

ALDINE ISD

ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATE DE LA ROSA NAMED FINALIST FOR SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2018 IN ALDINE ISD

HOUSTON, TEXAS — **Elisa De La Rosa**, the 2018 Teacher of the Year at MacArthur Ninth Grade School in Aldine ISD, was one of four finalists for the district's Teacher of the Year honors. De La Rosa was honored for her hard work and dedication at an awards ceremony held at the Hyatt Regency North Houston. She earned a bachelor's degree in dance in 2006 from Texas Woman's University.

"My philosophy embraces the student as an individual by designing a classroom where they may mature into a dance artist and develop a sense of culture, identity, and artistry," she said. "I believe in creating a creative classroom environment that is safe and supportive of my students and their work. It is inspiring to see my students develop into young dance artists and take ownership of their artistic dance voice, which will make a substantial contribution to their lives in whatever careers they pursue."

Each Aldine ISD campus Teacher of the Year received cash prizes from the Aldine Education Foundation, supported by donations from Presenting Sponsor H-E-B Tournament of Champions; Platinum Sponsor WCA Waste Corporation of Texas; Gold Sponsors Caldwell Companies and The Edu-Source Corporation; Silver Sponsors CenterPoint Energy, DivisionOne Construction, Huitt-Zollars, Inc., and McDonald's; and Campus Sponsors BakerRipley, Edgenuity, Inc., Jones/Carter, Jostens, Kurz & Co., PBK Architects, Tandus Centiva, TCG Group, and Edward Vines.

Additionally, the district Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year each received two first-class round-trip tickets from United Airlines. The four Finalists each also received \$25 gift cards from Dahill. All Teachers of the Year received gift bags from Academy Sports + Outdoors which included mugs, pencils, and lunch bags from East Aldine District, car sun visors from InvesTex Credit Union, three-year planners from Jostens, pens from North Houston District, calendars and lunch bags from Magoo's Print Shop, and shirts from Aldine Education Foundation.

Aldine ISD is currently looking for educators who are ready to make our students the nation's best. For information about your future with Aldine ISD, contact Dr. Nathan Boughton at 281-985-6636 or at nmboughton@aldineisd.org.

WHO WE ARE: Aldine Independent School District serves more than 67,000 students in Houston, Texas. Our student population is both ethnically rich and economically diverse. Eighty-five percent of our students are classified as being economically disadvantaged. Aldine ISD employs approximately 4,700 teachers or professional educators.

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