

Comal Independent School District

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Congressman Lamar Smith presents SBMS teacher with Humanities award

Spring Branch Middle G/T teacher Troy Mann entered some rarified air Thursday, when he received an "Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award" in front of his students during a ceremony at SBMS.

It was one of only 15 such awards given out for the 2006-07 school year and Mann received a special visitor for the presentation.

U.S. Congressman Lamar Smith introduced Mann and presented him with the award and a check for \$500 to go toward his further teaching of the Humanities.

"Troy Mann has given you the most valuable thing anyone can give you," Smith told Mann's students, who were congregated in the SBMS gymnasium. "He's given you a good education, and he's set an example for all of us.

"I just wish I could be in that classroom to take advantage of the lessons you get to learn everyday."

Mann earns praise from his students year after year for his unique teaching style, which includes lessons based on his many trips around the world to different far-away locations.

"This award isn't just for me," Mann said. "It's for my students, their parents and our staff and administration. I'm at the right place at the right time and I know I'm very lucky to be here. I love my job.

"The world is an amazing place and I want my students to experience it."

Comal ISD superintendent Dr. Marc Walker, CISD G/T coordinator Dolly Adams and San Antonio Chamber of Commerce president and Humanities Texas chairman Joseph Krier also attended the ceremony.

“Troy Mann has proved once again he’s one of our best and brightest teachers,” Walker said. “This is a tremendous honor, and it reflects greatly upon our school district.”

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