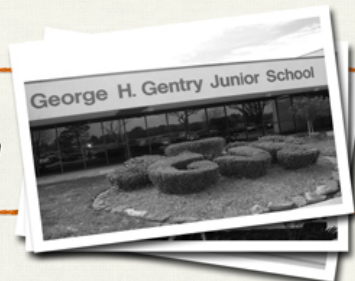




GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gentry Junior High



Elementary Schools: Alamo | Bonnie P. Hopper Primary | David Crockett | George Washington Carver | Harlem | Highlands
James Bowie | Lorenzo De Zavala | Mirabeau B. Lamar | San Jacinto | Stephen F. Austin | Ashbel Smith | Victoria Walker | William B. Travis

Junior Schools: Baytown | Cedar Bayou | Gentry | Highlands | Horace Mann

High Schools & Others: Goose Creek Memorial | Impact Early College High School at Lee College | John M. Stuart Career Center
Peter E. Hyland Center | Robert E. Lee | Ross S. Sterling | School Community Guidance Center

1919 E. Anchor Rd.

People who know the Goose Creek school district and Lee College today probably find it hard to believe that one person ever headed both. But George Gentry did it for nearly 20 years.

Gentry Junior School is named in honor of the former school superintendent and Lee College President.

When Gentry came to Baytown in 1946 to be superintendent his new job went hand-in-hand with the Lee College presidency. School trustees had formed the college in 1934, but the college didn't get its own board of regents until 1965. Gentry handed over the presidency in 1965.

The school district's enrollment more than doubled and its budget skyrocketed during Gentry's 24 year tenure. Lee High School got Memorial stadium, a new cafeteria and a vocational building. George Washington Carver also moved into a new building. Gentry's name was included among the 240,000 entries in "Who's Who in America" in 1962.

Gentry also saw the district through racial integration in the mid-60. And he helped the district merge with nearby Cedar Bayou school district in March 1954.

When Gentry retired in 1970, hundreds of district patrons and educators from across the state attended a dinner in his honor. The Texas Education Agency commended him for improving salaries and working conditions and for his efforts in the junior-college movement.

Gentry didn't slow down in retirement. He regularly drove cancer patients to Houston for treatments. He also served on Baytown's senior citizens committee that organized a taxi program for the elderly.

He served as president of the Baytown Retired Teachers Association and in 1975 received special recognition by the National Retired Teachers Association. Gentry was born in Oak Cliff and graduated from high school in Waco. He attended Baylor University and received his master's degree from the University of Texas. He also studied at the graduate level at Columbia University in New York.

Gentry worked in education for 20 years before coming to Baytown. He began as a principal of all three Big Spring schools in 1926. In 1938, he took over as an assistant superintendent there. In 1941, he moved to Temple where he was assistant superintendent of schools and president of the junior college.

Gentry, known as "Mr. G" may be best remembered for standing guard behind the goal post during every Gander football game. He caught the ball that sailed through the goal posts for an extra point after each touchdown. Gentry once explained that he started the tradition in Big Spring, where the football field stood in the middle of an open prairie. Teams kept losing footballs until Gentry decided to stand back there and catch them.

George H. Gentry will forever be remembered. 1905-1979



How did Gentry's Mustang Mascot and the Orange and White Colors originate?

Tom Gentry, George H. Gentry's son, played football for Southern Methodist University, therefore Gentry Junior adopted the Mustangs as their mascot after SMU.

Tom Gentry's brother, George Gentry Jr. played football for The University of Texas, therefore Gentry Junior adopted the burnt orange and white colors of UT.

Notable Mustangs

Rocky Bernard

Robert Eugene Bernard, Jr. (born April 19, 1979 in Baytown, Texas) is an American defensive tackle for the New York Giants of the National Football League. He was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks in the fifth round of the 2002 NFL Draft. He played college football at Texas A&M.

Darlene Malco

Graduated from Sterling High School, has been named Memorial's new girls track coach. She ran track at UCLA. She also will help with the cross country program.

"She has been back in Baytown a year or two," Gooden said. She will be a tremendous asset to our program. It is not every day you get a collegiate athlete of her caliber to work with kids. The track athletes should benefit from her expertise."

Suzanne G. Heinrich

Graduated from Robert E. Lee High School.
Graduated from the University of Texas in Austin.
Masters of Science in Curriculum and Instruction
University of Houston at Clear Lake Gifted and Talented Endorsement
University of Houston Clear Lake Mid-Management Certification
University of Houston Clear Lake Superintendent Certification
Stephen F. Austin State University
Taught history, government and economics at Channelview High School for 11 years.
Assistant Principal at Baker Junior School in La Porte – 3 years
9th Grade Assistant Principal at La Porte High School – 1 year

1982-1991 Phyllis Dean 1991-1995 Rebecca Kaatz 1995-1998 Mark Stafford 1998-2002 Suzanne Heinrich 2002-2005 Laura Henry 2006-2010 Tammy Edwards 2010-2011 Dave Gillings

Gentry was opened in 1980; however, because of a major fire at Baytown Junior School, the students at Baytown Junior had to attend Gentry Junior School until Baytown Junior was built. The dedication for Gentry was in 1983.

Even though Gentry is known for its strong Sports programs, Gentry also has supported Academic Competitions such as Spelling and Geography Bees, Science and History Fairs. The UIL competitions also include Arts programs such as Band, Orchestra and Choir. Gentry also offers woodshop and Career and Technology Courses such as Career Investigations.

Principal at Rizzuto Elementary School in La Porte – 3 years
Principal at Gentry Junior School – 4 years
Director of Curriculum and Instruction in GCCISD – 3 years
Executive Director of Secondary Education - 3 years
Currently - Executive Director of School Administration

A Note from Ms. Heinrich:

I had a bird's nest on the ground at Rizzuto Elementary School. We had become an Exemplary campus after my first year there. The staff was outstanding, and the student and parents were wonderful. We had a great instructional program. I got a call from someone in Goose Creek that told me that there was a job open that I would be interested in. My initial response was "no way", I have the best school. Then they told me it was George H. Gentry Junior School, the school named after my grandfather. What an honor that would be!
So - applied and the rest is....as they say... history. Gentry was just as fabulous as Rizzuto.

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