



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Rotary Club of Baytown members (from left) Kathy Clausen, Sheila Crawford, Brennan Marsh, Suzanne Heinrich, Steve Daniele, Sandy Delmonico, Deedra Moe, Gilbert Santana, Randal O'Brien, Ronn Haddox, Judge Don Coffey, Amy George, Roger Elswick, Dr. Tom Kelchner and Tom Wright display the award presented to them by the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation at the Annual Appreciation Gala in recognition of the Rotary Club's Gold level donation to the Foundation.

GCCISD Education Foundation Annual Appreciation Gala

Donors to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation were honored at the recent Annual Appreciation Gala, "Making Dreams Come True," at the SpringHill Suites. After a reception and dinner, donors for the 2015 fiscal year were presented with awards to thank them for their generous contributions to the Education Foundation.

Gilbert Santana, president of the Education Foundation, served as master of ceremonies and presented the awards, assisted by Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. Jim Wadzinski, vice president of development, announced the donors.

"It is my pleasure to be with you tonight as we celebrate you—our donors," said Santana. "You are the people who are truly responsible for the work the Foundation has been able to do in Goose Creek CISD."

Camille Burt, AVID teacher at Baytown Junior School, expressed her appreciation for the grant from the Education Foundation that allowed her students to take a Ropes Course. She shared letters from her students thanking the Education Foundation members and telling them how much the experience meant to them.

"From each of the students in my classes, who are often the first member of their family to strive to attend college, to the administration of Goose Creek ISD, and all the way to each of you sitting in this room tonight, an invisible thread unites us in a unified purpose - to ensure that the students within this program are given the skills and opportunities to make themselves college ready," said Burt. The Education Foundation provides resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning and provide opportunities for excellence in education for all students in Goose Creek CISD. Since its inception a little more than five years ago, the organization has awarded more than \$460,000 in innovative teaching grants to deserving educators through the Grant Surprise Patrol. It has also recognized 75 teachers, nominated by senior students, at the Students Choice Awards. The 32-member board donates time and effort to fulfill the Education Foundation's goals of involving the community in assuring a quality education for the leaders and workers of tomorrow, supporting staff for innovative efforts, recognizing staff for exemplary teaching and encouraging all student to work at their highest potential.

Gold level donors present at the Gala were BDI Resources, Community Resource Credit Union, Community Toyota*Honda*Kia, ExxonMobil Corporation, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, Hotchkiss Disposal and Rotary Club of Baytown. Silver level contributors attending the event were Aramark, Baytown GMC-Buick, Beehive Florist, Brent and Joy Brunson and Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital. Bronze level donors present were Beacon Federal Credit Union, James Bower, CenterPoint Energy, Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, Krisher-McKay Realtors (Linda and Torrence Krisher), Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Nancy Mann, PBK Architects, SealPac, Texas First Bank, the Baytown Sun – Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation, Robert R. Tuck Post 912 Veterans



Julia Arceneaux (second from left) and Joe Ditta (second from right) of Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, receive an award at the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's Annual Appreciation Gala for GCEFCU's Gold level donation to the GCCISD Education Foundation. Presenting the award are (left) Gilbert Santana, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation president, and (right) Randal O'Brien, GCCISD superintendent.

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Other donors include American Express and Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, Gold level; Bayer Material Science; Chatham Construction; Outback Steakhouse; Reid, Strickland & Gillette; TCG Group Holdings, LLP and Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green and Trevino, Silver level. Also, Awards & Engraving; John and Debbie Barbosa (Challenge Office Products); Baytown Lions Club; Joe Blommaert; Chesmar Homes; Industrial Sand Products (MegaSand); Andrews Kurth, LLP; Marshall Construction; Jennifer Marcontelli; Prime Systems (Houston Computer Center); Royal Purple Raceway; Sanitary Supply Company; Start & Busch and Robert Tully were Bronze level donors.

The Education Foundation received proceeds from the sale of the centerpieces, donated by Beehive Florist, and the silent auction items.

"Our Goose Creek CISD students and teachers benefit in so many ways from the work of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation," said O'Brien. "We appreciate the time and effort the Foundation members devote to considering the applications and awarding the teaching grants. The teachers really look forward to demonstrating to the Education Foundation just how creative they can be through the enrichment programs that they apply for each year."

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