

2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

#BELIEVE

Plano ISD



**PLANO**  
INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH

There is a legacy of excellence in Plano ISD, with high aspirations for all students—from pre-k, through graduation and beyond. To continue that legacy, Plano ISD began a year-long strategic planning process to set the course for the district's future. Drawing on the collective experiences and knowledge of a diverse and representative group of district stakeholders was an important part of the in-depth, self-examination process. The Plano ISD Board of Trustees adopted the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan on May 2, 2023.

<b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b>	All Plano ISD students will be challenged to make appropriate individual growth through high quality programming and instruction that is relevant, engaging and differentiated to meet students' learning needs.	PILLAR 1
<b>Life Ready</b>	All Plano ISD students will have access to programs and experiences that will build a future-ready workforce and successfully bridge students to their chosen pathways.	PILLAR 2
<b>Talent Acquisition, Support &amp; Growth</b>	The care, development and support of our Plano ISD staff are the foundation of our ability to recruit, hire and retain the necessary talent to provide a caring, nurturing yet rigorous environment for all students.	PILLAR 3
<b>Safety, Wellness &amp; Community Engagement</b>	All Plano ISD facilities will provide a safe and welcoming environment for students, staff and families to experience a sense of belonging.	PILLAR 4
<b>Partnerships &amp; Strategic Resource Management</b>	Plano ISD will maximize resources and community partnerships to achieve district goals that meet the needs of students and staff.	PILLAR 5

# YEAR IN REVIEW

from  
**Dr. Theresa Williams**



Reflecting on the 2022-23 school year, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the collective spirit and dedication that defines our district. This annual report is a testament to the resilience, innovation and commitment of our students, staff and community.

## **#BelievePlanoISD**

The theme “Believe” served as a guide, inspiring us to strive for greatness and push beyond the boundaries of possibility.

## **Legislative Advocacy**

During the 88th Texas Legislative Session, our board set priorities crucial for advancing and supporting our educational mission. These priorities guided our advocacy efforts, ensuring Plano ISD’s needs and voices were represented at the state level.

## **Financial Milestones**

The successful passage of the Bond and Voter Approval Tax Rate Elections marked a significant achievement:

- Secured \$1.34 billion in bonds while lowering the tax rate
- Gained an additional \$9 million annually for operational funding
- These resources will be pivotal in maintaining facilities, investing in technology, and enriching our educational programs.

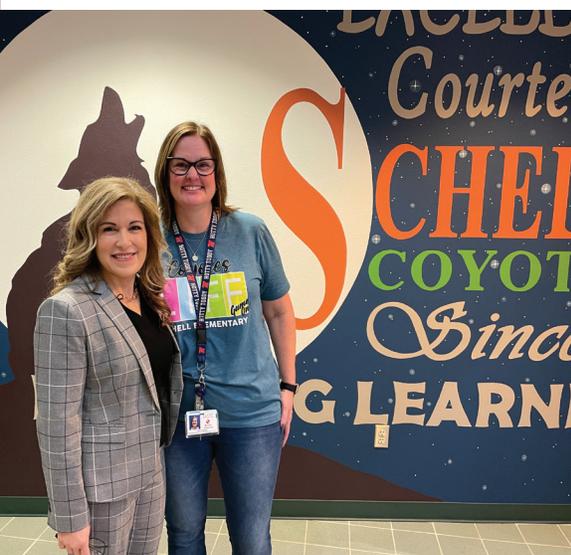


## **Strategic Planning**

We refreshed the Plano ISD Strategic Plan through a collaborative effort involving the district’s board, staff, and community stakeholders. This process ensures our strategic direction remains relevant, effective, and aligned with community needs.

## **Looking Ahead**

As you explore this report, you’ll find detailed accounts of our academic successes, innovative programs, and community engagement initiatives. Each page celebrates what we can accomplish when we believe in the possibility of greatness and work collectively toward it.



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Plano ISD trustees are elected to the board and serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of four years each. Elections are conducted in May of odd numbered years. While candidates run for specific places, they do not represent specific geographical areas; rather, each represents Plano ISD at large. Following the election, the board elects a president, vice president and secretary to serve for one-year terms.

