



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Nine Goose Creek CISD students earn national academic recognition



Highlands Junior School student Kyrie Yong's exceptional test performance on the national SAT college entrance exam for the Duke University Talent Identification Program earned the seventh-grader an invitation to the Duke TIP Grand Recognition ceremony.

Only about 3 percent of seventh grade Talent Search participants out of about 68,000 from 16 states scored Duke TIP's highest qualifying level.

According to administrators

of Duke TIP, Grand Recognition qualifiers, like Kyrie, earned equal to or better than 90 percent of college-bound seniors who took the SAT or ACT exams.

"We are very proud of Kyrie's accomplishment, as well as the other members of the seventh grade who performed extremely well in the Duke TIP Talent Search," said Dr. Toby York, Goose Creek CISD superintendent of schools.

Aside from Kyrie, eight other seventh grade students from Goose Creek CISD schools were also recognized among some of the most academically talented seventh graders in the United States. The eight students qualified for state recognition as a result of their performance on the college entrance exams.

Four hundred and ninety-three seventh-graders from Goose Creek CISD junior schools took the SAT or ACT this year as a part of the Duke TIP Program.

The Duke program identifies students in 16 states who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test. As part of the program, these academically talented students take above level college-entrance exams (SAT or ACT) to learn more about their abilities.

The Talent Search is now in its 32nd year and is the largest program of its kind in the nation, representing participation from 68,000 junior high and middle schools in the Duke TIP 16-state region.

The Talent Search identifies academically talented seventh-graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending junior school.

Candidates are identified and invited to complete either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance examination. Duke TIP then provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educational opportunities.

The goal is to assist young people with excellent mathematical or verbal aptitude. Students are provided with information about their abilities and introduced to a network of services and programs.

Students receiving state recognition are invited by Duke University to attend a state level recognition ceremony.

Based on the spring 2012 results, nine Goose Creek CISD students received this recognition.

Students earning the Duke TIP recognition from Highlands Junior School are Kyrie Yong, Darren Trivedi, and Chinmayee Kulkarni.

Students earning the Duke TIP recognition from Baytown Junior School are Brendan Hernandez and Natalie Pence.

Students earning the Duke TIP recognition from Cedar Bayou Junior School are Nathan Lilly and Rachel Stafford.

Andrew Duran of Gentry Junior School and Orion Munoz of Horace Mann Junior School also earned Duke TIP recognition.

The Duke TIP-recognized students will be honored at the May 14 Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustee meeting.

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