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## Samuel Beck Named Blue Ribbon School



Samuel Beck Elementary School was named a 2008 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings on September 9. A prestigious award honoring schools that are academically superior or that have shown dramatic gains in student achievement, Beck Elementary was one of only 18

public elementary schools in Texas and 320 schools across the nation to receive this great honor. "This is a momentous occasion," said Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. "I applaud the students, parents and staff of Samuel Beck Elementary School for this significant achievement. As we strive to provide an outstanding education to

students in NISD, achievements like this serve as indicators that we are on the right path ... that we are leading our students to success." Samuel Beck Elementary School has been eagerly waiting for this announcement since the fall of 2007 when the school was first nominated for the award. Only 69 percent of the

nominated schools were actually named a 2008 Blue Ribbon School. "We are honored ... This is a tribute to our students and our diligent staff who are dedicated to the children of our school," said principal Deborah McCune. Beck Elementary is the second Northwest ISD school to receive this coveted award. Northwest High

School was named a Blue Ribbon School in 2002. Samuel Beck Elementary was also recognized in December 2006 as a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc., a separate awards program. The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools award distinguishes and honors *continued on page 5*

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## Eagle Scouts recognized by Congressman Marchant



The Eagle Scouts honored by Marchant are: (Bedford) Daniel Hoenich; (Carrollton) Alexander Gonzales, Collin Conley, Salman Jasani, Bryan Mahoney, Bennett Mobley, Matthew Monroe, Jason Tennenbaum, Normand Vezina; (Cedar Hill) Austin Keese, James Miller; (Colleyville) Cannon Koester, Charles Rambo; (Coppell) Jonathan Berry, Mitchell Hansen, Erik Gruenes, Richard Olney, Joshua Otwell, Andrew Stack, Jeff Tepper; (Dallas) Jesse Cogbill, Rian Lowe; (Duncanville) Joshua Brown, Stephen Cahill, Walter Hafer, Jonathan Rich, Adrian Sobalvarro; (Farmers Branch) Kyle Lonquist; (Grand Prairie) Daniel Box, David Gage, Joseph King, Jr., Harrison Miller, Michael Swindell, Austin Tembrock; (Grapevine) Brent Biefeldt; (Irving) Jonathan Bellew, Preston Dendy, Frank Fusselman, Casey McDaniel; (Southlake) Andrew Christ and Dalton Harbour.

In August, U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant recognized over forty Boy Scouts that achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at the National Scouting Museum in Irving.

The honored Scouts were

all residents of District 24, the area that Marchant represents in Congress. In recognition of their achievement, each Eagle Scout was awarded an American flag and gift of commemoration on behalf

of the office of Congressman Marchant. An Eagle Scout is a Scout with the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. Requirements *continued on page 8*

## DREAM "WORKS OUT" FOR NEW BUSINESS OWNER

By Sandy Scott, Northeast Times

How many of us get to live our dream? In Colleyville, one business owner is doing just that every day. He's Dale DeLatte, who opened Anytime Fitness at the corner of Precinct Line Road and North Tarrant Parkway in March of this year.

In large letters high up on the wall of DeLatte's fitness center is the message: "Passion + Commitment = Results", a testament to how he achieved his own dream of helping others while following his passion.

"I've worked out since I was 15, always belonged to a gym," says DeLatte, although he is quick to add that he was never a fitness extremist. He believes firmly that quality of life is achieved through exercise. "Quality is what it's all about." No matter how busy, DeLatte believes, each of us needs to make a habit of including regular exercise in our routines. "There is no denying the benefit of exercise. Exer-

cise makes for a better you. Exercise with consistency; you won't regret it." Obviously fit himself, DeLatte, 51, knows from experience that, before realizing your dream, sometimes you have to endure some nightmares.



Pictured above is Dale DeLatte, Anytime Fitness Owner

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, DeLatte and his parents moved to Metairie where he and Penny, his wife, both "from simple backgrounds", grew up in the same neighborhood. They have three children: Heather, 25; Wendy, 18; and Greg, 16.

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