

# Katy's VIPS

## Celebrating Exceptional Volunteers in Public Schools



Katy ISD's volunteers of the year

Volunteers are a vital part of any school, helping in the classrooms, serving on the PTA, and taking on many more important roles. Katy ISD recently celebrated its volunteers and the great job they do every day at the Volunteers in Public School (VIPS) Breakfast at the Merrell Center. The annual event honors the parents and community members who collectively donate hundreds of thousands of hours to students and teachers each year.

This year's theme celebrated family ties, as a tribute to the familiar and comfortable atmosphere that Katy ISD's Partners in Education office and volunteers have formed throughout the district as part of the VIPS program. Although there are more than 50 Katy ISD campuses now, together they form one big community and family, connected by the children and staff at each school. Every attendee of the breakfast was encouraged to wear their favorite crazy tie to get into the spirit of the celebration.

YouTube sensation and motivational comedian, Judson Laipply, served as the keynote speaker. He also performed his online hit, *The Evolution of Dance*, to add to the fun. A 60-voice choir and 20-piece jazz band, comprised of top student musicians from every Katy ISD high school, also

helped provide the morning's entertainment. This year, 13,600 volunteers donated a record-setting 738,941 hours. The breakfast also marked a decade of volunteering in Katy schools, totaling an impressive 5,589,664 hours. Each campus selected a volunteer of the year, with principals announcing the honors.

### Elementary Volunteers of the Year

*Alexander* - Gina D'Agostino  
*Bear Creek* - Donna Ortiz  
*Cimarron* - Nancy Fellowell  
*Creech* - Diane Pakel  
*Exley* - Michelle Corbin  
*Fielder* - Christine Schneider  
*Franz* - Manuela Correa  
*Golbow* - Kelly Grissom  
*Griffin* - Marianne Caines  
*Hayes* - Kelly Davis-Mansfield  
*Holland* - Carrie Patton  
*Hutsell* - Kathryn Swatsenbarg  
*Katy* - Elaine Jones  
*Kilpatrick* - Kristin Mudra  
*King* - Laureen King  
*Mayde Creek* - Melissa Wing  
*McRoberts* - Morgen Rose  
*Memorial Parkway* - Sharon Lory  
*Morton Ranch* - Anabel Gonzales  
*Nottingham Country* - Angel Canafax  
*Pattison* - Cyndi Tabor  
*Rhoads* - Germaine Guerra  
*Rylander* - Luann McElduff

*Schmalz* - Jackie Ennis  
*Stanley* - Jennifer Pergande  
*Stephens* - Christine Saenz  
*Sundown* - Mondell Garcia  
*West Memorial* - Jennifer Dinning  
*Williams* - Cris Bowden  
*Winborn* - Kim Specksgoor  
*Wolfe* - Maria Varcados  
*WoodCreek* - Eric and Susan Zapalac

### Junior High Volunteers of the Year

*Beck* - LeeAnn Rinderknecht  
*Beckendorff* - Kim Brown  
*Cardiff* - Malkia Roberts  
*Cinco Ranch* - Marla Ward  
*Katy* - Dorinda Pool  
*Mayde Creek* - Charlotte Sacco  
*McDonald* - Kelly Wiesner  
*McMeans* - Janet Thomason  
*Memorial Parkway* - Tracy Albosta  
*Morton Ranch* - Kim Armstrong  
*West Memorial* - Julia Greenmun  
*WoodCreek* - Pam Koshak

### High School Volunteers of the Year

*Cinco Ranch* - Barry Goswick  
*Katy* - Kathy Boudreaux  
*Mayde Creek* - Siew-Ling Yap  
*Morton Ranch* - Nina Palmer  
*Seven Lakes* - Maureen Racine  
*Taylor* - Jan Silliman



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