## Plano ISD Board of Trustees



**Nancy Humphrey**  
Board President, Place 3



**Dr. Lauren Tyra**  
Vice President, Place 1



**Jeri Chambers**  
Secretary, Place 6

### ELECTED MAY 2023



**Angela Powell**  
Trustee, Place 2



**Tarrah Lantz**  
Trustee, Place 4



**Michael Cook**  
Trustee, Place 5



**Katherine Chan Goodwin**  
Trustee, Place 7



# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP



**DR. THERESA WILLIAMS**  
Superintendent



**DR. SELEND A FREEMAN**  
Deputy Superintendent for Leadership & Operations



**JOHNNY HILL**  
Deputy Superintendent for Business & Employee Services



**LISA WILSON**  
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching, Learning & Life Readiness



**DR. PATRICK TANNER**  
Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services



**DR. COURTNEY GOBER**  
Assistant Superintendent for Student, Family and Community Services

## TEA 2022 STATE ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

Districts and campuses receive an overall rating, as well as a rating for each domain on a 0-100 scale. The three domains are:

1. Student Achievement evaluates performance across all subjects for all students, on both general and alternate assessments, College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) indicators, and graduation rates.
2. School Progress measures district and campus outcomes in two areas: the number of students that grew at least one year academically (or are on track) as measured by STAAR results and the achievement of all students relative to districts or campuses with similar economically disadvantaged percentages.
3. Closing the Gaps uses disaggregated data to demonstrate differentials among racial/ethnic groups, socioeconomic backgrounds and other factors. The indicators included in this domain, as well as the domain's construction, align the state's accountability system with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

### 2022 Accountability Ratings or Plano ISD: 89 (B)

#### DOMAIN 1, Student Achievement 90

- STAAR Performance 90
- College, Career, and Military Readiness 93
- Graduation Rate 90

#### DOMAIN 2, School Progress 89

- Academic Growth 91
- Relative Performance 89

#### DOMAIN 3, Closing the Gaps 88

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

✎ The extended 88th Texas Legislative Session concluded in late May 2023, and Plano ISD trustees and other leaders were actively involved throughout the session to advocate for students, staff and the community. Their efforts included meeting one-on-one with legislators both locally and in Austin.

The district's legislative priorities were approved by the Board of Trustees in August 2022 after several inclusive conversations based on the district's needs. They included:

## ONE

Expand Funding for Safety & Security, Including Student Mental Health & Wellness.

## TWO

Address the Inequities of Recapture.

## THREE

Adequately Fund Public Schools.

## FOUR

Create Meaningful and Fair Assessments and Accountability Standards.

## FIVE

Preserve Local Control and Face The Unique Needs of the Community.

## MORE THAN A SCORE

Recognizing that students are more than a letter grade, Plano ISD launched the "More Than a Score" campaign during the 88th Texas Legislative Session. The district engages in continuous improvement efforts to ensure students are on grade level (or above) and growing every year.

Although the Texas Education Agency (TEA) assigns districts and schools a letter grade for

accountability each year, parents should also consider other facets of Plano ISD's excellent educational experience:

- Safe and inclusive school environment
- Robust opportunities for students to explore their passions
- A variety of extracurricular activities to develop skills beyond the classroom
- Interactive and engaging learning in the classroom
- Supportive and empowered

leaders and teachers

- Equitable opportunities for all students for success after high school
- Active involvement and dedication of parents and community

Read more at [www.Plano.ISD.edu/morethanascore](http://www.Plano.ISD.edu/morethanascore).



## Plano ISD School Cost Inflation 2019 vs. 2022

Schools, just like our households and businesses, are seeing increased costs for fuel, energy, food and supplies.



Fuel

**+81%**



Property & Casualty  
Insurance

**+66%**



Construction  
Costs

**+51%**



Health  
Insurance Costs

**+12%**



Food Service

**+32%**



Security Officers

**+55%**



Custodial

**+13%**



Utilities

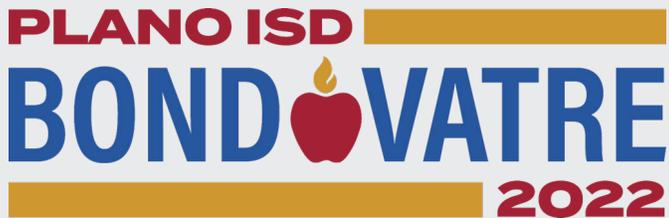
**+18%**

Schools no longer have the same buying power as they did in 2019 when the \$6,160 basic allotment was set. Average inflation since August 2019 has increased by 17% according to the Consumer Price Index. That means in order to have the same buying power as they did after HB 3 was passed, the basic allotment would need to be over \$7,100.



