



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMECO donation to Career and Technical Education

Students in John Membreno's Advanced Welding class were surprised recently by the delivery of \$5,786.68 in supplies and machinery.

The donation was orchestrated by Barbara Jones and Rhonda Glover of Fluor, GCCISD's newest Career and Technical Education partner.

This donation from AMECO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fluor, was much larger than expected, especially with the donation of a Miller 350 cc welding machine valued at over \$4,000.

The rest of the donation consisted of welding rods, grinding discs and other materials necessary to prepare students to enter the high-demand, high-wage, high-tech field of welding.

"Welding is one of the highest demand career fields in the Gulf Coast Region today. This donation will support the high cost of equipment and supplies required to support skill development," said Renea Dillon, director of Career and Technical Education for Goose Creek CISD.

Melissa Botkin, GCCISD's new student workforce connection liaison, facilitated this donation.

"At AMECO, we believe that education is critical to the future of our industry," said Victor Martinez, director of business development at AMECO. "Providing students with equipment to gain a hands-on experience will help them train with the most up-to-date technology and prepare them to be competitive in the workforce. We will continue to work closely with Goose Creek Consolidated ISD to support students who want to get involved in the construction industry.

Glover is currently seeking a facility in Baytown to house Fluor's Human Resource Office.

She will be hiring crafts people in early spring to meet the demands of numerous expansions in the Baytown and surrounding Houston area.



Stuart Career Center (SCC) students present framed, matted pictures to Barbara Jones (left center) and Rhonda Glover (right center) from Fluor in appreciation of a donation of supplies and machinery to the welding program at SCC from AMECO, a subsidiary of Fluor. Pictured are (l to r) Clayton Savage, Sergio Zepeda Cardenas, Jones, Glover, Richard (R.J.) MacCremmen and Jesse Meza.

Students in the welding program presented Jones, Glover and Martinez with a framed group picture and words of gratitude along the matting during their last site visit November 8 as a token of appreciation for their commitment to the welding program. Glover and Jones had the opportunity to visit with students who expressed an interest in gaining employment with Fluor upon graduation.

"The oil and natural gas fields are booming right now and because of this, welders are in high demand. Thanks to Fluor's commitment to our partnership, I can now prepare my students using the latest welding machine technology," said Membreno. "Welding is a craft that takes time to perfect, and the equipment and materials donated to Goose Creek CISD will ensure that our students gain relevant experience and a competitive edge in the workforce".

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