

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 20, 2026



BOARD: Recognition

SUBJECT: Awards, Achievement, and Recognitions

BOARD POLICY: BJA(Local)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will promote, communicate, and market the accomplishments, achievements, and successes of students and staff

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

- In alignment with our district's strategic plan, it is desired that BISD work to foster student and employee engagement and community partnerships. One effort towards goal achievement is to recognize and affirm the efforts and performances of our students, staff, and community.

Administrative Considerations:

Name That Book Competition

The annual Name That Book Competition took place on March 26th & 27th. All elementary K-2nd, 3rd & 4th, middle school 5th & 6th, and intermediate schools 7th & 8th grade had teams participating, including bilingual divisions for our younger students. Each team reads the books from the Great Texas Mosquito List (an award list developed by BISD Librarians) for their appropriate grade level, and these are the books used in the competition. During the competition, each team is given a clue from one of the books, and they have to name the book that is being referred to. We are so very proud of EVERY student who participated in the 2026 Name That Book Competition!

- K-2 Division
 - TW Ogg Elementary
 - Kayla Cummins - Librarian, Melissa Williams - Sponsor, Karlee Garsee - Sponsor
 - Meili Garnier, Camila Guardiola, Arika Khilari-Aou, Betty Lamb, Gloria Lamb, Joaquin Valencia
- K-2 BIL Division
 - Ogg Elementary
 - Kayla Cummins - Librarian, Nirvana Almanza - Sponsor

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- Jaylen Aguirre, Hugo Alvarez, Rodrigo Castillo, Lucca Gomez, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Marcelo Zamora
- 3-4 Division
 - Brannen Elementary
 - Joani Wallace - Librarian
 - Stella Clinton, Ruth Butler, Walker Wallace, Isabella Fernandez, James Schilthuis, Noah Allen
- 5-6 Division
 - CIS Team 2
 - Deani Peters - librarian
 - Ayana Khilari-Aou, Toshiki Arai, Olivia Ricca, Tinsley Knopp, Ian Santoyo
- 7-8 Division
 - CIS Team 1
 - Deani Peters - librarian
 - Dante Andrade, Jayden Mendoza, Macauley Navarro, Blyss Mafo
 Honorary Member: Ty Cervantes

Career and Technical Education:

Career and Technical Education Student Organizations give students a platform to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world challenges, all while building leadership, teamwork, and career-ready skills. From business to health science, from agriculture education, BISD students are leading the way.

Tonight, we want to celebrate our outstanding CTE student competitors and their dedicated sponsors:

Business Professionals of America — BPA

Brazosport High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) had 13 students compete at the 2026 Texas BPA State Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas in March and brought home multiple top finishes. *Students who qualified will advance to the BPA National Leadership Conference, May 6–10, in Nashville, Tennessee.

- Travis Hodges*- **1st Place** Advanced Interview and **2nd Place** Podcast Production Team
- Abigail Araica*-**1st Place** Advanced Office Systems and Procedures and **4th Place** Administrative Support Team
- Mariah Rodriguez*-**2nd Place** Payroll Accounting and **2nd Place** Podcast Production Team
- Osman Higareda*- **2nd Place** Graphic Design Promotion
- Ashley Blanco*- **3rd Place** Health Research Project
- Aline Ramirez*- **4th Place** Administrative Support Team and **8th Place** Intermediate Word Processing
- Maria Loaeza Rafaela- **4th Place** Administrative Support Team, **9th Place** Basic Office Systems
- Osman Higareda - **5th Place** Digital Communication and Design Concepts

Congratulations to these outstanding BPA students and special thanks to Sponsor: **Amanda Thiede**

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Industrial Craft Competition, HLSR

Brazosport ISD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program continues to showcase excellence as the Brazoswood High School welding team earned top honors at the prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Industrial Craft Competition, held at NRG Arena in Houston.

Competing against some of the region's most skilled high school welding programs, Brazoswood students demonstrated exceptional technical ability, precision, and professionalism throughout the multi-day competition. Their efforts resulted in an impressive list of accolades, including:

- Grand Champion – Overall
- Grand Champion – Safety
- Grand Champion – Built to Specification
- Reserve Grand Champion – Presentation
- 3rd Place – Project Controls

The Industrial Craft Competition challenges students to apply real-world skills in fabrication, welding, planning, and communication while working under the same pressures and expectations found in industry settings. Through this experience, students gain valuable hands-on knowledge that directly prepares them for future careers in the skilled trades.

The team members representing Brazoswood Welding and earning Grand Champion status are:

- Victor Corona
- Kevin Cartajena
- Miguel Hernandez
- Tristen Thompson
- Jackson Closs
- Fernando Reyes
- Carlos Peraza
- Axel Garribay
- Zkyler Gensmer
- Jayden Haagenson
- Sponsor, Mr. Michael Strobel

Thank you for your continued dedication to these students, Mr. Strobel, and Congratulations to each of you on this outstanding accomplishment.

Mission First, Team Always Educators

Secondary-Transition Center-Sara Evans, Special Education Teacher

Elementary- A.P. Beutel Elementary- Wendi Holland, 1st grade Teacher

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Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Social Media
- District Website

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Respectfully submitted,

Danny Massey
Superintendent

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