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**TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES
DR. WILLIAM DORLAND AND LT. COL. DANIEL OOSTERHOUS
AS 2011 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

Texarkana, TX -- Texarkana Independent School District will honor two of their own – Dr. William Dr. Dorland (Texas High School Class of 1984) and Lt. Col. Daniel J. Oosterhous (Texas High School Class of 1989) - as the 2011 Distinguished Alumni during events which will be held on Friday, October 28.

A Student Leadership Breakfast will be held from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Dan Haskins Student Center at Texas High School, 2112 Kennedy Lane. This event will offer leadership students from Texas Middle School and Texas High School the opportunity to hear from the honorees to learn first-hand how the example that you set for others and for yourself begins at an early age and builds a strong foundation for personal and professional growth.

From 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., a Distinguished Alumni Luncheon will be held at the Texarkana Country Club, #1 Country Club Drive, where the two gentlemen will be presented and awarded the honor of 2011 Distinguished Alumni.



After graduating from Texas High School in 1984, Dr. Dorland continued his education at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Physics from UT, a Masters of Arts in Astrophysical Sciences and a Masters in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University. His Doctoral Degree is in Astrophysical Science through the Program in Plasma Physics at Princeton University.

Dr. Dorland has been the Director of the University of Maryland Honors College and Professor in the Department of Physics since 2002. His current research focuses on multiscale algorithm development and experimental and theoretical tests of nonlinear, kinetic plasma simulations.

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His scientific leadership has included research at Princeton University which developed the first gyrofluid model for analytical and numerical investigations of low-frequency instabilities in plasmas. While at the University of Texas, Dr. Dorland developed general geometry and multiple-species theory for toroidal gyrofluid and gyrokinetic simulations and through the University of Maryland has developed nonlinear gyrokinetic code. At the Imperial College of London, he taught and developed astrophysical applications of gyrokinetics and collaborated with scientists at Culham Laboratory on gyrokinetic magnetic fusion problems.

Dr. Dorland has received many honors for his work including an Energy Postdoctoral Fellowship with the U.S. Department of Energy, Outstanding Young Texas Ex and the Award for Creative Ideas in International Education. He was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society, a Richard A. Ferrell Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Distinguished Scholar-Teacher for the University of Maryland and received the E. O. Lawrence Award for Nuclear Technology from the U.S. Department of Energy.

He is married to Dr. Sarah Penniston-Dorland and they have one daughter, Kendall.



Lt. Col. Dan Oosterhous is the head coach of the men's tennis team at the United States Air Force Academy and serves as an Instructor Pilot in the Powered Flight Program which teaches introductory flying skills to future Air Force pilots.

Following his graduation from Texas High School in 1989, he earned his commission with Athletic Distinction and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy in 1992. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, holds a Masters of Air Mobility from the Air Force Institute of Technology and has received military education from the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. As a Command Pilot he has over 3,200 flight hours in the C-5, C-21, T-52, T-38 and T-37.

During his military career, Lt. Col. Oosterhous has served as a C-21 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Training and Executive Officer for the 457th Airlift Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base and as a C-5 Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander and Chief Wing Air Mobility Director at Travis Air Force Base. While at Dover Air Force Base, he served as the Chief of C-5 Standardization and Evaluation and Wing Executive Officer for the 436th Airlift Wing. He then moved to Scott Air Force Base as Chief of the Air Mobility Command Program for the Objective Memorandum Development Branch responsible for Mobility Air Force programming and force structure actions with airlift and tanker aircraft programs. Additionally, Lt. Col. Oosterhous served as Executive Officer to the Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs and completed two deployment tours in Southwest Asia as Chief of the Airlift Control Team and Regional Air

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Movement Control Center in the Air Mobility Division. In his most recent deployment, he was responsible for training and transferring all civil air traffic approval procedures to the Iraq Civil Aviation Authority, which the U.S. Air Force has controlled since 2003.

Lt. Col. Oosterhous has received the Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He and his wife, Allison, have three children – Emma, Anna and Andrew.

Since 1992, TISD has sponsored a Distinguished Alumni Awards program to recognize the outstanding personal and professional achievements of their alumni. These outstanding former Texas High School and Dunbar High School graduates are models to current and future alumni in terms of their professional, leadership and ethical standards. Past award recipients have been: Truman Arnold, Dr. Lenox Dial Baker, Miller Barber, Melvin Bradley, Ned Burns, Ken Dyson, Theron Goynes, Dan Haskins, David Kusin, Gary Kusin, Prudence Mackintosh, Donald Ray McNeal, George McWilliams, Rick Minter, Jerry “Boo” Mitchell, H. Ross Perot, Dan Petty, Colonel Willie R. Pollard, Jr., Collin Raye, Bill Rogers, Marjorie Scardino, Robert Wickliffe “Wick” Temple, Dr. David Tilson, III, Sheilah Walker and Dr. Steve Woodle.

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