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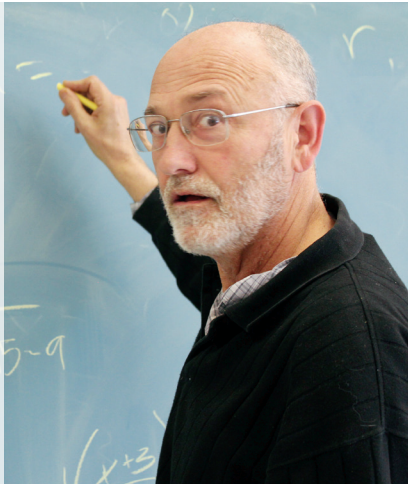
Mr. John Graff
TEACHER OF THE
YEAR NOMINEE

"I'VE NEVER QUESTIONED
MY CHOICE IN CAREER.
I THINK YOU HAVE TO
ENJOY WHAT YOU'RE
DOING, AND I HAVE."

Q&A

How have your students
influenced your career?

"Kids keep me
young, and at my
age, I need to be."



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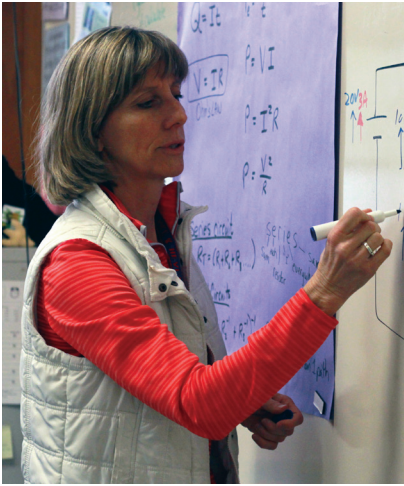
Ms. Jill Harding
TEACHER OF THE
YEAR NOMINEE

"WHEN I WAS OFFERED A
JOB TEACHING IN AUSTIN,
I DECIDED TO GIVE IT A
TRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW
MUCH I WOULD ENJOY IT!"

Q&A

How have your students
influenced your career?

"I have learned as much
from my students as they
have learned from me."



CHASING PERFECTION

*"Ms. Shuttlesworth is
extremely hard working,
and she puts in more
time than anyone I have
ever seen."*

*Mr. Matt Atkinson,
Assistant Director*

*"Ms. Shuttlesworth has the
highest rate of achievement
considering the number of
students she teaches and
reaches out to."*

*Mr. Joseph Powell, Color
Guard Director*

*"Ms. Shuttlesworth knows
how to keep the planets in
orbit. She goes out of her way
to make sure every student
has a great band experience."*

*Mr. Ryan Thomas,
Assistant Director*

*"Ms. Shuttlesworth comes
in a lot earlier than others and
leaves later than them. She
spends a lot of her extra time
helping her students succeed."*

*Ms. Amy Suggs,
Assistant Director*

HONOR PARADE

SURROUNDED BY BALLOONS, senior Emma Orlando prepares for the Teacher of the Year reveal. Ms. Kim Shuttlesworth was nominated by the faculty and staff instead of the student body. "It was super cool to make Ms. Shuttlesworth feel special and see how honored she was to receive the award," Orlando said.

