

## Education notes

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### OF NOTE

#### **Eyes on the prize:**

It's the coveted prize that Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa says he wants the district to win by the end of the decade. Last week, the 2007 Broad Prize for Urban Education was awarded to the New York City Department of Education, officials with the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation announced. The \$1 million prize is given to large urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among poor and minority students. The money goes directly to graduating high school seniors for college scholarships.

#### **Austin College to host language conference:**

Modern-language faculty members from at least 19 institutions nationwide will visit Austin College in Sherman on Thursday through Sunday for the "Technology and the Language House Curriculum" conference. The National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education conference is hosted by faculty of the college's Department of Classical and Modern Languages.

#### **Cedar Valley to build technology facility:**

Cedar Valley College officials hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its industrial technology building on Sept. 20. The building is being constructed on the Lancaster campus as part of the 2004 Dallas County Community College District's bond election.

### THINGS TO DO

#### **TWU scholarship fundraiser tonight:**

A fundraiser benefiting student-athlete scholarships at Texas Woman's University will be held from 6 to 10 tonight at DoubleDave's Pizzaworks, 220 W. University Drive in Denton. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of the night's net sales to TWU scholarships.

#### **Khrushchev's son to speak at UTA:**

Sergei Khrushchev, son of the late Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, will lecture at the University of Texas at Arlington on Tuesday. Mr. Khrushchev, senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, edited his father's memoirs and lectures on Soviet and Russian economic and political reforms. He will speak about the 50th anniversary of the Russian space program at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 100 of Nedderman Hall, 416 Yates St. After the lecture, he will sign books in the Nedderman Hall atrium. The free event is open to the public on a space-available basis. Call 817-272-3491 for parking information.

#### **Bradley to lecture at UTA:**

Bill Bradley, former U.S. senator and presidential candidate, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the University of Texas at Arlington's Texas Hall, 701 W. Nedderman Drive. Mr. Bradley – who represented New Jersey from 1979 to 1997 and was a candidate in the Democratic presidential primary in 2000 – will speak on his book *The New American Story*. A reception and book signing will follow in the University Club at Davis Hall.

**Lecture on Latino heritage set:**

Nicolás Kanellos, a Spanish professor at the University of Houston, will lecture on "Challenges in Searching for the Lost or Buried Heritage of Latinos in the United States" at 6 p.m. Thursday in Southern Methodist University's DeGolyer Library, 6404 Hilltop Ave. in Dallas. The free event is open to the public, but registration is required. Call 214-768-2945. The event is part of SMU's Gilbert Lecture Series.

**Artist to speak at Nasher center:**

Renowned artist David Bates will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. in Dallas.

Admission is by ticket only. Advance reservations and tickets may be obtained by calling 940-565-4001. The event is presented by the University of North Texas College of Visual Arts and Design.

**ACHIEVERS**

•Two University of Texas at Dallas management professors – **David L. Ford Jr.** and **Metin Cakanyildirim** –have been recognized for their respective academic papers. Dr. Ford received the John Yanousas Outstanding Paper award at the 12th Eastern Academy of Management International Conference in Amsterdam this summer. Dr. Cakanyildirim won the Harold H. Kuhn Award for the best paper published in the last three years by the operations management journal *Naval Research Logistics* .

•**Saraju Mohanty**, a University of North Texas assistant professor of computer science and engineering, has received a three-year \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant to study the power and performance of digital systems. UNT is the lead institution on the project with support by Texas A&M University.

•**Victor Prybutok**, a professor of information technology and decision sciences at the University of North Texas, has received the Toulouse Scholars Award from the university for 2007-08. Dr. Prybutok directs the UNT Center for Quality and Productivity in College of Business Administration.

•**Mary Vaccaro**, associate professor of art and art history at the University of Texas at Arlington and a Renaissance art specialist, has started a fellowship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Ms. Vaccaro was granted a J. Clawson Mills scholarship to work at the museum for a year after submitting her book proposal on the use and exchange of drawings in 16th-century Parma.

•**Becky Spurlock**, a master's student in kinesiology at Texas Woman's University, recently was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the State Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers. Ms. Spurlock, assistant athletic director of the Keller Independent School District, is one of five board members who license and regulate athletic trainers in Texas. She is eligible for reappointment at the end of each two-year term.

