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### **BEEVILLE ISD EDUCATOR, ALLISON WILBURN, RECEIVES EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 2 SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Beeville, TX- August 7, 2020** --- Beeville Independent School District educator, Allison Wilburn, has been selected as the Education Service Center Region 2 Secondary Teacher of the Year. To be chosen for this award, Mrs. Wilburn competed with fellow educators from 47 districts in the region. Mrs. Wilburn is the first recipient of the Education Service Center Region 2 Secondary Teacher of the Year award from Beeville ISD.

Mrs. Wilburn is a teacher at The Joe Barnhart Academy where she teaches Project Lead the Way. Mrs. Wilburn has participated in multiple trainings which have earned her the designation of Project Lead the Way Master Teacher. Project Lead the Way is a hands-on, application-based program that progresses from sixth through eighth grade. The coursework begins with Innovators and Makers in the sixth grade, where students learn to make circuit boards and code. Seventh grade students have the opportunity to Design and Model using engineering software; and, eighth grade students take part in App Creators, where they learn about various coding applications. These courses provide a rigorous educational experience for students.

Although Mrs. Wilburn leads as a classroom teacher, she is also the Gifted and Talented Coordinator for Moreno Junior High and The Joe Barnhart Academy. She also represents her campus through the Beeville ISD Ambassador program, a

Texas based program that advocates for public school students and teachers. She enjoys instilling in her students the joy of giving back to the community. This was evident most recently when her class was awarded a grant through the Give Back to Beeville Project this past spring. By using their problem solving skills acquired in her classes, the Project Lead the Way students identified the need for more swings for students with disabilities in Bee County. The class was awarded the grant from Coffee Barrel after presenting their plan, which led to the county agreeing to install the swings.

Allison Wilburn attended school in Beeville ISD and graduated from Skidmore-Tynan High School. She attended Coastal Bend College on a scholarship, then graduated from Texas A&M University Kingsville, where she earned a degree in Agriculture Science. Upon graduation from college Mrs. Wilburn served as an Agriculture Science teacher through 2018.

Asked if she would ever stop teaching, Allison replied, "...no, she loves teaching." Allison's motto is, "It's not the now results, it's the end results." Mrs. Wilburn will be starting her third year at The Joe Barnhart Academy in Beeville ISD. She will continue on to be considered with twenty other teachers for the Texas Teacher of the Year.

The presentation took place at 9:30 AM on Friday, August 7, 2020 at the Moreno Junior High School.



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