



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Carol Colvin Receives Excellence in Education Award



Carol Colvin

At the recent 6th annual Goldin Foundation Educators Forum hosted by Goose Creek CISD, Carol Colvin, music and choir teacher at Stephen F. Austin Elementary in Goose Creek CISD, was recognized for "Excellence in Education." Carol joined the group of distinguished educators who, since 1991, have been recognized by the Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education for making outstanding contributions in their classrooms, their schools, and their communities. She shared her experiences, projects, and insights with other teachers, administrators, parents, and members of local communities at this regional forum.

Carol received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Sam Houston State University in 1985. She has been with Goose Creek CISD for 25 years and, during that time, she has also taught at Pumphrey Elementary and DeZavala Elementary.

One of her nominators said this about Carol: "Through her innovative and exciting methods, Carol inspires her students to love music and to love performing. Carol builds a foundation for her students and prepares them for whatever path they choose to pursue, band, choir, orchestra. Many of her students have excelled as they moved up to middle school and high school, and quite a few have chose music as a profession due to Carol's mentoring."

Each year, Carol has prepared her students to present numerous programs for Stephen F. Austin Elementary, Goose Creek CISD, and at community events in Baytown. Additionally, Carol has involved her students in state and national music events. One of her students auditioned for and was selected for the children's choir for the National Convention of the Organization of American Kodaly Educators; several students were selected for the children's choir for the Texas Choral Director Association convention; and Carol's choirs have participated in the East Texas Children's Choir Festival in Huntsville.

Carol was introduced by Nova Stippel, an instructional specialist at Stephen F. Austin Elementary and a member of the Goldin Foundation Advisory Board for the Region 4 / Greater Houston area.

The Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education is a non-profit organization that was established in 1990 to recognize the "unsung heroes" in education for their excellence, expertise, and demonstrable achievement in education. Initially, the Foundation served the thirteen school systems represented by The Education Cooperative (TEC) in metro-west Boston. It has since expanded to include school systems served by The Education Collaborative of Greater Boston (EDCO) and other school districts in California and Texas. The Foundation provides six annual awards of \$500 to each grouping of school systems, to be used at the discretion of the individuals selected.

Excellence in Education awards are given to any persons working directly with students, teachers, or other support staff within the school or community. Individuals are nominated by their fellow teachers, administrators, parents and other members of the community. Awards are decided by an Advisory Board comprised of previous Goldin Foundation award winners. Central to the Goldin Foundation's process are: the Educators Forum, a time when recipients, nominators, and community members gather together at one of the schools to present and reflect on their projects and experiences inside and outside of the classroom; internal recognition and support that occur within a given school and local community; professional development; and networking with current teachers, college students preparing to be teachers, and industry representatives.

Ultimately, students are the recipients of the instruction and personal connections by outstanding educators. According to Harriet Goldin, president and founder of the organization, "It is the Goldin Foundation's belief that educators play a vital role in supporting young people's growth and preparing them to be adaptable, flexible, creative, and responsive to future societal changes. Our goals are to foster the respect for and appreciation of educators, to seek the retention of outstanding educators, and attract dynamic, intelligent, and creative future educators." Information about the Goldin Foundation awards for 2011 will be sent to participating schools in October 2010; selection of award winners will be made in February 2011; and the annual Educators Forum will take place in April 2011. For additional information, refer to the website: [www.goldinfoundation.org](http://www.goldinfoundation.org).

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