

## BA commitment to student's future

BY SHERI BEACH

Bryan Adams High School is committed to academic success for all its students. Not only has the East Dallas school focused on the TAKS test through an after-school and Saturday tutoring program, it has also worked with students on their plans after high school.

Counselor Patricia Paris came up with the idea for universities and colleges to meet with students on campus. Thus "BA University" was born. The program is designed for students who are college bound. College representatives come to discuss programs available and leave with applications filled out by students so they can follow up with them.

Four to six colleges a month meet with students. Recent visits have included Texas Woman's University, Texas A&M, Paul Quinn and various community colleges. There are more than 22 advanced placement classes available at Bryan Adams High School with dual credit courses starting in the 2008-09 school year.

Bryan Adams also recently brought in The Academic Success Program led by Amber Gonzalez. This is an academic and college guidance program that helps students prepare for higher education. The program prepares students to be successful in

every portion of the college application process such as filling out applications, SAT preparation, development of leadership and public-speaking skills and preparation for interviews and help filling for financial aid.

The program started small and was only available to seniors, but will expand next year to also include ninth- through 11th-graders. April 11, there will be an induction ceremony for all students participating in this program.

May 8 is Senior Showcase Day at the school to honor those who have been accepted to college. So far, BA students have been offered more than \$785,000 in merit-based scholarships.

Bryan Adams also has a great staff of counselors working to mentor students to guide them through the process of finding the right college, as well as making sure they have the right number of credits and SAT/ACT scores needed for applying.

In addition, the Bryan Adams Parent Teacher Student Association awards scholarships each year to deserving seniors.

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### MORE INFO

Call 972-502-4900.

#### Forum Senior Education Series

### April 9th "The Culture of Tea"

Other than water, tea is the most commonly consumed beverage in the world. For this talk and demonstration, Kyle Stewart will perform the Chinese Tea Ceremony. Also included will be a tasting of unusual teas.

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
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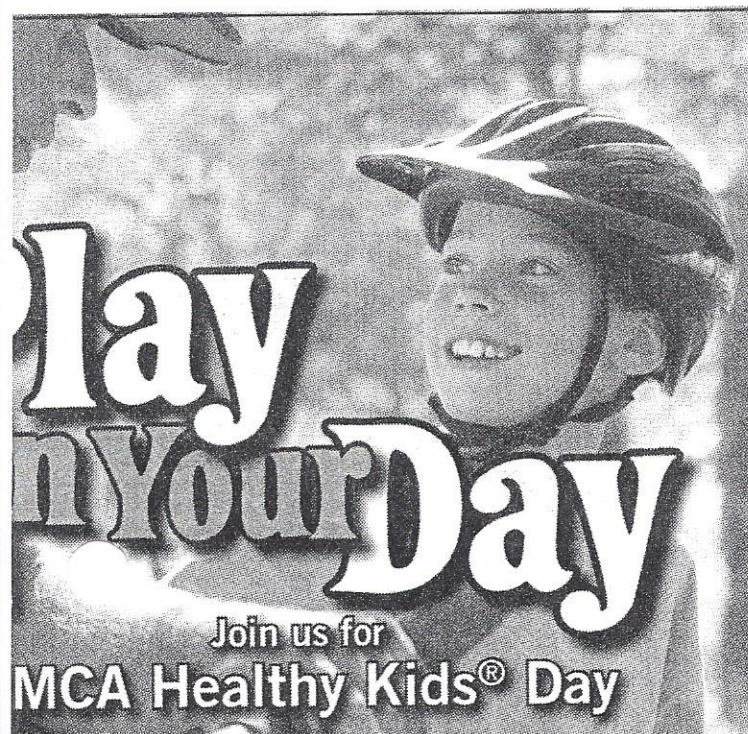
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