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DEER PARK---The Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) recently announced that two Deer Park ISD employees are among the three finalists in separate awards sponsored by the group. Superintendent Arnold Adair is a finalist for TCEA Superintendent of the Year and Deepwater Junior High 's Colleen McKenna is a finalist for TCEA Librarian of the Year. A committee of TCEA members selected Adair and McKenna from a group of nominees from across the state.

The Superintendent of the Year award is given to a superintendent who recognizes the importance of technology in the teaching and learning process and actively promotes the use of technology throughout the district. According to DPISD Executive Director for Technology Kari Rhame, Adair embodies these traits.

"Mr. Adair has been the encouraging force and inspiration to provide technology resources in Deer Park ISD for students, teachers and all employees," she said. "I believe that DPISD could not have made the great strides into the technological age without his leadership and support."

The Librarian of the Year award is given to a Texas certified librarian who actively promotes the integration of technology in the Library Media Center and works collaboratively with administrators, teachers and students to promote and support the integration of technology throughout the curriculum.

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“Deepwater Junior High is fortunate to have Colleen McKenna serving as its librarian,” Rhame said. “She is an inspiration and great supporter of the use of technology within instruction both in the campus media center and the classrooms. She encourages teachers and students to seek knowledge and answers by utilizing all technological resources available.”

Adair and McKenna, as well as other finalists, will be honored at TCEA’s annual convention on Feb. 7-11. Awards are presented to a classroom teacher, librarian, technology administrator, instructional technology specialist, administrator, superintendent, and technical support person of the year. Winners and finalists are presented with plaques during a ceremony at the convention. Winners receive a \$1,000 grant and finalists receive a \$500 grant.

Last year, several DPISD employees received recognition from TCEA. Larry Martin, a Technology Department employee, was a finalist for Technology Support Person of the Year and Parkwood Elementary Principal Belinda Box was a finalist for Administrator of the Year. Deepwater Elementary’s Kelly Grigg was the winner of the state Technology Teacher of the Year award and Rhame won the state Technology Administrator of the Year award.

TCEA is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the intergration of technology into curriculum and instruction. There are more than 7,000 TCEA members. For more information, go to [www.tcea.org](http://www.tcea.org) on the Internet.

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