



# HENDERSON

Independent School District

## *Education Foundation*

## 2007 Annual Report

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**Mary Beth Fitzgerald**

Dear HISD Education Foundation Supporters:

The "Tradition of Excellence..." continues with the HISD Education Foundation through its "more than generous" supporters and benefactors! 2007 was, indeed, a banner year for the Foundation when it exceeded one-half million dollars in scholarship and educator grant disbursements.

In May of 2007 \$26,896.61 in Educator Grants was awarded to HISD personnel across the district. Students from PK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade received the benefits of these Educator Grants which are designed to improve the success of all students. Our Educator Grants have totaled \$262,962.89 since the Foundation was established in 1998.

Five 2007 graduates received the \$20,000 James Hale Family Endowment Scholarships. Currently there are sixteen Henderson High School graduates attending colleges and universities across the nation on the HISD Education Foundation Hale Scholarships, and seven Hale Scholarship recipients have already graduated from college! One of our recipients finished her undergraduate degree in three years and is now attending law school. Each one of these graduates is a testimony to the quality of education at Henderson ISD.

The HISD Alumni Foundation recognized three "Distinguished Alumni" during pre-game ceremonies of the 2007 Homecoming Football Game. The honored gentlemen were Mr. Dax Cowart, Class of 1996; Mr. Sam Norvell, Class of 1962; and Dr. Dennis Parker, Class of 1961. All of our "Distinguished Alumni" are recognized with their photographs and plaques near the main office of the High School.

The 2007 Foundation Gala, "Rockin' the Foundation" was a big success! "Back to the 50's" was the theme of the evening and everyone enjoyed the vintage cars, the "sock-hop" and even a visit from Elvis! The silent auction was very successful and over \$10,000 was raised to support Foundation priorities.

The "Academic Excellence Banquet," which honors the "Top Ten Percent" of each Henderson High School graduating class, was held in May. Twenty-four seniors recognized and, in turn, honored their "Most Influential Educator" during their public school years. This event is definitely one of the most memorable activities of the year and one which everyone should try to attend; at the end of the evening, there's not a "dry eye" in the house.

I have been blessed to serve as Executive Director of the HISD Education Foundation for the past eight years, and my heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of the past and present directors and also to our dedicated supporters who provide the opportunities for HISD to continue the "Tradition of Excellence."

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Fitzgerald  
Executive Director

## **EDUCATOR GRANTS FUNDED FOR 2007-08**

- **High School:** "Maximum Potential: Utilizing Multimedia in the Classroom" HHS English dept. is dedicated to helping each student succeed academically. An ELMO document reader and multi-media projector will allow students to experience a high degree of success and assist teachers in preparing students to pass the TAKS test
- **High School:** "Project Projectors" HHS Social Studies Dept has had a long-term goal to install LCD projectors in all eight social studies classrooms. A grant funded in 2001 allowed for one machine and through budgeted money the campus has acquired 5 projectors. This request is for funds to purchase three more projectors to complete the project.
- **Middle School:** *Filling the "Vertical" Gap* is designed to further train the regular-education, academic English teachers at HMS in Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement English strategies in order to implement higher-level thinking and problem-solving strategies in all English classes, not just those designated as Pre-AP. Pre-AP and Advanced Placement strategies are research-based and have proven to be highly effective in leading students to higher levels of comprehension, application, and analysis. Through Pre-AP and Advanced Placement Institute training, teachers will be more equipped to teach high-level reading and writing skills, which will enable students to be successful in mastering all TEKS objectives and in passing their TAKS Reading Test, TAKS Writing Test, benchmark English-Language Arts tests, and benchmark reading tests.
- **Northside Intermediate:** "CAMT Conference" CAMT is designed to train math teachers new and effective strategies for teaching 4th and 5th grade students. Because of the increased academic expectations placed upon students, teachers will be better equipped to teach skills to enable students to be successful in mastering all TEKS objectives and passing the TAKS math test.
- **Northside Intermediate:** "Staff Development for Educators 8th Annual Fourth Grade Conference for Texas Teachers, November 15 & 16, 2007." The 8th Annual Fourth Grade Conference for Texas Teachers presented by Staff Development for Educators (SDE) is designed to train all fourth grade teachers in their specific field of study. The conference is organized with professional training sessions geared toward meeting the specific needs that educators face in their classrooms today. Our goal is to pursue sessions that address strategies, learning styles, and ways to enhance our present pedagogy in an effort to increase the overall success of our African American students in all core subjects.
- **Chamberlain Elementary:** "To Be a Math Whiz" Students will develop a solid base in math facts by using small handheld games.
- **Chamberlain Elementary:** *6 Traits: The "Write" Way* We are asking for 4 "Trait Crates", one for each team on our campus. We will help our students become better writers by giving our teachers this complete resource for teaching the 6 traits of writing.
- **Montgomery Elementary:** "Video Flexing and Pod Casting for Montgomery" To provide an enhanced learning experience for visual learners. Montgomery Elementary would like to provide every second grader with the opportunity to visually participate in Health, Reading and Math activities.
- **Central Elementary:** "Bridging the Gap from First to Second Grade" The purpose of this request is to provide instruction for struggling readers in the areas of comprehension and fluency.
- **Kindergarten:** "Building Bridges" The purpose of "Building Bridges" is to be a bridge for student achievement between the home and school by increasing the parent's knowledge and establishing relationships with school personnel. Trends in HISD TAAS scores indicate that minority (African American) males are at risk of falling behind academically. We plan to reach this group in particular and others at risk by involving their parents and getting them actively involved in their child's academics. We intend to include the principles of a successful parent involvement program in "Building Bridges." Research states that 80% of a child's success depends on the involvement of parents. Reach the parents, reach the children!
- **Grades K-5:** "Fitness... Video-Style" We would like to purchase a video-gaming system with touch pads to be used and shared among Elementary Physical Education classes. These systems use motivating music and directionality symbols that students follow visually and attempt to match on a touch-sensitive pad with their feet. Two students at a time actually use the touch pads while other students use rubber practice mats. Students rotate during a class period so that all have at least one turn on the touch pad. We hope this will be a new and exciting way to encourage students to exercise.

**2007 Top Ten Percent**  
**Honor Graduates**

*Josh Blake*  
*Bethany Bradshaw*  
*Audrey Cary*  
*Clay Dickeson*  
*Shawn Dukes*  
*Taylor Estes*  
*Carrie Fussell*  
*Katie Garcia*  
*Blair Glenn*  
*Ross Hollis*  
*Jake Keeling*  
*Catherine Minor*

*Jeremy Orr*  
*Micha Pyers*  
*Garrett Sanders*  
*Sydney Schweng*  
*Zachary Sexton*  
*Jeffery Smith*  
*Heather Squires*  
*Brittini Svatek*  
*Amanda Taylor*  
*Rachel Taylor*  
*Randy Taylor*  
*Janet Willis*

**2007 Education Foundation**  
**Hale Scholarship Recipients**

**Zachery Akin**  
**Audrey Cary**  
**Jeremy Orr**  
**Jonathan Sanders**  
**Amanda Taylor**

**Financial Report**

**Total Amount of Awards (1998-2007)**

<b>Educator Grant Total</b>	<b>\$262,962.89</b>
<b>Hale Scholarships</b>	<b><u>\$271,500.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$534,462.89</b>

**2007 Financial Statements**

<b>HISD Education Foundation General Account</b>	<b>\$ 163,141.99</b>
<b>HISD/Hale Scholarship Fund</b>	<b><u>\$2,811,259.58</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,974,401.57</b>