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TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE TEAM MEMBER
NAMED SCIENCE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



Texarkana, TX – Denise Skinner, Coordinator of PK-8 Math & Science for Texarkana Independent School District (TISD), has been named the Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT) Distinguished Leadership in Science Administrator of the Year.

The distinction is awarded annually to a non-teaching Administrator in EC-12 who has given and shown outstanding support of science education at the district and/or state level.

“We received many well-qualified nominees this year, and we feel we’ve chosen some of the state’s best teachers and administrators for these awards,” said Ross Ann Hill, STAT President. “We’re honored to give back to the ‘superstars’ in our science teaching communities.”

Skinner has worked in the field of education for nineteen years as a Elementary and Secondary Teacher for Kirbyville CISD and Queen City ISD and a Science & Math Specialist with the National Science Foundation.

She joined TISD in 2007 as a Teacher for the newly opened Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School and served as the Curriculum Coach for the campus from 2008-2010. In 2011, she moved into the Instructional Services Department as Coordinator of PK-8 Math & Science.

“Denise has been instrumental to TISD in the development of our STEM program at the elementary and secondary levels,” said Autumn Thomas, Deputy Superintendent. “She is leading the charge in the improvement of mathematics and science education for our students and her efforts of collaboratively working with teachers can be seen daily as our students explore and experiment in these subjects.”

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Skinner earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Lyon College, a Master of Science in Science Education and a Master of Science in Curriculum & Instruction with Principal Certification from Texas A&M University – Texarkana.

She is an active member of the American Society of Engineering Education and Texas Science Education Leadership Association. Additionally, Skinner was selected to attend the Key Issues Institute in Breckenridge, CO, the Texas Academy for Science Education Leadership program at the Charles A. Dana Center and the INSPIRE Academy with Purdue University.

Throughout her educational career, Skinner has received the Texas Education Association Rachel Carson Award for Women in Math & Science, the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science Teaching and was named a Michael E. DeBakey Scholar in Biomedical Engineering by Texas A&M University – College Station.

Skinner will be recognized on November 17-19 by STAT during the ExxonMobile Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching (CAST) 2011 Conference in Dallas, TX.

STAT, founded in 1957, is a non-profit organization of elementary, middle and high school teachers, college educators and supervisors of science. The organization keeps members informed about current trends in science education, and provides opportunities to view the latest in technology, curriculum, materials and services. Today, STAT represents more than 7,000 members.

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