



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Annual Appreciation Gala

More than 200 people took part in the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Annual Appreciation Gala, "Making Dreams Come True" Friday night at Goose Creek Country Club. The event is to honor those who support the Education Foundation by providing resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning and provide opportunities for excellence in education for all students in Goose Creek CISD. Over the past four years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$340,000 in innovative teaching grants to deserving educators through the Grant Surprise Patrol and honored 60 teachers, nominated by senior students, at the Students Choice Awards.

Gilbert Santana, president of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, served as master of ceremonies and presented the awards, assisted by Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Goose Creek CISD superintendent.

"This dinner is a small token of our appreciation for all that you do for the Foundation and for our students," said Santana. "We appreciate everyone who donates and thank all of you for your contributions to the Education Foundation."

Jim Wadzinski, vice president of development, announced the donors. Robin Richards, science teacher at Ross S. Sterling High School, thanked the Foundation for allowing her to be the recipient of an innovative teaching grant to purchase four microscopes. Richards, a product of Goose Creek schools, also participated in the Students Choice Awards as a result of nomination by a student. The Education Foundation also received the proceeds of donated Silent Auction items and centerpieces.

The top-level Platinum donor present was Rotary Club of Baytown. Gold donors in attendance were the Baytown Sun – Carmage and Martha Walls Foundation, BDI Resources, Community Resource Credit Union, Community Toyota*Honda*Kia, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, Hotchkiss Disposal and Horizon International Group. Silver level donors were Aramark, Baytown GMCBuick, Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, PBK Architects and Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green and Trevino.

Bronze level donors attending were Awards and Engraving, Beehive Florist, James and Susan Bower, CenterPoint Energy, Chatham Construction Company, Greater Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Highlands Rotary, Megasand Enterprises, Reid, Strickland and Gillette, Robert R. Tuck Post 912 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Texas First Bank, C.R. and Virginia Woods, WOWCO and the newest Bronze level donor Pat and Nancy Mann.



BDI Resources accepts an award as a Gold level donor to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation from Dr. Salvador Cavazos (right), Goose Creek CISD superintendent, at the Foundation's recent Annual Appreciation Gala. Also pictured are (l to r) Rusty Pena, Woody Crawford, Sheila Crawford, Gilbert Santana, Sherrill Santana and Deb Pena. View more photos [here](#).

Donors not present were American Express, Platinum Level; Bayer MaterialScience and ExxonMobil, Gold level; Brent and Joy Brunson and Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Silver level; and Andrews Kurth, Baytown Lions Club, Beacon Federal Credit Union, Joe Blommaert, BOSC, Inc., Challenge Office Products, Chesmar Homes, McGriff, Seibels and Williams, Inc., Outback Steakhouse, Prime Systems, Royal Purple Raceway, Seal Pac, Start & Busch, LLC, Tandus Flooring and Rob Tully, Bronze level. Several Benefactors were also in attendance at the Annual Appreciation Gala.

"We appreciate the donors to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation for 'Making Dreams Come True' for our District's students and teachers," said Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. "We also thank the members of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation for their hard work and effort in helping our teachers enhance instruction for our students."

Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation members are reviewing applications for innovative teaching grants to be awarded in May. The 2014 Students Choice Awards event is scheduled for June 3.

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