



## **Alief ISD Points of Pride**

Week of November 4, 2014

**Hastings High School** will be hosting an international exhibition titled "Survival in Sarajevo" through November 14. "Survival in Sarajevo" is the story of diverse ethnic and religious groups coming together to help each other during the Bosnian War. Coming to Hastings from New York, where it was opened by Samantha Powers, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Hastings High School is the only school in Texas to host this exhibit. Opening night of the exhibit is November 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Olle Middle School students Jorswa Sanchez, Ziyon Miller and Joseph Armendariz and teacher Halcyon Sutton** presented at Aldine ISD's Technology and Curriculum Conference. The students demonstrated their knowledge of building and programming robots. Sutton was a guest speaker for two sessions titled *Robotics: Closing the Achievement Gap*.

**The Hastings High School Speech and Debate Team** competed recently at the Dekaney Tournament. Trevion Heliton and Sidney Odom finished third in Duo Interpretation. In Original Oratory, Sidney Odom finished second, while Victoria Owusu placed third.

**The Kerr High School National Art Honor Society** collected more than \$530 to support South Texas Animal Adoption Resource (STAAR) shelter, a local no-kill shelter. This is Kerr's 16th year supporting STAAR. Students collected donations during all lunches.

**Hastings High School** sold \$413 worth of wristbands as a Pink Out fundraiser. Proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Houston in honor of the campus's library aide Shirley Proctor.

### **Scholar Athletes for November**

- **Hastings High School student Abisola Bosun-Ojomo** is our female scholar athlete of the month. Representing the volleyball program, she is a two-year varsity letterman and serves as the team's captain. Abisola is also a member of the Hastings track team, National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and National Spanish Honor Society. She would like to attend the University of Texas at Austin to study human growth and development. Abisola previously attended Cummings, Mata and Holub.
- **Hastings High School student Billy Nelson** is our male scholar athlete of the month. Billy represents the basketball program, which he has been a part of for four years. He has volunteered for the past 10 years at the Quillian Center, which provides recreational opportunities for members of the First Methodist Church and the community. Billy plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio to study marketing and to eventually run his own business. He previously attended Outley, Miller and Albright.

### **Staff Recognition:**

- **Taylor High School special education department chair Yulanda Nelson** was recently inducted into Baylor University's Hall of Fame. Among many achievements, Nelson still owns the Baylor school records for the 400 meters.
- **Alief Middle School counselor Ossie Gilmore** was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Wiley College. She was recognized by her alma mater for her track and field achievements in the 4 X 400 Relay.
- **Albright Middle School teacher Jane Frazier** is a published author. Titled *Sundance to the Rescue*, Frazier was the editor, illustrator and photographer of her children's book.
- **Budewig Intermediate** received about \$6,000 in materials from DonorsChoose.org.
- **O'Donnell Middle School teacher Kemi George** was awarded \$1,600 by DonorsChoose.org. The grant will benefit the campus Sewing Club.



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