



GISD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RICHARDSON RECEIVES HONOR, WELDON RECEIVES GRANT

Gladewater native, Mr. Darren Richardson, was honored last Tuesday Evening, April 3, 2018 with 5 other people, by the *Young Audiences of Northeast Texas*, at the *7th Annual Arts in Education Awards Banquet*. The awards banquet was held at the Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler.

Darren, who is the principal at Weldon Elementary School in Gladewater, was the recipient of the *Distinguished Service to the Profession Award*, which is given to an educator who has not only provided outstanding service to his or her students, but also to his or her colleagues in the field of arts education as a whole.

Since 1997, Young Audiences of Northeast Texas has supported the arts in education and partnered with educators to bring unique arts experiences to students, teachers and schools. The Arts in Education Awards event honors the true heroes of the arts in our schools, arts educators themselves.

Young Audiences presents awards for Arts Teaching Excellence in six categories, Elementary, Middle, High School, Rising Star, Distinguished Service to the Profession, and Lifetime Achievement.

Awards include grants and free arts experiences for the honoree's school presented by a Young Audiences teaching artist.

The Weldon campus received a \$500.00 voucher to use during the 2018-2019 school year to bring some of those free arts experiences to their students.

In addition to a beautiful trophy, a substantial cash prize was awarded to the winners in each category.

A great big "Thank You!" goes to Weldon teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Morvan and her 4th grade class, as well as, Mr. A.J. Meals, Weldon music teacher, for allowing themselves to be interviewed by KETK Region 56 news for the introductory video/commercial that was created for this event!



Darren Richardson



Darren with Neta and Todd Clifton



Darren and Kathy Cannon