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**Midlothian Education Foundation Presents:**

**2006**

**Showcase of Stars**

*Celebrating academic achievement and teaching excellence*

**Academic  
Recognition  
Banquet**

**June 1, 2006  
6:30 p.m.**

**Midlothian Conference Center**

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## **WELCOME**

Tami Tobey  
President, MISD Education Foundation

## **APPRECIATION**

Katelyn Johnson  
MHS Valedictorian

## **RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

Wayne Shuffield  
Board Member, MEF and MISD School Board

## **“AULD LANG SYNE”**

*Performed by* Amara Berthelsen, Chelsea Hackney, and Amy Shuffield  
*Arranged by* Randy Preston

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. J. D. Kennedy  
Superintendent, Midlothian ISD


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## **DINNER ENTERTAINMENT**

MHS Chamber Ensembles, Directed by Freddy Chavez

## **MENU**

Lemon Rosemary Chicken with Angel Hair Pasta and Italian Vegetables  
Pot Roast with Italian Vegetables and Rosemary Potatoes  
House Salad with Ranch and House Dressings  
Dessert  
Tea, Coffee, Water



Welcome to the second annual Showcase of Stars Academic Recognition banquet. The MISD Education Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to honor students for their academic achievement, teachers for their commitment to excellence, and parents for their continued support.

The students honored this evening have worked diligently during their high school careers to become not just outstanding learners, but also superb citizens in our community and fine representatives of Midlothian High School.

The honored MISD former/current teachers are representative of the fine quality of educators in our community. They have provided insight, both in education and in the real world, that will allow these students to excel in the future.

This event is funded solely by donations made to the non-profit organization called the Education Foundation (MEF).

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## ***Foundation Mission Statement***

*The mission of the Midlothian ISD Education Foundation (MEF) is to generate and distribute resources to the Midlothian Independent School District. These resources will be used to enrich, maintain, and expand programs needed to meet the District's stated mission of excellence in education.*

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**Laura Truett**, Star Teacher

(Taught Nicole in drill team)

*“Mrs. Truett has influenced my life in so many ways. She has pushed me to my hardest and has always believed in me. She has made me stronger and is more than just my teacher. High School would not have been the same without her. I will never forget what she has done for me.”*



# *Nicole Bell*, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Texas A & M University; Major in Environmental Design  
**Parents Name:** Robert and Cheryl Bell

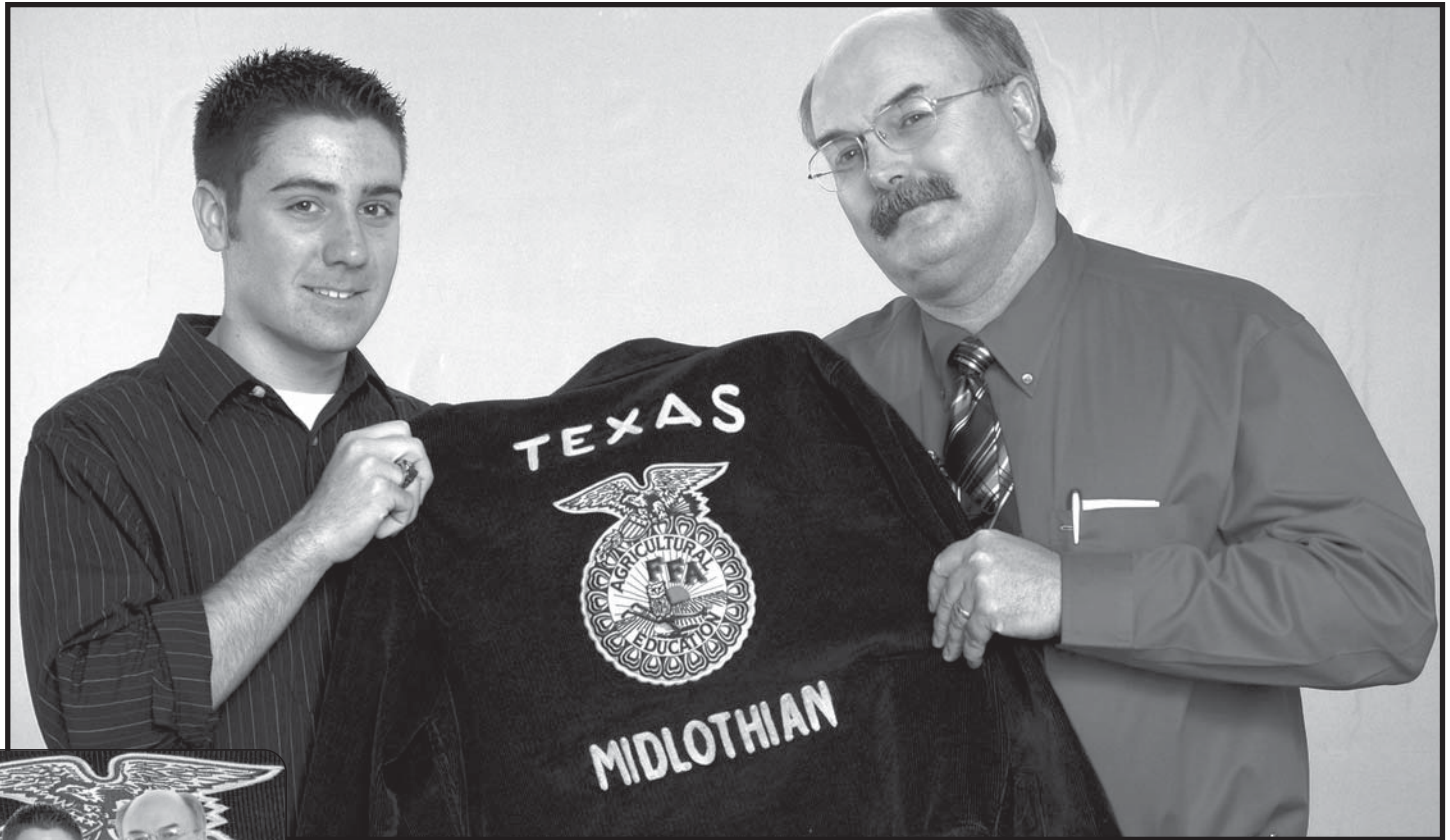
# **Paul Booth**, Star Teacher

(Taught Andrew in Ag Science)