# 2023-2024

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



### 2022-2023 Bond + VATRE Election

Plano ISD thanks our community as the district received support from voters for multiple crucial initiatives aimed at transforming education in the district through the passing of a \$1.35 Billion Bond & VATRE Referendum.

FUNDING  
FOR STAFF &  
PROGRAMS

VATRE PROP A

A Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) is an election required by the state that asks voters to consider approving a modified tax rate to increase revenue for student programs as well as teacher and staff salaries. The net revenue generated by this election will provide \$9 million annually.

SCHOOL  
RENOVATIONS  
& SAFETY

BOND PROP B

Nearly \$1.2 billion dollars has been allocated for various school renovations and security upgrades that will be guided by the district facility audit performed in the summer of 2022. This includes building a Career & Technical Education center, major renovations at Plano ISD's three senior high schools, rebuilding Haggard Middle School, track fields at each middle school campus, renovations to the Plano ISD Transportation Services Center, and more.

INSTRUCTIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY

BOND PROP C

Proposition C will allow the district to issue \$173 million in bonds for instructional technology, which includes new mobile devices for students, classroom multimedia audio-visual equipment, data center upgrades as well as end user technology replacements.



The Plano ISD total tax rate is **6.1 cents lower than last year** with approval of the VATRE and bond propositions.



## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Plano ISD is committed to providing transparent financial information in an easily accessible format that is clear and meaningful to our community. Financial transparency is achieved through summaries, visualizations and downloadable data as well as other relevant financial information. One of the two major ongoing goals of the district is to ensure efficient use of financial resources and budgeting. Certain indexes and reporting systems allow for measurement of the financial sustainability of Plano ISD.

## FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 40th consecutive year that Plano ISD has earned the award for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- Bond Ratings\*
  - Moody's: "Aaa" / "Aaa"
  - Standard and Poor's: "AAA" / "AA+"
  - Permanent School Fund Guarantee
- Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) = Superior Achievement

SCAN THIS FOR MORE FINANCIAL INFORMATION! ▶



# STAFF

# RECOGNITIONS

Jessica Williams embodies the resilience and determination that define an exceptional educator. Raised in a low-income household, Jessica's upbringing instilled in her a strong sense of optimism and resourcefulness. Despite the challenges, her innate passion for teaching emerged early on as she found joy in reading to other children, guided by her late father's belief in the transformative power of storytelling.

Driven by her aspiration to break the cycle of her family's educational background, Jessica pursued higher education while balancing the responsibilities of parenthood. With the unwavering support of her college math professor, who recognized her potential, Jessica embarked on a journey to fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher. Armed with degrees in Child Development and a Master's in Early Childhood Education, Jessica's path led her to Plano ISD, where she began as a paraprofessional in an early childhood classroom.

Over the years, Jessica's role evolved, and she found her calling as a Special Education teacher. Her personal experiences of overcoming challenges resonate deeply with her students, fueling her commitment to empower them to embrace their strengths and persevere through difficulties. Beyond academics, Jessica prioritizes building meaningful connections with her students and their families, earning their trust and respect through her unwavering support and guidance. As a team leader and proud parent within the district, Jessica's impact extends far beyond the classroom, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those she encounters. With boundless passion and dedication, Jessica Williams embodies the essence of an educator who believes in the transformative power of education and the boundless potential of every child.

**ELEMENTARY**  
**Teacher of the Year**

**Jessica Williams**



**MARILYN BROOKS**

**EXCELLENCE**

**IN TEACHING**

**Jessica Williams**, PEARSON EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

**Kinnari Bhakta**, HUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Kristy Dellinger**, DOOLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Madison Holley**, BEATY EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

**Miranda Smith**, IB WORLD SCHOOL AT HUFFMAN ELEMENTARY

**Ashley Hendrickson**, CLARK HIGH SCHOOL

**Sara Finkler**, VINES HIGH SCHOOL

**Doris Kottwitz**, PLANO EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**Lauren McKellar**, RENNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Thanh Nguyen**, CARPENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SECONDARY  
Teacher of the Year**

**Ashley Hendrickson**



Ashley Hendrickson’s journey as an educator is a testament to the transformative power of empathy, resilience, and unwavering dedication. From her earliest memories marked by shadows of trauma to her profound realization of the impact of a compassionate teacher, Ashley’s path has been shaped by the experiences that forged her into the empathetic educator she is today.

As a second-grade student, Ashley found solace and guidance in the caring hands of her teacher, who saw beyond her silent struggles and provided her with a safe space to grow and thrive. This pivotal moment ignited Ashley’s passion for education and laid the foundation for her unwavering commitment to meeting each student where they are, both academically and emotionally.