○ Senior Emma Orlando ○ Senior Kaden Wood ○
Ms. Kim Shuttlesworth ○ Seniors Walter Trapp and
Brad Mayo ○ Senior Emma Orlando, junior Vanessa
Salem and Mr. Lawrence Britton ○ Senior Powell Hinson
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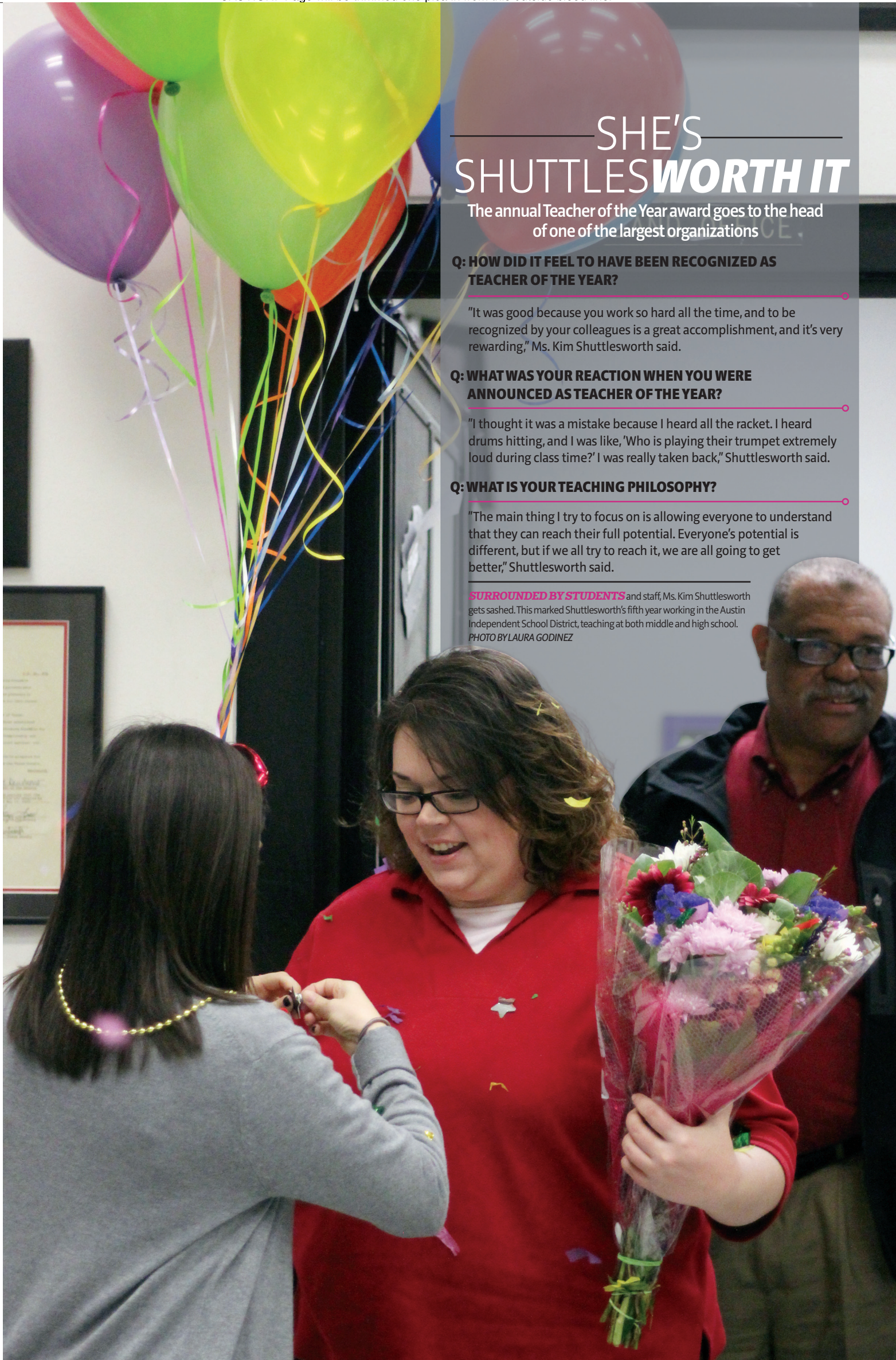
*"Since I am the
Student Council
president, I was
allowed to present
her with the award.
My favorite part was
seeing how excited
she was and all of her
students being excited
for her."*
Powell Hinson, 12

*"Ms. Shuttlesworth has
taught me so much
over the years and has
helped me improve on
my leadership skills."*
Kaden Wood, 12

*"At the time of the
announcement, I was
able to be there. My
favorite part was
seeing her reaction."*
Bradley Mayo, 12

*"I know I'm only a portion of my
students' lives, but they impact
everything I do."*
Ms. Kim Shuttlesworth





SHE'S SHUTTLESWORTH IT

The annual Teacher of the Year award goes to the head
of one of the largest organizations

Q: HOW DID IT FEEL TO HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR?

"It was good because you work so hard all the time, and to be recognized by your colleagues is a great accomplishment, and it's very rewarding," Ms. Kim Shuttlesworth said.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION WHEN YOU WERE ANNOUNCED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR?

"I thought it was a mistake because I heard all the racket. I heard drums hitting, and I was like, 'Who is playing their trumpet extremely loud during class time?' I was really taken back," Shuttlesworth said.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY?

"The main thing I try to focus on is allowing everyone to understand that they can reach their full potential. Everyone's potential is different, but if we all try to reach it, we are all going to get better," Shuttlesworth said.

SURROUNDED BY STUDENTS and staff, Ms. Kim Shuttlesworth gets sashed. This marked Shuttlesworth's fifth year working in the Austin Independent School District, teaching at both middle and high school.
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