



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teachers Attend Mickelson ExxonMobil Academy

Ten Goose Creek CISD teachers attended the recent Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at The Woodlands Resort. The all-expense paid professional development, sponsored by PGA golfer Phil Mickelson, his wife, Amy, and ExxonMobil, in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, is designed to hone teaching skills, enhance curricula, and help teachers discover new ways to inspire students to pursue careers in math and science. Goose Creek CISD has participated for eight years thanks to the generosity of ExxonMobil.

"This year the Academy brought in teachers from around the globe, including Qatar and Australia," said Connie Tilton from ExxonMobil Baytown Area Public and Government Affairs.

Teachers attending the Academy were Tara Cornelius, third grade and Stacey Dreaden, fourth grade, from Lamar Elementary; Deborah Hill, second grade, Donovan Wade, third grade, and Jeremy Goodman, fifth grade, from Highlands Elementary; Heather McClure, fourth grade, and Carol Villere, fifth grade from Travis Elementary; Amy Henderson, fifth grade from Austin Elementary; Joanne Rincon, third grade from Ashbel Smith and Michael Grant, science facilitator and CIS/FIC from De Zavala Elementary.

"It was a privilege to participate in the 2013 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy," said Rincon. "The focus on good teaching practices in the science and math classroom will be extremely beneficial. I will be able to use these practices in my classroom to extend higher order learning in science and math. Thank you, Mickelson Foundation and ExxonMobil, for providing such an awesome opportunity for teachers to meet and learn about the future of science and math."



"The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teacher Academy was an invaluable experience for me," said Grant. "The Academy allowed me to see a new way of focusing on teaching and learning within the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields. This upcoming school year, I will use what was learned at the Academy in order to help plan and effectively execute more active lessons using best practices for our students. A personal thank you goes to Phil and Amy Mickelson and ExxonMobil for sponsoring the Academy. My hope is that every math or science teacher across the country has an opportunity to attend."

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