



# SWISD Board Recognitions

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<b>Luke Leal</b>	<b>Student of the Month</b>
Sun Valley Elementary	
<p>Luke is a 5th-grade student at SVE. He consistently displays integrity at school and is a natural leader in the classroom, often helping his peers without being asked. Luke exceeds grade-level expectations, with exceptional ability in reading. He demonstrates responsibility, respect, empathy, and strong self-discipline in all that he does.</p> <p>Luke is a fair student who always looks out for others and makes sure to include everyone. His peers describe him as trustworthy and a “go-to” person when they need help with math, reading, or even advice. His politeness and kind heart make Luke a student who truly reflects dedication and outstanding character.</p> <p>Luke is also an exceptional learner who consistently challenges himself to grow. He has a strong interest in history and enjoys engaging in thoughtful conversations about it. Luke has an exceptional memory and a naturally helpful nature that benefits both his peers and teachers. Students and teachers alike appreciate Luke, and we are proud to have him as part of our school community.</p>	

<b>Adam Caballero</b>	<b>Student of the Month</b>
Scobee Middle School	
<p>Tonight, we are proud to recognize one of Scobee’s outstanding Tigers, Adam Caballero, for his exceptional academic achievement and leadership. Adam earned one of the highest GPAs in the entire 8th-grade class and ranks among our Top 5 students academically. He has successfully passed all three sections of the TSI assessment, demonstrating college readiness while still in middle school.</p> <p>Adam has committed to attending CAST STEM High School, where we know he will continue to excel. He is enrolled in all honors classes and has distinguished himself not only academically, but also through his involvement in fine arts as a dedicated mariachi student. In addition, Adam was recognized as an excellent Aviation student and has been one of the masterminds behind the creation and editing of the 25-26 Scobee Yearbook. Adam represents the very best of Scobee Middle School through his hard work, dedication, talent, and commitment to excellence. We are incredibly proud of him and cannot wait to see all he accomplishes in the future.</p>	



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<b>Dominick Fernandez</b>	<b>Student of the Month</b>
CAST STEM High School	
<p>Dominick is an 11th-grade student at CAST STEM and has made an extraordinary impact in just his first year, perfectly embodying what it means to be a Cobra. He balances a massive workload across Robotics, National Honor Society, Technology Student Association, Cricket Club, Spanish Spelling Bee, and the Latino Student Union. He has proven to be a reliable student leader with a level of maturity rarely seen these days, always stepping up to help new classmates navigate the campus and their courses.</p> <p>Outside the classroom, Dominick is equally driven and diverse in his talents. He is a competitor in the Texas Cornhole League and the Champions Barbecue Alliance. Demonstrating incredible dedication to his future, he has already earned his FAA Remote Pilot certification, which he will put to use this summer at UT Austin's GeoFORCE Academy. Looking ahead, Dominick is on track to earn an Associate's Degree from Palo Alto College and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering at UTSA, UT Austin, or UTRGV, with the ultimate goal of becoming a hardware engineer.</p>	

<b>Multiple Students</b>	<b>Rising Stars</b>
<b>Sia Rodriguez - Elm Creek Elementary</b>	
<b>Genesis Carrillo Abarca - Scobee Middle School</b>	
<b>Americo Chavez - Southwest HS</b>	
<p>Our SWISD Rising Stars have shown incredible growth, making positive changes and improving attendance. We are confident that their hard work will continue to have a positive impact on their entire Southwest ISD experience.</p>	

<b>Destination Imagination - BCE</b>	<b>Academics</b>
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Big Country Elementary ▾

The BCE Bears proudly advanced to the Destination Imagination Lone Star Finals State Tournament, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills at the highest level of competition. Their hard work and dedication have earned them the opportunity to represent their school and community among the top teams in Texas. Congratulations to the Bears on this outstanding achievement!

