

## News Release from Dripping Springs ISD



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### DSISD HONORS CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) has announced 2014 Campus Teachers of the Year. The five Teachers of the Year are: **Linda Atkinson** (Rooster Springs Elementary, art), **Karol Holden** (Dripping Springs Middle School, U.S. history), **Rachael Koske** (Dripping Springs High School, Theatre), **Lisa Stoll** (Dripping Springs Elementary, fourth grade ACE) and **Lindsey Thomas** (Walnut Springs Elementary, art).

The five campus winners are now eligible for the DSISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year awards, which will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting May 27, 2014. Those two winners will represent Dripping Spring ISD in the state Teacher of the Year contest.

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

**LINDA ATKINSON:** Linda Atkinson has been teaching art in Dripping Springs ISD for seven years after working in Austin ISD for 14 years. She is certified to teach art at all grade levels (PreK-12). Mrs. Atkinson earned a bachelor's degree in Art Education from Mississippi State University, then earned her master's degree from the University of Louisville in Art Therapy.

**KAROL HOLDEN:** Karol Holden is in her 10th year teaching American History and pre-AP American History at Dripping Springs Middle School. Mrs. Holden also taught for 18 years in Frenship ISD in Lubbock, where she also coached two state-champion Future Problem Solving teams. She earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Texas Tech University, and is certified in Gifted and Talented.

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**RACHAEL KOSKE:** Rachael Koske began her teaching career at Dripping Springs High School, where she is in her eighth year leading the Theatre program. DSHS Theatre has had an outstanding year, with the musical production earning 12 nominations in the Greater Austin High School Musical Theatre Awards and the One-Act Play advancing to regionals. Mrs. Koske, who earned her bachelor's degree in Theatre from Louisiana State University, also works with SummerStock Austin at the Long Center each summer.

**LISA STOLL:** Lisa Stoll is in her 10th year teaching at Dripping Springs Elementary and her 11<sup>th</sup> year overall as a teacher. She spent three years teaching Special Education, three years at third grade, and the last five years at fourth grade where she currently teaches students in the ACE (Academic Challenge and Enrichment) program. Mrs. Stoll found her calling as an educator after starting her career as an accountant. She graduated from Southern Methodist University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business.

**LINDSEY THOMAS:** Lindsey Thomas has spent all six years of her teaching career in DSISD, three years at Rooster Springs Elementary and the past three at Walnut Springs Elementary. Mrs. Thomas earned a bachelor's degree in Studio Art from Texas State University with an all-level certification in art education (PK-12).

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