

# Teacher of the Year

## *A Celebration of Excellence*

**CMS – Sharon Rice**

**College attended:** SFASU

**Years in education:** 27 years, 8 at Center

**Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?**

My co-worker, Gladys Andrews. We make a great team in the 'outback.' She is often my sounding board, and sometimes the shoulder I need.



**In your own education, what teacher inspired you? Do you find yourself implementing their strategies in the classroom?**

Nikki Hudspeth, she modeled the importance of having a connection with the students so that they know how much you care.

**What was a goal you set this year? Did you achieve it? If not, when will you?**

My goal this year was to set up a classroom library, which was done mainly through contributions. I was also able to get more students involved in UIL competition.

**What do you love about CISD?**

The main thing I love about CISD are the kids.

**What advice would you give a novice teacher starting a career at CISD in the fall?**

My advice to a novice teacher would be to build relationships and trust with students. When this is done, the students will achieve.