

ECISD honors its volunteers

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About 450 people turned out to show their appreciation for those who give of their time to the Ector County Independent School District.

The annual event, with the theme of Symphony of Service, was held in Barn G of the Ector County Coliseum Thursday.

The Partner of the Year Award went to the Bonham Leadership Coaching initiative.

“It’s a great honor,” said Adrian Vega, a mentor and member of the executive board of the Education Partnership of the Permian Basin. “I guess what it speaks to is the campus and the district have found value in the leadership coaching initiative. As you know, it was a pilot program that we wanted to start at Bonham in particular, so I would say for a pilot program for the first year I would say we’re off to a great start.”

Vega added that they hope to bring it to other middle schools next year.

“What we’re excited about is the possibility of going to scale next year and bringing this leadership coaching idea to all of the middle schools so that we can make a bigger impact for the community and the district,” Vega said.

Most hours volunteered by an individual at an elementary school went to Charles Kenimer with 959 hours at Sam Houston Elementary; Kristi Mireles got the most hours at a middle school, Wilson and Young Medal of Honor Middle School, with 333 hours; Erica Maldonado logged 1,637 hours at Permian High School for the most hours volunteered by an individual at a high school.

Schools with the most volunteer hours were Reagan with 3,779; Wilson and Young, 748 hours; and Permian with 9,604.

The Individual Junior Volunteer award winners were Isaiah Baiza at Gonzales Elementary and Avery Glenn at LBJ Elementary.

The Junior Volunteer elementary program award winner was the Gonzales Junior Volunteer Bulldogs.

The Junior Volunteer Secondary Program winner was the OCTECHS Junior Volunteer Program.

The winner of the Elementary Volunteer Program award was Sharkfinder (Charles Kenimer and Debbie McReynolds.)



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Permian High School JROTC Lt. Col. Alexia Zapeda talks about her personal volunteering experiences. ECISD held their annual Volunteers and Partners Celebration luncheon at the Ector County Coliseum Thursday.

The Secondary Volunteer Program award winner was the OCTECHS S.P.I.R.I.T. Club. S.P.I.R.I.T. stands Students Parents Instructors Richly Involved Together.

Adult Volunteer at a secondary school was Erica Maldonado at Permian and the Individual Adult Volunteer Award winner at an elementary school was Debbie McReynolds at Hays STEAM Academy.

“Today was a picture of our symphony of service, of everyone serving in the community together for what’s best for our students ... the future and everyone. We work better together for the benefit of the community and our kids and our families. It’s a great place to live and serve,” Volunteers and Partners Community Liaison Specialist Debbie Lieb said.

The vision statement of Our Students ... the Future was recently adopted by the district.