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**DSMS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN DUKE TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM**

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Of the 20 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, 12 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.

Nine DSMS students received state recognition, which means they earned scores equal to or better than half of the college-bound seniors who took the tests. They are: Makayla Banton, Mitchell Bockelman, Faith Daniels, Austin DeBerry, Chloe Larkin, Kaylee Longo, Jack Perry, Isabella Sites, and Ian Stinson.

Four of those students – Banton, Bockelman, Sites, and Stinson – scored among the top 15 percent of students who participated in the program, which qualified them for the Duke TIP Center for Summer Studies. Eight others – Daniel, DeBerry, Larkin, Longo, Perry, Katherine Lerner, Mason Staggs, and Brendan Woodgate – qualified for the Duke TIP Academy for Summer Studies.

These students will be recognized at the April 25 DSISD Board of Trustees meeting.

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