



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



ACCESS DENIED

The robotics team "Access Denied" is led by Courtney Hollywood and Sarah Duran. Team members include Jason Payne, Cesar Valverde, Skylar Kibbe, Danielle Garcia, Austin Goodman, Shaily Yadav, Utkarsh Sharma, Ashwin Kharat, and Joseph McRae. Alternates include Jaron Pape, Prince Monroe, and Sebastian Ruiz. Walker coaches were assisted by parent mentor, Mike Payne.



TOXIC TERMINATORS

The "Toxic Terminators" robotics team is coached by Rosemary Olsen and Charoal Malak. Team members include Andrew Beck, David Rodriguez, Edward Castro, Adolfo Amador Blair Taylor, Johnathan Costello, Divya Singh, and Christopher Fontenot. Alternates include Shatavari Shinde, Saul Ayuayo, Valon Simon, and Jaime Chavez.



PERFORMANCE = RESEARCH + INTELLIGENCE SQUARED

The robotics team "Performance = Research + Intelligence Squared" is coached by Beth Banks and Sheryl Ford. Team members include Tina Phan, Eileen McCafferty, Vicente Olmos, Victoria Jaramillo, Brian McCafferty, Leslie Schoonover, Siavash Zamirpour, Sean McCafferty, and Shawyan Landi. Alternates include Summer Miller, Cheyanne Mohler, Isabella Garzoria, and Maeva Flavien.

Goose Creek CISD teams advance in robotics competition

All three Goose Creek junior robotics teams are advancing to the First Lego League Lone Star Regional Finals on Jan. 7 at Reagan High School in Houston.

The three teams competed with 45 other Lego teams on Dec. 10 at a qualifying tournament at College Park High School in The Woodlands.

Goose Creek CISD's three district teams are each composed of students in fifth through eighth grades from across the school district.

Each year, First Lego League releases a challenge for the competition that is worked on by Lego teams from across the globe.

The competition for 2011-12 is "Food Factor" which focuses on food safety and methods to prevent contamination.

Teams build and program an autonomous robot using Lego Mindstorms technology to score points in 21/2-minute matches on a themed playing field.

Team project presentations explore an actual problem that today's scientists and engineers are trying to solve, develop an innovative solution to that problem (either by creating something that doesn't exist or building upon something that does), and share their findings.

The Goose Creek junior Lego robotics team "Performance = Research + Intelligence Squared" won the trophy for Best Solution to the Food Factor Challenge through their research and presentation performance. This team practices at Harlem Elementary and is coached by Beth Banks and Sheryl Ford. Team members include Tina Phan, Eileen McCafferty, Vicente Olmos, Victoria Jaramillo, Brian McCafferty, Leslie Schoonover, Siavash Zamirpour, Sean McCafferty, and Shawyan Landi. Alternates for the team include Summer Miller, Cheyanne Mohler, Isabella Garzoria, and Maeva Flavien.

Students who competed on the team "Access Denied" won the trophy for Best Robot Design. Access Denied practices at Victoria Walker Elementary under the leadership of Courtney Hollywood and Sarah Duran. Those students are Jason Payne, Cesar Valverde, Skylar Kibbe, Danielle Garcia, Austin Goodman, Shaily Yadav, Utkarsh Sharma, Ashwin Kharat, and Joseph McRae. Alternates for this team include Jaron Pape, Prince Monroe, and Sebastian Ruiz. Walker coaches were assisted by parent mentor, Mike Payne.

The "Toxic Terminators" team practices at Crockett Elementary and is coached by Rosemary Olsen and Charoal Malak. This team's overall performance in all areas qualified them to proceed to the finals competition. Team members include Andrew Beck, David Rodriguez, Edward Castro, Adolfo Amador Blair Taylor, Johnathan Costello, Divya Singh, and Christopher Fontenot. Alternates include Shatavari Shinde, Saul Ayuayo, Valon Simon, and Jaime Chavez.

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