



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, October 1 – October 27

#### **BNHS Students Receive International Business Awards**

Byron Nelson High School senior Lauren Perez is the recipient of the Future 50 International ANDY Award. To be eligible for this contest, students submitted solutions to a problem in their school, community country or world in a format of their choice as an example of an overall campaign. After being selected a finalist, Perez has been selected from students across the globe as this year's winner and will receive a \$3,000 scholarship check.

Byron Nelson High School senior Jett Monroe has been selected from thousands of high school students across the nation to participate as a Free Agent Entrepreneur in the Ashoka's Catapult Business Program at Stanford and Harvard. Monroe will be working with teams alongside corporate and MBA advisors to build and launch a business venture by April 2015.

Perez and Monroe are members of Byron Nelson High School's Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) business program. VEI students travel virtually out of the classroom and into a corporate environment where they run their own business firms and compete at the national and international level with students in 7,800 firms. This is Byron Nelson High School's first international award.

PHOTO CAPTION [Perez]: Lauren Perez, Byron Nelson High School senior, competed globally in the Future 50 International ANDY competition and has been named the winner.

PHOTO CAPTION [Jett Monroe]: Byron Nelson High School senior Jett Monroe has been chosen to participate as a Free Agent Entrepreneur at Standard and Harvard in the Ashoka's Catapult Business Program.

#### **NHS Debate Team Receives Multiple Awards in Classic**

Northwest High School's speech and debate team received multiple awards at the Grapevine Classic. More than 104 teams competed from 14 states at one of the largest high school tournaments. The results were as follows:

Semi-finalist in Dramatic Ashleigh Allison and Jonathan McNamee  
Semi-finalist in Duet Acting the teams of Ashleigh Allison/Jonathan McNamee and Diamond Jackson/Alexa Dilone  
Semi-finalist in Poetry Alexa Dilone  
Fourth place in Dramatic Austin Hille  
Second place in Duet Acting Austin Hille and Haley Page  
Fifth place in Duo Ashleigh Allison and Austin Hille  
Second place in Prose Austin Hille  
First place - Overall Outstanding Performer Austin Hille

PHOTO CAPTION [debate team]: The Northwest High School speech and debate team brought home eight awards at the Grapevine Classic.

#### **NISD Sets Early Release Times for October 10**

Northwest ISD will dismiss early on Friday, October 10 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.  
Steele Accelerated High School: 1:05 p.m.  
Northwest and Byron Nelson High Schools: 1:15 p.m.  
Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

Monday, October 13 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 14.

**NISD School Board Meetings**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on October 13 and October 27 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

**NISD Offers Gold Card Program**

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on October 14, please call 817-215-0175.

**Register to be a Volunteer in NISD Schools**

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must pass a criminal background check prior to volunteering. The Northwest Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) system is a one-stop-shop for district stakeholders. The newly improved system includes background checks and captures complete volunteer interest profiles. Volunteers can now submit their volunteer background check forms for the 2014-2015 school year. This web-based, interactive contact center enables volunteers to update contact details, preferences and match volunteer opportunities to parents and the community. Access the new VIPS system at [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) and click the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

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