Throughout her fourteen years as an educator, Ashley’s philosophy of education has evolved, guided by the profound understanding that every student carries their own story and struggles.

As an AVID teacher at Clark High School, Ashley embraces the diverse needs of her students,

recognizing that true education goes beyond filling buckets – it ignites fires, nurtures growth, and fosters resilience.

In Ashley’s classroom, students are not merely learners; they are valued members of a supportive community where masks are shed, and authentic connections are forged. Through collaborative learning experiences and a focus on life-ready skills, Ashley empowers her students to navigate challenges with confidence and determination, preparing them for the journey ahead.

Ashley extends her impact beyond the confines of her classroom, championing college and career readiness initiatives schoolwide. From organizing community service events to providing professional development for fellow educators, Ashley’s leadership ensures that every student at Clark High School has the opportunity to envision and pursue their dreams.

# SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Plano ISD's annual Salute to Service Awards and Retirement Celebration has been a long-standing, treasured tradition because it honors the dedicated, heartfelt work of employees. The event is to recognize retiring employees, Superintendent's Service Award nominees/winners and service pin recipients. This year's event, held on April 13 at the Plano Event Center, marks the 58th year of the celebration.



## Angelica Maria Arroyos

Energy Assistant, Facility Services

Angelica has risen above many on-the-job challenges by having a can-do attitude. Additionally, she meets every project with enthusiasm and determination, and goes beyond the call of duty no matter what is on her plate, always making room for a little more.



## Tommie Briggs

Special Education Structured Assistant, Hendrick Middle School

Kind, pleasant, loyal, team player and mentor are just a few words that characterize Tommie. He is described as a dedicated Plano ISD employee who goes above and beyond his job description daily. He comes to work early, helps before asked and has a great rapport with students across the campus.



## Brenda Ingram

CTA, Jackson Elementary School

The first things you will notice about Brenda is a huge smile, a sweet laugh and a contagious, joyful spirit. In addition to making everyone she comes in contact with feel welcomed, she is an excellent communicator who has a strong work ethic. She makes certain that all technical issues are solved so teachers can focus on instruction.



## Karen Simons

Assessment Technical Specialist, Assessment, Research and Program Evaluation

Known for going the extra mile, Karen is best described as essential, knowledgeable, conscientious, an integral part of the department and an excellent proof-reader and editor.

## TOP STAFF RECOGNITIONS

- **Plano ISD Communications Department:** five TSPRA state awards
- **Nicole Vickerman, Clark High School:** Inaugural recipient of the Val Walkie Jr. Award for Excellence in Geography Teaching
- **Greg Arp, Theatre & Speech Coordinator:** NTPA Distinguished Performing Arts Leader Award
- **Carmen McElwain, Shepton High School:** NTPA Distinguished High School Performing Arts Educator Award
- **Joshua Batty, Armstrong Middle School:** NTPA Distinguished Middle School Performing Arts Educator Award
- **Ashley Hipp, Director of Food & Nutritional Services:** “Best of the Bunch” at the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Farm Fresh Challenge
- **Three Plano ISD campuses earned the Texas PTA Voice for Every Child Platinum Membership Award**



## QUEST PROGRAM

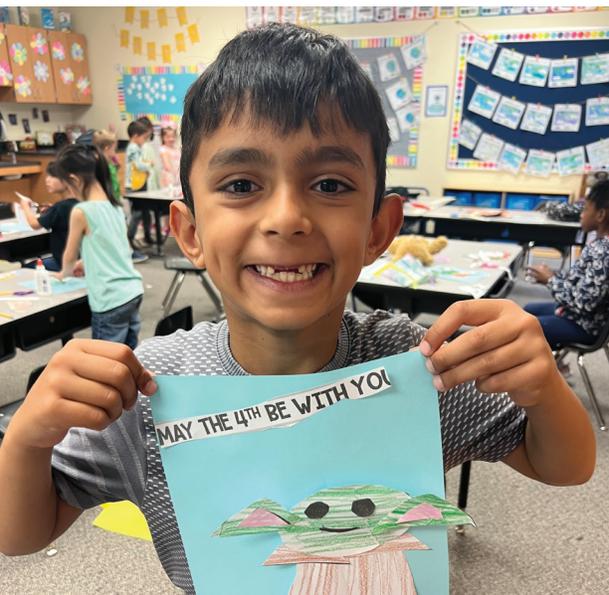
### What Is QuEST?

