



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GCM scholarship named for beloved principal



Al Richard
Goose Creek Memorial Principal

A new scholarship named in honor of Goose Creek Memorial High School Principal Al Richard was announced at Saturday night's Goose Creek Memorial graduation ceremony at Stallworth Stadium.

The Thomas Albert "Al" Richard Heart of a Patriot Award is open to graduating Goose Creek Memorial seniors who "exemplifies the attitude, spirit, and dedication of the Goose

Starting next year, plans call for the \$1,000 scholarship to be given to one Goose Creek Memorial student in good academic standing, who has an active role in extracurricular activities, a member of at least two campus organizations, serves as a community volunteer, is a campus leader and committed to going to college.

Mr. Richard began his teaching career at Opelousas Senior High School in St. Landry Parish in Louisiana.

After five years there, he joined the Goose Creek CISD team, teaching mathematics at Robert E. Lee High School from 1983 to 1988 and serving as assistant principal at James Bowie Elementary School from 1988 to 1991.

He taught math at Ross S. Sterling High School during the 1991-92 school year and spent the next three years as assistant principal there. In 1995, Al was named principal of Horace Mann Junior School, where he served until 2000.

He was the district's athletic director from June 2000 to June 2006. He then served as director of student services for a year before being named Goose Creek Memorial's first principal.

After retirement, Mr. Richard says he plans to remain in Baytown, play more golf and continue his involvement in various volunteer activities as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Baytown, and attend more LSU athletic events.

"I also plan to continue to support the students and staff of Goose Creek Memorial as a community volunteer," he said.

To find out how to contribute to the Thomas Albert "Al" Richard Heart of a Patriot Award, please contact Jeanne Roberts or Fred Steubing at the school at 281-421-4400.

Creek Memorial High School Fighting Patriot."

The scholarship announcement was just one of the surprises for the retiring principal during graduation. Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos was also on hand, proclaiming June 9, 2012 as "Al Richard Day."

The mayor's proclamation reads, in part, that "Al Richard has devoted the last five years of his career to Goose Creek Memorial High School, placing emphasis on students and encouraging everyone to do things right the first time — 'That's the Patriot Way,' and because he has created a distinctive school of excellence in which the environment shows that 'it's a great day to be at Goose Creek Memorial, where every day's a holiday and every meal's a feast' — Mr. Richard's well-known school slogan.

Mr. Richard, a longtime Goose Creek CISD educator and administrator, is retiring on June 30 with 29 years of service to Goose Creek CISD and a total of 34 years in education.

He was named principal of the Goose Creek Memorial in June 2007. His final graduating class — the Class of 2012 — is the first to attend all four years at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

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