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Plano Principals' Association Recognizes 2009 Student Scholarship Recipients

The Plano Principals' Association (PPA) proudly presented its 2009 student scholarships to three outstanding graduating seniors at the May 6 school principals' meeting held at Plano ISD's Sockwell Center.



(l-r) Lisa Schaefer, PSHS; Dr. Doug Otto, Superintendent of Schools; Juan Gutierrez, PESH; Kathryn Keprta, PWSH; Dr. Cheri Izbicki, scholarship committee chair and principal at Pearson Early Childhood School; and Tracy Franco, PPA president and associate principal at Plano Senior High School.

PPA is an organization comprising administrators from

Plano ISD's 68 school campuses. President Tracy Franco, Plano Senior High School associate principal for curriculum and instruction, noted that PPA committees promote student initiatives and community service. This particular scholarship honors students who are obtaining degrees in education and nursing.

In addition, PPA contributes funding to such community organizations as My Friend's House and the Plano ISD Education Foundation, through which PPA funds field trips for students with hardships. The group raises funds through Plano ISD spirit shirt sales year round and through its major fundraiser, an annual golf tournament, to be held this year on July 1 at Ridgeview Ranch (read more below).

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Lisa Schaefer ~ Lisa is a senior who will be graduating from Plano Senior High School. Lisa "loves drill team, volunteering for Special Olympics, public speaking, writing, being a role model for young girls and counseling others." Lisa plans to attend the University of Oklahoma where she will pursue a degree in business as well as a teaching certification at the high school level. She plans to use her education to teach business classes to high school students and perhaps one day to be a drill team director as well.

Kathryn Keprta ~ Kathryn, a senior at Plano West Senior High School, has maroon in her future. She will attend Texas A&M University to major in early childhood education. "Ever since I was an elementary student, I have wanted to be a teacher," states Kathryn. Her goal is to teach children and "help them grow and become smart, productive young adults."

Juan Gutierrez ~ A senior at Plano East Senior High School, Juan plans to continue his education in nursing at Texas Woman's University. He plans to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and hopes to attend medical school in the future. "I am willing to do anything to continue my education. I want to be *someone* in this world, and I want to make my mom and family very proud of me," states Jaun.

July 1 PPA Golf Tourney Fundraiser

The Plano Principals Association Golf Tournament is the association's major fundraiser to support its goals. This year, PPA's tournament fundraiser will tee off on Wednesday, July 1, at the Ridgeview Ranch Golf Club in Plano. Registrations, individually or four-person teams, can be sent to Todd McConaughy at Carpenter Middle School, 1501 Cross Bend Road, Plano, TX 75023. Questions? Contact Todd at (469) 752-5025 or e-mailed to todd.mcconaughy@pisd.edu. The entry fee is \$45 per person and includes green fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Registration fees can be paid in cash or check made out to the Plano Principals' Association.

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