

Junior School students compete in UIL academic tournament

More than 700 students competed in events at Goose Creek CISD's annual junior high UIL Academic meet held Feb. 22 and 23 at Highlands Junior School.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from every junior school campus competed with each campus represented among the winning teams or individual events.

Individual medals were awarded in spelling, ready writing, general math, number sense, calculator skills, science, listening skills, dictionary skills, prose reading, poetry reading, impromptu speaking and maps, graphs, and charts. Team medals were awarded for group improvisation. Schools also received first place trophies for overall points in each event.

Gold Winner Sweepstakes trophies were awarded to students who earned a gold medal in each of the three events they entered.

The District-wide competition was hosted by Highlands Junior School with the assistance of five campus coordinators.



UIL Photo gallery

Event coaches, as well as volunteer monitors, judges and graders, also helped to make this event a success

Winning students and teams were personally congratulated at the awards ceremony by Dr. Salvador Cavazos, superintendent.

Here is a list of the winners:

Art Memory – Sixth Grade First place: Josh Protain, Highlands

Second place-tie: Jonas Castro, Horace Mann Second place-tie: Austin Goodman, Highlands Fourth place: Alejandro Martinez, Horace Mann Fifth place: Oscar Coxson, Horace Mann Sixth place: Lizeth Mendoza, Bavtown Jr

Art Memory – Seventh Grade First place: Victoria Hettinger, Horace Mann Second place: Jennifer Shimck, Horace Mann Third place: Rebecca Brown, Highlands Fourth place: Basia Perry, Highlands Fifth place: Samantha Garay, Horace Mann Sixth place: Craig Cormier, Highlands

Art Memory – Eighth Grade First place: Dominic Borbon, Highlands Second place-tie: Valeria Sixtos, Horace Mann Second place-tie: Sabrina Smith, Highlands Fourth place: Jannah Janobas, Highlands Fifth place: Robert Yada, Horace Mann Sixth place: Avery Weir, Gentry

Calculator Skills – Sixth Grade First place: Aarushi Shukla, Gentry

Second place: Miriam Gonzalez, Horace Mann Third place: Semaj Hawkins, Baytown Jr. Fourth place: Christopher Cerino, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Mariana Rodriguez, Horace Mann Sixth place: Yuliana Garza, Horace Mann

Calculator Skills - Seventh Grade

First place: Havi Nguyen, Gentry Second place: Ian Tolleson, Baytown Jr. Third place: Chris Garcia, Horace Mann Fourth place: Jose Rodriguez, Horace Mann Fifth place: Heatherly Miles, Horace Mann Sixth place: James Ryan Epperson, Cedar Bayou

Calculator Skills – Eighth Grade First place: Hector Godinez, Horace Mann Second place: Brishan Fiala, Gentry Third place: Michael Benton, Cedar Bayou Fourth place: Adamia Coverson, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Shatnvare Shinde, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Utkarsh Shaima, Horace Mann

Dictionary Skills – Sixth Grade First place: Melissa Delrio, Baytown Jr

Second place: Erin Quano, Baytown Jr. Third place-tie: Nathalis Gonzalez, Horace Mann Third place-tie: Caitlyn Shaffer, Horace Mann Fifth place: Athena Janobas, Highlands Sixth place: Nyanda Chaves, Horace Mann

Dictionary Skills - Seventh Grade

First place: Shantelle Hectita, Gentry Second place: D'avion Wheatfall, Highlands Third place: Dawson Saunders, Highlands Fourth place: Kaegan Knox, Highlands Fifth place: Nick Rice, Gentry Sixth place: Norma Trejo, Cedar Bayou

Maps Graphs & Charts – Eighth Grade Gold Medal: Annette Iroanya, Gentry Silver Medal: Chinmayee Kulkarni, Highlands Bronze Medal: Karsyn Heyen, Gentry Fourth place: Adithya Nair, Highlands Fifth place: Citah Bataz, Cedar Bayou Sixth place-tie: Edna Mendez, Horace Mann Sixth place-tie: Juan Rios, Horace Mann

Music Memory – Sixth Grade First place: Gisselle Huerta, Horace Mann Second place: Soniya Harvid, Gentry Third place: Maeva Flavien, Highlands Fourth place: Julie Vargas, Horace Mann Fifth place: Gabriella Ybarra, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Justin Stanley, Cedar Bayou