*“Mr. Booth has impacted my life since my freshman year. He has been my coach, my teacher, and my mentor. Throughout my four years of high school, Mr. Booth has instilled in me some of my greatest qualities in areas of leadership and work ethics. He has never stopped believing in me and has always been there to encourage me to achieve my full potential.”*



# *Andrew Benson*, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Texas A & M University; Major in Aerospace Engineering  
**Parents Name:** Tim and Karen Benson

# *Ellen Hayden*, Star Teacher

(Taught Amara Physics)

“

Ever since elementary school, I have always hated the sciences . . . until I took

*Ms. Hayden's*

physics class. Her class has been the most fun,

worthwhile, and fulfilling class that I have taken in high school. Ms. Hayden is first

and foremost an amazing teacher; she truly desires that her students learn “how the

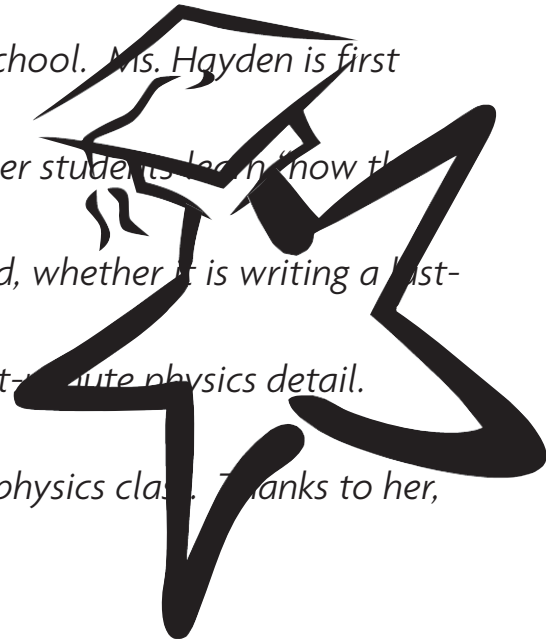
world works.” Second, she is always willing to lend a hand, whether it is writing a last-

minute college recommendation letter or explaining a last-minute physics detail.

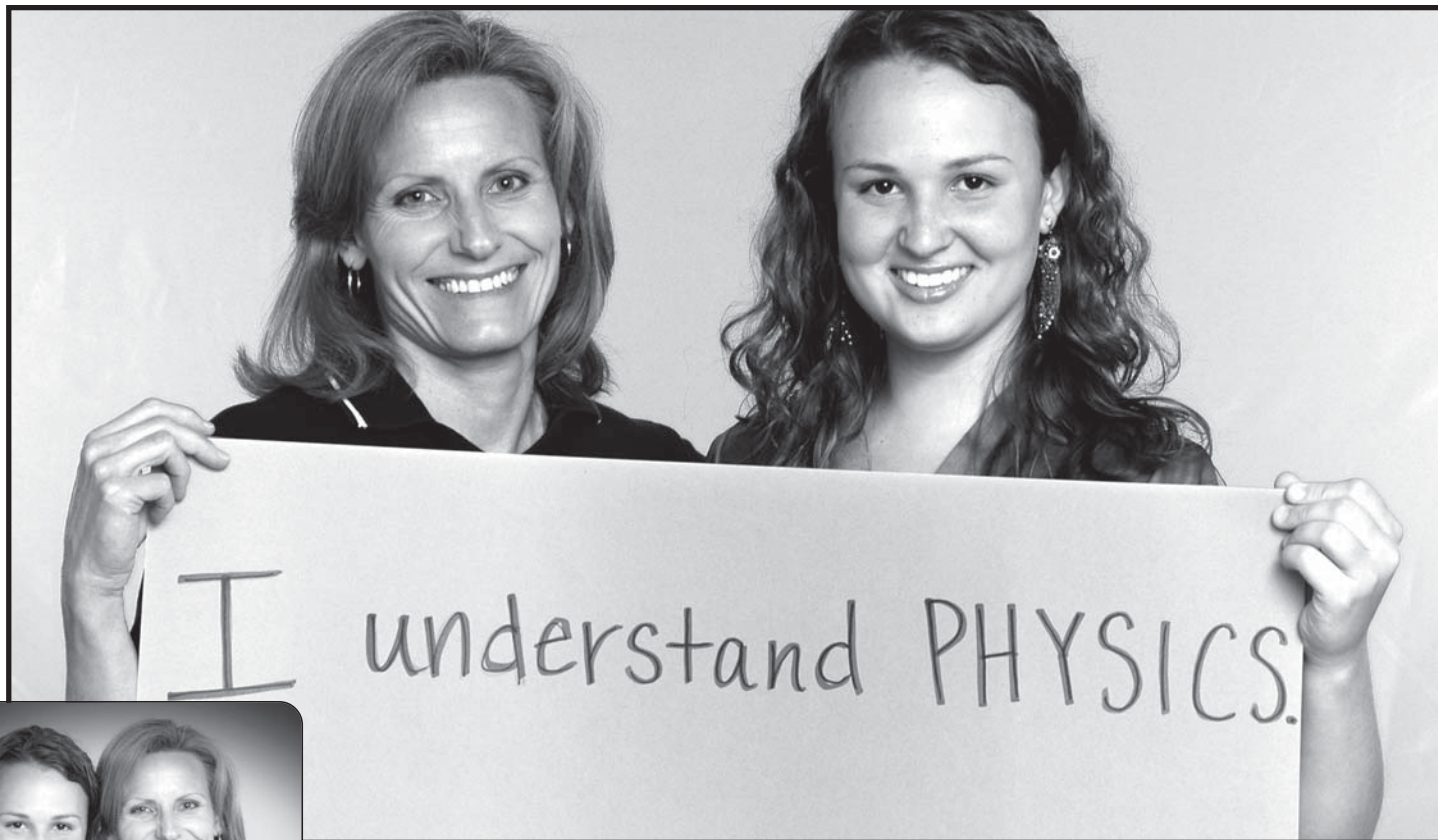
Third, she is fun...there is never a “dull” moment in my AP physics class. Thanks to her,

”

‘I understand physics.’



