



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baytown Junior Student Named to National All-Star Bowl Game

Baytown Junior student Joshua Garcia has been named to the third Annual Offense-Defense Youth All-American Bowl.

Joshua, a 215-pound 12-year-old defensive end for the seventh grade A-team Goslings, will join dozens of peers in his age group nationwide in an East meets West clash that is part of a weeklong series of events leading up to the 6th-annual Offense-Defense All-American Bowl, an All-Star football game of similar format showcasing 80 of the top high school seniors in the country.

His coach, Robert Mack, says Joshua is a player who has a motor that will not stop.

"He embraced the leadership role on the team and showed it by his work ethic during practice, game time and in the classroom. Joshua played both offensive and defensive line as well as special teams," said Coach Mack. "He was the team leader in tackles and sacks. During the season when games were on the line Joshua gave it his all, inspiring his teammates to give there all. In a sense you could say he never took a play off.

"I look forward for his 8th grade year of football. Though he is early in his football playing years, his future looks bright," his coach said.

Joshua is also a "Safe School Ambassador," at Baytown Junior. It's a leadership program meant to prevent peer pressure and bullying.

"I am very proud of him," says his mom, Ruth Garcia who is also the president of the Baytown Junior Booster Club.

Joshua was selected from a group of young athletes numbering in the thousands across the country to participate in this one-of-a-kind All-Star game.



Goose Creek CISD photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman. Baytown Junior School seventh-grader Joshua Garcia stands next to the school mascot. Joshua has been named to the third Annual Offense-Defense Youth All-American Bowl.

This year's event will take place on Dec. 31 in Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

The location of the game will add greatly to Joshua's excitement since he is a die-hard Cowboys fan.

Offense-Defense Sports has been running full-contact football instructional camps for the past 43 years and currently operates in approximately 40 camp locations nationwide every summer. For more information visit <http://www.o-d.com>.

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