

KATY'S TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Katy ISD Honors Outstanding Educators

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One of the biggest draws to Katy is its amazing school district, full of talented educators who help students reach their academic goals. Each year, Katy ISD honors one outstanding teacher from each campus who helps maintain this reputation and demonstrates excellence and leadership among their peers and in their classrooms. Katy ISD also honors its district-wide teachers of the year. This year, the distinction went to Brooke Brown, who teaches at Hayes Elementary, and Julie Hinson, who teaches at Morton Ranch High School. "I just like making a difference," says Hinson. "I teach mostly juniors and seniors, so I don't get to see the impact until they come back years later. It is just a good feeling to know I impacted their lives."

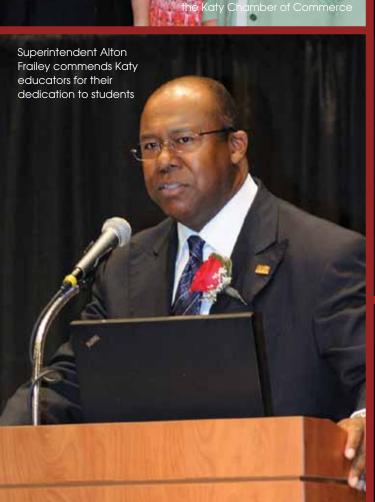
Both educators are products of the Katy ISD school system, with Brown a graduate of Mayde Creek High School, and Hinson a graduate of Taylor High School. Both enjoy the chance to give back to their community. "Over the past few weeks, I have received many thoughtful emails, notes, and phone calls congratulating me on this honor," says Brown. "The most rewarding, however, are the ones from my former educators and most impressively, my elementary principal, Ms. Shenkir. While reading her note, I realized that my success is that of each person who contributed to my educational experience. Katy ISD is a wonderful school district, and I am blessed to have not only experienced it as a student, but also as a professional."

These two wonderful teachers have also been nominated by Katy ISD for the 2010 Texas Education Agency's statewide Teacher of the Year award.

















Elementary School Teachers of

the Year Alexander - Kristin Pitts Bear Creek - Lee Alexander Cimarron - Deedi Bourgeois Creech - Joan Lisman Exley - Katie LoSasso Fielder - Alice Keeney Franz - Pete Anderson Golbow - Shannon Stout Griffin - Susie Cardenas Hayes - Brooke Brown Holland - Susie Gutierrez Hutsell - Nereida Hess Katy - Mona Macias Kilpatrick - Kendra Nguyen King - Cindy Clark Mayde Creek - Julie Ackley McRoberts - Sally Schwartzel Memorial Parkway - Michael Kier Morton Ranch - Kim Czubara *Nottingham Country - Scott Burris* Pattison - Whitney La Rocca Rhoads - Lauren Taylor Rylander - Elisse Hayes-Karlsson Schmalz - Adrienne Thompson Stanley - Margo Van Der Ahe Stephens - Cheryl Stallings Sundown - Crystal Matovich

West Memorial - Beth Morrow

Wolfe - Sarah Van Nieuwenhuise

WoodCreek - Maurie Hazlewood

Williams - Susan Grimm

Winborn - Krista Mayzer

Junior High Teachers of the

Beckendorff - Bridgett Whitten Cardiff - Phyllis Nawrot

Cinco Ranch - Becky Barlow Katy - Caroline Anderson Mayde Creek - Mary

Hearnsberger

Beck - Carrie Gay

McDonald - Carolyn Hargrove McMeans - Phillip LoSasso *Memorial Parkway -* **Scott Villar** Morton Ranch - Kristin Eisenach West Memorial - Pamela Sonnier WoodCreek - Kenna Richmond

High School Teachers of the Year

Cinco Ranch - Dorothy Wilson Katy - Ella Milton Mayde Creek - Cynthia Doyle Miller Career and Technology Center - Patty Kenjura Morton Ranch - Julie Hinson Raines Complex - Nancy Rourke Seven Lakes - Doris Hamilton Taylor - Carolyn Dubos

Congratulations to all of Katy ISD's outstanding teachers, and thanks for helping make the community great! KM

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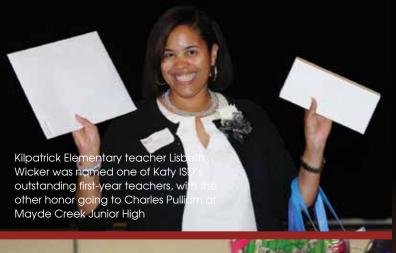
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