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**TERRELL TEACHER HONORED FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY EXCELLENCE**

Terrell High School instructor Craig Grazioli has been honored as a recipient of the Teaching Excellence in Financial Literacy Award presented annually by the Education Foundation of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT). The award includes a $1,000 cash prize.

Grazioli, who teaches Career and Technical Education courses, received the award during ceremonies before the Terrell District School Board from Sarah Dyess of American National Bank of Texas, who nominated him for the coveted honor, and IBAT Education Foundation President Mary Lange of Austin.

Principal Tina Schultz called Grazioli “dynamic in the classroom.”

“He makes learning relevant for his students, using real simulations, the headlines and role play,” she explained. “He brings speakers who are practitioners in the field into his class. He and his students use technology to take their content to the levels of analysis and creation.”

“Mr. Graz”, as his students call him, resurrected the accounting program at the school after an absence of several years. His students participated in the U.S. Treasury Department’s National Financial Capability Challenge this spring and eight scored in the top 20 percentile nationwide.

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IBAT represents 2,000 Texas-based banks and branches located in 700 communities across the state. The IBAT Education Foundation funds initiatives with the power to help community bankers actively create a more secure financial future for all Texans. Its focus is directed toward financial literacy programs for consumers and bankers.

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