# *Amara Berthelsen*, Star Student

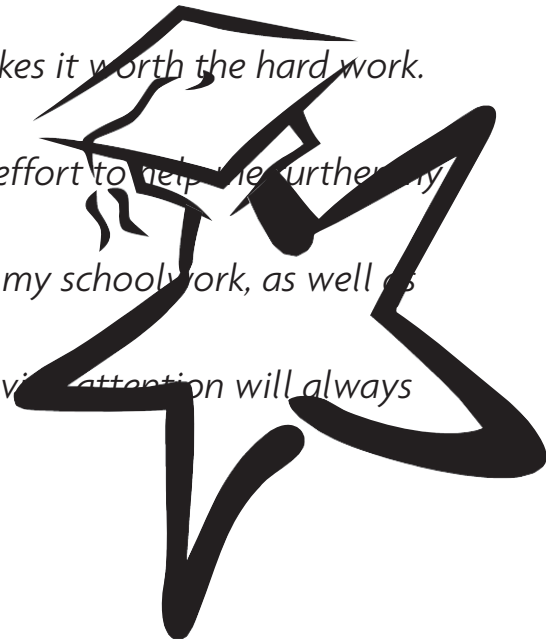


**Future Plans:** Gustavus Adolphus College;  
Undecided Major; Continue study of the violin

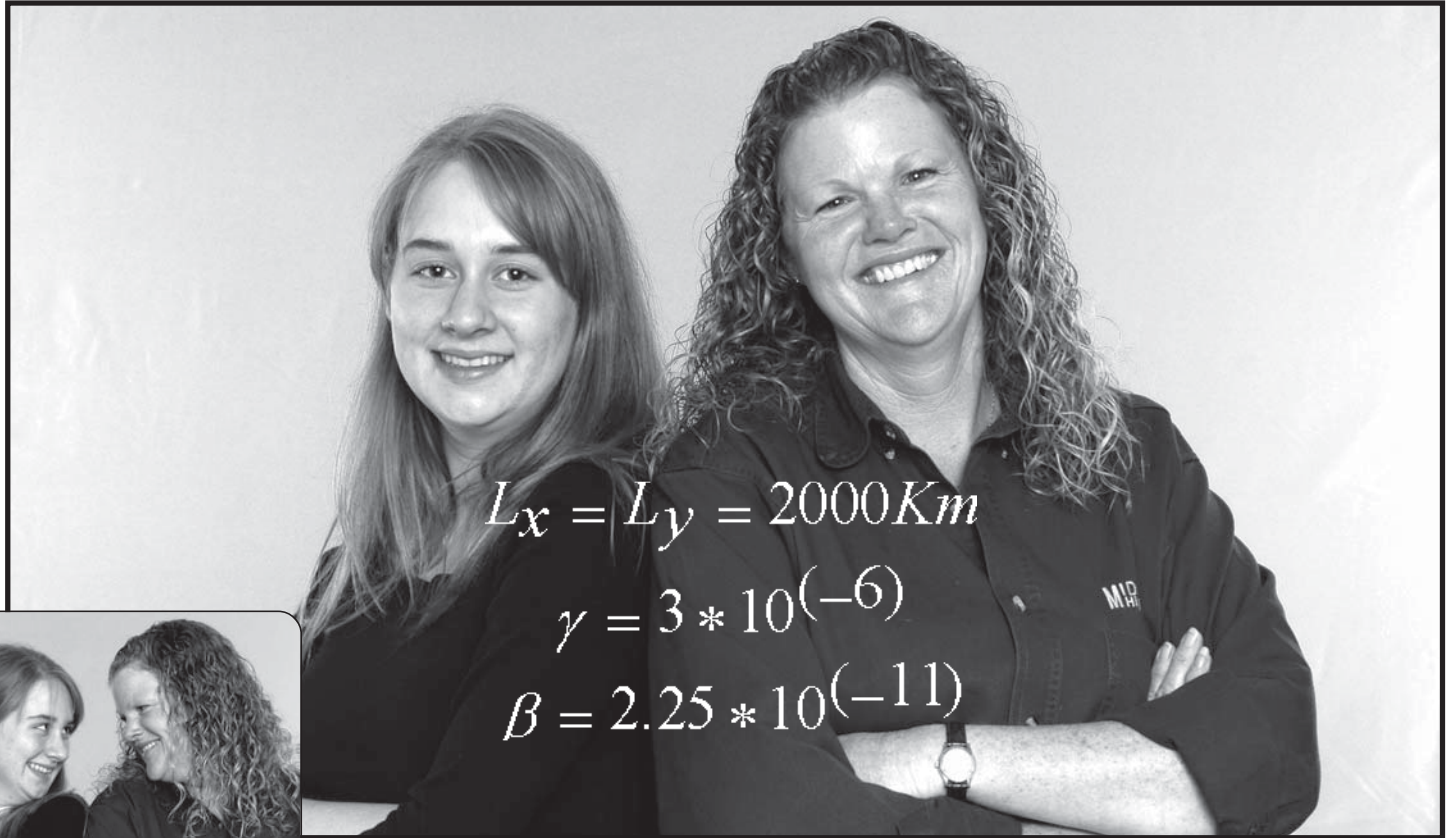
**Parents Name:** Joel and Wendy Berthelsen

**Patti Spillers**, Star Teacher  
(Taught Chelsea AP Calculus & AP Statistics)

“  
What’s not to love about a teacher that lets you call her mom? Of course, when *Mrs. Spillers* is your mother, you can’t get away with doing much, but having a teacher as “user-friendly” as she is makes it worth the hard work. In the last two years, Ms. Spillers has made an incredible effort to help me further my studies in math, pushing me to succeed in every aspect of my schoolwork, as well as keeping an eye on me in and out of the classroom. Her loving attention will always be an encouragement to me.”



