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DSHS Interact Club Honored

The Dripping Springs High School Interact Club received the 2015-16 Presidential Citation from Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran in recognition of its focus on local and international service. The Presidential Citation is the most prestigious award an Interact Club can receive from Rotary International. Annually, it is given to less than 10 percent of more than 18,000 Interact Clubs worldwide.

This was an outstanding achievement for the DSHS club, which was revived in 2015 after being inactive for many years. The 2015-16 Club President, Jacob King, and the upcoming club officers accepted the award from District Governor Lou Miller at the Rotary Club of Dripping Springs Annual Induction Dinner and Awards Banquet on May 23, 2016.

The Interact Club has been active with multiple projects to benefit the Dripping Springs and international communities this year. They have completed several service projects, including collecting more than 200 toys for Brown Santa, completing a courtyard revitalization project at DSHS, doing trash pick-up on Ranch Road 12 as a part of the Texas Adopt-A-Highway campaign, and presenting a training course on social media to local non-profit organizations as a part of Leadership Dripping Springs. The Interact Club also held a Nerf War fundraiser that raised more than \$2,000 for Lumos, an organization started by JK Rowling to support more than 8 million children in institutions worldwide regain their right to a family life and end the institutionalization of children. In addition to raising money for Lumos, the Nerf War created a fun, team-building environment among the students, faculty, and staff at the high school. This year, the club also worked with the Rotary Club of Dripping Springs on their community Veterans Benefit, community pancake breakfast, Founders Park Project, and Founders Day Parking Project.

The DSHS Interact Club is one of the largest and most active service-oriented clubs at the high school.

In addition to King, the 2015-16 Club officers were Vice President Hank Cohen, Secretary Insiya Aziz, Treasurer Maria Düster, Reporter Jules Peterson, and Historian Wyatt Cross. The upcoming 2016-2017 officers of the Interact Club are President Preston Remington, Vice President Katy Wright, Secretary Karen Kaur, Treasurer Josh King, Administrator Mariam Ahmed, Social Media Chair Gabi Hendrix, and Community Outreach JT Dahill.

