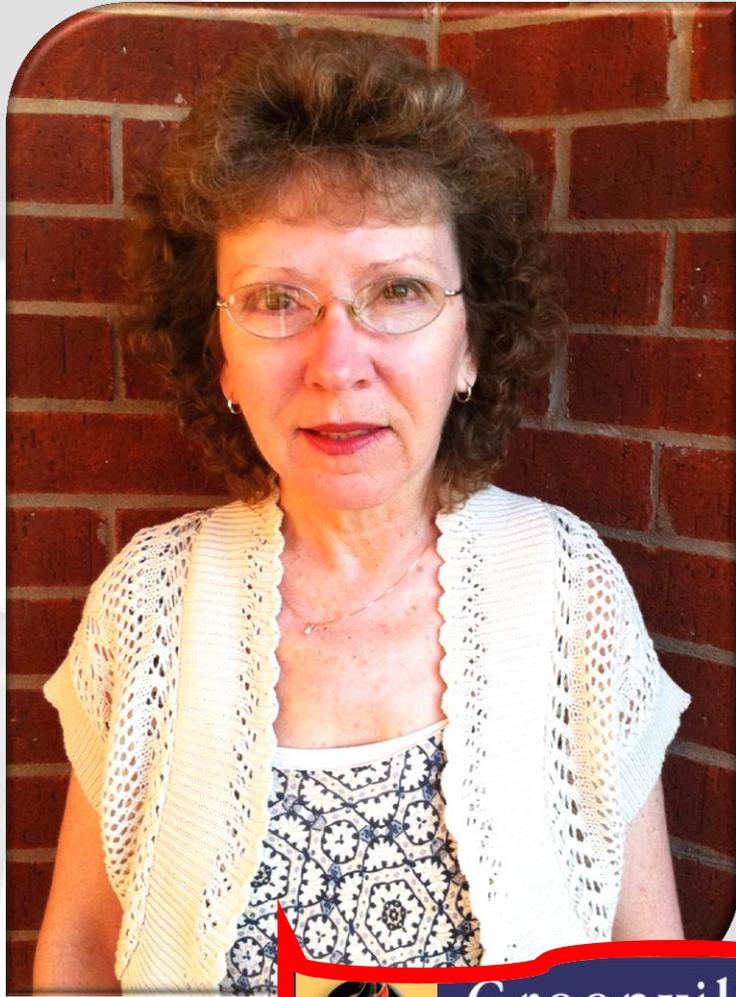


LINDA MUHL

- Greenville ISD
- Greenville Middle School
- Grades 7-8 Pre-AP English/ Reading/Literature
- 32-Year Teacher
- **I AM A TEACHER!** I always have been! My first memory of wanting to be a teacher was when I was 9 years old. I remember distinctly because my little sister was 6 and my baby brother was 3, and I was the teacher! I made them sit down and listen to me talk about what I had learned in school every day.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



DEBORAH SIKES

- **Greenville ISD**
- **Bowie Elementary School**
- **Grade K Reading/Literature**
- **36-Year Teacher**
- **I want to make my classroom an environment for learning and success—whether it's the high achiever or the child who is struggling to keep up. It's not my goal to see a high final score. I want to see how much growth was made during the year. Where did they start and how far did they go? Are they using what they learned?**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KYLE CAUSEY



- **Quinlan ISD**
- **C. B. Thompson Middle School**
- **Grades 6-12 Band/Instrumental Music**
- **2-Year Teacher**
- **As a teacher, it is our responsibility, our duty and, in my eyes, our privilege to provide our students with the best 'tools' to help create and express themselves and their creativity. They learn valuable tools and cherished experiences they will continue to use throughout their lives.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

NANCY JOHNS

- **Quinlan ISD**
- **A. E. Butler Elementary School**
- **Grade 4**
- **12-Year Teacher**
- **I want to be more than a teacher to these kids. I want to be a role model for them. I am dedicated to each and every one of my students. I engage my students with hands-on learning activities. The joke around school is ...don't you dare interrupt Mrs. Johns' class, she is teaching!**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KAUFMAN COUNTY