Team Members include:

**Jaeden Guerrero, Christian Martinez, Clara Martinez, Castiel Vasquez, Analicia Puente, and Jerik Garza**

Destination Imagination - SWHS

Academics ▾

Southwest High School ▾

The SWHS Destination Dragons proudly advanced to the Destination Imagination Lone Star Finals State Tournament, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills at the highest level of competition. Their hard work and dedication have earned them the opportunity to represent their school and community among the top teams in Texas. Congratulations to the Destination Dragons on this outstanding achievement! Sponsors - Raevan Batt and Marylu Rodriguez

Team Members include:

**Rachel Garza, Adrean Trinidad, Calub Vasquez, Amia Deleon, Karley Aguilera**

Destination Imagination - SWHS

Academics ▾

Southwest High School ▾

The "Bobs" from SWHS proudly advanced to the Destination Imagination Lone Star Finals State Tournament, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills at the highest level of competition. Their hard work and dedication have earned them the opportunity to represent their school and community among the top teams in Texas. Congratulations to the Bears on this outstanding achievement! Sponsors -



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Raeven Batt and Marylu Rodriguez

Team Members include:

**Alyna Cruz, Madison Coward, Laura Olvera, and Ezrah Ruiz**

**Destination Imagination - SWL**

Academics ▾

SW Legacy High School ▾

The Purple Dragons from SWLHS proudly advanced to the **Destination Imagination Lone Star Finals State Tournament**, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills at the highest level of competition. Their hard work and dedication have earned them the opportunity to represent their school and community among the top teams in Texas. Congratulations to the Purple Dragons on this outstanding achievement! Sponsor - Kaitlyn Larson

Team Members include:

**Julian DeHoyos, Jordan Menchaca, Alexander Vasquez, Arianna Menchaca, Mason Quintanilla, and Lucas Cape**

**Young Pegasus Publication**

Academics ▾

Resnik Middle School ▾

These 3 students were published this year in the San Antonio Public Library for the Young Pegasus Publication. They were the only ones in SWISD to be published, and the only students in the city to be published in Spanish.



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Desiree Nunez, Damian Guerrero, Dianney Vallejo

Southwest ISD Band Directors

Fine Arts ▾

In Spring 2026, all fourteen middle and high school bands that performed at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation earned the Sweepstakes Award from UIL. This is a first, history-making event for Southwest ISD. For the high schools, the bands must earn an overall Division 1 (best) rating for UIL Region Marching in the Fall and Division 1 ratings for Concert and Sight Reading in the same school year to earn a Sweepstakes award. For the middle schools, a Sweepstakes is earned by earning overall Division 1 ratings for Concert and Sight Reading. All 14 bands earned this distinction! Congratulations to our Southwest ISD Band Directors for their tireless efforts in accomplishing this history-making feat!

**Southwest ISD Band Directors from Southwest High School: Natalie Ball, Danika White, Miguel Aguiar; Legacy High School: Amanda Balarin, Martin Barrera, and Christopher Moreno; McNair Middle School: Alejandra Telles and Nancy Lott; McAuliffe Middle School: Timothy Gonzalez and Derrek Cabrera; Scobee Middle School: Hector Telles and Myriam Solalinde; Resnik Middle School: Gilbert Sanchez and Joseph Salinas**



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<b>SWHS Dance Team</b>	<b>Fine Arts</b> ▾
<b>Southwest High School</b> ▾	
<p>In late March, the Southwest Dragonfire Dance Team traveled to Galveston, Texas, to compete at the Showtime International Nationals dance competition held at the Moody Gardens Convention Center. While there, they earned the first national title (Classic - small team) for their campus in 10 years. This is only the 2nd time this has happened in program history.</p> <p>Winning a national title during Dragonfire Dance's 40th anniversary makes this season especially meaningful. This achievement reflects a true team effort—administration, staff, parents, and dancers all committed to building a winning culture, where we take pride in bringing the F.I.R.E. every day.</p> <p>Congratulations to Ms. Michelle Rubio-Garcia and the Dragonfire Dance Team!</p>	

