

Student Interns with Senator Watson

For a while now, Rebecca Giuntoli has known that she wanted to get involved with government or non-profit work, especially at the state level. When Senator Kirk Watson attended TSD's Graduation ceremony in 2016, Rebecca and her mom, Susie Giuntoli, felt he might be open to the idea of allowing Rebecca to participate in an internship with him since he was already collaborating with the school in other ways. TSD's Employment Specialist, Carmen Asebedo, helped solidify the arrangements, and before she knew it, this HS Senior was at the State Capitol for a three-week interim position with the Senator as a research intern.

Her duties included researching different articles and helping to provide Senator Watson with summaries of relevant, reliable information presented in layman's terms. Rebecca is quite passionate about environmental law and, in her words, is excited to be a part of something great and be able to influence people and help the Deaf community. Rebecca hopes that her experience will help pave the way for other Deaf individuals to pursue similar positions in the future.



Senator Kirk Watson ✓
@KirkPWatson

Thx @RebeccaGiuntoli for helping out in my Senate office. Good luck w/ your last year at Texas School for the Deaf



SOTX (Special Olympics Texas)

On November 4th and 5th, our 17 bowlers went to Dart Bowl for SOTX Bowling Area Competition. They won medals & ribbons! A great day for our Rangers! Congratulations to them!

Thanks to Coaches Ron Shipley and Vincent DiMare for helping out with everything. Also, a special shout-out to Bryce Leiker for driving a bus transporting them to Westgate Lanes for practice! Thanks, Bryce!



Technology Promotion for Females with ChickTech

Two TSD students, Isadora Egbert and Julia Kennedy, along with MS math teacher, Dawn Kidd, participated in the inaugural ChickTech Austin: High School program at a 2 day kick off event on November 12-13, 2016. ChickTech Austin promotes technology among female students, giving them female role models and creating a positive association with technology creation. One hundred girls from the Austin area were nominated by their teachers and then selected to be in the ChickTech High School program, which will continue after the kick off weekend with monthly activities related to different careers, technologies, and companies.

Isadora and Julia made projects in the Soft Circuits workshop, which included designing circuits using a programmable LilyPad Arduino Main Board (a small wearable computer), LEDs, conductive thread, batteries, and textiles. At the end of the weekend, which was held at the Google offices in north Austin, there was a Tech Fair for the participants to show their creations to family and friends.



Annabelle Weaver places 3rd at AIPL Cross Country Championship

Annabelle Weaver, 8th grader, earned 3rd place at the AIPL Championships held at the Hancock Golf Course on November 12th. She competed alongside 50 other female runners. Annabelle was in 4th place at a few hundred yards, but the TSD 5th/6th Grade boys, her biggest fans, ran along her the whole 2.1-mile course and cheered her on. She sprinted and inched out the runner in front of her to capture the 3rd place medal for herself. Congratulate Annabelle if you happen to see her around on campus.



Wes Singleton's Video Technology Class Produces CEASD Welcome Video

TSD High School Students produced a cool Welcome Video for the CEASD Accreditation Team. Check it out at https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Z0MR38SYIVSEJrM1V0RTIZa0k/view