- ✓ Crandall ISD
- ✓ Forney ISD
- ✓ Kaufman ISD
- ✓ Kemp ISD
- ✓ Mabank ISD
- ✓ Scurry-Rosser ISD
- ✓ Terrell ISD



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

TONI GIBBS

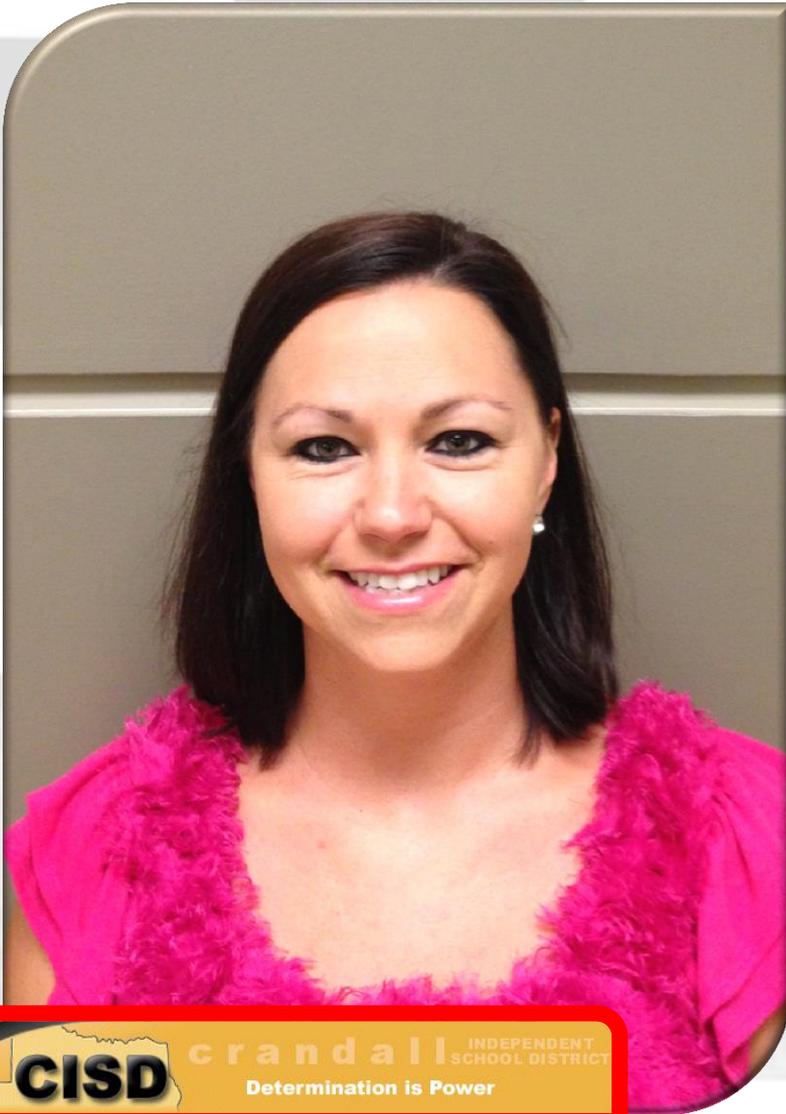
- Crandall ISD
- Barbara Walker Elementary School
- Grade 6
- 5-Year Teacher
- It is my belief that teaching is an opportunity to inspire and empower generations with knowledge, compassion, and a sense of community. This includes encouraging students to feel personally engaged in their learning and to be changed by their academic participation.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KELI MOORE

- Crandall ISD
- Crandall Middle School
- Grades 7-8 SpEd ELAR/Teen Leadership
- 7-Year Teacher
- I truly believe that each one of my students knows how much I care about them and that I would do anything for them. I always leave my classroom each day knowing that I gave my whole heart to my students and put 110% effort into our time together.



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



WESLEY BENJAMIN

- Forney ISD
- Forney High School
- Grades 9-12 Engineering
- 3-Year Teacher
- **As teachers, we work hard to convince our students that they can do, make, or be anything they wish. We try to give them the tools they will need to succeed in an exponentially changing world. Once we have done this, the best thing we can do is get out of their way and watch them soar.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



AMANDA PATZKE

- Forney ISD
- Crosby Elementary School
- Grade 2
- 5-Year Teacher
- I must know them beyond their name and favorite hobby. One of the great aspects of teaching a primary grade is the assessment that takes place on a nearly continual basis. By monitoring their progress, I feel that I can meet their individual needs to help them progress as far as they can.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

NIKKI GROTH

- Kaufman ISD
- Phillips Elementary School
- Grade 4
- 7-Year Teacher
- Teachers should be held to a higher standard than any other profession. Teachers impact and create our tomorrow through the children they interact with on a daily basis. Teachers care about the future of their students.



