



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### AVID Great Gatsby Awards Banquet

The Robert E. Lee High School AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) organization recently hosted a Great Gatsby-themed awards event fit for the stars.

AVID students received awards for their academic achievement and scholastic efforts in the AVID program and for being selected as leaders in their schools and community.

While many students were honored at the event at the Nuevo León banquet facility, the highest honor surprised four students who earned \$1000 Exxon Mobil scholarships to the universities of their choice. Scholarship recipients were Shivamkumar Patel and Melissa Reyes, University of Texas; Maria "Angie" Garcia, Sam Houston State University and Samantha Gonzales, Texas A&M University.

"I'm so proud of my students. They have worked so hard and dedicated a tremendous amount of time to their academics and to the AVID program. College is no longer a dream for them, but certainly their new reality. Thank you to ExxonMobil for your generosity and constant support of the REL AVID program," said AVID coordinator Veronica Phillips.

A special surprise for the group was the appearance of former REL AVID coordinator Will Miller, who traveled from New Jersey to join the AVID stars in celebrating this night. Additionally, Matthew Bolinger, former REL academic dean was recognized for his constant support to these four students and the entire AVID program.



Connie Tilton (third from right) of ExxonMobil, presents scholarships to four AVID students at the recent AVID Great Gatsby Awards Banquet. Pictured are (l to r) Matt Bolinger, former REL academic dean; Melissa Reyes; Shivamkumar Patel; Angie Garcia; Samantha Gonzales; Tilton; Veronica Phillips, REL AVID coordinator and Will Miller, former REL AVID coordinator.

The AVID program members also recognized the AVID parents, AVID Site Team members, numerous Double Diamond & Platinum vendors, and Silver & Bronze special donors, who believed in AVID students and donated hundreds of dollars for this celebration. The night would not have been complete without thanking the AVID academic coaches Efrain Hernandez, Jade Cherry, Kristin Jaso and Eva Castellanos, and the AVID Parent of the Year Julie Jannise for their contributions to the success of the AVID students as well as the AVID program.

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