



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Girls Know STEM Event

Fifty-eight ninth grade girls from Goose Creek CISD high schools recently attended a Girls Know STEM event, hosted by Lee College in conjunction with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program at Goose Creek CISD. The purpose of Girls Know STEM was to reach out to girls who have an interest in science and math, encouraging them to take CTE and Advanced Placement courses related to STEM.

"There are few girls in the Engineering Design and Problem Solving classes at the high schools," said Travita Godfrey, CTE specialist and STEM Academy coordinator. "The STEM Labs at the junior schools and the STEM Academy at Lee High School will open in the fall of 2014, and we hope to increase female enrollment in the Academy."

Students attended a CSI Biology, CADD, and Engineering/Physics sessions and received Lee College tote bags, sponsored by Lee College Outreach, STEM, and the Science Department. After lunch, sponsored by Gulf Coast Partners Achieving Student Success, Melissa Botkin, Goose Creek CISD's CTE Liaison, moderated a panel discussion, including Cheryl Morril, an engineer at ExxonMobil; Dr. Imani Goffney, assistant professor of mathematics education at the University of Houston; Gail Disspayne, Bayer employee and instructor at Lee College; Candy Ochoa, GCCISD science and high school health coordinator; Kacey Sharp, designer at McCoy Workplace Solutions and Mima Trujillo, GCCISD web designer. During the STEM Speed Activity, students had the opportunity to ask questions and to discuss their ideas with the panelists and Lee College students at their table groups.

Video courtesy of Lee College.

[Women in Stem Symposium Photo Gallery](#)

Committee members for the event were Melissa Botkin, Victoria Marron, DeDe Griffith, Cindy Fletcher, Precious Reimonenq, Margene Lenamon and Travita Godfrey.

Also assisting were Diana Mendieta, Sarah Steinkopf, Elie Camp, Evan Richard, Tom O'Kuma, Mariesla Nieto, Renee Cosby, Renea Dillon, Tameka Mills, Teclesha Blanchard, BBEAC Volunteers, Lee College Ambassadors and Puente Student Volunteers.

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