



# GOOSE CREEK

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## GCCISD Students selected for Via Colori Street Painting Festival

For the second year, Goose Creek CISD advanced art students will join professional artists for the Via Colori Street Painting Festival. The festival, presented by LINN Energy, benefits the Center for Hearing and Speech, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping deaf children listen, speak and read. More than 250 artists will converge on the streets of downtown Houston surrounding City Hall November 22-23 to create street art, and the expected attendance for the event is approximately 30,000.

Vanessa Aceves and Alyssa Vargas from Ross S. Sterling High School, under the direction of Annie Watson; Kevin Trejo from Goose Creek Memorial High School, under the direction of Johnna Morris; and Andrew Adams-Whitehead from Robert E. Lee High School, under the direction of Darcy McDonald, were selected to participate in the Via Apprendista Youth Artist Project. These students are among only 22 student winners selected from the Houston area, and they will create 6' x 6' street art from their original artwork.

This year, artists will each create murals depicting "The Art of Sound." This new theme will inspire artists to turn rhythm, music and sound into their unique designs - illustrating the amazing gift of sound that the Center for Hearing and Speech brings to its clients. New activities, strolling performers, and an exclusive lounge are just a few more enhancements to this year's event. The fundraising goal for 2014 is \$400,000.

This is the eighth year for the Via Colori festival, which is the only street painting festival in the region. The free event is open to the public. For more information, visit [www.houstonviacolori.com](http://www.houstonviacolori.com).



(Left) Sterling High School art student Alyssa Vargas practices creating her artwork in chalk at the recent Via Apprendista workshop. (Right) Sterling High School advanced art student Vanessa Aceves attends the workshop prior to the Via Colori Street Painting Festival.

"We are so thrilled to have Goose Creek students joining us for Via Apprendista again. It is a special part of the festival, and they add so much color to the streets of downtown Houston," said Mary Grace Joseph, public relations/marketing manager for the Center for Hearing and Speech.

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