



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Goose Creek CISD retirees were honored at a May 26 celebration at Ross S. Sterling High School. [Photo gallery](#)

Goose Creek CISD honors retiring employees at May 26 Gala

Goose Creek CISD honored 21 of its retiring employees at the annual Gala on May 26. A "Hats Off" event was held at Ross S. Sterling High School, where colleagues, family members and friends paid tribute to these individuals for their combined 430 years plus of service to the district.

"One of the wonderful things about this district is that we have so many people who have devoted so many years to the children of Goose Creek. Thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to our district," said Dr. Toby York, Superintendent of Schools.

"And as we talk about commitment, I'd like to point out that our retiring employees represent a wide range of areas that contribute to the successful operations of our district — we have teachers; administrators, central office personnel; food service, custodians, security, and special education staff members . . . each one is so very important to our core purpose, "Success for all Students," York said.

Gala participants and their years of Goose Creek CISD service included Terrie Andrews, Bowie Elementary School teacher, 27 years; Rebecca Armstrong, Lamar Elementary School teacher, 19 years; Becky Boul, Goose Creek Memorial High School teacher, 10 years; Nicolas Guzman, Ashbel Smith Elementary School custodian, 21 years; Suzanne Keith, Victoria Walker

Elementary School Principal, 33 years; Elsa Kleiman, Horace Mann Junior School teacher, 33 years; Theresa Leonce, Special education department custodian, 22 years; Cheryl Omtvedt, Alamo Elementary School teacher, 21 years; Rozell Reese, Bowie Elementary School custodian, 36 years; Connie Rupp, Highlands Junior School teacher, 3 years; Patty Russell, Walker Elementary School teacher, 27 years; Edwin Scates, Supervisor of Custodians, 20 years; John Staples, Cedar Bayou Junior School teacher, 15 years; Lawrence Stratmann, Assistant Security Chief, 17 years; Cheryl Sturrock, Goose Creek Memorial High School teacher, 14 years; Leslie Anderson, Crockett Elementary School teacher, 16 years; Jan Novosad, dyslexia specialist/teacher, 23 years; Deborah Wood, Ashbel Smith Elementary School teacher, 20 years; Carolyn Johnson, Highlands Junior School teacher, 27 years; Patti Lannou, secretary to the superintendent, 27 years; and Ester Simmons, security department officer, 35 years.

The gala also included the recognition of Evah Leigh Primeaux of Austin Elementary School, District Elementary Teacher of the Year; Brenda Boyd of Goose Creek Memorial High School, District Secondary Teacher of the Year; and Faith Smith-Chew of Lee High School School, winner of the James Becker Thomson Award for excellence in Special Education.

Entertainment was provided by the Ross S. Sterling High School Orchestra under the direction of Stuart Eisen.

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