# *Chelsea Hackney*, Star Student



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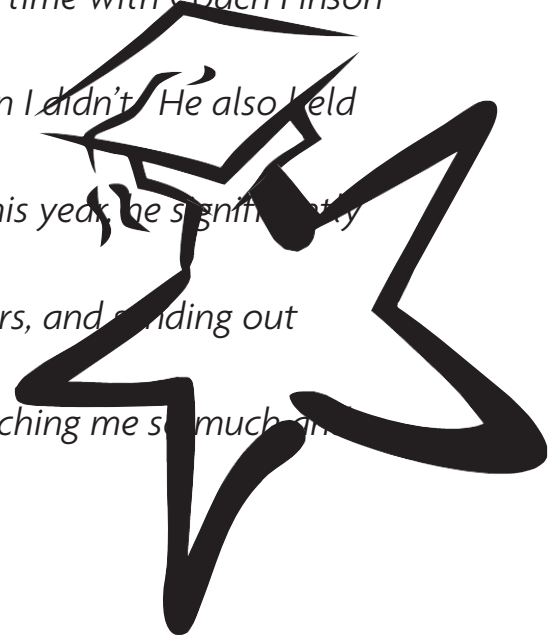
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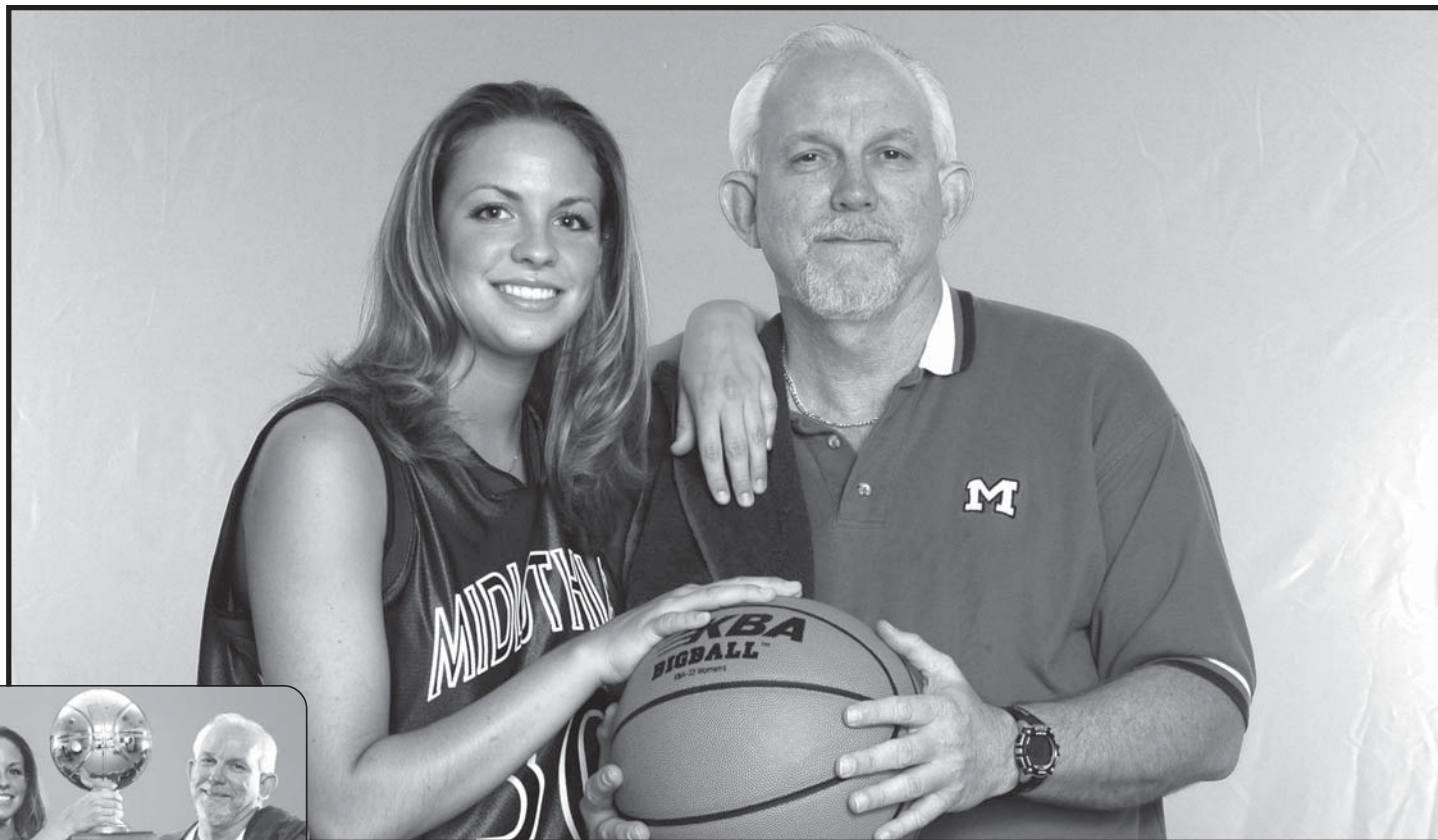
**Future Plans:** Abilene Christian University; Major in Political Science & International Relations; Attend Law School  
**Parents Name:** Clark and Rebecca Hackney

