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PLANO ISD, TONI&GUY HAIRDRESSING ACADEMY LAUNCH NEW COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENTS

PLANO, TEXAS, January 18, 2023 – During their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, the Plano ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new partnership with the TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy to launch a cosmetology program for Plano ISD juniors and seniors.

Plano ISD is the first school district nationwide to offer this joint collaboration with the TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy. Students will be selected based on a lottery and will attend the Academy starting in the fall of their junior year. Successful completion of the two-year program will allow students to take the state cosmetology licensing exam.

"Throughout the fall semester, Plano ISD met with TONI&GUY leadership to develop a partnership for juniors and seniors to attend their Plano Academy, learn the knowledge and skills required and begin their career," said Plano ISD Career & Technical Education Director Karen Buechman. "Through learning experiences in innovative and rigorous programs like the one with TONI&GUY, our students will have access to industry professionals and experiences to become leaders in a global workforce."

"We are proud to offer this one-of-a-kind opportunity to our students," said Plano ISD Superintendent Dr. Theresa Williams. "This unique partnership will provide students with an additional pathway to college and career readiness—whether they are preparing for a career right out of high school or seeking a way to earn an income while attending college." Current Plano ISD 10th grade students and families interested in learning more are invited to attend an Open House on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy located at 1921 Preston Road, Ste 2022, Plano, TX 75093.

The 2023-2024 Selection Form is now open at <u>www.pisd.edu/tgselection</u> for interested sophomores and must be submitted by 9:00 p.m. on February 10, 2023. Learn more about the program, cost and selection process by visiting <u>www.pisd.edu/toniguy</u>.

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs over 6,500 staff members who serve approximately 50,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.



Plano ISD administrators and TONI&GUY representatives: Daron Lee, Johnny Hill, Rachel Loesch, Yvonne Mascolo, Paul Marzioli, Rome Mascolo, Zak Mascolo, Theresa Williams, Joshua Marzioli, Karen Buechman, Lesley Range-Stanton, Joshua Villarreal, Brittnea Ussery, Jonathan Marzioli, Alex Ritter



Plano ISD Superintendent Theresa Williams with TONI&GUY representatives Zak Mascolo and Joshua Marzioli



Plano ISD administrators with TONI&GUY representative Joshua Villarreal.

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