<b>SWL Girls Tennis</b>	<b>Athletics</b> ▾
<b>SW Legacy High School</b> ▾	
<p>The Southwest Legacy Titan Girls Tennis Team captured the District 28-5A Team Championship for the first time in school history!</p> <p>Leading the way was Monica Wilson, who won the District Championship in Girls Singles and advanced to the Regional Tournament. Monica also made history as the first female player from Legacy to win a match at the regional tournament and advance to the Regional Quarterfinals. She is also set to become the first female athlete in program history to sign and will compete at the collegiate level.</p> <p>Our Varsity girls earned an incredible 7 medals out of 8 possible medals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st and 2nd place in Girls Singles</li><li>• 3rd and 4th place in Girls Doubles</li><li>• 4th place in Mixed Doubles</li></ul> <p>We are extremely proud of these student-athletes and all they accomplished this season. They have truly made history for Southwest Legacy Tennis!</p>	



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<b>SWL Boys Tennis</b>	<b>Athletics</b> ▾
SW Legacy High School ▾	
<p>The Southwest Legacy Titan Boys Tennis Team captured the District 28-5A Championship for the third consecutive year, making school history with back-to-back-to-back district titles!</p> <p>The Titans earned 6 out of 8 medals at the district championships, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2nd place in Boys Singles</li><li>• 1st and 2nd place in Boys Doubles</li><li>• 4th place in Mixed Doubles</li></ul> <p>Dylan Cortez made program history as the first Legacy boys tennis player to advance at the regional tournament.</p> <p>Zane Marin has also signed to continue his academic and tennis career at the collegiate level next year.</p> <p>We are extremely proud of our boys' team for their dominance this season and for competing at such a high level against some of the top tennis programs in San Antonio and across Texas. The future of Southwest Legacy Tennis continues to shine bright!</p>	

<b>SWHS Baseball</b>	<b>Athletics</b> ▾
Southwest High School ▾	
<p>The Dragon baseball team capped off the 2026 season as one of the most successful teams in school history. This group set the school record for wins in a season with 29 and won its first district championship in 7 years. They also claimed the first-ever undefeated district championship in school history. The senior athletes of the Dragon baseball program will leave as one of the most storied groups to put on a Dragon uniform, racking up 92 wins, 3 Bi-District Championships, 3 Area Final appearances, and 1 District Championship.</p>	

<b>SWHS Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>Athletics</b> ▾
Southwest High School ▾	



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The Southwest Lady Dragon Varsity Track & Field Team is being recognized for its athletic excellence during the 2026 Track & Field season.

The Lady Dragons made school history by winning the District 28-5A Track & Field Championship Title – the program’s first district title in 23 years, dating back to 2003 when Olympian Marshavet Hooker was part of the championship team.

The team also achieved another historic milestone by winning both the District 27-5A & District 28-5A Area Track & Field Championship titles for the first time in school history.

Through hard work, dedication, and commitment, these young ladies set goals together back in December and successfully achieved them as a team. Their determination, leadership, and perseverance throughout the season have made the Southwest community proud and established a legacy that will be remembered for years to come.

Congratulations to the Southwest Lady Dragon Varsity Track & Field Team on an unforgettable, historic, and record-breaking 2026 season!

Chole Guerro

Employee ▾

Southwest High School ▾

On Thursday, April 30, our campus experienced a moment that truly highlights the dedication and courage of our staff. During lunch, a student began choking on his food, creating a life-threatening situation in a matter of seconds.

Chloe Guerrero, clinic clerk, was immediately called to the cafeteria while I was attending to another matter outside. Without hesitation, she sprang into action. Assessing the urgency of the situation, she skillfully performed the Heimlich maneuver, successfully dislodging the obstruction and restoring the student’s ability to breathe. Her swift response, composure under pressure, and decisive action quite literally saved a child’s life. In a moment where every second mattered, Chloe demonstrated extraordinary professionalism and care for our students. It is without question that her actions reflect the very best of our district and in health care, and I strongly recommend that Chloe be formally recognized by the Board for her heroic



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**TIA Recognitions**

Employee ▾

Southwest High School ▾

We will be recognizing all new TIA teachers. We will have teachers line up alphabetically based on the following designations: Recognized, Exemplary, and Master.