**Rick Pinson**, Star Teacher  
(Coached Lauren in Basketball)

*“Coach ‘Ricky P’” has been a major influence in my life since the 9th grade. During basketball season, I spent more time with Coach Pinson than with my parents. He has always believed in me even when I didn’t. He also held me accountable to be a good leader for the underclassmen. This year, he significantly helped in my search for college, writing recommendation letters, and sending out basketball tapes whenever I asked. I want to thank him for teaching me so much in making basketball fun.*”



# *Lauren Hale*, Star Student



Future Plans:  
Parents Name:

Play basketball at UTD  
Ginger and Carl Smith; Walter Hale

**Cyd Rogers,** Star Teacher

(Taught James Future Problem Solving & Community Problem Solving)

“ I was a member of *Mrs. Rogers* Future Problem Solving Team in 7th grade and a member of the Project PEACE Community Problem Solving Team in 8th grade.

Through Mrs. Rogers' guidance, this experience helped me gain a different perspective on volunteering, community service, and teamwork. Her coaching helped me find aspects of my personality and character that I could not have found being involved in anything else.

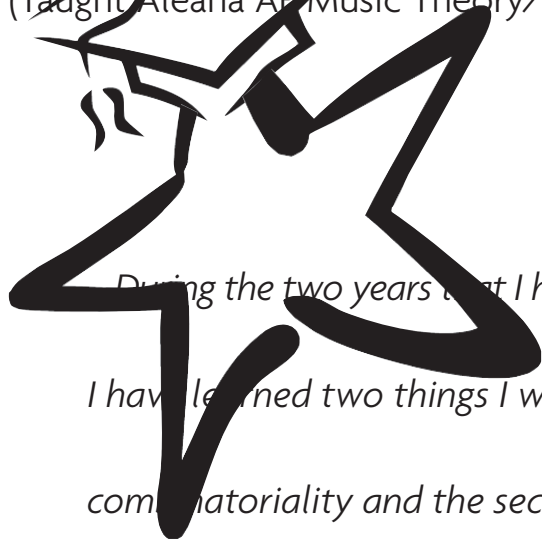


# *James Hamaker,* Star Student



**Future Plans:** Texas A&M University; Major in Mechanical Engineering  
**Parents Name:** John and Elizabeth Hamaker

**Randy Preston**, Star Teacher  
(Taught Aleaha AP Music Theory/Mobile Show Choir)



During the two years that I have been honored to know

*Mr. Preston,*

*I have learned two things I will never forget. The first being the formal definition of combinatoriality and the second being how to flip over a person's head. But, more than anything, he has made music fun and life enjoyable. His easygoing and kind-hearted spirit is not only refreshing but also contagious. I am very thankful for his patience towards his classes and his ambition in everything he does. It's been great.*

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# *Aleaha Iverson*, Star Student



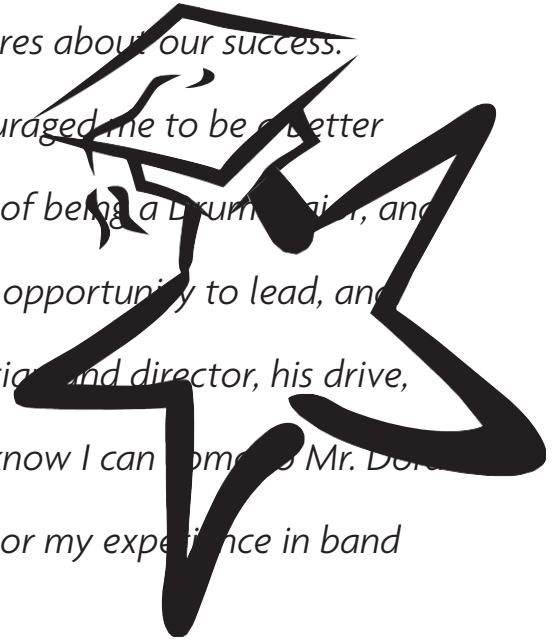
**Future Plans:** University of Texas at Arlington; Major in Nursing;  
Become a Nurse Practitioner

**Parents Name:** Dan and Laurie Iverson

# Larry Doran, Star Teacher

(Taught Katelyn in Band)

“ I have so much respect for *Mr. Doran*, as a band director and as a person. He is one of the most dedicated and hard-working teachers I have ever had. Mr. Doran takes interest in each individual student and cares about our success. Because of his high expectations he has pushed and encouraged me to be a better musician, student, and person. I have loved every minute of being a Drum Major, and being in band has meant so much to me. He gave me the opportunity to lead, and I am so grateful. I admire his accomplishments as a musician and director, his drive, his even-keel attitude, and his sense of humor and wit. I know I can thank Mr. Doran for anything, and I cannot imagine my high school career or my experience in band without him.”



# *Katelyn Johnson*, Star Student

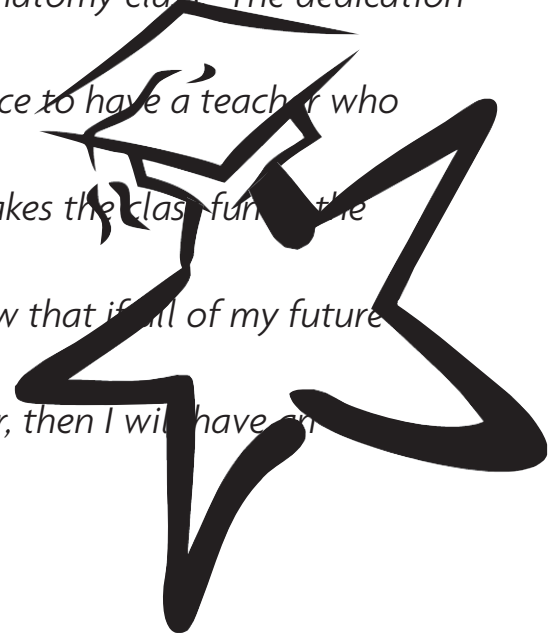


**Future Plans:**  
**Parents Name:**

Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota; Major in Business  
John and Kerry Johnson

***Geri Salazar***, Star Teacher  
(Taught Cale Anatomy)

“ While being in *Ms. Salazar's* class this year, I've really come to appreciate the hard work she has put into teaching our anatomy class. The dedication she puts into the subject she teaches is contagious. It is nice to have a teacher who actually teaches, let alone a teacher who teaches and makes the class fun at the same time. Anatomy was my first college class, and I know that if all of my future professors are half as talented and helpful as Mrs. Salazar, then I will have an amazing college career.”



