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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year!

Javaun Price's mission as an educator is to inspire, motivate and nurture the desire to learn and to encourage students to be the best version of themselves. She has worked at Duncanville ISD for seven years. She is a Career and Technical Education teacher who specializes in instructing students who have chosen to become future educators. Price teaches several courses including Principles of Information Technology, Virtual Business and Microsoft applications. She also monitors, evaluates and prepares 40 student interns for field training at 11 schools in-district. These are students who will become our next educators, and they're receiving the foundation of those skills by interacting with our Duncanville ISD teachers.



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“It is important to me to keep the bar raised,” Price said. “I expect excellence, and even if correction isn’t warranted, I try to show them enough love and compassion that it ignites their desire to try again.”



Chandrea Williams teaches fifth and sixth grade English/Language Arts at the Summit Education Center, and began working at Duncanville ISD in 2014. As an alternative education teacher, Williams said she wears several hats to meet the needs of her students. She uses a ‘directing style’ of teaching where she promotes students learning through listening and following directions. She delegates by assigning tasks requiring students to work on tasks

either independently or in groups while she observes their progress. She also uses a ‘discussing style’ of teaching by encouraging students to be critical thinkers, have lively discussions and respond to challenging questions.

“My most rewarding accomplishment as an educator has been the ability to see my former students succeed educationally, socially and spiritually,” Williams said. “Seeing students who share with me their appreciation of life lessons and academic growth makes me know that I’m walking in my divine purpose of living, educating, empowering and enlightening tomorrow’s leaders in my class is my daily reward!”

Employee Appreciation Videos took us into Classrooms

Campus Teachers of the Year - Elementary



See all the amazing moments from last night's Employee Appreciation Event [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

ACT Tutoring, Wednesday April 27, 3:15 - 5:15 in B104. Session is free, but students must sign up in B135 to attend.

Pantherettes Championship Celebration, Thursday, April 28, 2016. Highlight video at 6:30 p.m., public reception at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 800 N. Main Street, Duncanville, Texas.

Texas A&M University Aggie Rally, featuring admissions, financial aid and college representatives from the university. Saturday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. - noon at Duncanville High School. Event is for top 10% of junior and sophomore students.

Relay for Life of Best Southwest, May 20, 2016 benefiting the American Cancer Society. Contact Gloria Lockhart at: glorialockhart63@gmail.com. More information [here](#).



Campus Teachers of the Year - Intermediate and Middle



Campus Teachers of the Year - High School



Congratulations to our Spirit of a Champion Honorees!

Vanessa Phillips is the Cafeteria Manager at Hastings Elementary School. She not only provides meals for students, but also feeds them with love. Ms. Phillips has worked in Duncanville ISD since 2008 and is often described as a leader. She recognizes the importance of providing students with a good meal so they receive the nutrition they need and are prepared to learn. In fact, she keeps change in her apron pockets just in case any students do not have enough money to cover the cost of their meal.

In addition, Ms. Phillips knows the names of each student that comes through the cafeteria. The children light up when she affectionately calls each one by name. Ms. Phillips dedication to students





Dwight Weaver is the Principal at Summit Education Center. His patience and compassionate authority are skills that benefit he and his staff as they work with students with discipline challenges. Students are assigned to Summit on a temporary basis, but must continue to learn during their time there. Mr. Weaver, who has been with Duncanville ISD for eight years, is described as implementing “discipline with dignity.” Even once students have returned to their home

campus, Mr. Weaver continues to check on their progress demonstrating his interest in the success of students. His commitment to student success is a prime example of the district’s value making students our first priority.

Mari Zamora is the district’s Director of State and Federal Programs. She is a district leader in serving limited English speaking students. Her focus and commitment has resulted in improved service to students and families. She also leads the creation and management of campus and district improvement plans. Mrs. Zamora has been a member of the Duncanville ISD family for 10 years, during which time she has also been a teacher and Bilingual/ESL Programs coordinator. Mrs. Zamora’s focus has been on supporting students and their families to better improve our community.





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