

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD to recognize top volunteers of the year at annual VIPS ceremony

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District on Wednesday will recognize the efforts of thousands of volunteers and honor the top volunteers of the year during the annual Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Recognition and Awards Ceremony.

Volunteers were nominated for awards in four different categories:

- **Jean Davis Myers Volunteer Service Award** (the most prestigious award) - Presented to an individual or group whose program or volunteer efforts have had an impact on several schools (at the same time) in HISD and have enhanced the quality of education through volunteering for HISD students for two or more years.
- **Parent Partner of the Year** - Recognizes a parent or parent group/program that promotes the active involvement of parents for the improvement of the school or region in a manner that positively impacts student achievement.
- **Youth Volunteer of the Year (K-12)** - Recognizes a young person or youth group for outstanding volunteer service in the school(s).
- **Charles Harding VIPS Senior of the Year** - Recognizes a senior citizen (55 years or older) who assists schools, teachers and/or students in a manner that positively impacts student success.

HISD's VIPS program was started in 1970 by longtime HISD educator Jean Davis Myers, who passed away in 2015. Myers served as executive director of VIPS for 20 years and under her leadership, the program became an award-winning national model. Since 1991, the Jean Davis Myers Award for Community Service has been presented annually to an individual or group whose program or volunteer efforts have had a positive impact on student achievement.

For more information about VIPS or to volunteer, go to www.houstonisd.org/VIPS

WHO: HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**; HISD Board of Education Trustee **Anne Sung**, District VII; HISD Board of Education Trustee **Elizabeth Santos**, District I; HISD Board of Education Trustee **Sergio Lira**, District III; the

Waltrip High School Jazz Band; school stakeholders; community members; students; parents; and staff

WHEN: Wednesday, April 10
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Delmar Stadium, 2020 Mangum Road, 77092

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