

## News from Dripping Springs ISD

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### **NINE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN STATE REFLECTIONS CONTEST**

The work of nine Dripping Springs ISD students received recognition at the 2019 Texas PTA “Reflections” State Contest, including two national qualifiers. A total of 19 Dripping Springs students qualified for the state competition.

Student work is submitted in one of six categories and evaluated based on artistic merit, creativity, mastery of the medium, and interpretation of the theme; this year’s theme was “Heroes Around Me.”

Receiving Awards of Excellence were Sycamore Springs Middle School student Ginny Falls for her literature entry titled “Hearts Connected” and Sycamore Springs Elementary fifth-grader Stephanie Gearing for her musical composition “Saving the Day.”

Five students received state Awards of Merit: Elizabeth McDowell (SSMS) in dance choreography for “The Heroes Within Us,” Colton Inglish (DSE) in Literature with “What a Hero Is and Does,” Michael Gearing (SSMS) in Musical Composition with “Heroes Anthem,” Hudson Ela (SSE) in Photography for “Saviors,” and Kellen Embrey (WSE) in Visual Arts for “Ship Shape.”

Two others earned honorable mention at the state level: Tatum Theis (RSE) in dance choreography for “Silence Choreography” and Lucas Trepanier (SSE) in Photography for “Hays Firefighting Heroes.”