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Touch of Class

Nomination Form

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Date: 9/9/2016

Nominee: *Yvonne Freeman*

Campus/Department: **Administration/Elementary Education**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Yvonne graciously took time away from her busy schedule to come to Binion to assist with registration. This was a huge help to us and we really appreciated it. We all enjoyed having her and her positive spirit. Thanks, Yvonne!

Nominated by: Brittany Smith



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Nominee: *Michelle Risenhoover*

Campus/Department: **Administration/Child Nutrition**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Michele Risenhoover always has an upbeat attitude each day. She is always encouraging to the me and the other child nutrition staff.

Nominated by: Beth Haupt



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Nominee: *Margarita Valladares*

Campus/Department: **Administration/Special Education**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Mrs. Valladares positively made an impact when she went out of her way to locate a form for me at the beginning of the school year! I know it took extra time and I really appreciated her going out of her way to make it happen!

Nominated by: Vicki McIntosh



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Nominee: *Wayne Laymance*

Campus/Department: **Facilities Management**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Wayne and his crew always go above and beyond to help us take our 60-year-old building and make it look beautiful. They always come in a timely fashion, find out exactly what it is you need, and quickly make it happen. Of particular note is an instance that happened this week. Wayne and his crew were out doing some touch-up work in our front office. Our head custodian, Sylvia, was installing several of our country banners in our front lobby. She was on a long extension ladder to do so. Wayne's staff kindly offered to install the banners for Sylvia so she did not have to be up on the ladder. Who says chivalry is dead? I just want to thank Wayne for his leadership and commitment to always helping us get the things we need to make our spaces shine! Keep up the great work, brother Wayne!!!

Nominated by: James Whitfield



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Nominee: *Jennifer Ivey*

Campus/Department: **Academy at C.F. Thomas/Special Ed**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Jennifer goes out of her way each and every day to help all students here at A.C.F.T. She is a literal wonder woman! Helping in 1st grade lunch and at recess where she monitors 52 first-graders independently! I don't know what I would do with out her!

Nominated by: Stephanie Baldwin



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Nominee: *Gail Marshall*

Campus/Department: **Academy at C.F. Thomas**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Gail has gone out of her way to come to my room and help me multiple times both last year and this year. She's given me math supplies and offered assistance multiple times. I appreciate that she is a resource I can always depend on. Thank you Gail!

Nominated by: Stephanie Baldwin



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Nominee: **Reneé Johnson**

Campus/Department: **Binion Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

We hired Reneé the week before registration began. As many of you know, the attendance clerk position is not an easy one, especially at registration time. Reneé has handled the pressure and stress with grace and positivity. She is always on the ball and a delight to be around. I am so glad that Reneé is a part of the Binion family!

Nominated by: Brittany Smith



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Nominee: *Debbie Steed*

Campus/Department: **Binion Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Mrs. Steed makes reading fun. She always makes her students to strive to excel in reading. My daughter started out in 3rd grade on a 6th-grade reading level because of Mrs. Steeds' help!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: *Linda Fortner*

Campus/Department: **Green Valley Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

We took guardianship of my great nephew after he had a malignant brain tumor removed in July 2012. We started him in therapy right after he came home. We spent the first year we had him doing treatment and rehab. Just before Pre-K 3 started he was able to walk but was unsteady, and was beginning to talk, but was very difficult to understand. I was worried about putting him in school early but knew he and I needed help getting up to age-level before kindergarten. I was so blown away by the entire Pre-K staff. They have been a God-send to him and our family. They are understanding and patient beyond words. He has made great strides in his progress. Last March when we faced a new health crisis they were there for him and my entire family on and off campus. We are comforted knowing that Ms. Fortner, Ms. Nguyen, Ms. Albury, Ms. Creech and Ms. Dyan Chapple are all extraordinary gifts to us and BISD.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: *Rachel Ingram*

Campus/Department: **Holiday Heights Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

