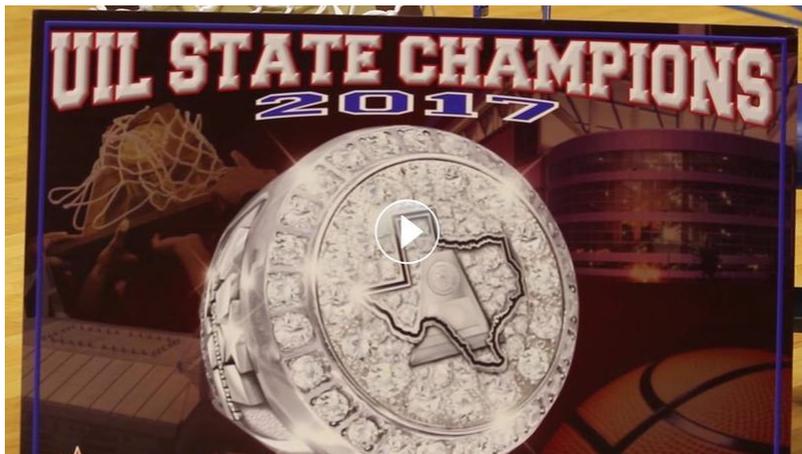


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Pantherettes Win Back-To-Back State Championships!



The Duncanville Pantherettes played a hard-fought battle against Cypress Ranch in San Antonio Saturday night to defend their State Championship title. The Pantherettes, used to dominating opponents and sealing an early win, suffered a six-minute scoring drought and other notable moments when the shots just didn't fall.

"This was survival," Head Coach Cathy Self-Morgan said. "Our district set us up for success because I think we've got the toughest district in the state."

Zarielle Green scored 25 points – earning her second straight 6A State Championship MVP title. Aniya Thomas had 19 points including five 3-pointers and an injured Starr Jacobs added 17. The team's defense, including a tenacious Nina Alvarez, played tough throughout the game. After three very competitive quarters, the Pantherettes

Panthers Basketball Team Posts Best Season in Six Years



Eduardo Diaz/Panther Prints

The Panthers basketball team used its 'Refuse to Lose' motto to carry it to the best season in six years. Coach Corey Chism said his players were successful in showing others that when you put in

finally pulled away in the fourth ensuring the 76-65 victory and back-to-back State Championships.

Read [more](#).

Celebration Continues for 2017 Campus Teachers of the Year



Each year 24 Teachers of the Year are chosen by their peers to represent their campuses. From this esteemed group, the district selects one elementary and one secondary Teacher of the Year to represent the district. The district Teachers of the Year advance to Regionals and have the potential to compete for state Teacher of the Year.

At the Employee Appreciation Event on Thursday, April 27, 2017, all of our Teachers of the Year will be celebrated alongside the Spirit of a Champion honorees and Service Award winners. Look for a save-the-date invitation coming soon! In the meantime, please congratulate each of our campus Teachers of the Year.

Rob Gawedzinski, Erskine Hawkins, Shaunna Kile and Dianne Williams - Duncanville High School
Roxanne Saldana - Smithey PACE High School
Vincent Kile - Summit Education Center
Olish Allen and Swantreca Taylor - Byrd Middle School
Thaddaeus Christy and Kennisha Johnson - Kennemer Middle School
Carl Sledge - Brandenburg Intermediate
Yolanda Sims - Daniel Intermediate
Michelle Favors - Hardin Intermediate
Lucia Hampton - Acton Elementary
Tammy Rios - Alexander Elementary
Alleasha Austin - Bilhartz Elementary

the work, you get positive results.

"I was proud of the resiliency and mental toughness that we played with this season. These players would never allow adverse moments to get to them," Chism said.

The team gave Panthers basketball fans a lot to root for. In an Area playoff game against Euless Trinity, the Panthers went into double overtime – making it to the final buzzer with a one-point victory.

The team finally met its match in the Quarterfinals playoff battle against Killeen Ellison. The Panthers fell behind early and lost 56-63.

The team finished the season second in district with a 26-8 overall record.

2017-2018 Calendar Options Now Available for Input



It is time to hear your feedback on next school year's calendar. After listening to teachers, parents and administrators, three options for the 2017-2018 school calendar are now available for your consideration.

Evan Engwall - Central Elementary
Veronica Leyva - Fairmeadows Elementary
Carolyn Marks - Hastings Elementary
Teryn Everitt - Hyman Elementary
Rita Orr - Merrifield Elementary
Krystal Moore - Smith Elementary

Future Educator Qualifies for National Competition

Duncanville High School's chapter of the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) sent 18 students to the state competition in Arlington last weekend. Three students won blue ribbons, six students were gold award winners and one student, Dion Jamerson, qualified for the national competition with his creative lecture entry.

The conference gave students the opportunity to meet others from around the state with the same interests, gain an understanding of what it takes to be a successful college student, and learn the skills necessary for becoming a successful educator. See [list](#) of award winners.



Dion Jamerson

DHS Student Council Wins Top Award



The DHS Student Council won the Sweepstakes Award at the Texas Association of Student Councils' conference on Feb. 25. The award is given to student councils that receive outstanding ratings in the following areas:

Priorities listed by the Calendar Planning Committee included keeping the Design Days, where campus staff are able to work on curriculum within work groups while students are not in class. There was also a unanimous vote to make sure Fair Day was included in the calendar. A couple of Winter Break options were discussed and there are two choices in the calendar survey.

If you are a Duncanville ISD employee, please click [here](#) to access the survey. You'll need to enter your district username and password before selecting one calendar.

If you are a parent, student or community members, click [here](#) to view the survey options. You will only be able to choose one.

The survey window will be open through **Sunday, March 19**, but don't wait. Vote for your preferred 2017-2018 school calendar today!

Upcoming Events:
Spring Break, March 13-17
Board of Trustees, monthly meeting, March 20, 7:00 p.m. at Duncanville Education Plaza, 710 South Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville

- Community Service
- Drug, Alcohol, Safety, and Health issues
- Energy and Environment
- Pride and Patriotism
- Student Council

This is the 22nd consecutive year the DHS Student Council has received Sweepstakes.



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