



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GCCISD District Spelling Bee

After 73 rounds, 5th grader Anushka Ranjan from Victoria Walker Elementary correctly spelled companion to win the Goose Creek CISD District Spelling Bee. Second place winner Marc DeGuzman, 6th grader from Gentry Junior School, was incorrect in spelling hartebeest during Round 73, giving Ranjan the opportunity for a successful solo round. Madeline Broussard, 5th grade student from Dr. Johnny T. Clark, Jr. Elementary, earned the 3rd place trophy.

Twenty students, all campus spelling bee 1st place winners, competed in the bee, held February 27 at Goose Creek Memorial High School. Besides the top winners, Jolie Courtney, Alamo Elementary; Liam Stokes, Ashbel Smith Elementary; Marcus Johnson, Stephen F. Austin Elementary; Megan Ondap, Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary; Amaya D'Agostino, James Bowie Elementary; Anthony Reyes, George W. Carver Elementary; Crystal Smith, David Crockett Elementary; Swayam Gupta, DeZavala Elementary; Jacqueline Correa, Harlem Elementary; Lacey Donnelly, Highlands Elementary; Victoria Gonzalez, Lamar Elementary; Mason McComb, San Jacinto Elementary; Joshua Dodson, Travis Elementary; Evan Kerr, Baytown Junior; Madilyn Lawrence, Cedar Bayou Junior; Kayla Baham, Highland Junior and Sierra Ketchum, Horace Mann Junior, competed.

Sarah Flusche, district language arts instructional specialist, called the words. Judges were Candy Ochoa, director of curriculum and instruction; Stormy Thibodeaux, district math coordinator and Tamara Meigh, coordinator of language arts for Goose Creek CISD.

"There were more rounds this year in the spelling bee than in previous years, so it was evident that students had been studying and working with the words," said Meigh. "We really appreciate the campus coordinators and all the work they do to organize their campus spelling bees and to prepare their winners for the district bee."



Winners of the Goose Creek CISD District Spelling Bee proudly display their trophies. (At left) Anushka Ranjan, 5th grade student from Victoria Walker Elementary, won the spelling bee after 74 rounds, correctly spelling the word companion. Second place went to Marc DeGuzman (middle), Gentry Junior School 6th grader, and the 3rd place winner was Madeline Broussard, 5th grader from Dr. Johnny T. Clark, Jr. Elementary. View photo gallery [here](#).

Ranjan will participate in the Houston Public Media Spelling Bee Saturday, March 28, which will air live on television at 2 p.m. on Houston Public Media, TV Channel 8. The two top spellers will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 24-29, 2015.

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