Music Memory - Seventh Grade First place: Emily Thomas, Cedar Bavou

Second place: Melissa Galvan, Highlands Third place: Kimberly Boogle, Horace Mann Fourth place: Faith King, Highlands Fifth place: Hailey Gonzalez, Horace Mann Sixth place: McKayla Zbranek, Cedar Bayou

Music Memory - Eighth Grade

First place: Paola Garibay, Horace Mann Second place: Michelle Davila, Highlands Third place: Shade Flavien, Highlands Fourth place: Dominic Borbon, Highlands Fifth place: Patrick Fernandez, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Adulfo Amador, Cedar Bayou

Number Sense - Sixth Grade

First place: Sohom Oatar, Highlands Second place: Kavish Pipalia, Gentry Third place: Aarushi Shukla, Gentry Fourth place: Noelly Garcia, Horace Mann Fifth place: Miriam Gonzalez, Horace Mann Sixth place: Harold Pate, Highlands

Number Sense – Seventh Grade

First place: Ayush Agrawal, Cedar Bayou Second place: Havi Nguyen, Gentry Third place: Johnathan Cuellar, Highlands Fourth place: Aryanna Viger, Cedar Bayou Fifth place: Norma Trejo, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Anthony Garza, Horace Mann

Number Sense - Eighth Grade

First place: Kyrie Yong, Highlands Second place: Annette Iroanya, Gentry Third place: Vamsi Karra, Highlands Fourth place: Samantha Vasquez, Horace Mann Fifth place: Jayce Howard, Gentry Sixth place: Jasmine Quiroz, Gentry

Poetry Reading - Sixth Grade

Gold Medal: Melissa DelRio, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Kvara Green, Cedar Bayou Gold Medal: Lorenzo Salinas, Highlands Gold Medal: Halle Woodard, Highlands Gold Medal: Christian Lewis, Highlands Gold Medal: Ryan James, Horace Mann

Dictionary Skills - Eighth Grade First place-tie: Utkarsh Sharma, Horace Mann First place-tie: Adithya Nair, Highlands Second place-tac. Andriva Hali, Inginando Third place-tie: Erica Truong, Gentry Third place-tie: Juan Rios, Horace Mann Fifth place: Daniel Sanchez, Baytown Jr. Sixth place: Darren Trivedi, Highlands

General Math – Sixth Grade

First place: Sohom Datar, Highlands Second place: Nayeli Garcia, Horace Mann Third place: Christopher Cerino, Baytown Jr. Fourth place: Brianna Lopex, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Kavish Pipalia, Gentry Sixth place: Gabrielle Leggington, Highlands

General Math – Seventh Grade First place: Ayush Agrawal, Cedar Bayou Second place: Havi Nguyen, Gentry Third place: Jose Avena, Highlands Fourth place: Rafael Mendoza, Highlands Fifth place: Paige Soape, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Annalie Perez, Cedar Bayou

General Math – Eighth Grade

First place: Kyrie Yong, Highlands Second place: Orion Munez, Horace Mann Third place: Chinmaye Kulkarni, Highlands Fourth place: Vamsi Karra, Highlands Fifth place: Madeline Poulin, Baytown Jr. Sixth place: Maegan Springer, Baytown Jr.

Group Improvisation - Sixth Grade

Gold Medals: Fullen, Vaughn, Villareal – Gentry Gold Medals: Woodard, Matute, Herrera – Highlands Gold Medals: Martin, Tims, Sanchez – Highlands Gold Medals: Valdez, Hernandez, Laguntes – Horace Mann Gold Medals: Espino, Hernandez, Quiroz – Horace Mann Silver Medals: Soape, Barnett, Green – Cedar Bayou Silver Medals: Soape, Barnett, Green – Cedar Bayou Silver Medals: Herrera, Sandoval, Seaton – Gentry Silver Medals: Dutt, Barajas, Garay – Highlands Silver Medals: Meding, Rodriguez, Muratall – Horace Mann Bronze Medals: Batongmalaki, Gomez – Baytown Jr. Bronze Medals: Appannedgari, Ibarra, McCafferty – Baytown Jr. Bronze Medals: Kimble, Cuevas, Motley – Cedar Bayou Bronze Medals: Kimble, Cuevas, Motley – Cedar Bayou Bronze Medals: Monzslerio, Cardiel, Harris – Cedar Bayou Bronze Medals: Holmes, Williams, Lucatero – Gentry