On the Friday before school started, I witnessed first-hand how impactful two people (teachers) can be to another. They made simple offerings of decorations and supplies, but more importantly, they gave their time and shared insightful suggestions. Ms. Ussery and Ms. Ingram are examples of “it takes a village.” They came to Foster Village Elementary to assist a teacher who had just been moved from second grade to Kindergarten with very little notice. Before Shelley and Rebecca came to our campus, they gathered classroom supplies and decorative items and offered them to the new Kindergarten teacher. Not only did she feel more welcomed and at ease, but now her scholars would arrive Monday morning to a room that was inviting and conducive to their new learning experience. Shelley and Rebecca spent the day helping to prepare the room and offered organizational and classroom management ideas, as well as moral support, to help get the year started efficiently and with less stress. The positivity and excitement of both professionals brought a great deal of comfort to the teacher who had recently been moved. Acts such as this truly exemplify what it means to be an educator here in BISD.

Nominated by: Susan White



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Nominee: *Shelley Ussery*

Campus/Department: **Holiday Heights Elementary**

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Nominee: *Elisa Beach*

Campus/Department: **Major Cheney Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Elisa Beach is the most outstanding Educational Assistant I have ever had the privilege to know and work with. She has made my transition to Pre-K very smooth. Without her I do not think I would have been able to teach effectively. Thank you for all you do to help our students and myself. I appreciate all your hard work and determination.

Nominated by: Laura Stringfellow



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Nominee: **Cindy Hill**

Campus/Department: **Major Cheney Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Mrs. Hill goes above and beyond when it comes to helping kids at Major Cheney Elementary. She knows all of the kids by name and does everything in her power to make each day the best day for learning. Thank you Mrs. Hill for your hard work and dedication to our Bulldogs.

Nominated by: Jason Winans



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Nominee: **Brandy Davis**

Campus/Department: **Mullendore Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Brandy goes above and beyond daily. She has created a classroom with high expectations, and she has enriched their lab experience. Setting up Google classroom and creating engaging and challenging activities, creating cards for individual students with all passwords, and holding the students accountable for their learning—these are just a few of the amazing ways she has touched the lives of our students. We are so thankful that she is a part of our team!

Nominated by: Chanda Haney



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Nominee: *Miranda Woodall*

Campus/Department: **North Ridge Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

We switched our daughter from Green Valley to North Ridge Elementary this year. Our daughter, was very nervous and anxious about the switch. Mrs. Woodall went above and beyond to help her feel right at home. She has continued to be there for her every step of the way. Educators like Mrs. Woodall make me proud to be an educator. My wife and I are so thankful that we have been blessed with our daughter having Mrs. Woodall as her teacher.

Nominated by: Clint Groom



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Nominee: *Heather Becraft*

Campus/Department: **W.A. Porter Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

This is my son's first year of Kindergarten and it's been a rough start, but Mrs. Becraft has gone above and beyond to make things easier for him but yet challenges him at the same time. We couldn't have asked for a better teacher. It's comforting to leave my child with someone I know cares so much for her students.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: **Laura Wilson**

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Laura is a great counselor at Snow Heights. I have the honor of bringing some food to the school on Fridays for some of the homeless kids in the school. Snow Heights has one of the largest homeless populations in the district and she has to work hard helping those families. She talks to each one and finds out their needs and helps me get the food bags distributed to each child. She coordinates the whole process and I am thankful to have her serving the needs of those children. She touches many lives of children who have very little. She is a blessing for Snow Heights and BISD.

Nominated by: Brad Greene



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Nominee: *Pedro Hernandez-Arriaga*

Campus/Department: **Spicer Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Pedro is such a hard working man. He always goes above and beyond his job title to help in any way he can. A few weeks ago my car wouldn't start. Pedro was leaving for the day, but stopped and helped me take the battery out of my car. He had already clocked out and was walking to his car to leave for the day. I would have been stuck here at school without his help. Thank you so much Pedro, you are very appreciated!

