



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



REL Seniors



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ExxonMobil awards \$10,500 in scholarships to AVID students

Sixteen seniors have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to pursue their dreams of higher education thanks to their hard work and determination, an innovative program offered by the Goose Creek school system, and the generosity of ExxonMobil Baytown.

The awards went to high school seniors from Sterling and Lee in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program.

AVID is a preparatory program offered at Sterling and Lee high schools to help students enhance their chances of going to college by improving their academic focus and organizational skills.

At the Lee banquet, ExxonMobil representative Connie Tilton awarded six scholarships. The \$600 ExxonMobil AVID Determination Award scholarship recipients at REL went to:

- * Della Delgado, who plans to attend Lee College before transferring to a university to study business.
- * Daniel Estrada, who plans to attend Lee College, the University of Houston, and Baylor College of Medicine to study pre-med and anesthesiology.
- * Cynthia Garcia, who plans to attend Lee College before transferring to the University of Texas to study law.
- * Vanessa Lopez, who plans to attend Lee College before transferring to a university to become a registered nurse.
- * Nora Valencia, who plans to attend Lee College before transferring to a university. She also wants to be a nurse.

Stephanie Aleman was awarded the ExxonMobil AVID Vision Award, and a \$1,500 scholarship "that goes to the student that the AVID teachers believe has shown outstanding leadership and dedication and a genuine vision for their future."

Stephanie plans to attend the University of Houston to major in biology to follow a career as a doctor or nurse.

The RSS recipients of \$500 ExxonMobil AVID Determination Awards are:

- * Edna Aparicio, who plans to attend Lee College and follow a career in dentistry.
- * Lori Chartian, who plans to attend Louisiana State University to study political science and follow a career in law.
- * Myesha Cook, who plans to attend the University of Texas to study psychology. She wants to become an attorney to practice family law.
- * Maricruz Diaz, who plans to attend Lee College to study forensics to be a toxicologist.
- * Tashea Harris, who plans to attend the University of Texas and study English. She wants to be a lawyer.
- * Maria Ibarra, who plans to attend Lee College and study nursing.
- * Stephany Jimenez, who plans to attend Texas A&M University and study business administration.
- * Morrison Moore-Jones, who plans to attend Lee College to study computer engineering.
- * Minerva Trejo, who plans to attend Lee College to study education and become a teacher.

The ExxonMobil AVID Vision Award - a \$1,500 scholarship - went to Sterling senior Rebecca Lucatero, who plans to attend Lamar University to study business and accounting.

"It is ExxonMobil's pleasure to sponsor this banquet, provide these scholarships and awards, and to show our support for AVID," Neely Nelson, ExxonMobil Baytown Public Affairs Manager said. "We value what AVID is achieving for the school district, for our community,

and for our future workforce."

AVID was started in 1980 by Mary Katherine Swanson, a high school English teacher. Her focus was to raise the sights of youth who would be the first in their families to go to college.

The AVID elective seeks out students who are academically in the middle but have hidden potential that rarely surfaces on its own.

AVID students must take at least one advanced level course (pre-Advanced Placement or Advanced Placement), but many take more. AVID then provides the necessary extra tutoring during the AVID class.

AVID is not extracurricular. Its classes are part of the school day, taught by pre-AP and AP teachers who stay with the students through their years of high school, giving continuity to personal and academic relationships.

To help the students, a sight team for every level of AVID is made up of administrators, counselors, teachers from each advanced level core course and the AVID elective teacher. Robin Richards from Ross S. Sterling High School and Bill Miller of Robert E. Lee High School are AVID campus coordinators.

Lee and Sterling AVID classes also include motivational speakers, help with college applications, practice PSAT and SAT tests and trips to college campuses.

Students are selected based on recommendations, grades, TAKS scores, self-determination, and other qualifications stipulated by the AVID program.

For more information, visit the AVID website at www.Avidcenter.org or contact the campus coordinators at Sterling, 281-420-4500, or Lee, 281-420-4535.

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