Group Improvisation – Seventh Grade Gold Medals: Inglis, Jones, Stevenson – Gentry Gold Medals: Parker, Rocha, Smith – Gentry Gold Medals: Parker, Rocha, Smith – Gentry Gold Medals: Bruce, Adams – Highlands Gold Medals: Boyd, Toussant, Windfort – Highlands Gold Medals: Cavazos, Anderson, Bennett – Baytown Jr. Silver Medals: Cavazos, Anderson, Bennett – Baytown Jr. Silver Medals: Keithly, Tuttle, Tompkins – Cedar Bayou Silver Medals: Kilareal, Briscoe, McIntyre – Gentry Silver Medals: Fontenot, Leal, Silva – Horace Mann Silver Medals: Fontenot, Leal, Silva – Horace Mann Sinorze Medals: Tompson, Graham, Gutierrez – Baytown J Bronze Medals: Thompson, Graham, Gutierrez – Baytown Jr. Bronze Medals: Taylor, Laird, Morris – Cedar Bayou Bronze Medals: Clarke, Martinez, Rodriguez – Horace Mann

Group Improvisation - Eighth Grade

Gold Medals: Hernandez, Jaramil Grade Gold Medals: Scardina, Chavira, Gonzales – Baytown Jr. Gold Medals: Scardina, Chavira, Gonzales – Baytown Jr. Gold Medals: Joseph, Allicock, Motley – Cedar Bayou Gold Medals: Joseph, Allicock, Motley – Cedar Bayou Gold Medals: Dickerson, Quiroz, Springer – Gentry Gold Medals: Finley, Cantu – Highlands Gold Medals: Adams, Tellez, Morrison – Highlands Gold Medals: Rodriguez, Torres, Zamarippa – Horace Mann Silver Medals: Earnest, Barragan, Villegas – Gentry Silver Medals: Huerta, Rosas, Contreras – Gentry Silver Medals: Hobbs, Bowens, Zimmerman – Highlands Silver Medals: Garcia, Brockman, Magana – Horace Mann Bronze Medals: Green, Gutierrez, Tallant – Horace Mann Bronze Medals: Green, Gutierrez, Tallant – Horrace Mann

Impromptu Speaking – Sixth Grade Gold Medal: Alaysia Rollins, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Kathryn Daniels, Gentry Gold Medal: John Guerrero, Gentry Gold Medal: Emily Fullen, Gentry Gold Medal: Christian Lewis, Highlands Gold Medal: Tormy Guillory, Highlands Gold Medal: Pedro Valdez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Ryan James, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Kyle Norwood, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Eric Haffelfinger, Cedar Bayou

Impromptu Speaking – Seventh Grade Gold Medal: Rebecca Allman, Baytown Jr.

Gold Medal: Ian Barker, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Brian Graham, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Andrew Beck, Gentry Gold Medal: Madi Parker, Gentry Gold Medal: Ashlyn Briscoe, Gentry Gold Medal: Martin Goraskin, Highlands Gold Medal: Dawson Saunders, Highlands Gold Medal: Jeffery Benson, Highlands Gold Medal: Emily Martinez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Chris Fontenot, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Erika Morfin, Horace Mann

Impromptu Speaking – Eighth Grade Gold Medal: Natalie Pence, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Talton Adams, Highlands Gold Medal: Darren Trivedi, Highlands Gold Medal: Kacie Baker, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Anabi Garcia, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Anabi Garcia, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Amber Schrock, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Brayson Ernest, Gentry Silver Medal: Angela Tallart, Horace Mann Bronze Medal: Courtney Barker, Baytown Jr. Bronze Medal: Blaine Glaspie, Gentry Bronze Medal: Samantha Bonner, Gentry

