

Dr. Don Stockton Named TCA 2004 Layperson of the Year

The Texas Counseling Association (TCA) honored Dr. Don Stockton, Conroe Independent School District Superintendent, with their TCA Layperson Exemplary Service Award for 2004. TCA Awards Committee Chairperson, Rose Garcia stated, "We are honoring Dr. Stockton for the many exemplary examples of professional achievements and personal dedication. Equally important is the outstanding service he has provided in the promotion of guidance and counseling." This award is given yearly to a person who has gone above and beyond expectations to assist guidance counselors in their school district and practicing counselors across the state.

Dr. Stockton began his career in education in 1984 as a mathematics teacher at Tecumseh Junior High School in Lafayette, Indiana. He moved to Texas in 1986 and began his career in the Conroe Independent School District as a mathematics teacher and coach at Travis Junior High School. Dr. Stockton transferred to Conroe High School in 1989 where he was a math teacher and coach. He began his administrative career at Knox Junior High School as an assistant principal in 1990, and continued his career with a move to Oak Ridge High School one year later as an assistant principal, where he remained for two years. After his two years at Oak Ridge High School, he moved to McCullough High School in a similar position. Dr. Stockton was named principal at Knox Junior High School in 1994 and principal at McCullough Junior High School two years later. Following three years as the McCullough Junior High School Principal, Dr. Stockton moved to The Woodlands High School, where he would spend the next three years as principal. Dr. Stockton was named Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for the Conroe Independent School District in the spring of 2002, and Interim Superintendent one year later. On July 8, 2003, Dr. Stockton was named Superintendent of the Conroe Independent School District.

Community involvement and visibility are very important to Dr. Stockton. In addition to his District responsibilities, he serves on numerous educational and civic boards and committees, including Junior Achievement Board of Southeast Texas, Fast-Growth Coalition Steering Committee, Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce, The Woodlands South County Chamber of Commerce, The Greater Conroe Economic Development Council, and the Education for Tomorrow Alliance.

"I am honored to be the recipient of the TCA Layperson Exemplary Service Award for this year. Having worked in CISD for 18 years, I have a true appreciation for the students, parents, educators, and community that make up the CISD family. My focus as Superintendent is to unite the District in order to provide the very best educational experience for every child in the District. We must work together to provide the guidance and counseling that all of our students need to prepare them to be confident and competent. As we face the challenges of continued growth and higher accountability, together we can excel."

