

Faculty Update



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Insurance

In 2003, the State of Texas forced any school district with a staff smaller than 500 to participate in the TRS Active Care insurance program. For those of you who remember, the prior insurance was much cheaper for many staff members. The focus of this legislation was to find a way to effectively insure smaller school districts. Unfortunately, the method they used was to incorporate these smaller schools with medium sized districts like Floresville. However, school districts with much higher property values and huge enrollments such as SAISD and Northside were not forced to participate.



As a part of the board's focus on salary for the entire school staff, I will spend the next several months exploring the differences between both insurance programs. If the differences are significant, I will begin working with legislators to investigate the possibilities for alternatives to our current mandate with TRS Active Care. The most important pieces of information are not simply on a balance sheet but come from personal stories that you as an employee can deliver regarding the financial hardship this change has caused you as an individual or family. Stories of staggering increases in cost from the previous insurance to Active Care have been shared with me. I know that these are personal accounts and appreciate that you may not want to share them, but these kinds of stories are what resonate with law makers and could provide a face with the problem and could perhaps turn the tide for less expensive insurance for Floresville ISD and schools of similar size in Texas. If you have a story, could you email it to me? I would like to use it in the presentation I make to lawmakers regarding this issue. I cannot do this without your help, but perhaps we can make a big difference in the bottom line of your check and improve the quality of your insurance at the same time.

Business

Professionals of America Find Success at Regional Competition

Congratulations to all 27 FHS Business Professionals of America members that participated at the Regional Competition at Judson High School this past Saturday. 12 members in 10 events will continue to the State Competition. The competition placements for teams and individuals are as follows:



Global Marketing Team

Bianca Delgado, Blanca Campos-Garza, Marina Johnson-Zuniga, and Rose Hernandez
1st place & Advancing to State

Economic Research Project Team

James Padilla, Audrianna Rizzo, and Cassandra Marroquin
1st Alternate to State

Presentation Management Team

Stacey Moss, Davina Mendoza, Matthew Dziuk, and Kelli Sears
4th place & Alternate to State

Small Business Management Team

Josh Dunn, Rachel Smith, Stephanie Welp, & Heather Preiss.

Network Design Team

Anthony Burchell and David Rolland
1st place & Advancing to State

Payroll Accounting

James Padilla
2nd place & Advancing to State

Desktop Publishing

Anthony Burchell
3rd place & Advancing to State

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PC Servicing & Trouble Shooting

Greg Dillard

3rd Place & Advancing to State

Computer Security Concepts

Armanda Lara

2nd Place & Advancing to State

CISCO System Administration

David Rolland

1st place & Advancing to State

Entrepreneurship

Kelsey Ray

1st place & Advancing to State

Human Resource Management

Individual – Ashley Baker

2nd place & Advancing to State

Administrative Support Research Project

Individual - Stacy Moss

Advancing to State

Spreadsheet Applications

Larissa Koehler

5th place & State Alternate

Extemporaneous Speech

Kyle Cordes

6th place & State Alternate

Web Site Design Team

Greg Dillard & Allison Woelfler

Keyboarding Production

Individual - Maricela Acebedo

Fundamental Word Processing Skills

Individual - Macy Pawelek

Financial Analyst

2nd Place

Ashley Baker

Information Technology Concepts

1st Place

Armando Lara

Marketing Management & Human Resources

2nd Place

Ashley Baker

Students advancing will compete at the State Competition to be held in Dallas in March. Students advancing at state will compete in May in Reno, Nevada.

Wilson County Stock Show

The weather is cold, there is moisture in the air and there is a talk of the possibility of "winter precipitation": it must be time for stock show season to start. The Wilson County Junior Livestock Show will kick off tonight and I just wanted to take a few minutes of your time to invite you to come out and see some of the Floresville students in action. These students have spent many long hours preparing for this week and we hope to see the hard work pay off. I know that it will be cold but if you have a chance, come out see the kids in action. The show is located in the Wilson County Show Barn on Highway 97 East. Below is a schedule of the events and we hope to see you there.

Thursday January 24, 2008

Pig show @ 8:00 AM

Lamb show @ 1:00 PM (or 30 min after completion of pig show)

Goat show @ 3:00 PM (or 30 min after completion of the lamb show)

Friday January 25, 2008

Poultry show @ 9:30 AM

Market steer show @ 1:00 PM

Saturday January 26, 2008

Heifer show @ 8:00 AM

Auction sale @ 4:00 PM

New Corps Commander

Cadet Lt. Colonel Richard Lopez has been selected to serve as the spring 2008 Air Force JROTC cadet corps commander. Richard will replace Cadet Colonel Ben Perez, who will become the corps' advisor.

As the commander, Richard is responsible for the cadet corps' appearance, discipline, and training, in addition to establishing corps goals and implementing the action plan to meet these goals. Cadet Lopez is also responsible for planning the corps' activities, evaluating all staff functions, and convening and presiding at cadet promotion and recognition boards. The JROTC corps has over 100 cadets divided into two squadrons and six flights.