Kaufman
Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



**Kaufman
Independent School District**

CRYSTAL HUFF

- Kaufman ISD
- Kaufman High School
- Grades 9-12 ESL/English/Debate
- 10-Year Teacher
- **As I watched my seniors walk across the stage at graduation (yes, I call them MY seniors), I knew I had found my niche. I was a teacher – always had been and in some fashion I am sure I always will be. Tears began to well up as my husband looked at me with that ‘not again’ expression. I couldn’t help it.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

KELLY DELANEY

- **Kemp ISD**
- **Kemp Junior High School**
- **Grades 7-8 Technology**
- **6-Year Teacher**
- **Give them a sense of pride. Children need confidence. I believe it is the teacher's responsibility to instill confidence in all students by building them up so that they have pride in themselves. A single word can make a difference in their lives.**



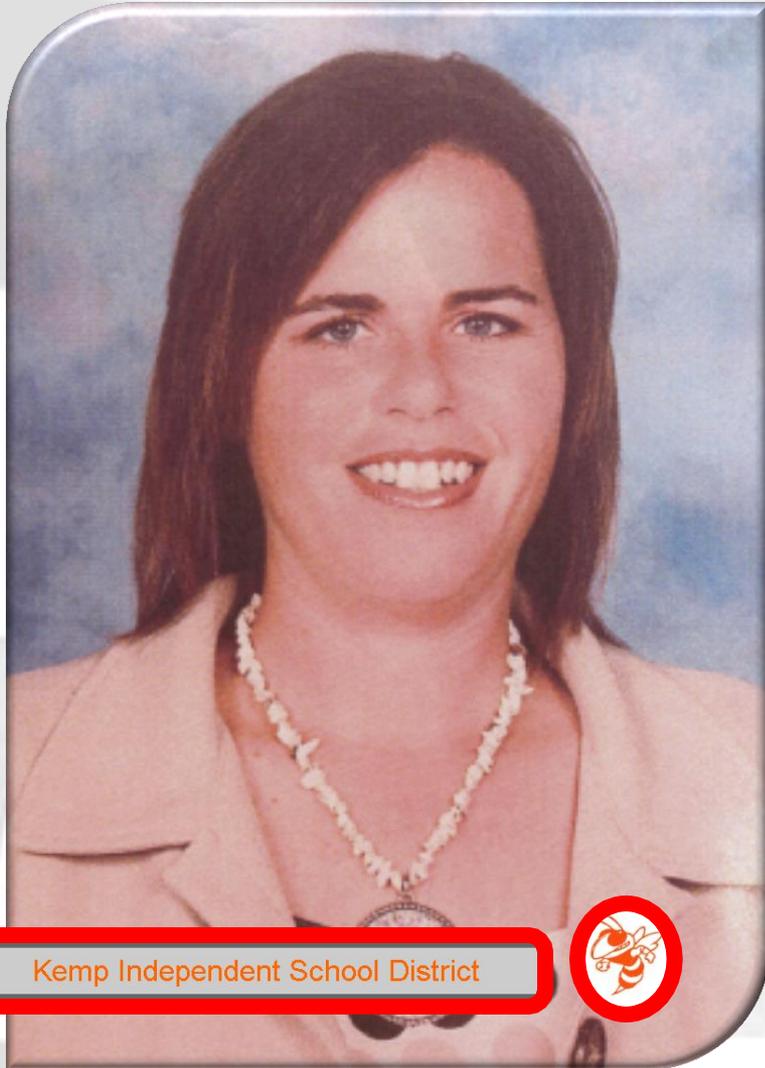
Kemp Independent School District



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

JENNIFER WELCH

- Kemp ISD
- Kemp Intermediate School
- Grade 5
- 3-Year Teacher
- **Students learning from one another is an important aspect of my teaching philosophy. Collaborative and cooperative learning is integrated into my lessons. This teaches students communication skills and the ability to work as a team.**