Nominated by: Mandi Araya



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Nominee: *Amber Cozad*

Campus/Department: **Watauga Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

This year students at the elementary level have had to begin logging onto district computers using their own username and password. This is especially difficult for kindergarten and first grade students. As a computer lab EA at Watauga Elementary, Amber Cozad works with K–5th grade students in the computer lab. She has tackled this challenge with grit and resolve. She is working with all students to help them successfully log onto the computers with their new credentials. She has enlisted the help of 4th- and 5th-grade students to assist kindergarten students in logging onto the computer. In addition, she has used colored dots to label important keys on the keyboard and mouse for this process. For first-grade students, Amber has created a practice and reward system using Post-It notes and stamps! This reward system has really encouraged these young students to practice using their new credentials! In addition to her grit and resolve for helping with this at her own campus, she has shared these ideas with other computer lab EAs across the district. Her willingness to share her successful strategies will certainly help others be successful as well! Thank you, Amber, for tackling these challenges in a creative and proactive way and for being willing to share your successful strategies with others!

Nominated by: Toni Hylander



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Nominee: *John Hughes*

Campus/Department: **Facilities Management**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

It's no secret, the construction at Watauga Elementary has not been wonderfully perfect. Just like any construction project, there are hiccups and working right up to the deadline. One such hiccup came when we had the weird August rains, and our roof was not finished yet. Every time it rained, we had some sort of new waterway meandering through our hallways. One such day was Meet the Teacher day, and John Hughes would not leave our school until the leaking was under control. He stayed by the hallway leak and monitored it to ensure staff safety as they bustled around preparing for their Meet the Teacher. He even missed the opening of West Birdville because he could not leave until it was under control. Finally, he had a eureka moment—he channeled all his MacGyver skills and fashioned a trash can drip catcher up in our ceiling. He moved the ceiling tiles just so, so that they hid the fact that a trash can was hanging out up there. He then ensured that the hallways were dry and clean and gave instructions to a custodian for trash can emptying later that night. He was concerned about student and staff safety and he provided Excellent Customer Service. I was and am amazed my how kind and loving Mr. Hughes was and always is. (I have a picture of it if you want it!)

Nominated by: Sarah Upchurch



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Nominee: **Baltasar Garcia**

Campus/Department: **West Birdville Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

He is the hardest worker ever. We have a new school building and he worked day and night so teachers like me could have everything ready before the students came in the first day.

Nominated by: Sara Diez



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Nominee: *Angie Tidwell*

Campus/Department: **Haltom Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Angie is such a blessing to HMS. She is an EA on campus, but you would never know that by the way she interacts with faculty and staff. She is always the one to step up and do what is best for our students. In just the short time I have been on this campus, I have learned that she is a huge asset to this campus and I know that I have relied on her for insights of just how the campus runs. She respects the students and they respect her, they listen to her, and they love her. I am blessed to have her as a guide, a support, and a go-to person on my campus. She should be recognized for the great job she does and the never-ending effort she puts into making HMS a great school for students.

Nominated by: Donna Moore



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Nominee: ***Keara Osborn***

Campus/Department: **Richland Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Coach Osborne was making a simple call regarding a few details about the volleyball season. I ended sharing some information that I thought was imperative for my daughter to be successful. Coach Osborne listened to my concerns and helped me through some of the anxiety I was feeling. She simply just listened and assured me that our students are in the best environment possible. SO THANK YOU FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Nominated by: Theodora Stiles



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Nominee: *James Whitfield*

Campus/Department: **Richland Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

As of today, his fantastic first day of school dance video has hit just shy of ONE MILLION views on Facebook. I have to admit I watched it 3 times myself just because it made me happy.

Nominated by: Kay Duffy



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Nominee: *James Whitfield*

Campus/Department: **Richland Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Just about everyday since Mr. Whitfield came to Richland Middle School he has been outside greeting the students. His energy is a very rare kind. I have had children at Richland for the last 10 years and the energy he brings to the students and staff members is amazing. Thanks for believing in these students and staff members.

Nominated by: Theodora Stiles



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Nominee: *James Whitfield*

Campus/Department: **Richland Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

WOW! He has touched many, many kiddos' lives in such a short time. Last year was his 1st year at RMS, and the turn around the WHOLE school has had is amazing. Not just the kids but you see the change in the teachers. He is what every school needs. He is involved in all activities, not only at RMS either, you will see him at the elementary schools and many other BISD functions. A man that truly cares about the kiddos, the teachers, other BISD employees and all of BISD in general. In case you have not seen the video taken on the first day of school of 2016 welcoming all kids as they arrive for the day ... something all principals should watch and learn. He is a man of GOD and I think he gives RMS and BISD a Touch of Class!!!

