



Press Release

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Two GPISD Teachers Honored by Humanities Texas

Houston, Texas: On December 17, Representative Ana Hernandez and Allison Dillon, Humanities Texas representative, recognized Jessica Flatt, Zotz Education Center teacher, and Aurora Freire, Tice Elementary teacher, for their exemplary achievements in the classroom.

Mrs. Flatt accepted the 2019 Award for Outstanding Early-Career Teaching. This award from Humanities Texas, of which only two are given in the state each year, acknowledges and celebrates exceptional teaching practices of early-career teachers in humanities with three or fewer years of experience in the classroom.

Mrs. Freire was presented with the 2019 Julius Glickman Educational Leadership Award from Humanities Texas. This award is given to one of the 15 award winners who demonstrate exceptional leadership in the education field.

Both Mrs. Flatt and Mrs. Freire received a \$5,000 cash award for their accomplishments. Humanities Texas also gave an addition \$500 to Zotz Education Center and Tice Elementary to acquire humanities based instructional resources. The donation was accepted by Mr. Marcus Morrow, Zotz Education Center principal, on behalf of the English, foreign languages and history teachers. Mrs. Toshia Gouard, Tice Elementary principal, accepted the donation on behalf of the campus.

Mrs. Flatt was nominated for the Award for Outstanding Early-Career Teaching by Mr. Robert Flatt, U.S.History teacher at North Shore Senior High School and Ms. Imelda Hernandez, special education teacher at Cimarron Elementary, nominated Mrs. Freire.

Mrs. Flatt and Mrs. Freire’s passion for teaching and genuine compassion for students makes both these teachers deserving of the award from Humanities Texas. Galena Park I.S.D. is extremely fortunate to have these two wonderful teachers as members of the district family.



Pictured: Wanda Heath Johnson, Dr. Angi Williams, Aurora Freire, Toshia Gouard and Steven Gonzalez



Pictured: Norma Hernandez, Allison Dillon, Ana Hernandez, Jessica Flatt, Wanda Heath Johnson and Dr. Angi Williams