

## **TIVY HIGH PRESENTED COLLEGE READINESS AWARD ACT Scores and Test-Takers on the Rise**

The Texas ACT Council announced that Tivy High School has received the 2009 College Readiness Award for maintaining or increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college readiness. Less than 5% of all Texas high schools reach this superior level of achievement.

The Texas ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development, and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is used and accepted by all colleges nationwide and throughout Texas.

According to the Texas ACT Council, nearly 160,000 Texas students took the ACT in 2009 which was an all-time high and Texas ACT scores have increased substantially over the last five years.

Karen L. Pennell, Assistant Vice President and ACT Southwest Regional Manager congratulated Tivy High School saying, "The Texas ACT Council wanted to recognize Texas high schools that have made significant strides in increasing the college readiness of their graduates as demonstrated by their ACT score increases over the past five years. This can only happen as a result of the high school's faculty and staff efforts and the dedication of Tivy High School students and parents to focus on college readiness and raise the level of college readiness for all students."

For more information on the ACT visit the website [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). For more information on the College Readiness Award, contact Karen Pennell, Act, Inc. Southwest Region at (512)345-2997. For Tivy High School ACT information, contact Counselor Kendall Young at (830)257-2212.