



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek Board honors History Fair winners

At its second October meeting, the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Toby York honored the 55 students who advanced to state and/or national competition for 2010 History Day and their teachers.

Toni Shuman, Coordinator of Social Studies, told the Board what is widely known in History Fair circles.

"The Goose Creek school district is known for its success at History Day competition on both the state and national level," she said.

This past year, 55 Goose Creek CISD students advanced to Texas History Day competition. Of those, 36 students and 14 entries made it to the final round (Top 8). Five entries and 12 students placed first through fourth with two more receiving special awards.

Seven students and three entries advanced to National History Day where one performance group reached the finals (the Horace Mann team of Sasha Ramjattan, Han Bui, Kimberly Estrada, Betzianel Lagunas, and Kursten Jaime) and two of those girls made the front cover of the 2011 National History Day [rulebook](#).

Teachers at Baytown, Cedar Bayou, Gentry, and Horace Mann junior schools, and Lee and Sterling high schools coached the students.

"The students and teachers we recognize tonight all worked hard to achieve this distinction," said Shuman.

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 were eligible to advance to Texas History Day competition.

Those honored Oct. 25 by official district congratulations for History Fair success were:

- From Sterling High School - Tyler Stafford, Caitlin May, Kaitlyn Gainer, Rebecca Conejo, Samiah Aulakh, Nygel Wallace, Shawn Collins, Clay Matthews, Brandon Christopher, Jonathan Guajardo, Alexis Stafford, Kyle Murray, Kristin Murray, Lindsey Fess, and teachers Donna Britt, Maggie Eubanks, Amy Maddie, Arlene Hastings-Hill, and Robin Richards.

- From Lee High School - James Voytek, Miroslava Zendejas, Jairo Monasterio, Terrance Boyd, Serjio Hidalgo, Paulina Cantu, Iesha Bourne, Hillary Hopson, and teachers C.A. Shields, and Rosemary Calico-Hopson.

- From Goose Creek Memorial High School - Jesus Zepeda.

- From Gentry Junior School - Matthew Broussard, Jovonne Ledet, Ruchir Pipalia, and teacher Toni Rosenbaum.

- From Horace Mann Junior School - Jose Mendez, Richard Echeverria, Sasha Ramjattan, Han Bui, Kimberly Estrada, Betzianel Lagunas, Kursten Jaime, and teachers Ami Liggett, Suzy Ferrell, James Fischer, and Connie Scantlen.

- From Baytown Junior School - Andrew Lord, Meredith Gibson, Lauren Sparkes, Caisey Arnold, and teacher Peter Cushman, Armando Morfin, Garrett Barton, Andrea Garcia, and Ovidio Hinojosa, and teacher David LaGrange.

- From Cedar Bayou Junior School - David Barrett, Michael Lahowetz, Jonathan Garcia, Perry Garcia, Abby Gregorcyk, Elisabeth Villarreal, Reagan Sharp, Annie Jones, Caroline Fess, Brittainy Lovett, Allie Guy, Sydney Tindol, Juliana Yolland, and teachers Mary Snellings, Caren Miller, Lori Austin, Carrie Kinnaman, and Christopher Hartick.



After the board secretary Jenice Coffey and Superintendent Dr. Toby York finished handing out the certificates to those History Fair winners who could attend and after photos were taken by the many parents who came to the meeting, Shuman said there was one additional certificate to hand out.

A picture of Cory Arnold was displayed on the large boardroom screen. The Sterling High School student had suddenly and unexpectedly died this past summer.

"History fair means different things to different students," said Shuman.

For some, she said, history fair is just another assignment; for others an opportunity to work on a major project with friends. But for others, Shuman said, "it is something special – something to get excited about and something for which they exert great effort.

"For Cory Arnold History Fair was that something special," she said.

After competing in History Fair for four years, 2010 was Cory's first trip to the stage at the Lee College Regionals to receive a medal and the right to advance to state competition.

"If you want to measure the importance of this to Cory, I think his face says it all," Shuman said glancing toward the screen of the smiling teenager holding his History Fair medal.

Cory's parents, Bo and Kari, came forward to accept his certificate to a reverent standing ovation.

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