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## Westside High School wrestling team wins district championship

Dozens of HISD wrestlers qualify for regional wrestling championship

February 9, 2022 - The Westside High School boys wrestling team will send 14 wrestlers to the UIL regional championship this weekend after winning its twenty-first district title.

Coach Mike Froelich was named coach of the year, and Kyle Lew was named most outstanding wrestler.

Dozens of athletes from other HISD high schools also advanced to the regionals.

"I want to congratulate Coach Froelich and our Westside High School wrestlers for their outstanding performance," said HISD Athletics Director Andre' Walker. "While I am proud of their success, I'm equally impressed that dozens of HISD wrestlers from numerous campuses have reached this weekend's qualifying round."

The Westside boys qualified the most district champions in the region with six out of eight finalists. The finalists were Lew, Santi Ramirez, Juan Cantu, Xavier Royere, Freddie Pagan, and Nick Norman.

Ten Westside wrestlers placed in the top four of their weight class including Ramirez, Cantu, Lew, Pagan, Norman, Kabeer Assnani, Xavier Royere, Tyler Vuong, Jemarion Moore-Kingsberry (District Runner Up), and Carter Bennett (District Runner Up).

The Westside girls' qualifiers are Madison Nguyen, Kathy Cardenas, Alana Manzanares, and Nina Clark.

The regional championships are February 11 – 12, 2022, at the Merrell Center in Katy.

Additional HISD 5A and 6A wrestlers who qualified for this weekend's qualifying round.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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