Kemp Independent School District



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

Mabank Independent School District



AMANDA HARDY

- Mabank ISD
- Mabank Junior High
- Grade 8 Science
- 4-Year Teacher
- I realized being a teacher was more than getting to decorate a room and writing on the chalkboard. During my time with the BESSTT program I was able to experience a real classroom. I found myself back in my old elementary school with two of my former teachers. THIS opened my eyes to the real world of teaching.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS



MICHELLE PECHAL

- Scurry-Rosser ISD
- Scurry-Rosser Middle School
- Grade 7 Math
- 14-Year Teacher
- I love teaching 7th grade math. I believe that my enthusiasm for teaching math rubs off on my students in that they may think I am crazy (math nerd). I tell them when we are about to learn something I find fun and also tell them when they are going to “hate today’s lesson, but we will get through it together” (whew).

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

CINDY OAKLEY



Terrell ISD
Terrell Independent School District

- Terrell ISD
- Bruce Wood Elementary
- Grades 3-6 Art
- 20-Year Teacher
- I feel that my subject area is an extension of the academic classroom. Art classes can and do encompass all core subjects. A cross-curricular art curriculum is very supportive of the academic classes and strives to enrich them through artistic, creative expression and extensions.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

CHARLES TEMPLE

- Terrell ISD
- Terrell High School
- Grades 10-12 Chemistry/Physics
- 35-Year Teacher
- I think that teaching is the most important job there is. The future of our way of life depends on educating our young people. Because of this, I try to use all the time I have in class to teach as much as I can. The greatest reward in teaching is for a former student to tell you that you made a difference in their life.



Terrell ISD
Terrell Independent School District

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

ROCKWALL COUNTY

- ✓ Rockwall ISD
- ✓ Royse City ISD



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



BRANDON VESTAL

- Rockwall ISD
- Utley Middle School
- Grade 8 History
- 10-Year Teacher
- When I am in the moment of teaching; seeing students smile, hearing them laugh, witnessing a sense of wonder at what they're learning, watching light bulbs flicker on as they make connections, getting the feeling that they are thinking about their own lives and just knowing that they are enjoying their time in my class is immensely rewarding.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

JULIE WOODARD

- Rockwall ISD
- D. S. Pullen Elementary School
- Grade 6 Social Studies
- 12-Year Teacher
- **Design Learning, a current trend in forward-thinking education, best describes my style: an approach to learning where students find solutions to real-world problems by experimentation. Roll up your sleeves, get dirty, squeeze the glue, chart the coordinates, paint the continents, and learn – a genuine, honest, sticky learning.**



SHW GROUP PRESENTS

Royse City ISD



ANGELIA CARPENTER

- Royse City ISD
- Royse City Middle School
- Grade 8 Social Studies
- 13-Year Teacher
- I believe that teaching has to be something you truly love to do. It is easy to get discouraged and complacent, sometimes even to question whether or not you make a difference. If you don't love it, a bad day can push you away. Teaching is not your job, it is who you are.

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

Royse City ISD



CARMEN SLAGLE

- Royse City ISD
- Fort Elementary School
- Grades K-4 Art
- 8-Year Teacher
- **After eight years of teaching, I'm still excited about learning. Excitement is infectious, and when I am excited about what I learn, then I believe my students will equally reflect and exceed that excitement. I am absolutely blessed to be able to do what I love as my job every day.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

**VAN
ZANDT
COUNTY**

- ✓ Canton ISD
- ✓ Wills Point ISD



SHW GROUP PRESENTS



CAROL SLIDER

- Canton ISD
- Canton High School
- Grades 10-12 AP English/
English/Student Leadership
- 7-Year Teacher
- **I genuinely listen to my students:
I don't talk down to them or look
down my nose at them. When
students feel comfortable in your
classroom, and they can see that
you clearly respect them as
individuals, then they will respect
you in return.**

