

As students return for the second semester of school, Sherman ISD administration and school board members acknowledge and applaud the hard work and accomplishments of SISD students and staff during the fall semester.

First semester accomplishments for SISD students include -----

- \$2,000,000 in earned college scholarships that the SISD Class of 2008 began using as college students
- Four Texas Education Agency Recognized Schools
- Texas Education Agency Gold Performance Acknowledgements at nine campuses
- 59 A.P. (Advanced Placement) Scholars
- Texas Education Agency A.P. Performance Award of \$9594
- ACT and SAT mean scores above state and national averages
- Sherman High School ACT College Readiness Award----- only 4% of the high schools in Texas received this award
- Eight National Merit Scholars---- 3 National Merit Semi-Finalists and 5 National Merit Commended
- Luminant Energy Essay Contest Award---- Dillingham Intermediate School (Anisa Valentine)
- Fine Arts Program Awards in Art, Band, Choir, Debate, Orchestra, Theatre, and Career & Technology Program Awards
- Extracurricular awards----- Athletics, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Special Olympics

First semester accomplishments for SISD staff include ----

- Diane Clark, SHS Advanced Placement teacher/coordinator--- O'Donnell Texas A.P. Teacher Award Winner
- Carol Southerland, Crutchfield Reading Recovery Coordinator/Trainer----earned a PhD from Texas Womans University
- Sharla Mullens, Dillingham Social Studies Teacher ----- National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year and Walmart Teacher of the Year
- Tausha Leavell ----- Dillingham Social Studies Teacher ----- Named "Who's Who of American Women 2008"
- Doretta Kinnison, Piner Middle School Math Teacher----- NextMedia Group Radio Stations Teachers of the Month
- Tahni Nichols, Sherman High School Science Teacher----- NextMedia Group Radio Stations Teacher of the Month

The second semester of the SISD school year will be very busy and include TAKS tests, SATs, A.P. exams, Early Childhood program student pre-enrollment, a large number of co and extra curricular program events, construction work---- completion of all campus level work and the beginning of the district service center work, graduation, budget planning, staffing, and a Texas legislative session which convenes on January 13th.

The SISD staff, students and board of trustees appreciate the continued support that the district receives from its school-based partners----- volunteers, mentors, committee members, and general supporters.

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