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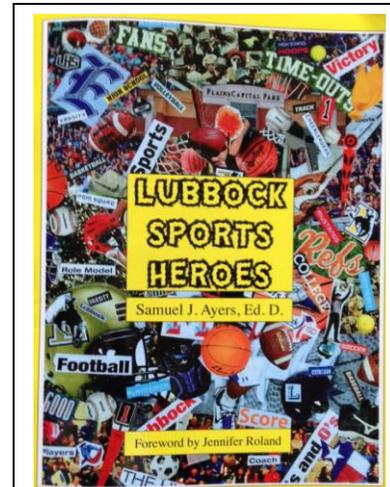
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**VIDEO PROJECT RECOGNITION:** *Under the Surface* (empathy film) was created in January 2014 for use in teacher professional development. The film was written by Sam Ayers and co-directed with videographer Austin Wideman. The video was featured in a KCBD-TV news story and has been viewed in secondary classrooms and in professional development for both preservice teachers and practicing educators. This summer, The Knowledge Center was awarded a 2014 Bronze Telly Award honoring the finest film and video productions created by companies, agencies, and organizations of all sizes. This fall, The Knowledge Center was awarded a Silver Davey Award by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts. The award honors the finest

creative work by the best small firms, agencies, and companies worldwide. *Under the Surface* may be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ-pU7ozt3g> or at [www.theknowledgecenter.org](http://www.theknowledgecenter.org).

**LUBBOCK SPORTS HEROES:** Every generation dating back to the Olympic games in Greece has had their sports heroes. In an effort to record local sports history, Sam Ayers conducted interviews and collected information from various sources to write the reference book *Lubbock Sports Heroes*, a soft back book highlighting the accomplishments of one hundred twenty-five outstanding Lubbock area athletes and coaches 1915-2015. The book includes individual photos, athletic accomplishments, and professional career information on each of the athletes and coaches. Complimentary copies of the book were provided to Lubbock area public and school libraries. Funding for the project was provided through donations and grants from the CH Foundation and the Texas Council for the Social Studies Stalwart grant program. A follow-up publication highlighting the sports accomplishments of additional athletes and coaches is currently being researched.



**RECOGNITION BANNERS:** Attendance and academic improvement have been areas targeted for improvement at Estacado High School in recent years. This fall, recognition banners were provided to administrators at Estacado High School for attendance gains and content area “Met Standard.” These banners were printed by Jester Art Service and added to existing student pride banners displayed in the school hallways.

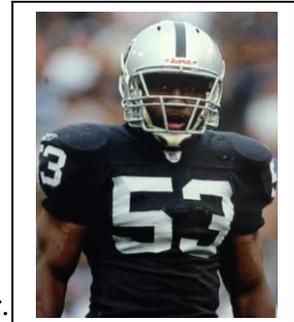


**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:** The 2014-15 Helen Jones Knowledge Center Scholarship was awarded to **Brittany Holloway** and **Kaylee Stewart**. Both are seniors at Lubbock Christian University. **Brittany Holloway** is a graduate of Groom High School (Texas) where she was a member of National Honor Society and varsity athletics. She is a senior majoring in Early Childhood Education and is a member of the LCU Honors Program and Kappa Delta Pi (education international honor society). Miss Holloway plans to graduate in December 2015 and teach in the Dallas area. **Kaylee Stewart** is a graduate of Grants High School (New Mexico) where she was a member of the varsity soccer and track teams. She is a junior majoring in Early Childhood Education and is a member of the LCU Ambassadors Program and Zeta Gamma social club. She plans to graduate in May 2016 and teach in the Lubbock area.



**LETTER JACKET CEREMONY:** Matador Lettermen were honored at the Fifth Annual Estacado Letter Jacket Recognition Assembly. Seventy-seven Estacado High School students received letter jackets for their accomplishments in athletics, cheerleading, band, choir, academic decathlon, mock trial, academic UIL, One Act, and chess. The letter jackets were provided through special arrangements with Balfour and grant funds from The CH Foundation, the Knowledge Center, and individual donors.

**ESTACADO HALL OF FAME:** The Estacado Hall of Fame inducted **Thomas Arquis Howard** (1983-2013) during the Fall 2014 ceremony. He was a 2001 graduate of Estacado High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Texas El Paso. He was an All-American for the Miners and a second round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders. Mr. Howard played seven seasons in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders, Cincinnati Bengals, and Atlanta Falcons. The recognition was accepted by his father James Howard, Jr., who was an All-American at Texas Tech and played eleven seasons in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals. Framing was provided by The CH Foundation and The Knowledge Center.



**KNOWLEDGE NUGGETS VIDEO SERIES:** A professional development video series for preservice teachers and administrators has been developed for use by educators to view individually or in group settings. The videos can also be viewed by educators new to the profession. The videos feature experienced educators and administrators addressing a specific topic in three to seven minutes. Topics address resume writing, interviewing skills, classroom management, student responses, and legal issues. Austin Wideman served as the videographer for the project, which was made

possible through a generous grant from the South Plains Foundation. The videos may be viewed at [www.theknowledgecenter.org](http://www.theknowledgecenter.org) or [https://www.youtube.com/my\\_videos?o=U](https://www.youtube.com/my_videos?o=U).

**EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD:** The Knowledge Center and Lubbock Christian University School of Education are partnering to recognize outstanding teachers working in public school districts with attendance areas within Lubbock County. Teachers will be nominated by their superintendents and complete a packet to be reviewed by a Blue Ribbon Panel. All nominated teachers will be recognized at a reception at Lubbock Christian University in April, and the top two teachers will receive the Lubbock Christian Award for Excellence in Teaching and \$1,000.