Forget the Midway Top 10 List... There are so many more students, staff, and volunteers to celebrate!
Please enjoy this compilation of recent recognitions and awards, and congratulate the hard-working students and staff involved in our award-winning programs.

Board Recognition Month: Have You Thanked a School Board Member Lately?
Public school board members are those dedicated few who are elected to represent an entire community’s education values. Putting in long hours and working for no pay, these dedicated public servants strive day in and day out to preserve the dream of public education. School Board Recognition Month—observed each January—honors that dedication in Texas. Districts and communities across the state and nation organize activities, special events, and celebrations to recognize the important contributions of their school board members. Thank you to our Midway ISD Board of Trustees!

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Susan Vick, Place II
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Ivan Green, Place VI
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Rick Tullis, Place VII
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Congrats, Coach Bell and Coach O’Leary!

Coach Jeff Bell, MHS head boys’ basketball coach, reached an impressive milestone of 700 wins during the MT Rice Tournament over the holiday break. Congrats, Coach Bell! Be sure to cheer on our Panthers during their upcoming home games (click here for schedule).

Also, please join the Midway Boys Soccer Team on their Jan. 28 home game to recognize Coach Tim O’Leary. Coach O’Leary retired from coaching last spring, and the Athletics Office will be honoring him for establishing the Midway soccer program prior to the varsity game.

All State Choir & Gotta’ Sing Gotta’ Dance

Congratulations to Midway High’s record-setting number of TMEA All-State Choir students -- Seth Findley, Mark Bell, Elaine Sury, Nic Key, Abby Bennett, Sara Albers, Isaac Bradley, Natalie Guess, Amanda Chancellor, and Chris Curry!

See these students and many more talented musicians and performers at Gotta Sing Gotta Dance at 7 p.m. on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the PAC. General admission tickets are $10 from choir and dance students or at the door.

Employees Who Go the Extra Mile

The MISD Extra Mile Awards honor hard-working employees who go above and beyond their job duties to support students and peers throughout the school year. Please congratulate the following staff members for their extraordinary dedication and deeds, and soon you can read their stories on Panther Nation News and the Hometown News:.

- Jana York - Spring Valley Elementary Counselor
- Sandy Crager - Administrative Services Secretary
- Jennifer Wiggins - Woodway Elementary Assistant Cafeteria Manager
- Brad Cook and Arash Abnoussi - Hewitt Elementary Fourth Grade Teachers

PTA State Reflections

22 Talented students from across Midway are advancing to State in the annual PTA Reflections Contest. Congratulations to:

- Dance Choreography: Kassidy Buth, Hannah Gochis, Morgan Warren, & Hannah Rose
- Film Production: Silas Findley, Jackson Fischer, & Lincoln Fischer
- Literature: Elaine Sury, Piya Patel, & Tessa Garrison
- Musical Composition: Kenneth Garrett Jr, Courtney Janecka, & Emma Haferkamp
- Photography: Lauren Patulski, Carly Williams, Morgan Warren, & Collin Mathis
- Visual Arts: Kendall Andrews, Micah Yarbrough, Maddi Charping, Isaiah Alvarado, & Alastair McGrath
Three Midway Panthers were named to the 2013 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 5A All-State High School Football Team based on regular season performance. Congratulations to:

- **First Team Offense Kicker**, senior LEO PERALTA
- **Honorable Mention Offensive Line**, senior CHRISTIAN BEARD
- **Honorable Mention Defensive Linebacker**, junior LEONY JONES JR.

In addition, Midway had 14 **All-State Academic Players** balancing their work and talent both on the field and in the classroom. Congratulations to these senior student athletes:

- **Elite Team**: Cooper Groves & Chase Wolf
- **2nd Team**: Nathan Butler, Sean Clark, Zach Moore, Justin Pape, Cody Pruitt, & Lyle Sherman
- **Honorable Mentions**: Dylan Armendariz, Cayson Buchle, Jayson Clements, Harrell Henderson, Jordan Mason, & Dustin Vasek

**Business Professionals of America**

MHS’ **Business Professionals of America** students had an outstanding showing at the Regional Competition. Congratulations to the regional competitors, and the 56 students going on to State!

**Digital Desktop Publishing**: Andrew Hamilton  
**Desktop Publishing**: Nicole Kuykendoll & Alexis Escobar  
**Fundamental Web Design**: Jose Diaz  
**Fund Accounting**: Kristen Jones, Lunden Davilla, Wendy Hua, & Clark Buchanan  
**Advanced Accounting**: Dax Hawkins & Dillon Dahya  
**Keyboarding**: Laura Dreiwitz & Audrey Smith  
**Payroll Accounting**: William Brown, Enrique Sanchez, Marcus Johnson, & Lamisa Ali  
**Fundamental Word**: Katherine Browning & Madeline Bumpass  
**Banking & Finance**: Shivam Patel, Elise Willoughby, Chris Wohlschlag, & Michael Garza  
**Legal Office**: Parker McClelland  
**Java Programming**: Colby Janecka  
**Prepared Speech**: Raul Prado  
**Extemporaneous Speech**: Annie Griesemer  
**Entrepreneurship**: Alex Waitley  
**Digital Media**: Silas Findley & Jordan Turner  
**Computer Modeling**: Josiah Moreno  
**Mobile Apps**: Carey Janecka  
**Human Resource Management**: Emily Curry  
**Interview Skills**: Jonathan Kazanas  
**Graphic Design**: Maggie Kearney & Kayla Roebuck  
**Website Design**: Jose Diaz, Ryan Lloyd, Faiz Patel, & Zach Hartsgrove  
**Broadcast News**: Raul Flores, Jordan Mason, Enrique Sanchez, & Kayson Buchle  
**Computer Animation Team**: Yan Nogueras & Silas Findley  
**Global Marketing**: Connor Griffin, Joey Swift, & Alex Waitley  
**Presentation Management**: Laura Dreiwitz & Madeline Ho  
**Video Production**: Jack Saxon, Cade Tindell, Garrett Williams, & Andrew Dittman; Ryan Mason & Glarissa Scott