



CHAIRS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

BACKGROUND

The Academic Chairs for Teaching Excellence program recognizes outstanding classroom teachers by conferring upon them the honorary titles of Chairs for Teaching Excellence for one year and a \$5,000 honorarium. Modeled after the university-level Chair program the Fort Worth ISD program is unique in two respects: 1) its role in a public secondary school setting, and 2) its rigorous selection process.

SELECTION PROCESS

Teachers in the designated subject area submit an extensive application that requires three recommendations. If selected to interview with the selection committee, the candidate must not only answer questions but give a teaching demonstration. The selection committee selects the Chair based upon the application, recommendations, interview and teaching demonstration.

THE HONORARIUM

The \$5,000 honoraria are presented to the Chairs at the awards luncheon at the conclusion of the selection process. Teachers selected as Chairs are encouraged to pursue further education and training and share knowledge and expertise with colleagues.

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RadioShack Chair for Teaching Excellence in Secondary Science <i>Sponsor: RadioShack</i>	est. 1994
Pier 1 Imports Chair for Teaching Excellence in Acquisition of Language <i>Sponsor: Pier 1 Imports</i>	est. 1995
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank Chair for Teaching Excellence in English <i>Sponsor: J.P. Morgan Chase Bank</i>	est. 1995
Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts <i>Sponsors: Performing Arts Fort Worth</i>	est. 1999
Lockheed Martin Chair for Teaching Excellence in Elementary Math <i>Sponsor: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company</i>	est. 2000
Lockheed Martin Chair for Teaching Excellence in Elementary Science <i>Sponsor: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company</i>	est. 2000
XTO Energy Inc. Chair for Teaching Excellence in Early Childhood <i>Sponsor: XTO Energy Inc.</i>	est. 2001
Molyneaux Foundation Chair for Teaching Excellence in Special Education <i>Sponsor: Molyneaux Foundation</i>	est. 2001
Outreach Communications Chair for Teaching Excellence in Elementary Reading <i>Sponsor: Outreach Communications</i>	est. 2002
Angela D. Paulos Chair for Teaching Excellence in Visual Arts <i>Sponsor: Fort Worth Arts Education Partnership</i>	est. 2004
Crescent Real Estate Chair for Teaching Excellence in Business & Technology <i>Sponsor: Crescent Real Estate</i>	est. 2005
Perdue, Brackett, Flores, Utt & Burns Chair for Teaching Excellence in Health & Physical Fitness <i>Sponsor: Perdue, Brackett, Flores, Utt & Burns, Attorneys At Law, A Joint Venture</i>	est. 2005
OmniAmerican Bank Chair for Teaching Excellence in Secondary Math <i>Sponsor: OmniAmerican Bank</i>	est. 2007
Sewell Lexus of Fort Worth Chair for Teaching Excellence in Humanities (<i>Social Studies</i>) <i>Sponsor: Sewell Lexus of Fort Worth</i>	est. 2008
Zelma and J.T. Luther, Jr. Chair for Teaching Excellence in Library Information Science <i>Sponsors: Patsy Luther Cantrell and Jan Luther Johnson</i>	est. 2008