# *Cale Kanack*, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Attend University of Texas at Dallas;  
Study Pre-Med to become a surgeon

**Parents Name:** Wayne and Cindy Kanack

**Jason Shackelford**, Star Teacher  
(Coached Suren in Soccer)

*“Coach Shack taught me many things about the game of soccer as well as having a strong work ethic, and giving your all in whatever you do. He is one of the coolest guys I’ve ever met, and I have a lot of respect for him as a person and a teacher. I will always remember him as an important person in my high school career.”*



# *Suren Kanchi*, Star Student



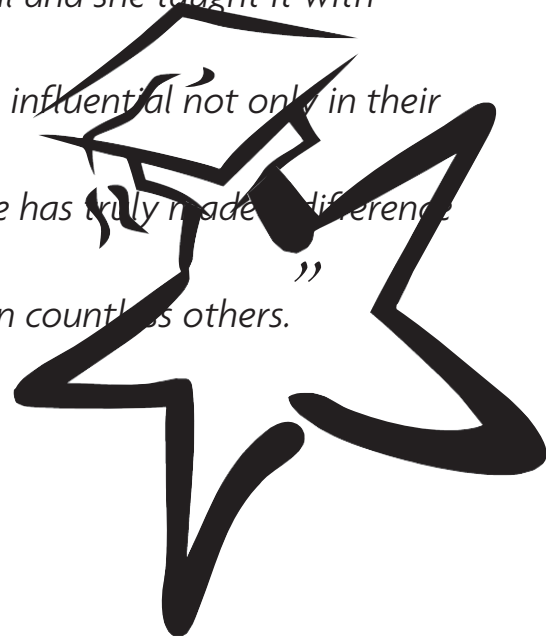
**Future Plans:** Attend University of Texas at Arlington;  
Major in Bio-Chemistry

**Parents Name:** Sudhakar and Jaya Kanchi

**Sarah Barksdale**, Star Teacher  
(Taught Brian English)

*“Mrs. Barksdale* changed the way I thought about English.

*She taught what students needed to know to be successful and she taught it with passion. Mrs. Barksdale cared about her students and was influential not only in their growth as a writer and a student but also as a person. She has truly made a difference in my life and has undoubtedly had a positive influence on countless others.*”



# Brian Lillie, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Attend Texas A&M University; Major in Industrial Engineering  
**Parents Name:** Dale and Denise Lillie

# **Becky Blackburn, Star Teacher**

(Taught Jennifer English, UIL Coach and Assistant Principal)

*“Ms. Blackburn, has always been there for me. In 7th and 8th grade, she was my UIL coach. In 8th grade, she was my English teacher. That same year, she coached me to a gold medal at UIL. Throughout my senior year, Ms. Blackburn has gone out of her way so many times to make sure my schedule worked out. I wanted to show my appreciation for her believing in me.”*



# *Jenny Mumfrey*, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Attend Florida Institute of Technology  
Major in Astronomy & Astrophysics

**Parents Name:** Jerry and Gina Mumfrey

**John Seale**, Star Teacher  
(Taught Matt Biology)

“  
Most high school students give biology a negative connotation mainly because they  
have a bad teacher. However, from the semester that  
taught my freshman year I developed a keen interest in the field and have continued  
to grow academically through my studies in AP Biology and in my interest in pursuing  
biology in college. Mr. Seale has profoundly impacted my academic career by being a  
beacon of light within the biology department.”

Mr. Seale



# *Matt Sheridan,* Star Student

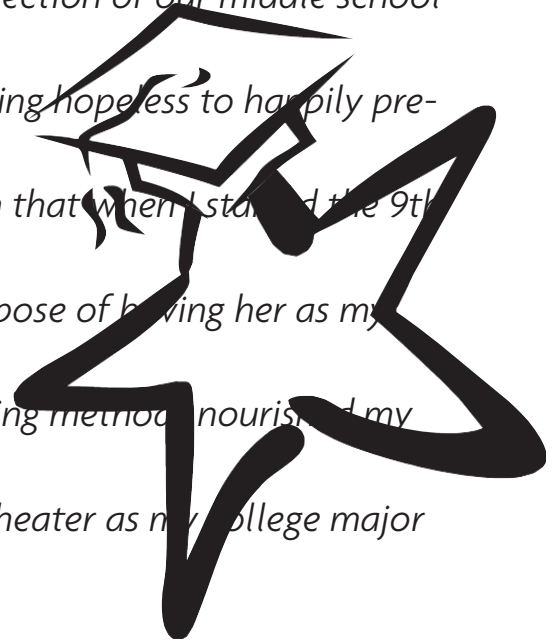


**Future Plans:** Attend Baylor University; Major in University Scholars Liberal Arts Program and later attend Law School

**Parents Name:** Daniel and Sharon Sheridan

**Rachel Brown**, Star Teacher  
(Taught Amy Theater Production)

“ I first met *Mrs. Brown* in the 7th grade when she and Mrs. Rouw - high school drama teachers- heroically took over the direction of our middle school One Act Play. Together, they transformed it from something hopeless to happily presentable. I so enjoyed Mrs. Brown’s inspirational direction that when I started the 9th grade I joined Theater Production for almost the sole purpose of having her as my teacher. “Mama Brown’s” direction and personable teaching method nourished my fledging talent and influenced me to eventually choose Theater as my college major and career.”



