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## **PLANO ISD SUPERINTENDENT RECEIVES ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON'S OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY AWARD**

**Plano, TX** — For her determined leadership and community outreach efforts, Plano ISD Superintendent Dr. Theresa Williams was selected as a recipient of this year's Outstanding Women of Today Award by Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation. Dr. Williams was recognized during the organization's 19th Annual Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon, hosted on Friday, October 27 and themed, "Hearts of Service."

Dr. Williams was one of six honorees selected in the Education category and one of 30 overall recipients. The award recognizes women who have reached out to others in the community to make their lives better. According to Altrusa, these women exemplify leadership and are to be commended for their tireless efforts to improve the lives of others and to contribute to the well-being of the community.

An Outstanding Women of Today nomination is a distinguished honor for professional accomplishments. Women are recognized for exemplifying determination and innovation, and for making outstanding contributions in their chosen careers.

"This prestigious community award is a testament to the vision, leadership and dedication that Dr. Williams has for Plano ISD students, staff, families and the community," said Plano ISD School Board President Nancy Humphrey. "We are grateful for her inspirational leadership as we continue to work to provide the best educational experiences for our students."

Honorees are recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields. Nominees are honored at the annual luncheon and awards presentation. On average, more than 300 community leaders attend this annual event.

This year's education honorees included:

- Dr. Theresa Williams, Plano ISD
- Tabitha Branum, Richardson ISD
- Dr. Amy King, West Coast University-Richardson Campus
- Pamela Parkman, McKinney ISD
- Dr. Yvette Pearson, University of Texas at Dallas
- Debbi Richards, Dallas College-Richland Campus

Altrusa is an international nonprofit organization focused on making local communities better through leadership, partnership and service.

### **About Plano Independent School District**

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](http://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 6,500 staff members who serve nearly 48,000 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.

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