



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mid-year convocation 'Thanks to you all for the job you do'

About 1,000 Goose Creek CISD auxiliary employees joined Superintendent Dr. Toby York in a mid-year convocation at Ross S. Sterling High School on Jan. 3, as staff returned to duty for the 2010-2011 school year.

The purpose of the half-day convocation is to celebrate public education and inspire the auxiliary employees — cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and grounds and maintenance crews — with renewed enthusiasm and dedication to students returning to classes on Jan. 4. The program included greetings from the Board of Education and community leaders, outstanding student talent, and a message from the superintendent as well as a motivational speaker.

A back-to-school convocation for teachers and administrators is held at the beginning of each school year.

Assistant Superintendent Byron Terrier welcomed the crowd. "We thank you all for the job you do."

Then Dr. Terrier introduced Board President Ken Martin, a product of Goose Creek CISD schools. Martin spoke about how his relationships with cafeteria workers and auxiliary staff were important to his success.

Dr. York urged employees to continue to do what is best for the district's more than 21,000 students.

The event's keynote speaker was Keith Davis, a former New York Giants linebacker.

Davis graduated from the University of Southern California with his team's highest grade point average and a degree in business finance. While at USC, Davis was the leading tackler, an All-Conference linebacker, and was selected to the All-American Strength Team. Keith also played twice in one of college football's biggest bowl games, the Rose Bowl.

Joining Davis was Devin Wyman, another NFL pro.

Wyman was drafted in the 6th round of the 1996 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots, playing in 15 games with four starts over three seasons with New England. Wyman flashed his two Super Bowl rings for the crowd.

Both muscle-bound speakers encouraged the crowd to embrace their particular jobs and to work harder for the good of the students.

The program was filled with a great deal of humor, employee interaction and volunteer participation.

Thirty lucky employees also won door prizes that ranged from digital cameras, portable DVD players, MP3 players and GPS devices.

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