



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

43 GCCISD students earn trip to state history fair

Forty-three Goose Creek CISD students will advance to the State History Fair after winning first or second place at the Lee College Regional History Fair on March 23 and March 24.

There were 418 participants in the Lee Regional competition of which 364 were Goose Creek CISD students. Other districts participating were Dickinson, La Porte, St. Joseph's, and First Baptist Christian Academy.

Student entries at the Regional fair were all tied to the National History Day 2012 theme "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History."

Texas History Day, part of the National History Day program, is a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through 12. It provides an opportunity for students to develop their knowledge of history and their critical thinking, analytical reading and writing, presentation, media design, and public performance skills through creative and original papers, performances, documentaries, web sites or exhibits.

Prior to the Lee College Regionals, campus history fairs were held throughout the district as students competed for the right to advance to Regionals. The top two entries in each category from the Lee College competition are eligible to advance to Texas History Day competition.

For the record, the Lee Regional History Fair has produced National competitors from Goose Creek CISD for 21 consecutive years. Goose Creek CISD (and Gentry Junior School) has also produced a national champion.

Matthew Broussard of Gentry Junior School won first place in the junior division Individual Performance category in 2012.

Matthew is the reigning national champion in this category, winning the Gold medal for his performance as Benjamin Franklin entitled "The Treaty of Paris: The Ultimate Game of Chess" at last year's National History Day competition on the University of Maryland's College Park campus. The judges were effusive in their praise of Matthew. "I believe we see a young scholar in our midst who will be making history himself one day," one judge said.

This year's performance is entitled "An Expression of the American Mind: A Written Revolution" and Matthew is portraying another Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson.

His teacher, Laura Bagwell, said the talented eighth-grader's performance is wonderful.

"It is incredibly well researched, executed, and acted," said Mrs. Bagwell. "He is very passionate about the subject matter and it comes through in his performance. I think he has a solid shot of going far at state and advancing at nationals. He's incredibly prepared and excited about the opportunity to perform in Austin, and beyond (fingers crossed)!"

The other winners advancing to state competition are ...

Junior Division

In the junior division (grades 6-8), the Cedar Bayou Junior School team of Lauren Buntin, Abby Gregorcyk, Caroline Fess, and Annie Jones won first place in the Group Documentary, and second place went to the Cedar Bayou Junior School team of Rachel Stafford, Mallory Jackson, and Katie Guy.



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In the Individual Historical Paper category, Kandysse Warbrick of Horace Mann won first place, and Tomas De La Rosa of Cedar Bayou finished in second place.

Highlands Junior student Kyleigh Fanning earned first place in the Individual Documentary competition, and Divya Singh of Gentry earned second place.

In the junior division Group Interpretive Web Site competition, the Horace Mann team of Luis Garcia, Heatherly Miles, and Edwardo Silva won first place while the Horace Mann team of Edna Mendez and Valeria Sixtos earned second place.

In the junior division Group Performance competition, the Baytown Junior School team of Arnulfo Garza, Nicole Poirot, Hilary Connealy, and Genesis Torres earned first place, while the Horace Mann Junior School team of Kaci Baker, Anahi Garcia, Yesenia Sanchez, Laura Valencia, and Daniella Valverde won second place.

Baytown Junior student Savannah Cushman won first place in the junior division Individual Exhibit category.

In the junior division Group Exhibit competition, Horace Mann's team of Honesty Stevens, Cassandra Suarez, and Leslie Rangel earned second place.

In the junior division Individual Interpretive Web Site category, Siavash Zamirpour of Gentry won first place, and Rachel Lahowetz of Cedar Bayou, took second place.

Senior Division

In the senior division (grades 9-12) Individual Historical Paper category, Sydnie Butaud of Sterling High School, earned first place.

In the Individual Documentary category, Sterling High School students Becki Conejo and Logan Fanning, finished in first place and second place, respectively

Sterling High School students Cassadi Pape and Hannah James won first and second place, respectively, in the Individual Exhibit category.

The Sterling High School team of Ruth Iroanya and Alfredo Guerrero earned a trip to the state history fair in Group Interpretive Web Site, finishing in second place.

The State History Fair will be held May 4 and May 5 in Austin. Winners will advance to National History Day at the University of Maryland in June.

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