



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Record attendance for GCCISD College Night

Goose Creek CISD hosted its largest-ever College Night on Nov. 30, with more than 1,500 students and parents attending.

"College Night gets bigger and better every year. It was amazing to see such a great turnout of students and parents and to see how focused they were on gaining information from the colleges and universities," said Janci Alexander-Alfaro, Goose Creek CISD Director of Guidance and Counseling.

The annual event provides Goose Creek parents and students with information regarding college access, financial aid, dual enrollment, and the opportunity to visit college representatives.

"Postsecondary access to all students is a major goal for the Goose Creek school district," said Alexander-Alfaro. "We start talking to students about college and careers at the elementary level. Our district is committed to preparing students for postsecondary education after high school by emphasizing rigor in relevance in the classroom curriculum.

"We want to make sure students are prepared to handle the real challenges that face them as they leave high school," Alfaro said. "Whether they choose two-year, four-year university, vocational training, military or go straight into the work force, they need to be equipped to compete in an ever changing society."

Goose Creek Memorial High School's "Main Street" provided the perfect location for the crowd. College Night has grown so much in recent years that the commons at both Sterling and Lee high schools were no longer large enough to accommodate the crowds.

In fact, the event is so popular that for the very first time, the school district provided bus transportation from both Sterling and Lee to and from Goose Creek Memorial. And the buses were jam-packed with students and parents.

Some of those students said this was the first College Night they were able to attend, due to having transportation for the first time ever.

The district's annual College Night provides opportunities for all area students, parents, grandparents and friends to have one-on-one conversations with representatives from colleges, technical schools and military organizations at one time and in one location.

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Furthermore, high school counselors, scholarship secretaries, and Communities in Schools all were stationed at tables to help answer questions and provide student and parent information.

For more information regarding college access, financial aid, dual enrollment and more, contact Janci Alexander-Alfaro at 281-420-1591 or check out the district's website at www.gccisd.net.

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