The QuEST Program is a pioneering initiative designed to recruit and support students and individuals within Plano ISD who aspire to become teachers. In collaboration with Teachworthy and Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU), this program offers an expedited pathway to a college degree and teacher certification.

### Pathways Offered

QuEST offers two distinct pathways tailored to different candidates:

- **Degree Seeker Pathway:** Ideal for current Plano ISD employees who do not hold a bachelor’s degree, this pathway allows participants to work towards a Bachelor of Science in Integrative Studies from IWU alongside obtaining their Texas Teacher Certification from Teachworthy. Upon completion, graduates can embark on their teaching journey as associate teachers.
- **Career Seeker Pathway:** Tailored for Plano ISD high school seniors, this pathway sets the stage for a career in education. Participants can start as classroom assistants and progress to associate teachers while pursuing their bachelor’s degree and teacher certification.



# STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



## NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Plano ISD joins with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) to congratulate 105 Plano ISD National Merit Program® semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Students entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn

SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Published below are students with approved publication releases on file. Congratulations to the following students:

**Josephine A. Allred** Plano East Senior High  
**Otto Q. Beall** Plano East Senior High  
**Caroline M. Behnke** Plano East Senior High  
**Shriya P. Bhat** Plano East Senior High  
**Jeremiah Boban** Plano West Senior High  
**Kristina M. Boulos** Plano East Senior High  
**Avi Chaturvedi** Plano West Senior High  
**Bruce M. Chen** Plano West Senior High  
**Ian Y. Chen** Plano West Senior High  
**Aditi Choudhury** Plano West Senior High  
**Jeremy S. Chuah** Plano East Senior High  
**Christopher J. Chun** Plano West Senior High  
**Hannah Chung** Plano West Senior High  
**William Dai** Plano West Senior High  
**Anika P. Damle** Plano West Senior High  
**Adrian E. Flores** Plano East Senior High

**Noya Gal** Plano Senior High  
**Ritwik Ganguly** Plano Senior High  
**Christopher D. Garfield Sebert** Plano West Senior High  
**Aashna M. Gautam** Plano West Senior High  
**Amrit Ghosh** Plano East Senior High  
**Jackson M. Graff** Plano West Senior High  
**Aaron W. Guo** Plano West Senior High  
**Katherine L. Han** Plano West Senior High  
**Audrey S. He** Plano West Senior High  
**Emma B. Hrasko** Plano Senior High  
**Fiona Huang** Plano West Senior High  
**Syed A. Husain** Plano West Senior High  
**Dhanush Jain** Plano East Senior High  
**Shriya Jain** Plano East Senior High  
**Akash P. Jape** Plano West Senior High  
**Jaeha Jung** Plano West Senior High  
**Swara S. Kale** Plano West Senior High  
**Benjamin D. Kellmeyer** Academy High School  
**Dana Kim** Plano West Senior High  
**Renee Y. Kim** Plano West Senior High  
**Vikrant Kolli** Plano East Senior High  
**Amit R. Konda** Plano West Senior High  
**Neel Kondeti** Plano West Senior High  
**Yash A. Kukrecha** Plano West Senior High  
**Atharv G. Kulkarni** Plano West Senior High  
**Olivia J. Lauderback** Plano East Senior High  
**Anthony N. Le** Plano East Senior High  
**Gordon K. Lee** Plano West Senior High  
**Kyle S. Letterer** Plano West Senior High  
**Byron B. Li** Plano West Senior High  
**Eric W. Li** Plano West Senior High  
**Owen N. Liebnick** Plano West Senior High  
**Phoena Z. Lin** Plano West Senior High  
**Mansi Lohtia** Plano West Senior High

# 2023 VALEDICTORIANS & SALUTATORIANS

## ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL



Benjamin Kellmeyer,  
Valedictorian



Samuel Fifer, Salutatorian

## PLANO EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Shriya Bhat, Valedictorian



Otto Beall, Salutatorian

## PLANO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Kaitlyn Hou, Valedictorian



Emily Zheng, Salutatorian

## PLANO WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Ian Y. Chen, Valedictorian



William Dai, Salutatorian

**Patrick Y. Lu** Plano West Senior High  
**Thomas K. Luong** Plano West Senior High  
**Satvik Mahendra** Plano West Senior High  
**Zahra Mahmood** Plano East Senior High  
**Drake R. McAdams** Plano West Senior High  
**Pierce W. McAdams** Plano West Senior High  
**Rahi D. Mehta** Plano East Senior High  
**Ziye Mei** Plano West Senior High  
**Jude B. Meyer** Plano Senior High  
**Aditya S. Mishra** Plano East Senior High  
**Gauri Mittal** Plano East Senior High  
**Devika Nair** Plano West Senior High  
**Sanika P. Nandpure** Plano East Senior High  
**Karthik V. Nemana** Plano East Senior High  
**Sareen J. Patel** Plano West Senior High  
**Gautam Penna** Plano East Senior High  
**Preston S. Phillips** Plano West Senior High  
**Evelyn A. Pugliese** Plano East Senior High  
**Bennett L. Radtke** Plano Senior High

