



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### GCCISD Education Foundation Vendors Luncheon a success

Vendors from all over the Houston area had the opportunity to see how their generosity benefits Goose Creek CISD students and teachers at the recent Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Vendors Luncheon. The event, held at the Goose Creek CISD Administration Building, featured a luncheon catered and donated by Aramark.

Attendees watched a video of the Grant Surprise Patrol, amidst cheering students, lively cheerleaders and a dynamic drum line, awarding innovative teaching grants to teachers last spring. Grant Surprise Patrol participants, including Education Foundation members and Goose Creek administrators, boarded yellow school buses to deliver 65 grants, totaling more than \$139,000 to the recipients. Overwhelmed and sometimes tearful educators expressed their appreciation for the grants from the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, which would allow them to enhance the classroom experiences for their students.

Gilbert Santana, owner of BDI Resources and Education Foundation president, shared his personal experiences in working with the organization and participating in the Grant Surprise Patrol.

"The excitement of the children and the excitement of the teachers who receive the grants is just worth every dollar that we contribute," said Santana. "I can't tell you how important it is for us to be a part of supporting our local teachers and enhancing the teaching experience in every one of our classrooms."

Kevin Wroblecki, K-12 district science instructional specialist, was a grant recipient last spring for "Dynamic Systems in Physics," which was used to purchase five Vernier Air Track Systems each for Goose Creek Memorial, Lee and Sterling high schools to increase student success in the physics courses. Wroblecki brought some of his equipment to the luncheon and taught a mini-physics lesson to demonstrate how his grant is being used in the schools.

Since 2009, the Education Foundation has awarded more than \$340,000 in innovative teaching grants. The organization also sponsors the Students Choice Awards, which honors 15 teachers each year who are nominated by students or former students.



Gilbert Santana, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation president (left), Steve Daniele, EF member (second from right), and Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, thank Al Kashani of Horizon Group International for pledging a gold level sponsorship to the Goose Creek Education Foundation. To view photo gallery, click [here](#).

The video showed some of the heartfelt messages delivered by students and teachers about each other. To date, 60 teachers, who were nominated for making a difference in the lives of a student, have been honored at this event.

More than \$23,000 in donations and pledges was contributed to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation by those present at the Vendors Luncheon. Allegheny Southwest, Bridge of Language, Challenge Office Products, Chatham Construction, Horizon Group International, Hotchkiss Disposal, Prime Systems, Lockwood, Andrews, and Newman, Joy and Brent Brunson, PBK, Pro Computing, Reid, Strickland, and Gillette, and Sanitary Supply donated or pledged to help fulfill the goals of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation. Goose Creek educators are contributing through checks and payroll deductions.

Donations may be made through Mike Wilson at Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, P. O. Box 8081, Baytown, TX 77522, or on the Goose Creek CISD website at [www.gccisd.net](http://www.gccisd.net).

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