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DSISD HONORS CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) has announced the 2016 Campus Teachers of the Year. The five Teachers of the Year are: **Sarah Burns** (Walnut Springs Elementary, kindergarten), **Ronna Cruz** (Rooster Springs Elementary, third grade), **Rachel Foreman** (Dripping Springs High School, English Language Arts), **Alexandra Karp** (Dripping Springs Middle School, math/science) and **Michael Kryszak** (Dripping Springs Elementary, fifth grade). The winners were selected in a vote of their campus colleagues.

The campus winners are now eligible for the DSISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year, which will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting May 23, 2016. Those two winners will represent Dripping Springs ISD in the state Teacher of the Year contest.

Below is a brief career summary on each of the five campus winners:

SARAH BURNS: Sarah Burns has been teaching elementary school in Dripping Springs ISD for 11 years, and currently is at the kindergarten level. Previously she taught in Uvalde CISD for 10 years. She is certified to teach Special Education, Early Childhood and Elementary, Self-Contained. Ms. Burns earned a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Texas.

RONNA CRUZ: Ronna Cruz is a 20-year teaching veteran. Currently a third-grade teacher at Rooster Springs, she is in her 10th year overall at Dripping Springs ISD after spending 10 years at Brownsville ISD. She earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

RACHEL FOREMAN: Rachel Foreman is in her second year teaching English Language Arts at Dripping Springs High School. She also recently was selected as a finalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Rising Star Award. Ms. Foreman is certified in both ELA and Reading for Grades 7-12. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and her master's degree from Baylor University, both in Communications Studies.

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ALEXANDRA KARP: Alexandra Karp is in her third year as a math teacher at Dripping Springs Middle School, and this year also started teaching science. Ms. Karp, who did her student teaching at Dripping Springs Elementary, graduated from Texas A&M University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

MICHAEL KRYSZAK: Michael Kryszak is in his third year at Dripping Springs Elementary, and teaches fifth grade Language Arts and Social Studies. Previously he spent five years teaching in Scotland County (N.C.) Schools. Mr. Kryszak earned his bachelor's degree in Education from St. Andrew's University and his master's degree in Education/Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix.

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