# *Amy Shuffield*, Star Student



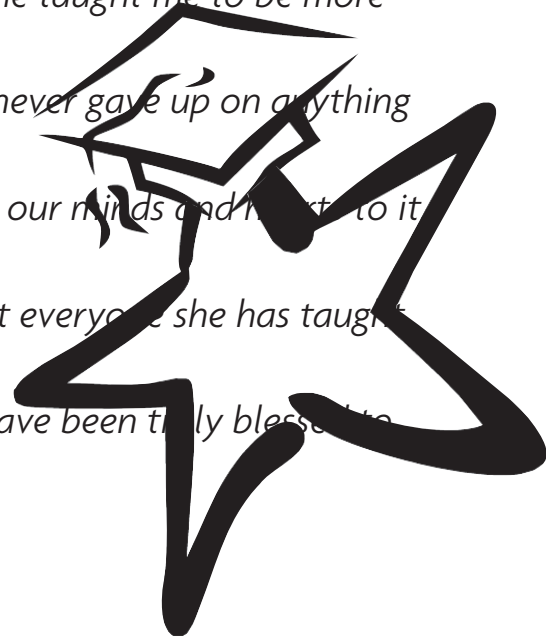
**Future Plans:**  
**Parents Name:**

Attend Texas Christian University; Major in Musical Theater  
Wayne and Becky Shuffield

# *Dodi Wiggins*, Star Teacher

(Taught Taylor Desktop Publishing/Panther Playback)

*“Mrs. Wiggins is very passionate about everything she does and has the ability to light the fire within her students. She taught me to be more creative and to be passionate about everything I do. She never gave up on anything or anyone and told us that nothing is impossible if we set our minds and hearts to it. Mrs. Wiggins has had a positive impact on not just me but everyone she has taught. She not only taught us academics but also life lessons. I have been truly blessed to know Mrs. Wiggins.”*



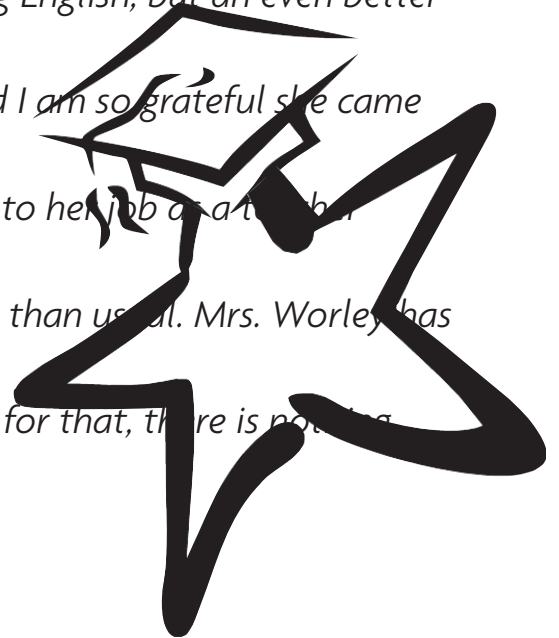
# Taylor Smith, Star Student



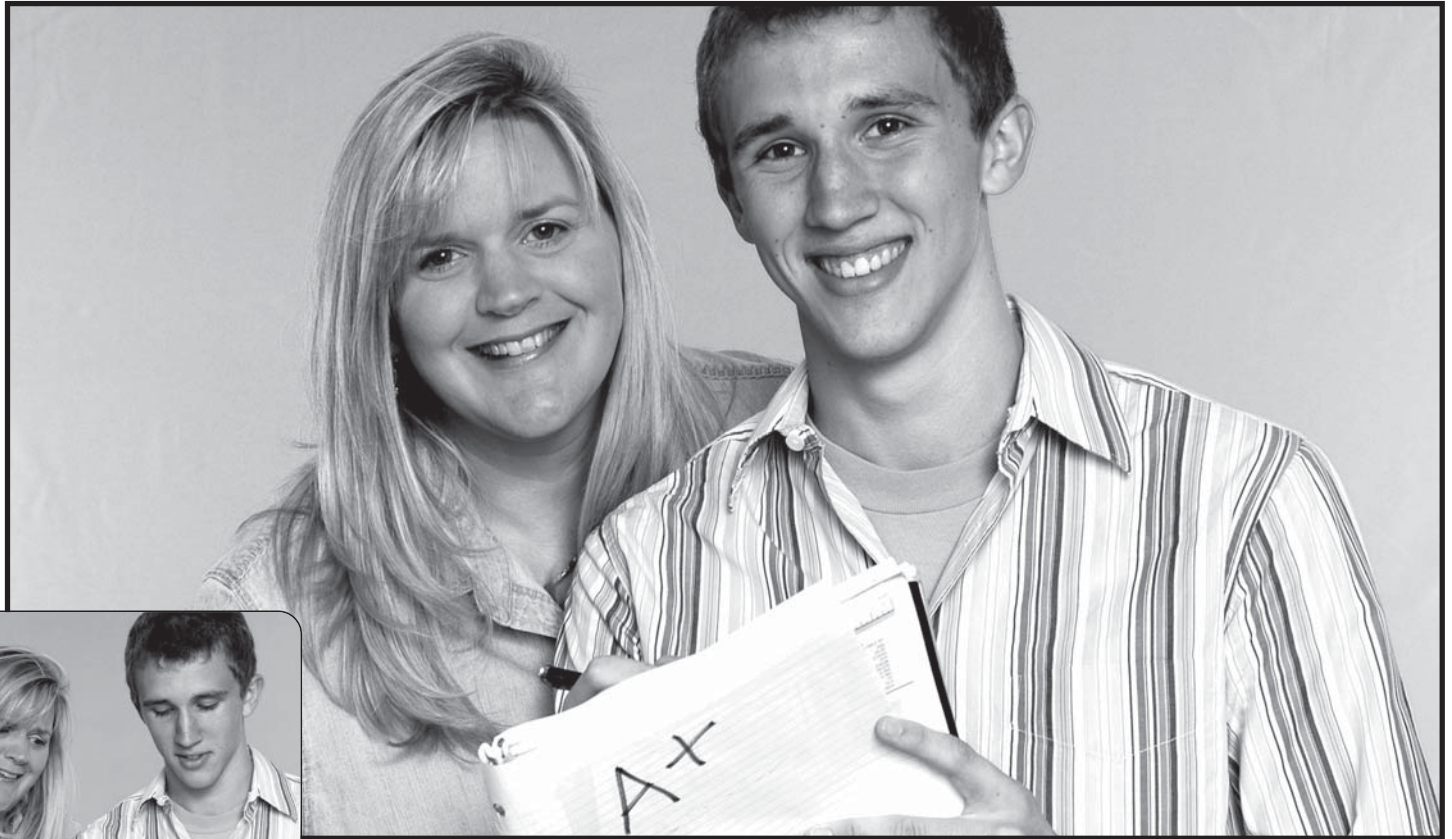
**Future Plans:** Attend Texas A&M University; Major in Industrial Engineering  
**Parents Name:** Rod and Chris Smith

