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## 54 GCCISD students headed to state history fair

Fifty-four Goose Creek CISD students will advance to the State History Fair after winning first or second place at the Lee College Regional History Fair on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28. (See complete results here)

Three schools accounted for 73 percent of the school district's contingent going to the State History Fair in Austin in May. Sterling High School has 15 state-qualifying students, Cedar Bayou Junior School is sending 13, and Horace Mann Junior has 10 state-

"We are taking some great entries with us to Austin in May," said Toni Shuman Coordinator of Social Studies, "and I fully expect to be booking a flight in June for National History Day."

Among this year's state competitors from Goose Creek CISD are several veterans from Among this year 3 state competition including six — Lauren Sparkes, Caises Hollast year's Texas History Day competition including six — Lauren Sparkes, Caises Arnold, Miroslava Zendejas, Jonathan Guajardo, Jairo Monasterio, and Jesus Zepeda who went on to National History Day competition in Washington, D.C.

Student entries at the Regional fair were all tied to the National History Day 2010 theme Innovation in History: Impact and Change.

Texas History Day, part of the National History Day program, is a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through 12. It provides an opportunity for students to develop their knowledge of history and their critical thinking, analytical reading and writing, presentation, media design, and public performance skills through creative and original papers, performances, documentaries, web sites or exhibits.

Prior to the Lee College Regionals, campus history fairs were held throughout the district as students competed for the right to advance to Regionals. The top two entries in each category from the Lee College competition are eligible to advance to Texas History Day

And the winners advancing to the state competition are ... In the senior division, Tyler Stafford of Ross S. Sterling High School won first place in individual performance. Miroslava Zendejas of Robert E. Lee placed second. Sterling student Caitlin May won first place in the individual historical paper competition, and Kaitlyn Gainer, also of Sterling, earned second place.

James Vovtek of Robert E. Lee High School won first place in the individual documentary category, and Rebecca Conejo of Sterling earned second place. Samiah Aulakh of Sterling High School won first place in the interpretive web competition, and Cory Arnold of Sterling earned second place.

In the senior group exhibit competition, Sterling High students Nygel Wallace, Shawn Collins, Clay Matthews, and Brandon Christopher won first place, and the Sterling, Lee and Goose Creek Memorial team of Jonathan Guajardo, Jairo Monasterio, and Jesus Zepeda won second place.

In the senior group performance category, Sterling High School's Alexis Stafford, Kyle Murray, Kristin Murray, and Lindsey Fess won first place, and the Lee team of Terrance Boyd, Serjio Hidalgo, Paulina Cantu, Iesha Bourne, and Hillary Hopson took second.

In the junior division, Matthew Broussard of Gentry Junior School placed first in the individual performance category. Horace Mann Junior School student Jose Mendez and Baytown Junior School student Andrew Lord won first and second place, respectively, in the junior historical paper competition.

Gentry Junior student Jovonne Ledet won first place in the junior individual documentary competition, and Meredith Gibson of Baytown Junior earned second place, Armando Morfin and Garrett Barton won first place for their web page and Andrea Garcia was announced as second place. In the individual exhibit competition, Richard Echeverria of Horace Mann Junior School won first place, and Ruchir Pipalia of Gentry earned

In the junior group competitions, Cedar Bayou students David Barrett and Michael Lahowetz won first place for their exhibit, and Cedar Bayou students Jonathan Garcia and Perry Garcia earned second place

In the group documentary competition, Lauren Sparkes and Caisey Arnold of Baytown Junior won first place, and Abby Gregorcyk, Elisabeth Villarreal, Reagan Sharp, Annie Jones, and Caroline Fess of Cedar Bayou Junior earned second

In the junior group performance category, the Horace Mann team of Sasha Ramjattan, Han Bui, Kimberly Estrada, Betzianel Lagunas, and Kursten Jaime earned first-place honors, and the Cedar Bayou team of Britainy Lovett, Allie Guy, Sydney Tindol, and Juliana Yolland placed second

History fair sponsoring Goose Creek CISD teachers for the Lee College Regional History Fair include: Ami Liggett, Suzy Ferrell, Connie Scantlen, Toni Rosenbaum, Ovidio Hinojosa, Peter Cushman, David LaGrange, Mary Snellings, Carrie Kinnaman, Lori Austin, Christopher Hartrick, Christopher Shields, Rosemary Calico-Hopson, Maggie Eubanks, Donna Britt, Arlene Hastings-Hill, Robin Richards, and Amy Maddie.

The State History Fair will be held May 7 and 8 in Austin. Winners will advance to National History Day at the University of Maryland in June.

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