Nominated by: Keely Vincent



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Nominee: *Smithfield Middle School Staff*

Campus/Department: **Smithfield Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

This whole staff encourages all students to learn; guides them in learning how to study and learn and so willing to encourage those who struggle in learning! Thank you SMS STAFF!! Such a positive atmosphere for our grandchildren and all students. THANK YOU SMS STAFF!

Nominated by: Judy Lankford



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Nominee: *Joshua Huff*

Campus/Department: **Watauga Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Mr. Huff was my daughter's science teacher last year and she looked forward to that class every single day. He makes class a fun learning environment and truly cares about his students.

Nominated by: Tiffany Robinson



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Nominee: *Vanessa Seale*

Campus/Department: **Watauga Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

She was an influential teacher to me last year because she pushed me and motivated me to do my best each day.

Nominated by: Alexis Lira



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Date: 9/5/2016

Nominee: **Tom McLean**

Campus/Department: **Haltom High School/Athletic Trainer**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

I was the former head basketball coach at Haltom so I know Tom and Lucy from that relationship. I am now an assistant basketball coach at the University of North Texas. On September 3rd, while hosting a recruit for the North Texas vs. SMU football game, which started at 6 p.m., I saw Tom and Lucy with about 5 to 6 Haltom student athletic trainers. I thought it was awesome that Tom and Lucy would bring students to a college environment where they could see other college student trainers, and experience a college atmosphere. Not to mention they were probably up super early attending Haltom Buffalo football practice, and providing treatment earlier that day. Way to good Tom and Lucy, keep up the good work.

Nominated by: Todd Shelton



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Nominee: *Adriana Weast*

Campus/Department: **Haltom High School/Athletic Trainer**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

I am so proud of Adriana. Yesterday she saw another student struggling to breath; she immediately responded by rushing to the student. The student had fallen and Adriana lifted the boy's head while calling 911. She then ran for administrative help and coach Fears responded immediately. The emergency responders said Adriana did an excellent job with the situation. What a Touch of Class for HHS!!

Nominated by: HHS Cafe Staff



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Nominee: **Lucy McLean**

Campus/Department: **Haltom High School**

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Nominee: *Thai Nguyen*

Campus/Department: **Richland High School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Mr. Nguyen always has a personal approach to working with his students. He positively influenced my daughter to strive and do her best, and with my son to reach new heights and try new things. He finds a way to connect with each student to find their potential locked up inside.

Nominated by: Kelly Stubblefield



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Nominee: *Melanie Carr*

Campus/Department: **Richland High School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

I am so thankful to Ms. Carr. She took my daughter late into the first 6 weeks as a new BISD student who also had to change to a different history class due to her transfer. She did not know any peers, and Ms. Carr helped her adjust and feel welcome and a part of RHS. I cannot speak enough positive things about the impact and influence she has on my daughter. She is a true teacher and it is obviously her ministry to connect with her students.

Nominated by: Shelly Boren



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Nominee: *Terri Wilson*

Campus/Department: **Birdville High School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Ms. Terri Wilson is one of the most dedicated teachers I have ever seen. I watched last year as she worked tirelessly with the senior class to see shattered dreams, prom and graduation through to completion. That was amazing and exhausting to watch, but what makes her extraordinary is that once graduation came and went, she put on her 'party dress' and attended EVERY graduation party to which she had been invited! It spoke volumes to her students, some of which she had either not had in class for two years or maybe never had in class, but only worked with them through student council. Ms. Wilson is equally extraordinary in that she gives each of her Spanish students a 'Spanish name' and SHE MEMORIZES EACH OF THOSE NAMES TOO! She greets them at the door of her classroom, speaks their Spanish name and shakes their hand each and every day, assuring them that they are about to learn. Learning is fun in her classroom, while challenging as well. The students are engaged in speaking Spanish, not just learning words, tenses or phrases. While my students did not go on to AP levels of Spanish, I have keenly observed as she meets with her AP Spanish 4 students at a local coffee shop to continue classroom review for the AP tests and calm jittery nerves. She is just such an above and beyond example of the heart of Birdville ISD. Having had two students go through her class, I cannot go another minute without bragging on the amazing teacher she is. Terri Wilson is teacher, fan and friend to each of her students. She is even stand-in parent to some. She is a voice of reason to parents, willing to take time to hear and understand each of her students. She exemplifies all that we hope our students will strive to be in their future jobs, whatever that may be. Ms. Terri Wilson is more than a Touch of Class, she exudes class in all she does!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: *West Birdville Cafeteria Staff*

