



Friends of Texas Public Schools names First Annual Ambassador of the Year

Katrina Michelle Keener has lived in Red Oak since birth. She attended school in Red Oak and was very involved with her school. She was a cheerleader for Red Oak Junior High and again her freshman year at Red Oak High School. She then became the Hawk mascot for the remainder three years of high school. Katrina was a member of student council, National Honor Society, Choir, Theater. She loved acting and singing which made her decide at a young age that she wanted to teach Theater when she grew up. Her goal was to graduate from college and come back to Red Oak to teach. Katrina graduated from Red Oak High School in 1997. After graduation she attended Tarleton State University where she again was very involved with student organizations as well as Choir and Theater. She performed in many plays while attending college. She graduated from Tarleton with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. The first year after she graduated from college she worked as a substitute teacher for Red Oak ISD. She attended Region 10 Education Center program for Teacher certification. She was then offered a job at Red Oak Jr. High where she is currently employed as the Theater Arts Director. Katrina has a unique story to tell her students since the stage that they perform on at this time is the same stage she performed on in high school but was also the stage that she chose to get married on. She wanted to be married in a theater and decided what better place to do this where each day she can visualize her performing on the stage and marrying the love of her life on the same one.



Katrina loves bringing out the best in her students. She works very hard to make each student feel successful. Each year the students at ROJH perform in the UIL One Act competition where they have placed first or Second place the past 8 years. She has her students write and perform plays each six weeks. At each performance she has the student accept donations to be given to a charity. She truly cares about each of her students and always uses her life experiences to help them as well. She has overcome obstacles in her life which help her relate to student's needs.