

News Updates

A district-wide College Fair was held this month at Garland HS, with attendees from Keller/Saginaw HS and Arlington/Grand Prairie HS. Over 200 students and 75 parents were in attendance. There were 27 college representatives conducting workshops with the students; and there were 17 ASP staff members, 3 G-Force Mentors from UTD, and 6 ASP alumni in attendance to participate in the fair.









Teacher-Student Highlights



Keller/Saginaw HS senior, Kiscada Hastings, was accepted into the Franklin and Marshall Collegiate Leadership Summit. Nominated this summer, Kiscada worked with his College Adviser to complete the application once he became a finalist. All the hard work paid off when Kiscada received an all-expenses-paid trip to visit Franklin and Marshall College in September. After his trip, Kiscada expressed how much fun it was to attend workshops and to experience life at a selective liberal arts college.

"My favorite thing was when we participated in class. It was alot of fun taking classes in what I am passionate about"



Kateika Spivey is a 3rd-grade teacher at Westpark K-8. Mrs. Spivey uses exemplary strategies to show her students comprehension skills, provides professional development to her grade and campus, and tutors students after school for free. Mrs. Spivey is a great team player and goes above and beyond by serving as a mentor to teachers and providing support after-hours. She shows enthusiasm on a daily basis and her grade level and scholars have embraced her flare. Her scores are always some of the highest in the district and she always demonstrates bell to bell instruction. Mrs. Spivey is a true example of a professional educator!

His dream is to dual major in Psychology and Film so that he can create thoughtful and imaginative movie plots. As an aspiring film writer, Kiscada will have the opportunity to immerse himself in one of the nation's top creative writing programs!

Campus Highlights



Grand Openings

College Station K-8 and Orem K-8 had their Grand Openings in September. Guests included representatives from the Chinese and Spain Consulates, the Mayor of College Station, and many more! You can visit the ILTexas YouTube channel to see highlight videos for each campus!



Health Fair

College Station K-8 held a Health Fair and Fun Run and raised over \$8,000 to fund PTO activities. The Fair hosted over 20 vendors, including vision and hearing screenings and immunizations for ILTexas families.

Department Updates

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department would like to announce the new HR/Benefits Coordinator! Ms. Evelyn Castillo will be the go-to contact for all questions regarding benefits and how to manage them. Ms. Castillo can be reached by email at ecastillo@iltexas.org or by phone at 972-479-9078



Curriculum

ILTexas held its first End of Cycle Data Day and Professional Development Day of the school year at the end of September. The participating teams not only analyzed the end of first cycle data but also created action plans for the second grading period.



During PD Day, every ILTexas teacher spent the full day collaborating with their fellow faculty. There were 45 different breakout sessions across Tarrant, Dallas, Harris, and Brazos counties!

Benefits

Benefits would like to remind you, as we head into flu season, that if you have any questions about your Insurance ID Card, be sure to contact the insurance



companies directly. You can go to www.iltexasdistrict.org/benefits and click on the button for the Benefits Portal to find a complete rundown of benefits, including contact information for each insurance provider!

Finance

The Finance department has been working hard on making traveling easier for employees by putting together a new 2018-19 Employee Travel Manual.



The manual includes steps on what to do before, during, and after your trip;

instructions on how to submit expense reports, and what qualifies as an expense; and helpful information about transportation means. Be sure to read the entire Travel Manual for all of the necessary information you need for your travel! The Travel Manual can be found atwww.iltexasdistrict.org/finance

Board Updates



ILTexas received a \$56,000,000 bond deal to purchase two of our campuses: Grand Prairie K-8 and Katy K-8. The Board also approved a motion to continue to pursue bonds in order to purchase the rest of the ILTexas campuses.

ILTexas Garland high school student, and last month's student highlight, Tu Le visited the Board to present her proposal for a district wide-recycling program. The Board approved the program, and Tu Le will be leading the implementation of the recycling program across the district.

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