Gold Medal: Makivla McKensie, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Everett Crutchfield, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Kathryn Daniels, Gentry Silver Medal: Mariana Rodriguez, Horace Mann Bronze Medal: Eileen McCafferty, Baytown Jr. Bronze Medal: Benjamin Boyes, Baytown Jr. Bronze Medal: Gabriella Ybarra, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medal: Gabriella Ybarra, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medal: Maria Carver, Gentry Bronze Medal: Gabriel Griffin, Gentry

Poetry Reading - Seventh Grade

Gold Medal: Cheyenne Thompson, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Ashley Cavazos, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Naomi Carney, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Nathalie Martinez, Cedar Bayou Gold Medal: Erin Griffin, Gentry Gold Medal: John Isaacs, Gentry Gold Medal: Kaylin Strouhal, Highlands Gold Medal: Sara Roth, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Bethany Gomez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Melanie Leal, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Amanda Stewart, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Frin Russell, Highlands Silver Medal: Jose Avena, Highlands Silver Medal: Kailey Deakle, Gentry Silver Medal: Noah Maire, Cedar Bayou

Poetry Reading – Eighth Grade Gold Medal: Javier Benavides, Baytown Jr Gold Medal: Natalie Pence, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Elizabeth Brewer, Gentry Gold Medal: Blain Glaspie, Gentry Gold Medal: Ralphie Tellez, Highlands Gold Medal: Marina Rodriguez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Kaci Baker, Horace Mann Gold Medai: Agelica Baker, Horace Mann Gold Medai: Angelica Torres, Horace Mann Silver Medai: Austin Fulkerson, Baytown Jr. Silver Medai: Abigail Overhultz, Gentry Bronze Medai: Arianna Vinegar, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medai: Adrian Gonzalez, Cedar Bayou

Prose Reading – Sixth Grade Gold Medal: Melissa DelRio, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Kryra Green, Cedar Bayou Gold Medal: Kristen Barnett, Cedar Bayou Gold Medal: JoAnna Guerrero, Gentry Gold Medal: Kathryn Daniels, Gentry Gold Medal: Kaleb Martin, Highlands Gold Medal: Katherine Matute, Highlands Gold Medal: Katherine Matute, Highlands Gold Medal: Margan Birdsong, Highlands Gold Medal: Mariana Rodriguez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Mariana Rodriguez, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Benjamin Boyes, Baytown Jr. Silver Medal: Reagan Kimble, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medal: Eileen McCafferty, Baytown Jr Bronze Medal: Wendy Giang, Gentry

Prose Reading - Seventh Grade

Gold Medal: Rebecca Allman, Baytown Jr Gold Medal: Tailor De La Vergne, Gentry Gold Medal: Tailor De La Vergne, Gentry Gold Medal: Madi Parker, Gentry Gold Medal: Ashlyn Briscoe, Gentry Gold Medal: Abby Boyd, Highlands Gold Medal: Bethany Gomez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Bethany Gomez, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Bandon Limones, Baytown Jr. Silver Medal: Ishoray Cavazos, Baytown Jr. Silver Medal: Johnny Tompkins, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Jeffery Benson, Highlands Silver Medal: Tori Foxworth, Highlands Silver Medal: Celeste Arterburn, Horace Mann Bronze Medal: Deyla Morris, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medal: Madison Keithly, Cedar Bayou

Prose Reading - Eighth Grade

Gold Medal: Genesis Rodriguez, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Javier Benavides, Baytown Jr. Gold Medal: Rafael Tellez, Highlands Gold Medal: Mateo Cantu, Highlands Gold Medal: Angelica Torres, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Marina Rodriguez, Horace Mann Gold Medal: Kaci Baker, Horace Mann Silver Medal: Austin Fulkerson, Baytown Jr Silver Medal: Krista Motley, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Blaine Glaspie, Gentry Silver Medal: Samantha Bonner, Gentry Silver Medal: Darren Trivedi, Highlands Bronze Medal: Jeanell Allicock, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medal: Lacie Dickerson, Gentry

Ready Writing – Sixth Grade

Gold Medal: Austin Goodman, Highlands Silver Medal: Madilyn Lawrence, Cedar Bayou Bronze Medal: Trisha Mayores, Highlands Fourth place: Lizbeth Mendoza, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Mya Joseph, Highlands Sixth place: MaKivla McKenzie, Horace Mann

Ready Writing – Seventh Grade

Gold Medal: Bryn Benoit, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Tori Foxworth, Highlands Bronze Medal: Paula Brown, Highlands Fourth place: Sarah Gregorcyk, Cedar Bayou Fifth place: Emily Martinez, Horace Mann Sixth place: Hailey Gonzalez, Horace Mann

Ready Writing – Eighth Grade Gold Medal: Masyn Terry, Cedar Bayou Silver Medal: Maddie Orozco, Highlands Bronze Medal: Helen McKay, Cedar Bayou Fourth place: Edna Mendez, Horace Mann Fifth place: Dominic Borbon, Highlands Sixth place: Madeleine Poulin, Baytown Jr.

