

TJ announces 2007 National Honor Society inductees

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The National Honor Society was founded in 1921. The National Association of Secondary School Principals established the recognition to encourage academic achievement while developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These ideals of scholarship, character, service and leadership remain as relevant today as they were in 1921.

At Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School, sophomores and juniors are invited to apply for National Honor Society if they have a 90% minimum grade point average for consecutive quarters, that must be maintained in order to maintain their membership.

During the school year, the National Honor Society members participate in a variety of activities. The students also sponsor many activities throughout the year a few include, fundraisers to help with expenses of children with cancer, they participated in the KOAM Canned Food Drive and Toy Drive, donating over 2,000 cans of food and 200 toys to help families in our area . Students also sponsored a program called "One for Books Drive." Students raised money and purchased books that were then donated to the Joplin Children's Center. Scholastic, which sponsors the book fair, matched each dollar with a book and donated 373 books to centers for needy children nationwide. Another 450 books were donated by Thomas Jefferson students, faculty and their families and 300 of these books were donated to the Lafayette House and 150 of them were donated to the Turnaround Ranch.

30 students were inducted at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School based on the above requirements at a ceremony April 30, 2007.

Juniors: Martha Falls and Stephanie Smith

Sophomores: Alexandra Bowman, Mattie Crossland, Jessie Ferguson, Virginia Geddie, Raychel Glassman, Mary Hershewe, Cheyenne Hill, Halley Riesenmy, and Kayleen Seidl.

Returning members: Amanda Almich, Kristina Kory, Haley Daus, Summer Davidson , Allison Fraum, William Humphreys, Michael Madden, Caitlin Miller, Joe Newman, Elaina Reinsvold, and Carly