



April 4, 2014

## National USITT Conference:

Frisco High School technical theatre students and their instructor Ben Shurr recently addressed the National United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) Conference held in Fort Worth in March. The students offered advice on how to establish and maintain a successful high school student chapter of the highly respected professional organization. Also participating in the conference were Liz Shurr, theatre arts and theatre tech teacher at Lone Star High School, and LSHS student liaison Taylor Ackerman. Lone

Star is in the process of founding a new student chapter. Frisco High School's USITT chapter is the oldest still-existing student chapter of USITT in the southwest region and the only current chapter in Frisco ISD. Though it was not the first founded in the region, its success is in its longevity. There are now many more student chapters at high schools throughout the country and FHS students offered their advice and experience with the organization to others interested in founding a chapter. "The experience we all had was nothing

short of amazing. The students spoke well and represented FISD exceptionally well," said Ben Shurr, who was very proud to have his students asked to speak at the national event. USITT offers opportunities of recognition and a forum for shared ideas and education for professional technical theatre designers, make-up artists, costumers, lighting and electrical technicians, etc. It also encourages and offers workshops and competitions for high school and college technical theatre students.

## Summer School Registration:

Frisco ISD has high standards for academic achievement and citizenship and works to provide all students with opportunities for success. At the secondary level, the District offers extended summer programs to provide students with opportunities to master the essential elements of incomplete and/or failed courses or to take courses for advancement.

### High School Summer School Information:

**Dates:**  
June 16 – July 2, 2014 [Semester 1]  
July 7 – July 23, 2014 [Semester 2]

**Location:**  
Wakeland High School  
10700 Legacy Drive  
Frisco, TX 75034

**Time:**  
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily

**Registration:**  
Online between April 14<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On-site registration assistance will be offered at Wakeland High School on June 13<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 4 p.m.

**Heads up:**  
**This current six weeks ends on April 18th!**

**Congratulations to Texas State Champion Abby Flores who competed in the USA Wrestling Girls Folkstyle Nationals in Oklahoma City this past weekend and earned a second place finish. She had victories over girls from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Texas. This earns her the title All-American. Congratulations, Abby Flores.**

## Up Coming Events:

- April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Varsity Girls Soccer vs Highland Park: PLAYOFF Stars Annual Spring Show @ 7 p.m..
- April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Stars Annual Spring Show @ 7 p.m..
- April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Student Council Meeting in C105
- April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Save the Date: PROM
- April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Summer School Registration opens today Wear College Shirts to support class of 2014 Jostens Delivers Graduation Orders in FHS Cafe
- April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Blue Crew Applications are DUE to D105
- April 18<sup>th</sup>:** & End of the Six Weeks!