

School news

Space Center Rotary picks award nominees

The Space Center Rotary has selected five nominees from the Clear Creek Independent School District for four Excellence in Education awards and one Teacher of the Year award.

The Teacher of the Year will receive \$1,000, as well as an honorary Rotary membership, a personal plaque and a plaque for display at his/her school. The Excellence in Education honorees will receive \$300 each.

This is the sixth year for the Space Center Rotary to recognize outstanding teachers from CCISD.

Recipients of the awards and nominees for Teacher of the Year include Gregory Dick, Jean Frankie, Joel Partin, Julee Martin Pratt and Anne Mangas Smith.

Dick has taught band at Space Center Intermediate School for the past four years. He has a total of 16 years teaching experience, beginning receiving his bachelor's from Sam Houston State University.

The bands he has lead have earned superior ratings at the University Inter-scholastic League Concert and Sight-reading Contest, along with winning the Best in Class trophy at the Astroworld and Bayou Classic Band Festivals. During the 1994-95 school year, the Symphonic Band at Space Center Intermediate was named the Class CCC Honor Band of Texas, the top middle school band in Texas by the Texas Music Educators Association.

Jean Frankie has served as mathematics department chairwoman at Clear Brook High School for eight years and has been a teacher for 25 years.

She received both her bachelor of science and master of education from Stephen F. Austin State University. She has been a presenter at both national and state conferences.

Lake. Frankie also serves as co-sponsor of the Student Council, assisting them in community projects.

Joel Partin teaches American history to eighth-graders at Space Center Intermediate. An educator for 10 years, Partin received his B.S. in education from Southwest Texas State University in 1985 where he graduated cum laude. He has continued graduate work at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Along with his teaching responsibilities, Partin is faculty sponsor of the Space Center Intermediate National Junior Honor Society.

Julee Martin Pratt has taught for eight years, including teaching fourth- and fifth-grade students at Edward H. White Elementary for the past two years. She received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Lubbock Christian College and her master's in educational leadership from Texas Tech University.

Pratt has been instrumental in procuring and establishing a school-wide postal system called "Wee Deliver." Through this program, students can mail letters within the school, encouraging students to participate in authentic writing experiences.

Smith has taught fourth grade at Walter Hall Elementary for the past six years. She earned her bachelor of science in elementary education from Ball State University in 1979, and received her master of arts in education from the same university in 1982.

She was chosen as one of three



Dick



Frankie



Partin



Pratt



Smith

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