



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### GCCISD Education Foundation hosts second annual Students' Choice Awards

Fifteen members of the Class of 2011 honored the teachers they say most inspired them at the May 5 Students' Choice Awards Banquet sponsored by the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation.

Held at the Tower Club at Royal Purple Raceway Park, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation board members and school district representatives joined dignitaries from the City of Baytown, Lee College, and from the Baytown area business community for the annual event recognizing the important role that teachers play in our children's lives.

"Tonight is a proud moment for Goose Creek CISD. We live in a community that is so caring and giving, and that's all across the board, but our teachers and staff of this school district are phenomenal, and you can tell that," said banquet emcee and foundation board member Gilbert Santana.

"To all the teachers here tonight, and in the classrooms across our district, thank you for all your hard work. We truly appreciate it," Santana said.

For the Students' Choice Awards, seniors from each Goose Creek CISD high school were asked to write a letter nominating their favorite teacher who was instrumental in their lives. Five students from Robert E. Lee, Ross S. Sterling, and Goose Creek Memorial high schools were chosen for the 2011 Students' Choice Awards.

A portion of the nomination letters were printed in the program for attendees and a 30-minute video showcasing the students and teachers was shown at the banquet of more than 200 people.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett was the night's guest speaker.

The students honored and the teachers they chose as most inspirational in their lives, were:

#### Robert E. Lee High School

- Raven Graves and Cheryl Roeschen, Crockett Elementary School
- Karina Acosta and Laurie Poston, Gentry Junior School
- James Voytek and Suzanne Ferrell, Horace Mann Junior School
- Kaitlyn Martin and Brenda Holt, Lee High School
- Jose Garcia and Brian Walenta, Lee High School

#### Ross S. Sterling High School

- Ana Vega and Roberta Sturges, Sterling High School
- Claire Mercaldo and Beth Woods, Sterling High School
- Daisy Galvez and Tina Wash, Sterling High School
- Lauren Gainer and Sandra Whitley, Sterling High School
- Tyler Williams and Julie Jannise, Baytown Junior School

#### Goose Creek Memorial High School

- Karlie Cox and Kathy Brown, Gentry Junior School
- Lauren DeLuca and Jeannine Watson, Goose Creek Memorial High School
- Jaime Alfred and Deborah Turner, Goose Creek Memorial High School
- Courtney Spann and Kevin Fletcher, Goose Creek Memorial High School
- Genesis Torres and Amanda Goodrum, Goose Creek Memorial High School



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Established in 2009, the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation aims to enhance community support and to expand resources that enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize opportunities for all students in the Goose Creek school system.

"From the federal, to the state and local level, the mandate is clear: We want better results from our public schools. But, the resources are scarce and getting more so every year," Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York told the crowd.

"That's where the education foundation has stepped in. The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation believes that schools are critical to the success of a community and impact everyone within it," York said.

"We believe Goose Creek has the potential to be a shining example of what a public school system can achieve, and we are committed to joining with the community to make this happen."

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is a charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Service section 501(c)(3), and contributions to the organization are tax deductible.

Thirty-two volunteers serve on the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board of Directors and represent many areas of community, corporate, parental and educational opinions.

Next week, the Education Foundation will award up to \$50,000 in grants to teachers. This past fall, the foundation awarded nearly \$24,000 in grants.

To find out more information about the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation or to inquire about becoming an investor, contact the GCCISD Education Foundation office at P.O. Box 8081, Baytown, Texas, 77522; by phone at 281-839-7700; or check out its website at <http://www.gccisd.net/educationfoundation.html>.

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