Campus/Department: **West Birdville Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

I wanted to take a few minutes and say just how classy, nice, loving, and caring the entire kitchen staff is at West Birdville Elementary. I am a teacher there. There have been many times already this year that I have personally taken kids who have arrived late and without breakfast to the cafe for something to eat. I have taken them up to 45 minutes after the tardy bell. Each and every time the staff was welcoming, warm, and caring once they understood the situation. I believe it is caring people like these people that help make up a wonderful school like ours. I can't do their level of care enough justice, but I thought I would attempt to in this short explanation. Thank all of you for loving our kids so much! I am very proud to work with each of you.

Nominated by: Clint Groom



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Nominee: *Jennifer Miller*

Campus/Department: **Technology/Digital Learning Specialist**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Jennifer spent the first week of school helping film promotional materials in the green screen room for Advanced Academics and the PSAT Online Booster Course. She helped with designing the Canvas PSAT Booster Course and, in general, was a huge blessing through her servant leadership.

Nominated by: Julie Hyman



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Nominee: *Mike Charland*

Campus/Department: **Technology**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Mike and his team did yoeman's work in helping Advanced Academics with several projects at the first of the school year. Linking the AP and Pre-AP Letters of Commitment to registration and creating a spreadsheet for data entry and record keeping were so helpful. Mike also played an important role in preparing the back end of the PSAT Online Booster Course in Canvas. I appreciate his willingness, and that of his team, to take on these projects at the busiest time of the year.

Nominated by: Julia Hyman



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Nominee: *David Holland*

Campus/Department: **Assessment**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

David has provided excellent support and customer service to Advanced Academics this year. He is always willing to help run data reports from various test administrations and his efforts, along with his team members, to put the bulk registration for PSAT in place were much appreciated.

Nominated by: Julia Hyman



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Nominee: *Sheri Nguyen*

Campus/Department: **Transportation**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Each year it is a challenge to make arrangements for transportation of the telescoping students who attend advanced classes at a middle or high school. Sheri works so hard to get buses to campuses and provide timely transportation so they make it to class on time and ready to learn.

Nominated by: Julia Hyman



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Nominee: *Carla Rix*

Campus/Department: **Richland High School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Carla Rix has gone above and beyond to support the work of so many of her fellow colleagues throughout the district. Although she has her own school to take care of she has been so kind as to help numerous other campuses, including my own, fund professional development opportunities that will help us to create innovative, exciting places for staff to work and students to engage in authentic, meaningful learning. We are so thankful to her for the hard work and efforts to extend these opportunities to us. Carla, thank you for your commitment to helping us transform education in BISD!

Nominated by: James Whitfield



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Date: 9/16/2016

Nominee: *Diane Kissel*

Campus/Department: **Watauga Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

She goes beyond the call of duty to help out all students, whether they need her services or not. She is always doing her job and doing it well. She offers help to her peers too without asking for anything in return. She is a hard working, team player, and the kindest person I have met.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 9/19/2016

Nominee: **BHS Cafeteria Staff**

Campus/Department: **Birdville High School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

The power went out in half of our building 2 weeks ago right in the middle of lunch. The cafeteria staff worked relentlessly in the dark, for an hour and a half with no power to take care of our kids and make sure everyone who was planning to get food from the lunch line was taken care of. The cafe staff never complained. They just simply got together and devised a plan to serve our kids.

