



I have some great news to share with you this evening!



2011 College Readiness Award



Congratulations, Martin HS!

Martin High School recently received the 2011 College Readiness Award from the Texas ACT Council. The award is in recognition of a significant increase in the ACT composite score over the past five years while also increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment. Great work!



Texas Exes Awards

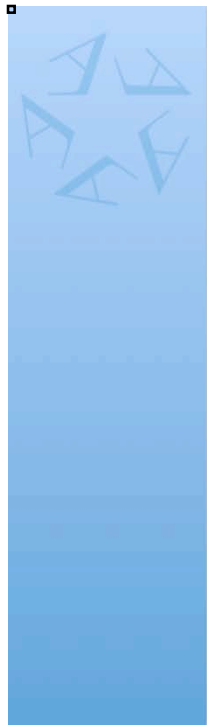


*Betsy Clark, Martin HS
Rapoport Rising Star*



*Tricia Regalado, Martin HS
Texas Exes Outstanding Teacher*

Two Martin teachers received awards from the Texas Exes, the alumni association of the University of Texas at Austin. Assistant Choir Director Betsy Clark was selected as a Rapoport Rising Star. This honor is given to teachers with less than three years experience who are up-and-coming educators. Journalism Teacher and *Warrior Post* Adviser Tricia Regalado was named a Texas Exes Outstanding Teacher. Betsy and Tricia will attend the Conference on Texas Excellence in Education and be honored at an awards banquet in February.



Happy Holidays!



I encourage you to find a way to give back to our community, especially during this holiday season. This Saturday I will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. Also Saturday, the Arlington Police Department is holding their annual Santa Cops day at the Arlington Convention Center. It's always a great day for our students who receive gifts. The Arlington High School FFA donated the poinsettias decorating the board room tonight. They grow and sell the plants as one of their fundraisers.