



## School Notes

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**Note: The Northwest ISD Administration Building and district employees are currently operating on summer hours, and will resume regular hours on Monday, Aug. 7. During summer hours, the building will be open and district staff will work from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.**

### Northwest ISD School Notes, June 28

#### **District offices closed week of Fourth of July**

Northwest ISD's offices will be closed the first week of July in celebration of the Fourth of July. The district will resume its summer hours of operation on Monday, July 10.

During the summer, Northwest ISD offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. District offices are closed Fridays during the summer.

#### **Byron Nelson's Sanaa Barnes finishes second at US Track & Field Junior Championships**

Byron Nelson High School student Sanaa Barnes finished second in the girls high jump at the U.S.A. Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships, the top national meet for athletes younger than 20.

Sanaa earned the silver medal at the national meet [with a jump of 1.76 meters, or 5 feet, 9 ¼ inches](#). The jump placed her ahead of several collegiate athletes competing in the meet, which is designed for athletes who are at least 14 years old by the day of competition and do not turn 20 at any time during the year.

With her finish, Sanaa qualified to represent the U.S. team at the Pan American Junior Championships in Sacramento, California, in July.

During the 2017 UIL Track & Field State Meet, Sanaa [earned gold in the 6A girls high jump](#) with a height of 5 feet, 8 inches. The rising senior has verbally committed to compete for Villanova in both volleyball and track and field after she graduates in 2018.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Sanaa Barnes.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School rising senior Sanaa Barnes competes in the high jump during a meet. Sanaa recently earned a silver medal at the U.S.A. Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships, the top national meet for athletes younger than 20.

#### **Business academy students earn two top national honors**

Two student-run companies from Northwest ISD's Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship earned top honors at the recent Junior Achievement National Leadership Summit, earning awards for their originality and digital presence.

The companies from the district's business academy, housed in Eaton High School, accounted for two of the 15 nominees in Junior Achievement's annual Company Program awards, which honors the top student-run companies in the nation. During the 2016-17 school year, students across the country started more than 700 companies as part of the program.

The business academy's Feel the Color company, which designs clothing tags for the visually impaired, earned the FedEx Access Award, presented to the student-run company that best exhibits the principles of global activity. Nominees must be driven by innovation, connect to new markets, fuel community development, and showcase sustainable and social responsibility.

Feel the Color is operated by Jakayla Dixon (founder and CEO), Kaitlin Case (VP of finance), Ethan Lê (VP of social media), Katie Day (VP of marketing) and Kennedy House (VP of customer service and sales).

The second business academy company competing at the event, CHAAO, which makes art and jewelry out of recycled materials, earned the Junior Achievement Social Media Award for its digital engagement during the summit. The award honors the top three companies that raise awareness of the National Leadership Summit via Instagram.

CHAAO is operated by Riley Adams (VP of finance), Landry Lashombe (VP of social media), Alex Yudice (president), Renee Moran (VP of human resources) and Marshall McAdams (VP of supply chain management). Both companies are overseen by Estie Cuellar, academy instructor.

PHOTO INCLUDED [CHAAO.jpg]: Students who lead CHAAO, a company that makes art and jewelry from recycled materials, pose at the Junior Achievement National Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. The students are part of Northwest ISD's Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship, housed in Eaton High School. CHAAO was one of three companies to win the event's social engagement award.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Feel the Color.jpg]: Students who serve as the leadership of Feel the Color, a company that creates clothing tags for those with visual impairments, take part in the Junior Achievement Company Program awards in Washington D.C. The students, part of Northwest ISD's Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship, walked away with an award for exhibiting the principles of global activity.

### **Byron Nelson's Buddy Davis places in national architecture design competition**

Recent Byron Nelson High School alumnus Buddy Davis recently finished in the top 10 nationally in a student architectural design competition, beating dozens of top students across the U.S. for the honor.

