



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



(Front row, left to right) Chad Leiper, Valedictorian; Forrest Ivey, tenth; Rida Ashraf, fifth; Mackenzie Key, seventh; Sirena Gutierrez, Salutatorian; (Back row, left to right) Daniel Iroanya, ninth; Alan Perez, eighth; Jonathan Taylor, fourth; Lindsey Fess, third; and Kristin Murray, sixth.

Ross S. Sterling Class of 2013 Top Ten

Chad Leiper – RSS #1

Chad Leiper is graduating from Ross S. Sterling High School as valedictorian with a grade point average of 5.553. He is involved in choir, Swing Choir and the National Honor Society. He is on the all A honor roll and is an AP Scholar.

Selected for All-State Choir for three years, Chad is president of Meistersingers, and he also sings with the Cedar Bayou Baptist Choir. In his free time, he enjoys singing and spending time with friends.

Chad plans to attend Texas A & M University to major in biomedical science.

He is the son of Bob and Glynnia Leiper.

Lindsey Fess – RSS #3

Ross S. Sterling senior Lindsey Fess will graduate in the number three position with a grade point average of 5.497. She is involved in the National Honor Society, serving as parliamentarian; PALs; Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the St. Mark's UMC Youth Group.

Lindsey is a National Merit Commended Scholar and has earned all A's during her high school career. Selected as First Team All District for volleyball, she is a member of the All State Academic Team. Other honors include the Daughters of the American Revolution Award and the Sterling Citizen Award. In her free time, she attends church youth activities, plays volleyball, shops, spends time with friends and family, travels, and crafts. Lindsey plans to attend Rice University to major in Biology/Pre-med. She is the daughter of Steve and Brenda Fess.

Rida Ashraf – RSS #5

Number five in the graduating class at Ross S. Sterling High School is Rida Ashraf with a grade point average of 5.298. Rida is president of the National Honor Society and vice president of the International Club. She is also involved in Interact, SPIRIT Club, Art Club, UIL and PALs.

An AP Scholar and an AP Scholar with Honors, Rida was a History Fair State Finalist, won first place in the District in UIL Literary Criticism and was a State VASE winner and QuestBridge Finalist. In her free time, Rida paints, travels, watches movies,

Sirena Gutierrez – RSS #2

Sirena Gutierrez will graduate from Ross S. Sterling High School as salutatorian with a grade point average of 5.543. She is a member of the Student Council, and she has held offices as sophomore and junior secretary and senior class president. She has served as Key Club secretary and editor and National Honor Society corresponding secretary. Involved in orchestra, SADD, Youth Advisory Council, PALs, CSU, International Club, Diamond Dolls and her church youth group, Sirena also attended Bluebonnet Girls State.

Sirena is a Gates Millennium Scholar, an AP Scholar with Distinctions, and she received the Winnie Brown Award. She has received scholarships from Kiwanis, Houston Endowment, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Pilot Club, Houston Golf Association and Junior Forum.

Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, spending time with family, exercising, dancing and shopping. If she is not curled up with a cup of Starbucks, she is busy meeting new people or volunteering. Sirena plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to major in biomedical science. She is the daughter of Maria Gutierrez and the late Rafael Gutierrez.

Jonathan Taylor – RSS #4

Graduating fourth in the class rank at Ross S. Sterling High School is Jonathan Taylor, who has compiled a grade point average of 5.376. Jonathan is an AP Scholar and president of the School Anime Club. His hobbies include playing video games and building computers. Jonathan plans to attend Lamar University to major in physics. He is the son of Phil and Tonya Mayberry.

Kristin Murray – RSS #6

Graduating sixth from Ross S. Sterling High School in the number six position is Kristin Murray with a grade point average of 5.242.

Kristin is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, PALs, St. Mark's UMC Youth Group, and Faith Presbyterian Church.

Kristin competed in the State History Fair in 2010 and 2011, attended Bluebonnet Girls State, was named Volleyball Co-Newcomer of the Year for District 21-5A, was chosen for the

plays video games, participates in archery, and raises chickens. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to major in biology. Rida is the daughter of Mohammad Amir and Nasreen Akhtar.

Mackenzie Key – RSS #7

Mackenzie Key is graduating seventh in her class at Ross S. Sterling High School with a grade point average of 5.232. She is active in choir, National Honor Society, Key Club, St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry, St. John's Youth Ensemble, Bibliomaniacs and the Archdiocesan Youth Council. Mackenzie is an AP Scholar and a Region Choir member. In her free time, she enjoys reading, baking, writing, spending time at church and singing songs from Disney movies. She plans to attend the University of St. Thomas to major in theology. Mackenzie is the daughter of John and Bonita Connaly.

Daniel Iroanya – RSS #9

Daniel Iroanya is graduating ninth in his class at Ross S. Sterling High School with a grade point average of 5.095. He is involved in Key Club, National Honor Society, SPIRIT Club, Art Club, Interact Club, UIL Science, Current Events, and varsity soccer. Daniel is an AP Scholar and a State VASE medalist, and he received the African American Achievement Award. His cross country team placed first in District competition. In his free time, Daniel enjoys drawing, taking photographs, playing soccer and watching movies. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to major in petroleum engineering. Daniel is the son of Clifford and Margaret Iroanya.

Academic All-State Team for volleyball, and received the Sterling Citizen Award. Her hobbies include baking, cooking, riding bikes, shopping, crafting, attending youth activities, working out, spending time with family, and going on vacation. She plans to attend Texas A & M University to major in kinesiology. Kristin is the daughter of Scott and Lisa Murray.

Alan Perez – RSS #8

Graduating eighth in his class at Ross S. Sterling High School is Alan Perez with a grade point average of 5.19. Alan is active in AVID, Club AVID, National Honor Society, International Club, College Forward, UIL Math and Science, and Habitat for Humanity. An AP Scholar, Alan received the AVID Star Award for 2012 and 2013. His hobbies include playing video games, watching movies, listening to music and playing basketball. He plans to look for a job, work for AVID and attend either Lee College or the University of Houston to major in biology. Alan is the son of Andres and Maria Perez.

Forrest Ivey – RSS #10

Forrest Ivey is ranked tenth in his graduating class at Ross S. Sterling High School with a grade point average of 5.071. He is active in National Honor Society, Key Club and Art Club, and he is a State VASE medalist. In his free time, Forrest likes to use Photoshop and game. He plans to move to Bryan and focus on college at Texas A & M University, where he will major in chemical engineering. Forrest is the son of Misty Ivey.

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