



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GCCISD College and Career Night Extravaganza

The College and Career Night Extravaganza, hosted by the Goose Creek CISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) and the Goose Creek CISD Guidance and Counseling departments, will be November 16, 2015, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Goose Creek Memorial High School, 6001 Wallisville Road, Baytown. Shuttle services will be provided from Robert E. Lee and Ross S. Sterling high schools every 30 minutes. The last pick-up from GCM is at 7:30 p.m.

The event is open to all students, parents and community members to allow area youth the opportunity to meet professionals from a variety of fields as well as representatives from high school and post-secondary programs, institutions, businesses, colleges and universities. The goal is to help students, along with their parents, learn the pathway to a successful career of their choice all in one location. The College and Career Night Extravaganza will be especially helpful to 8th grade students, who will choose career pathways as they design graduation plans.

“The College and Career Night Extravaganza is a collaborative effort between the CTE and Guidance and Counseling departments to connect secondary education to postsecondary education to help students achieve their career goals,” said Tameka Mills, Goose Creek CISD’s coordinator of Career and Technical Education. “We will have participants grouped together by not only career clusters but also graduation endorsements areas to allow students and parents to focus on their area of interest.”

Goose Creek CISD staff will be on hand providing workshops and informational sessions on GCCISD Career Academies, IMPACT Early College High School and Stuart Career Center. Covestro, formerly Bayer Material Science, also will provide a break-out session for students and parents to discuss STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers.

“Over 70 colleges and universities, some from as far away as Harvard in Massachusetts and Universidad de las Americas Puebla in Mexico City, have accepted our invitation as well as Texas universities, including Baylor, University of Texas, Texas A & M, Rice and Texas Tech.” said Travita Godfrey, College and Career coordinator.

Lee College, San Jacinto College and Alvin Community College representatives plan to attend. Students not planning to go the conventional college route may be interested in information from the Art Institute of Houston, Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts or the Aviation Institute of Maintenance. TSU’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the University of Houston School of Optometry will also provide information.



(from left) Rex Miller, meat processing and ATV/small engine repair teacher at Stuart Career Center, and Cary Duhon, construction teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School, discuss their Career and Technical Education programs with Gustavo Salinas (third from right), his son Gustavo Salinas and former Goose Creek CISD Board member Ken Martin (at right) at last year’s Career Night .

“Lamar University, Texas State Technical College, San Jacinto College and Alvin Community College are some of the post-secondary schools signed up to attend the College and Career Night Extravaganza that also support our Deaf Education students, so we plan to have something for everyone,” said Godfrey. Numerous representatives from business and industry also have accepted Goose Creek CISD’s invitation to participate in the event to provide students with the opportunity to understand the educational requirements for jobs in our area. Some of the participants include Baytown Fire Department, Turner Industries, Performance Contractors Inc., Enterprise Products, ExxonMobil, Geophysical Society of Houston, Houston Area Plumbing Joint Apprenticeship Committee, SGS Petroleum Service Corporation, Covestro, Chevron Phillips, Workforce Solutions Baytown, Austin Industrial, Community Toyota, Jacobs, ExxonMobil, Woodforest National Bank, Baytown YMCA, Beacon Federal Credit Union, Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, Samson Controls Inc., Trailblazers in Motion also known as MsCashforCollege, Baytown Cakes and Awards and Engraving.

“It is important that we not only have business community representation from those career areas that are normally associated with Career and Technical Education, but also occupational areas that are a part of Arts and Humanities as well,” said Mills. “We want to ensure that our students have the opportunity to meet with companies’ representatives from all 16 federally defined career clusters.”

Business and industry representatives who would like to participate may register at <http://www.gccisd.net/cte>. College and university representatives may register at <http://goo.gl/forms/UI2QtPafss>.



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