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SIX DSMS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN DUKE TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Of the 31 seventh-graders from Dripping Springs Middle School who took either the SAT or ACT exam as part of the annual Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) Seventh-Grade Talent Search, six were recognized for their high level of achievement. Academically talented students across the United States who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test – such as the TAKS or STAAR assessments – are invited to participate in the Duke program.

Two of these students earned “grand” or national recognition: Christopher Gearing and Spring Salazar. This means that they earned scores equal to or better than 90 percent of the college-bound seniors who took the tests.

Four DSMS students were recognized at the state level, which means they earned scores equal to or better than half of the college-bound seniors who took the tests. They are: Keith Cox, Ella Edwards, Madeleine Hassell and Jessica Heintz.

Four of those students – Cox, Gearing, Hassell and Salazar – scored among the top 15 percent of students who participated in the program, which qualified them for the Duke TIP Center for Summer Studies. Five others – Edwards, Heintz, Chloe Aguilar, Kathleen Lopykinski and Cassandra Martin – qualified for the Duke TIP Academy for Summer Studies.

These students were recognized at the April 27 DSISD Board of Trustees meeting.

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