Nominated by: Tim Waldmann



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Date: 9/20/2016

Nominee: *Jara Downs*

Campus/Department: **Jack C. Binion Elementary**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

I had the opportunity to meet and work with Jara Downs after she contacted me for some ideas in differentiating assignments in her classroom for gifted and advanced learners. I was very impressed by her dedication to providing appropriate instruction for all levels of learners in her classroom.

Nominated by: Stacye Onstott



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Nominee: *Gilberto Morales*

Campus/Department: **Shannon High School/Special Ed**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Gilberto is an inspiration to those around him as he proceeds through his work day with a smile and positive words for all that he encounters. He always presents a professional appearance, is a real team player, and brings a smile to everyone because he keeps his sense of humor even through trying days. His patience and kindness and respectfully attitude is extended not just to the students but to all he meets.

Nominated by: Janet Erlinger



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Date: 9/21/2016

Nominee: *Gilberto Morales*

Campus/Department: **Shannon High School/Special Ed**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Gilbert was a lifesaver for me today. One of my male students who I typically escort to the nurse's restroom throughout the day headed into the 200 hall boys' restroom and I could not "retrieve" or "help" him. When I radioed for Gilbert to help me out he came immediately and supervised everything until my student was ready to head back to class with me. Gilbert is such a blessing here at Shannon!!

Nominated by: Barbara Payne



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Nominee: ***Ryan Pabor***

Campus/Department: **North Ridge Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

My daughter is a 6th-grader in Mr. Pabor's Pre-AP Math class. Mr. Pabor has impressed me not only with his consistent communication with parents (through Remind, email, and phone calls) but also with his clear efforts to get to know his students on a personal level. When I talk to Mr. Pabor, it is clear that he understands what makes my daughter a unique learner, and that he respects and supports her learning style. Like all moms, I was a little worried to see my “baby” head off to middle school. I’m thrilled that she has this kind of support. I know it is still early in the school year, but I can't wait to see what she can accomplish with such an empathetic and passionate teacher!

Nominated by: Christine Thompson



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Nominee: *Tyler Chambers*

Campus/Department: **North Ridge Middle School**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

My daughter is a 6th-grader in Mr. Chambers' Pre-AP ELAR class. Mr. Chambers has done a wonderful job keeping parents "in the loop" (through Remind and email), which I believe has contributed greatly to my daughter's success in the first six weeks. It is also obvious that Mr. Chambers goes "above and beyond" to get to know his students on a personal level. When I talk to Mr. Chambers, he makes it clear that he understands who my daughter is as a learner and individual, and that he uses this knowledge to challenge her to greater achievement. Like all moms, I was a little worried to see my "baby" head off to middle school. I'm thrilled that she has this kind of support. I know it is still early in the school year, but I can't wait to see what she can accomplish with such a dedicated and compassionate teacher!

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Nominee: *James Viator*

Campus/Department: **Technology**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

I am very impressed with all of our Technology employees for how customer-focused they are. I want to especially recognize James Viator for his incredible responsiveness and help. Just in this past week I have encountered problems with my classroom computer, my Project Innovate iPad, and my Smart Board. Not only was he able to resolve every single issue for me, he was in my classroom fixing every problem within a very short time of my submitting my request. On top of everything, he leaves my dignity completely intact by not making me feel like I should have been able to figure it out on my own. I'm so glad that James is our assigned Shannon technician!!

Nominated by: Barbara Payne



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Nominee: *Sherri Lane*

Campus/Department: **FAAC**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Sherri Lane with the FAAC department went out of her way to help my brother with a ticket to the Haltom High homecoming game. She walked with us to show us the handicapped sitting section. After the game, we ran into her and she remembered us. Sherri is a valuable employee to Birdville ISD.

Nominated by: Joyce Thompson



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Date: 9/29/2016

Nominee: *John Davis*

Campus/Department: **North Ridge Middle School/Science**

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:

Thank you, John Davis, for trusting us as teachers to do what is best for students. You are an administrator that looks at teachers as the experts in the classroom, asks our opinions, looks out for us. You are a terrific leader!

Nominated by: Anonymous