



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Highlands Junior Student Wins District Spelling Bee

First place campus spelling bee winners from Goose Creek CISD's 13 elementary schools and five junior schools participated in the District spelling bee at Lee College on Thursday, February 27.

Soham Datar, 7th grade student from Highlands Junior School, won the contest, earning the right to compete against students from 42 counties in the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee. The top two spellers from the Houston event will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May. Datar is under the direction of Jaye Ellis, Highlands Junior School's spelling bee coordinator.

The second place winner was Marc De Guzman, 5th grade student at Stephen F. Austin Elementary School, under the direction of Jackie Brown, spelling bee coordinator. Kayla Bannis, 6th grade student from Gentry Junior School, under the direction of Lisa Whitaker, campus spelling bee coordinator, placed third.

The spelling bee went 36 rounds before Datar emerged victorious. The 2nd and 3rd place campus winners attended the event to support their schools' representatives in the competition. Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, presented the trophies to all campus winners and the three winners of the District spelling bee.



View photo gallery [here](#).

Soham Datar will now compete in the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee at the University of Houston on Saturday, Marcy 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The live television broadcast will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Channel 8. The top two spellers of the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee will advance to the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

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