**Adithi L. Rallapalli** Plano West Senior High  
**Shakti Ramakrishna** Plano East Senior High  
**Tarunkrish Ramji** Plano West Senior High  
**Raghav A. Ramki** Plano East Senior High  
**Sanjana G. Rentala** Plano West Senior High  
**Matthew J. Rippin** Plano Senior High  
**Uzair A. Saeed** Plano East Senior High  
**Ashish Samson** Plano West Senior High  
**Tarun L. Sankar** Plano West Senior High  
**Sana Shahid** Plano East Senior High  
**Tianyu Shen** Plano West Senior High  
**Jeremy Sheng** Plano East Senior High  
**Nabeeha M. Siddiqui** Plano East Senior High  
**Jai Singh** Plano West Senior High  
**Srjana Srivatsa** Plano West Senior High  
**Srijan Sundar** Plano East Senior High  
**Matthew M. Tran** Plano East Senior High  
**Madeline L. Tsao** Plano West Senior High  
**Parthiv B. Varanasi** Plano East Senior High

**Clint J. Wang** Plano East Senior High  
**Selina Wang** Plano East Senior High  
**Ian P. Wang** Plano West Senior High  
**Nathan J. Wang** Plano West Senior High  
**Colin S. Wong** Academy High School  
**Jessica Xu** Plano West Senior High  
**Allen Yan** Plano West Senior High  
**Angelina M. Yang** Plano West Senior High  
**Stephen Yang** Plano West Senior High  
**Alena Y. Zhang** Plano West Senior High  
**Ashley J. Zhang** Plano West Senior High  
**Eric H. Zhao** Plano East Senior High  
**Avery B. Zhao** Plano West Senior High  
**Grace J. Zheng** Plano West Senior High  
**Alan Zhou** Plano West Senior High  
**Justin J. Zhu** Plano West Senior High

# **PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES**

The U.S. Department of Education released the list of 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholarship candidates, which included 10 Plano ISD students. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the president, to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Annually, almost 4,000 students are selected as candidates for the award. Application is by invitation only; therefore, students may not apply individually to

the program, nor may their schools nominate them.

Candidates must submit candidacy materials including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports and transcripts and are evaluated on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, as well as an analysis of their essay. From candidate submissions, approximately 500 semifinalists are chosen by an independent, national committee of educators convened by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. Semifinalists are identified for each state/jurisdiction by the review committee. The number of semifinalists identified per state/jurisdiction is based on a proportionate number of test takers for that state.

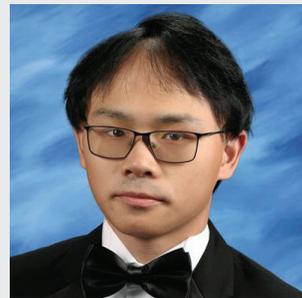
Congratulations to this distinguished group of seniors:



**Otto Q. Beall**  
Plano East Senior High School



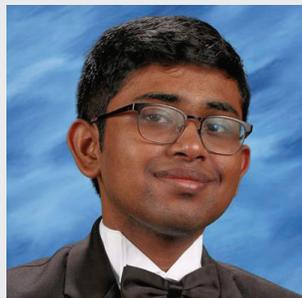
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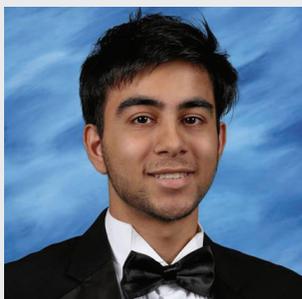
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Plano West Senior High School