•**Ellis Amburn**, a book editor and biographer who graduated from Texas Christian University in 1954, has been named the 2007 inductee for TCU's Schieffer School of Journalism Hall of Excellence. Mr. Amburn was editor for such authors as John le Carré, Belva Plain, Muriel Spark, Joshua Logan and Jack Kerouac. He wrote several biographies including the 1998 biography *Subterranean Kerouac: The Hidden Life of Jack Kerouac*.

•**Linda Henrie**, superintendent of the Mesquite Independent School District, will receive the 2007 George H. and Gwyn Brownlee Memorial Leadership Award from the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Dr. Henrie is the 22nd recipient of the award, which will be presented at the group's annual conference in Fort Worth Oct. 13-16.

•**Michael Earsing**, principal of Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, received a Work of Heart grand award and \$5,000 gift from the Catholic Foundation, which honors outstanding educators and staff of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Dallas.

•**Denise Captain**, a teacher at Dallas' Skyline High School, has been chosen to receive the Educator of the Year award in K-12 education by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. The award will be presented at the group's 2007 conference in Philadelphia Oct. 31-Nov. 4.

•**Josefina Murillo**, a second-grade bilingual teacher at James B. Bonham Elementary School, will be honored by OfficeMax and Adopt-a-Classroom at the "A Day Made Better" event Oct. 2. OfficeMax will donate classroom resources and supplies worth over \$1,400 to schools on behalf of the teachers nominated by the school.

•Ten North Texas teachers will be inducted as fellows into Texas Instruments Foundation's new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy.

The recipients are **Jennifer Bernabo**, Plano East Senior High School; **Angela Ciszewski**, Richardson North Junior High; **Katy Guzman**, Thomas Jefferson High School; **Heather Hinds**, Thomas Jefferson High School; **Glen Martin**, School for the Talented and Gifted at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center; **Natalie Mathew**, W.H. Gaston Middle School; **Theresa M. Oriabure**, Hillcrest High School; **Tamika Prentiss**, Carter High School; **Mary Ellen Sablick**, Rice Middle School; and **Kathleen Weaver**, Hillcrest High School. The program recognizes secondary-level instructors in the Dallas, Plano and Richardson school districts. The teachers will participate in activities Oct. 4 at Texas Instruments. Recipients also each receive \$10,000, \$5,000 of which is directly awarded to the teacher. The other \$5,000 is to be used at the teacher's discretion for professional development or instructional technology.

•Two Dallas-area college students –**Valerie Johnson** of Richardson and **Jolie Scott** of Garland – were each awarded a 2007 Emerging Scholar Award worth \$250 by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Ms. Johnson, a sophomore at Texas A&M University, is the daughter of Chris and Carolyn Johnson. Ms. Scott, a sophomore at Texas Tech University, is the daughter of Bob and Laurie Scott.

## IN DISD

### **Maverick player to speak to students:**

Dallas Mavericks star Greg "Buck" Buckner will share his tips on how to "Score With Reading" to about 200 students as part of a Reading Is Fundamental event at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Celestino Mauricio Soto Jr. Elementary School, 4510 W. Jefferson Blvd. Mr. Buckner, through his Greg Buckner Foundation, donates his time to promote reading and education throughout the Dallas area.

### **Saturday event to promote exercise:**

Dallas Independent School District students in kindergarten through fifth grades will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Alfred J. Loos Stadium, 3815 Spring Valley Road, to participate in the kickoff celebration of the Dallas Marathon Kids program. The running/walking and nutrition program emphasizes the importance of exercise and good eating habits. About 8,000 Dallas students and their parents will participate by running or walking 26.2 miles over the next six months. For more information, visit [www.marathonkids.org](http://www.marathonkids.org).

### **Garcia Middle School to be dedicated:**

DISD officials, students and community leaders will gather at 2 p.m. Saturday for the dedication of Hector P. Garcia Middle School, 700 E. Eighth St. The three-story, 176,000-square-foot facility in north Oak Cliff is named after the noted doctor, soldier and presidential adviser. Dr. Garcia received many honors during his lifelong fight for veterans' rights, and his struggle against discrimination in housing, jobs, education and voting rights.

### **Important DISD dates:**

- Thursday** – School board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Administration Building
- Oct. 5** –Elementary Fair Day; no classes for elementary students and teachers
- Oct. 11** –School board briefings, 11:30 a.m., Administration Building
- Oct. 12** –Secondary Fair Day; no classes for secondary students and teachers
- Oct. 15, 16 and 18** –Parent conferences
- Oct. 26** –Early release day for students