**Lorilyn Worley**, Star Teacher  
(Taught Grant English)

*“Mrs. Worley has gone far and above what any teacher has ever done for me. She may have done a great job teaching English, but an even better job mentoring her students. I was one of her students, and I am so grateful she came to my class the second semester last year. Her dedication to her job as a teacher honestly makes the learning process much more tolerable than usual. Mrs. Worley has been the greatest female Christian role model to me, and for that, there is nothing I can do to repay her for what she has done.”*



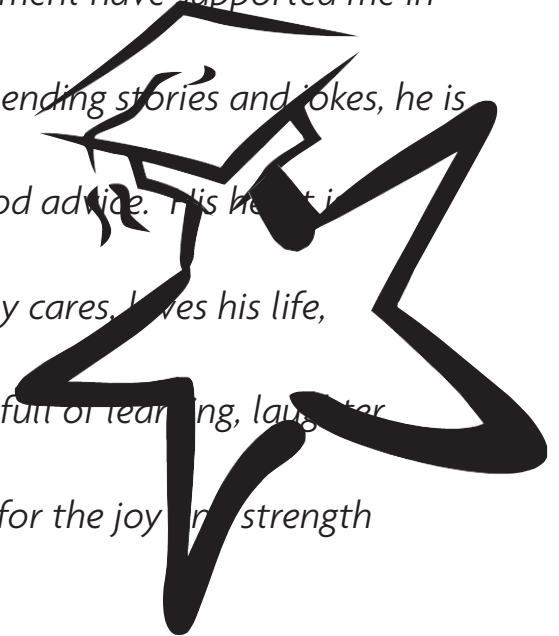
# *Grant Tidmore*, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Attend Baylor University; Major in Accounting  
**Parents Name:** Bruce and Dena Tidmore

**Coach Donnie Conner**, Star Teacher  
(Coached Brittany in Track Pole Vaulting )

*“Coach Conner has never failed anyone of anything asked of him. Over the years, his kind spirit and honest encouragement have supported me in more than the sport of pole vaulting. Beneath the never-ending stories and jokes, he is completely understanding and always willing to offer good advice. His heart is evident in all that he does, leaving no doubt that he really cares, loves his life, as well as his job. My years working with him have been full of learning, laughter and unforgettable memories. Thank you, Coach Conner, for the joy and strength you’ve given to me.”*



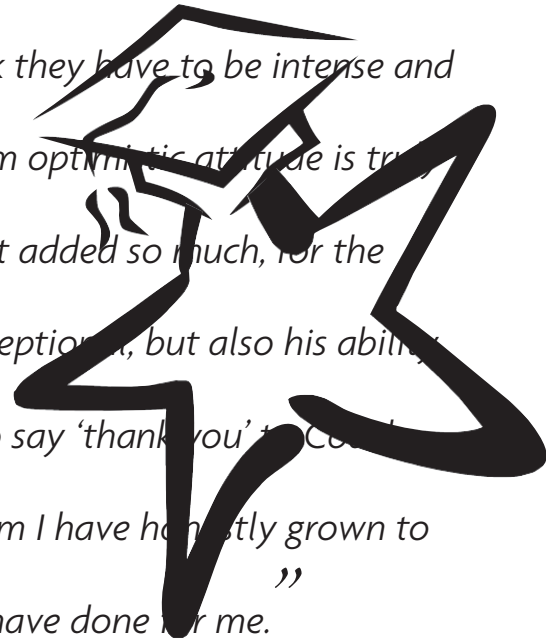
# *Brittany York,* Star Student



**Future Plans:** Attend Clemson University; Major in Engineering  
**Parents Name:** Chat and Debbie York

**Coach Darin Kapella**, Star Teacher  
(Coached Kris in Football)

*“Coach Kapella is a great example of strength through any trial. His personal character allowed me to better relate, relax, and enjoy playing football for MHS. Most coaches, especially football think they have to be intense and overbearing always, but Coach Kapella proved that a calm optimistic attitude is truly the way to succeed. Never before have I had a coach that added so much, for the better, to the game. Not only were his coaching skills exceptional, but also his ability to relate and communicate with me as a friend. I want to say ‘thank you’ to Coach Kapella for his support and encouragement. Because if him I have honestly grown to love the sport. Again, thanks coach, I appreciate all you have done for me.”*



# *Kris Young*, Star Student



**Future Plans:** Undergrad at BYU Provo; 2-year full-time mission; Graduate from MIT with Masters in Mechanical Engineering.

**Parents Name:** Bradley and Laurie Young

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