Buddy earned 10<sup>th</sup> place honors in the National Technology Student Association Conference's CAD architecture competition in the high school division, becoming the only Texas student to place in the event. He and other competitors took part in 7 hours of design and interviews, designing the majority of a house based on provided needs.

Students were given a house outline with only a kitchen identified and had to design the remainder of the home. They then had to create a set of construction plans as well as a virtual walkthrough of the house. The competition required extensive knowledge of both architecture and architectural computer-aided design – or CAD – software.

Buddy will attend Texas Tech University beginning this fall, where he plans to study architecture.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Buddy Davis.jpg]: Recent Byron Nelson High School alumnus Buddy Davis poses in front of the National TSA Conference logo. Buddy recent earned 10<sup>th</sup> place honors at the conference in its CAD architecture competition.

### **Communications team earns five national awards**

Northwest ISD's communications and community relations team earned five awards from their national professional association, receiving honors in a range of media categories.

The team earned two awards of excellence – the top honor available – as well as one award of merit and two honorable mentions in the National School Public Relations Association's Publications and Media Awards. This marks the fifth consecutive year Northwest ISD's communications team has earned multiple honors from the NSPRA Publications and Media Awards.

Northwest ISD's [recently redesigned website](#) took home an award of excellence for its design, and the district's [Northwest News newsletter](#) took home an award of excellence in its category of electronic newsletters for external audiences. The website, overseen by Melissa Shawn, was one of just five in the nation to receive an award of excellence, while the newsletter, overseen by Anthony Tosie, was one of just 10 to receive a national award in its category.

Rachel Bobbit's [Northwest ISD Bond 2017 video](#) earned an award of merit, while a [profile of an educator video](#) she created earned honorable mention. Also earning honorable mention was the district's [Northwest Vision print newsletter](#), overseen by Emily Conklin.

More than 980 entries were submitted to NSPRA's annual awards program this year, with 650 awards recipients.

#### **Matrice Raven named new principal of Chisholm Trail Middle School**

Trustees approved the district's recommendation to name Matrice Raven as the new principal of Chisholm Trail Middle School, replacing Justin Vercher, who accepted the role of principal at Northwest ISD's Peterson Elementary School.

Ms. Raven has served as an assistant principal at Chisholm Trail since 2014. She has previously served as an assistant principal and gifted and talented specialist at Carroll ISD's Dawon Middle School as well as an English language arts teacher at Fort Worth ISD's Handley Middle School. She was selected as a Texas Association of Secondary School Principals' Assistant Principal of the Year finalist in 2015, and she is currently participating in the Visioning Institute AP Leadership Academy.

Her new position at Chisholm Trail is effective immediately.

Ms. Raven is expected to graduate with her doctorate in educational leadership from Lamar University this fall. She received her master's degree in educational administration from the University of North Texas and has a bachelor's degree in English education from the University of Southern Mississippi. Additionally, she received her superintendent certification from Lamar University.

HEADSHOT INCLUDED [Matrice Raven.jpg]

#### **Melissa Webber named new principal of Haslet Elementary School**

Trustees approved the district's recommendation to name Melissa Webber as the new principal of Haslet Elementary School. Ms. Webber was previously the assistant principal of Northwest ISD's Justin Elementary School. She replaces Cynthia Webber, who was recently named principal of the district's newest middle school, Adams Middle School, which will open in 2018.

Melissa Webber has worked in Northwest ISD since 1998, beginning as a classroom teacher. She has taught students from second to sixth grades among her time at Prairie View, Seven Hills and Haslet elementary schools. Additionally, she has also worked as an intervention teacher and a curriculum instructional teacher.

She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Monmouth College and earned a master's degree in school administration from Lamar University. She was named Teacher of the Year while serving at Prairie View Elementary School. During her time in Northwest ISD, she has received numerous innovative teaching grants through the Northwest ISD Education Foundation, bringing unique education experiences to the lives of many students in the district.

Melissa Webber will begin her position immediately.