SHW GROUP PRESENTS

ALI COX



- **Wills Point ISD**
- **Wills Point Primary**
- **Grade Pre-K Head Start**
- **16-Year Teacher**
- **The rewards are immeasurable. I know of no other job where you can see instant results of your dedication in work. They simply blossom before you and that is such an awe-inspiring and humbling event.**

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ALAN PRACHYL

- **Wills Point ISD**
- **Wills Point Middle School**
- **Grades 6 Science**
- **15-Year Teacher**
- **Parents send their greatest treasures to school every day. As teachers we are to exercise a servant's heart and through hard work and dedication raise the values of these treasures. The children do not all come to us as shining gems. Some come as diamonds in the rough; we can make them all shine.**

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**Teacher of the Year
2014**

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Elementary Teacher of the Year

“Good morning, Jake. I will be your Weekday School teacher this year. We are going to get sticky and gloppy, noisy and silly, even messy and slimy. We are going to learn a lot this year. Are you ready?” When little Jake smiled at me, picking up his freshly sharpened crayon, I knew this was going to be a great gig. With just one crayon, one week of lessons plans, and one 3-year old ready to learn, I was hooked.

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- Rockwall ISD
- D. S. Pullen Elementary School

JULIE WOODARD

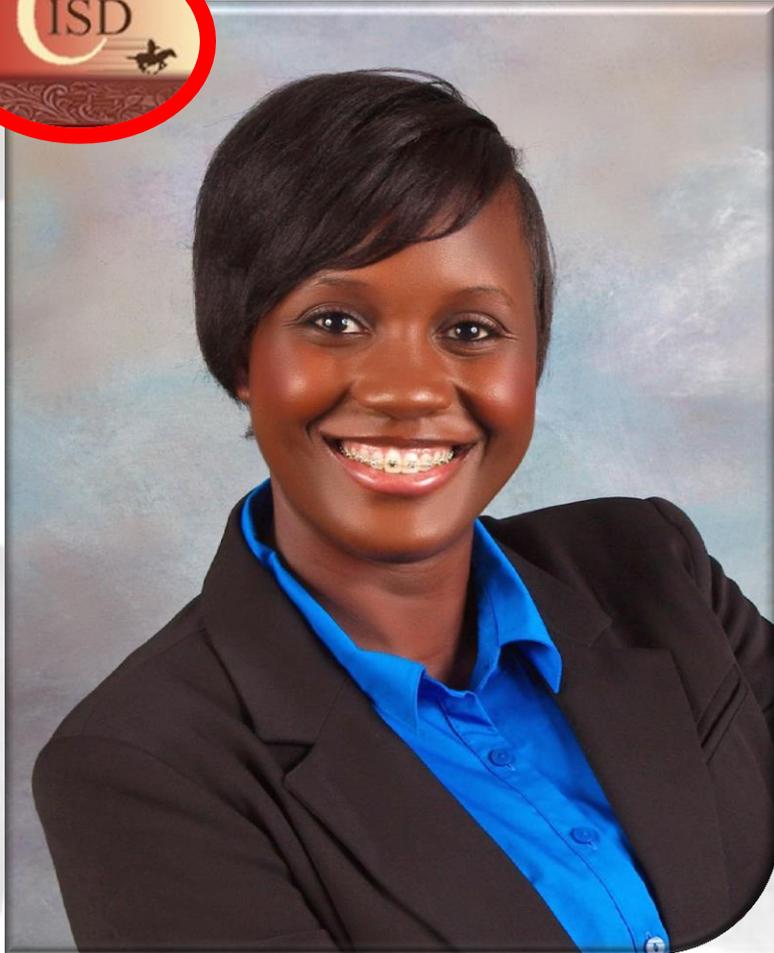
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Secondary Teacher of the Year

I will always serve by sharing my knowledge and skills, providing a place for teachers to learn and grow. I will continually promote a classroom environment of “YES, I CAN” with all students and athletes. My lessons and designs will be constructed with voice, choice, and student empowerment for the best interests of all students. That young girl who watched endless episodes of *The Golden Girls* learned the most valuable life lesson of all – giving back is its own reward and it is the connections we make with others that matter in this world.

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- **Coppell ISD**
- **Coppell Middle School North**

KIMBERLY POPE

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CONGRATULATIONS!

**To all 2013-2014 Teachers
of the Year! You are all**

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