



Katy ISD recently honored its outstanding teachers of the year

# 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.





Michael Holthouse, president and CEO of Parinet, Inc. with a guest and Katy Mayor Don Elder Jr.



Creech Elementary teacher of the year Jeanie Lisman (fourth from right) with campus nominees, Angie Telesz, Myra Knott, Deborah Roseborough, and Esther Schramm



CEO Ann Hodge, Kathie Gerritzen, and Debbie Glasser of the Katy Chamber of Commerce



Superintendent Alton Frailey commends Katy educators for their dedication to students



Brooke Brown and Julie Hinson were named the district-wide teachers of the year



Stanley Elementary namesake Stan Stanley, State Rep. John Zerwas, Mayor Don Elder Jr., Superintendent Alton Frailey, and Parinet President and CEO Michael Holthouse





Many members of the Katy community attended the luncheon



Stan Stanley, former chairman of the Katy Chamber of Commerce, congratulates teachers on a year of hard work

### 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 Burriss
- 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
- Williams - Susan Grimm
- Winborn - Krista Mayzer
- Wolfe - Sarah Van Nieuwenhuise
- WoodCreek - Maurie Hazlewood

### Junior High Teachers of the Year

- Beck - Carrie Gay
- Beckendorff - Bridgett Whitten
- Cardiff - Phyllis Nawrot
- Cinco Ranch - Becky Barlow
- Katy - Caroline Anderson
- Mayde Creek - Mary Hearnberger
- 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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Kilpatrick Elementary teacher Lisbeth Wicker was named one of Katy ISD's outstanding first-year teachers, with the other honor going to Charles Pulliam at Mayde Creek Junior High

Principal Malynn Rodriguez with Kilpatrick Elementary teacher of the year Kendra Nguyen



Pattison Elementary teacher of the year Whitney LaRocca



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