



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Rotary Club of Baytown awarded its annual Brunson scholarships to four Goose Creek CISD teachers on May 4. From left are teachers Lindsey Mabry and Alicia Martin, Travis Elementary Principal Brenda Gongora, Lee High School Principal Bruce Davis, teacher Nicole Hunter, Harlem Elementary Principal Matt Warford, teacher Shianna Nichols, Alamo Elementary School Principal Ron Wyatt, and Rotary President Roger Elswick.

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The Donald L. Brunson Scholarship offers grants to teachers in the Goose Creek CISD who are actively pursuing a master's degree in an educational field of study.

Its purpose is to support post-graduate aspirations of those teachers who wish to remain in the classroom and work with students of the Baytown and Highlands communities.

The grants in the amount of \$1,000 per year for two years will be awarded, with an equal amount available the following year provided the teacher is still employed by Goose Creek CISD and enrolled in college.

Teachers awarded the 2011 Brunson scholarship are Alicia Martin, Shianna Nichols, Nicole Hunter, and Lindsey Mabry.

- Martin, an algebra teacher at Lee High School, will pursue a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership specializing in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Houston – Clear Lake. "It is my desire to achieve the highest professional degree in education in order to demonstrate to my family, friends, and students that they too can accomplish their goals," she said.
- Nichols, a second grade language arts teacher at Alamo Elementary School, aims to pursue a master's degree in reading from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. "I have strong faith that obtaining this degree will allow me to hone in on the specific area where the majority of students across the globe struggle the most — reading," she said.

- Hunter, a kindergarten teacher at Harlem Elementary, is pursuing a master's degree in Special Education with a Visual Impairment Endorsement from Stephen F. Austin State University. "This scholarship will allow me to begin my dream of becoming a teacher of students with visual impairments," she said.

- Mabry, a speech pathology assistant at Travis Elementary, is pursuing a master's degree in speech-language pathology from Texas Woman's University's distance learning program. "I look forward to becoming the best speech therapist I know I can be and serving students in Goose Creek CISD," she said.

Brunson scholarship candidates must be a teacher within the GCCISD, with less than ten years teaching experience.

The candidate must be enrolled, or eligible to enroll by fall 2011, in post-graduate work leading to an advanced degree in education and plans to remain in the classroom.

The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Donald Brunson, longtime Rotary Club member and community leader.

Dr. Brunson, who practiced dentistry in Baytown for more than 40 years, faithfully supported education at all levels.

The Rotary Club of Baytown fosters his ideals by offering the Brunson Scholarship.

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