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Royse City High School Student Council Earns Top National Award

Royse City, TX (April 7, 2022)—For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, the Royse City High School Student Council has been recognized as a **2022 National GOLD Council of Excellence** by the National of Student Council (NatStuCo). The NatStuCo program is supported by its parent organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

The RCHS Student Council plans and implements numerous projects and events, including in the areas of Pride and Patriotism, Drugs, Safety, Alcohol and Health (DASH) Awareness, Energy and Environment, Community Service, Teacher Appreciation, Staff and Student Affirmations, Random Acts of Kindness, Homecoming Theme Week and Dance, Prom, and has earned recognition as a Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Sweepstakes Award-Winning Council for being awarded excellence in every state category, as well as designation as an “Outstanding Student Council” for 6 consecutive years. Last year, the council was named a National Council of Excellence before making a commitment to strive for the highest award of National Gold Council this year. They have also been elected and served on their District Board in the TASC District 3 Corresponding and Secretary School positions.

“Royse City High School Student Council is an organization that doesn’t just exist, they excel with intentionality in all they do. They dream big with servants’ hearts, positively impacting our Bulldog Family through their leadership and influence on campus and in the community. One of the many things Stuco excels at is building on traditions and experiences for our students and staff. Their leadership on campus creates a positive school culture striving to empower all

students to have a “One RC,” better together, mindset. They are intentional in affirming our Bulldog Family through numerous projects that bring joy and positivity with a mighty, selfless, and impactful presence,” Royse City High School Principal Brooke McMaster said.

“As a council we always work to make everyone feel united and connected through the one thing we all have in common, which is we are all one big Bulldog family. It means so much that others notice the work and love we have put into this school year,” Junior Teacher Appreciation Director/Officer Jerzi Whisnant said.

“My life has been richly blessed by these outstanding and selfless young adult leaders. This group demonstrates commitment and follow-through as well as any group I have ever had the pleasure to work with. They show up, show out, and show love and kindness whenever possible. They truly want to change their school, community, and the world for the better. They are joyful, dynamic, and just pure fun to be around. They motivate me, motivate our campus administration team, and prove that teenagers can serve as catalysts for positive change. This award is the embodiment of their service, dedication, and passion in all that they do, and I am honored from the bottom of my heart to have the opportunity to serve alongside them,” Royse City High School Student Council Advisor Leah Voth said.

“Receiving a National Gold Council of Excellence Award shows the utmost dedication a school’s students, leaders, and staff have made to making their community a better place,” said NASSP CEO Ronn Nozoe. “Royse City Student Council has gone above and beyond in elevating student voice to ensure they are establishing a positive climate and culture, as well as fostering academic and social growth for all.”

To meet the requirements for the National Gold Council of Excellence Award, a student council must meet a variety of criteria. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, the councils have demonstrated successful sponsorship and participation in activities such as leadership development and service to the school and community.

About National Student Council

National Student Council (NatStuCo) provides and promotes professional development and leadership training to student council advisers who, in turn, teach leadership skills to student council members. NatStuCo is dedicated to preparing and empowering student leaders to better serve their schools and communities. For more information, visit www.NatStuCo.org.

About NASSP

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