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#### **Bobby Morris named district's director of college and career readiness**

Northwest ISD has named John "Bobby" Morris as its new director of college and career readiness, placing the longtime district educator in a role that will help thousands of students prepare for their futures upon graduating.

Mr. Morris has spent the past 16 years at Northwest High School, with the past eight years in campus administration. He began his career with Northwest ISD as a classroom teacher in 2001, before moving up the ranks as a campus instructional trainer, assistant principal and associate principal. As associate principal, he has overseen campus advanced academics, dual credit courses, testing coordination, and similar college and career readiness programs.

In his new position, Mr. Morris will oversee district programs that prepare students for their post-graduation lives, including advanced placement and dual credit courses that can allow students to obtain college credit. His role also includes oversight of financial planning assistance for college, career planning assistance and course endorsement selection planning.

Mr. Morris has received numerous accolades in his time with Northwest ISD, including recently being named the Region 11 High School Assistant Principal of the Year for 2016-17. He was named Northwest ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2007-08, and he has been recognized as a distinguished educator twice. Mr. Morris has a master's degree in education administration from Grand Canyon University and a bachelor's degree from Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

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### **New boundary locator system allows families to find zoned schools easily**

Northwest ISD's new boundary locator online mapping system is now available, allowing district families to find their zoned schools easily.

The [boundary locator system](#), found on the Northwest ISD website under the "about" section" by clicking "attendance boundaries," provides users with the ability to type in their addresses to determine their zoned campuses. The resulting information will include a user's zoned elementary school, middle school and high school. Instructions located on the left sidebar of the system provide users with guidance.

Attendance boundary maps by school classification – elementary, middle or high school – can also be found on the attendance boundaries page. These maps include all schools of the same classification level within Northwest ISD's boundaries.

Questions regarding the district's boundaries should be directed to the facilities staff by phone at 817-215-0136. Please note that information on Adams Middle School's planned boundaries are not yet available; information about Adams' boundaries will be announced during the fall 2017 semester.

### **Online enrollment for 2017-18 new students now available, returning student enrollment coming soon**

Online enrollment for students new to Northwest ISD during the 2017-18 school year is now available at [www.nisdtx.org/enrollment](http://www.nisdtx.org/enrollment), and registration for returning students will open on July 24.

Northwest ISD now uses the PowerSchool Registration online enrollment service, simplifying the process from previous years. PowerSchool Registration will gradually walk parents and guardians through a step-by-step online enrollment process, with simple questions for each child being enrolled.

When online enrollment opens for returning students, parents and guardians will be sent a "snap code" to register their children. This snap code will allow parents and guardians to begin updating their child's information and provide pre-filled information in many areas.

Parents and guardians should use an email address they readily use, as all future enrollment communication will be sent to this address, including coming school years. If a parent or guardian has multiple children in the district, he or she should use the same email address for all student registrations.

All parents and guardians enrolling children should be prepared with proof of residency and updated immunization records.

To ensure the enrollment process is as easy as possible for families new to the district, Northwest ISD will hold centralized summer registration for various feeder patterns from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates as part of Registration Roundup sponsored by the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs:

- July 31: Eaton High School
- Aug. 2: Northwest High School
- Aug. 11: Byron Nelson High School

Parents and guardians new to the district should attend the registration event that corresponds to their child's zoned high school (parents and guardians of all elementary and middle schools that feed into Northwest High School would attend its event, for instance). Students who will attend Steele Accelerated High School can attend any of the three events.

Families of returning students can complete the entire registration process online, or they can attend one of the aforementioned registration dates or their children's campuses to submit any documents. Families new to the district can also complete the registration process at their children's campuses instead of at the aforementioned registration events if they desire; they cannot complete the entire process online, as documents must first be verified for those new to the district.

**Next school board meeting taking place Aug. 14**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will not hold any meetings in July; they will resume regular meetings in August.

The board's next regular meeting will take place 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, in the boardroom at the Northwest ISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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