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Plano West Educator Earns Prestigious Doctoral Scholarship



Phillip Stager, Plano West Senior High School Spanish teacher, will be presented one of four prestigious scholarships by Texas Woman's University, during the Sixth Annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award luncheon to be held on February 27 at The Belo Mansion and Pavilion.

Pictured (l-r) T. Boone Pickens, Phillip Stager and Jerry Jones.

Mr. Stager expects to complete his doctorate this fall. His research interests include the development and implementation of instructional strategies for diverse learners in foreign language settings and Spanish literacy development. His scholarship is sponsored by Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, past recipient of the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award. This year's recipient is T. Boone Pickens, legendary businessman and philanthropist.

Mr. Stager earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University (magna cum laude) in Spanish and his master's degree in bilingual education from Southern Methodist University (summa cum laude). He taught in Lubbock for four years before joining the Plano ISD staff in 2001. "I am amazed by the intense enthusiasm and unwavering commitment of Plano teachers and administrators to provide students with the highest quality education possible," said Mr. Stager, who added that he is fascinated by the diversity of learning styles among his students. Jane Pemberton, TWU Department of Teacher Education, said, "Mr. Stager demonstrates academic excellence, leadership and an eagerness to learn...He combines scholastic and community-based activities through innovative service."

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