Science – Seventh Grade

First place: Christopher Fontenot, Horace Mann Second place: Divya Singn, Gentry Third place: Yadira Rodriguez, Horace Mann Fourth place: Carlos Mendoza, Horace Mann

Listening Skills - Sixth Grade First place: Kyle Norwood, Cedar Bayou Second place: Courtney Keith, Baytown Jr. Third place: Jocelyn Abarca, Gentry Fourth place: Semaj Hawkins, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Gabrialla Ybarra, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Everett Crutchfield, Cedar Bayou

Listening Skills – Seventh Grade First place: Nathalie Martinez, Cedar Bayou Second place: Noah Maire, Cedar Bayou Third place: Bethany Duhon, Gentry Fourth place: Manuel Guerrero, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Shantelle Hectita, Gentry Sixth place: Brian McCafferty, Baytown Jr.

Listening Skills – Eighth Grade First place: Leslie Bautiste, Baytown Jr. Second place: Angelica Reteria, Baytown Jr. Third place: Erica Truong, Gentry Fourth place: Gavin Vaughn, Gentry Fifth grade: Italy Almarez, Baytown Jr Sixth grade: Adrian Gonzalez, Cedar Bayou

Maps Graphs & Charts – Sixth Grade First place: Cheyenne Mohler, Highlands Second place: Shaily Yader, Highlands Third place: Alejandro Cantu, Cedar Bayou Fourth place: Eva Bernal, Horace Mann Fifth place: Nathalia Gonzalez, Horace Mann Sixth place: Lane Holman, Highlands

Maps Graphs & Charts – Seventh Grade First place: Divya Singh, Gentry Second place: Brandon Ratcliff, Gentry Third place: Faith Speights, Cedar Bayou Fourth place: Chance Grey, Cedar Bayou Fifth place: Tori Foxworth, Highlands Sith place: Fabian Macine, Brathan Ir. Sixth place: Fabian Macias, Baytown Jr.





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Fifth place: Noah Maire, Cedar Bayou Sixth place-tie: Paige Soape, Cedar Bayou Sixth place-tie: Jonathan Cuellar, Highlands

Science – Eighth Grade

First place: Andrew Duran, Gentry Second place: Orion Munoz, Horace Mann Third place-tie: Madeline Poulin, Baytown Jr. Third place-tie: Adulfo Amador, Horace Mann Fourth place-tie: Adulfo Amador, Horace Mann Fourth place: Joshua Rice, Baytown Jr. Fifth place: Kyrie Yong, Highlands Sixth place: Amber Shruck, Cedar Bayou

Spelling – Sixth Grade Gold Medal: Sohom Datar, Highlands Silver Medal: Shaily Yadev, Highlands Bronze Medal: Tina Phan, Gentry Fourth place: Abigail DeGuzman, Gentry Fifth place: Everett Crutchfield, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Hannah Christensen, Baytown Jr.

Spelling – Seventh Grade Gold Medal: Uriel Moreno, Highlands Silver Medal: Luka Schooley, Gentry Bronze Medal: Nathalie Martinez, Cedar Bayou Fourth place: Madyson Stewart, Gentry Fifth place: Kyle Lindstrom, Cedar Bayou Sixth place: Trenton Carr, Highlands

Spelling – Eighth Grade Gold Medal: Chinmayee Kulkarni, Highlands Silver Medal: Utkarsh Sharma, Horace Mann Bronze Medal: Kaitlan Polimis, Gentry Fourth place: Hector Godinez, Horace Mann Fifth place: Adithya Nair, Highlands Sixth place: Adrian Gonzales, Cedar Bayou

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