**Shakti Ramakrishna**  
Plano East Senior High School



**Madeline L. Tsao**  
Plano West Senior High School



**Alena Y. Zhang**  
Plano West Senior High School

## OTHER ACADEMIC RESULTS

### Texas Junior Academy of Science Competition Results

#### Grand Prize Awards

- **Otto Beall**, Plano East Senior High, First Grand Prize, Engineering II, Physical Science
- **Amitha Mandava**, Plano East Senior High School, First Grand Prize, Physics / Math / Earth & Space Science, Third Grand Prize, Physical Science
- **Pranav Gorty**, IB World School at Plano East, First Grand Prize, Biochemistry / Microbiology - Third Grand Prize, Natural Science

#### First Place Category Awards

- **Kevin Sun**, Plano West Senior High, First Place, Chemistry
- **Arya Gurumukhi**, IB World School at Plano East, First Place, Engineering I
- **Madhalasa Iyer**, Plano Senior High School, First Place, Environmental Science
- **Diya Shah**, Williams High School, First Place, Medicine & Health / Behavioral & Social Sciences I



## ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

### PLANO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Football	Bi-District Playoffs
Boys Basketball	District & Area Champs
Spring Tennis	Regional Qualifier
Swim/Dive	Regional & State Qualifiers
Wrestling	Regional & State Qualifiers
Girls Track	Area, Regional & State Qualifiers
Boys Track	Area Qualifiers

### PLANO EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Girls Basketball	Bi-District Playoffs
Boys Basketball	District & Bi-District Champs
Swim/Dive	Regional Qualifiers
Wrestling	Regional & State Qualifiers
Girls Track	Area & Regional Qualifiers
Boys Track	Area, Regional & State Qualifiers

### PLANO WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Team Tennis	District & Area Champs
Boys Cross Country	One Regional & State Qualifier
Girls Cross Country	Team Regional & State Qualifier
Wrestling	Regional & State Qualifier
Swim/Dive	Regional & State Qualifier
Spring Tennis	Regional & State Qualifiers, Two State Champs
Boys Golf	District & Regional Champs, State Qualifiers, One State Runner-Up
Softball	District & Area Champs
Boys Track	Area & Regional Qualifiers
Girls Track	Area & Regional Qualifiers

## SAT & ACT SCORES

### 2022-23 ACT Average Composite Scores (Annual Graduates)

#### English/Language Arts

- Plano ISD 27.2
- State 19.6
- Region 19.5

#### Math

- Plano ISD 26.9
- State 19.9
- Region 20

#### Science

- Plano ISD 26.6
- State 20.3
- Region 20.3

### SAT Average Scores by Subject (Annual Graduates)

#### Math

- Plano ISD 568
- State 498
- Region 506

#### English, Language Arts & Writing

- Plano ISD 560
- State 504
- Region 509

\*This information is lagging data based on the 2021-2022 CCMR-Related Indicators section of the TEA TAPR Report

# FINE ARTS

# ACHIEVEMENT

**Mark of Excellence:** Plano East Senior High School Wind Ensemble

**2023 Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction:** Plano ISD (Visual Arts)

**National Art Honor Society/National Junior Art Honor Society Juried Exhibition:** 2 works of art selected for National display, Plano West Senior High School (1); Plano Senior High School (1)

**National YoungArts Foundation:** 1 National Finalist & Scholarship Recipient, Plano West Senior High School Jazz Band

**Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month State Capitol Exhibition:** (x) works of art selected for display

**State Visual Arts Scholastic Event:** 3 Gold Seal awards; 21 State Div. IV Medalists; 34 State Qualifiers

**Texas Choral Directors Association All-State Choir:** 4 All-State Vocalists; Hedricks Middle School, Haggard Middle School

**Texas Music Educators Association State Audition:** 55 All-State Musicians

**Texas Music Educators Association 6A Honor Full Orchestra:** Plano West Senior High School Orchestra and Band

**High School Jazz Band Essentially Ellington National Competition:** Finalist, Plano West Senior High School Jazz Band

**2023 Best Communities for Music Education:** Plano ISD

**University Interscholastic League State Speech Meet:** State Champion (Extemporaneous Informative Speaking), Plano West Senior High School; State Champion (Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking), Plano West Senior High School; State 2nd Place Medalist (Lincoln-Douglas Debate) Plano West Senior High School; State 4th and 5th Place Medalists, Plano East Senior High School

**University Interscholastic League State Academic Meet:** 3rd Place Overall 6A Academic Team, Plano West Senior High School

**National Speech & Debate Association National Championships:** Team National Sweepstakes Champion, Plano West Senior High School; Carmendale Fernandes United States Extemporaneous Speaking National Champion, Plano West Senior High School



