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Westlake Academy Earns Title as 2015 Honor Roll School

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**Grade 9 students help grade 4 students with DNA extraction, use iPads and science journals to record their observations.**

Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Institute for Productivity in Education (IPE) has selected Westlake Academy as one of 713 public schools in Texas to receive the title of 2015 Honor Roll school.

The Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. Schools receiving this distinction from leaders in the Texas academic and business communities have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For high schools, the Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness. The Honor Roll is comprised of two different awards, the “Star Schools” Award and “Scholar Schools” Award.

Star Schools have significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over time. Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population.

“Westlake Academy is honored to be recognized as a high performing Scholar School,” said Dr. Mechelle Bryson, executive principal/director of education, via press release. “We are proud of the outstanding dedication and commitment of our educators in preparing students to meet the challenges of competing in a global marketplace.”

Bryson said Westlake Academy staff is especially proud of its students and their commitment to the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework and learner profile. “The gift of an IB World Education is invaluable and prepares our students for the demands of the world in which they live, tweet and post.”

Westlake Academy Superintendent Tom Brymer said teachers and administrators work tirelessly to keep the focus on high expectations and student academic achievement, continuously improving our practices. “Their hard work and dedication is paying off for all of our students,” he said.

Jim Lanich, ERP president and CEO, said students are achieving at higher levels and more students than ever are succeeding when given the opportunity. “The American education system has a secret. Many schools are doing well ... the Honor Roll proves it.”

The annual Honor Roll award is made possible by support from numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, AAA, Macy’s, Wells Fargo, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the and several private foundations. Chevron Corporation provided specific support in the creation of the STEM Honor Roll.