# Career & Technical Education

- Student professional certifications: 2,842
- Health Sciences Academy graduated 42 students from the four-year program. 11 Health Sciences Academy students graduated with their Associates of Science from Collin College;
- Career Preparation Program: 193
- Practicums and internships:
  - 231 CTE Health Science students observed and trained in clinical rotations at over 100 area health care professional field sites
  - 45 CTE Health Sciences Academy 12th grade students participated in preceptorships with area health care professional field sites
  - 12 Agricultural Science students participated in work based learning opportunities
  - 57 CTE FCS Instructional Practices and Practicum in Education & Training students observed and trained at area elementary, middle school and preschool field sites
  - 49 CTE Culinary students participated in practicum experiences at East Side Bistro

The HSA class of 2023 earned 2,349 hours of workforce and academic dual credit in partnership with Collin College. These students completed 5,460 community service hours while in the HSA. Additionally, over \$550,500 in scholarship dollars have been awarded to Plano HSA students.

## CTSO (Career & Technical Student Organizations) Competitions for 2022-23

- 150 Plano ISD CTE students advanced to State level competitions in BPA (63), DECA (54), FFA (5), HOSA (12), SkillsUSA (15) and Computer Science (4).
- 79 entries in Agricultural Sciences/FFA competitions at various levels.
- Plano ISD CTE students advanced to National/International level competitions in BPA (10) and DECA (13) HOSA (1)

## Other Recognitions

- FFA students had amazing results at the Collin County Livestock Show. Student projects competed and earned Grand Champions in Market Lamb, Breeding Lamb, Southdown, and Showman. Ag Mech projects earned Reserve and Grand Showman, Class and Division Champs. A total of 46 animals placed and 20 animals made sale.
- 6 Automotive Technology students from Plano East and Plano Senior High Schools participated in the North Texas Automobile Dealers Auto Tech Competition, partnering with local dealerships to provide training and mentoring to participating students.
- The 2023 Gateway Engineering Summer Camp provided exciting opportunities for 150 rising 7th and 8th graders to explore and engage in hands-on, project based learning of engineering, design, and building concepts.
- The computer science program was able to expand opportunities for students this summer. 36 3rd Grade students and 49 4th grade students participated in the Power of Coding, where they learned to program bots and on screen.
- 86 middle school students participated in our first ever Capital One Coders Summer Camps where they learned to program in HyperText Markup Language (HTML) and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) to make websites.
- 140 rising 9th graders participated in this year's Computer Science Summer Bridge program and learned to program in Python program language and engaged with industry professionals.

# COMMUNITY

# ENGAGEMENT &

# PARTNERSHIPS



## LEADERSHIP & AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

In 2023 Plano ISD hosted its second cohort of the Plano ISD Leadership and Ambassador Program. The ultimate goal of the Leadership & Ambassador Program is to create a community of informed leaders. The program will provide participants with learning opportunities to explore the inner-workings of the district and is intended to form a foundation of understanding and involvement in Plano ISD.



## RETIRED SENIORS VALUED IN PLANO

Retired Seniors Valued in Plano (RSVP) resumed this year after COVID, hosting XX programs for community members age 65+. is a program created by Plano ISD for members of the community who are 65 years of age and above. This FREE membership program allows for free or reduced admission to most Plano ISD sporting and fine arts events.

## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



This year saw the relaunch of the Plano ISD Partners in Education Program. Plano ISD takes immense pride in its goal of fostering strong ties with the community it serves. The Partners in Education Program serves as a conduit, facilitating connections between students, staff and community with business partners around the metroplex. These partnerships can take various forms, tailored to the unique initiatives of each business or organization and the specific needs of the district. Partnerships can include time, talent, in-kind donations, or financial support. Learn more about this program at [ISupportPlanoISD.com](http://ISupportPlanoISD.com).

# PLANO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Plano ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help all students in the Plano Independent School District achieve their full potential by providing financial support to educators and academic programs. The Foundation creates a vibrant coalition of community, educators, and local corporations to raise funds through tax-deductible contributions. The funds support academic programs to achieve excellence in science and math, to bridge the gap for economically disadvantaged students, and provide educator grants to create innovative teaching programs.



## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers and Mentors are an important part of Plano ISD's educational team. It takes an exceptional person to give his or her time and energy to help make our school district stronger. School volunteers and mentors provide assistance to students, help staff better meet the needs of students and develop closer ties between schools and community.



**LET'S TALK!**

Community members have the opportunity to ask questions and receive an official district response 24 hours a day.

