



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Sterling's Strubbe named tennis coach of the year

Ross S. Sterling High School head tennis coach Jan Strubbe was named the 2010 Coach of the Year Award for 5A schools at the recent Texas Tennis Coaches Association awards banquet in New Braunfels.

Strubbe has coached Sterling tennis players since 1990, racking up titles and accolades while touching the lives of thousands of students.

"I love tennis. Through the years, many wonderful kids have passed through the Sterling tennis program," Strubbe said. "This is a huge honor, and I am very humbled."

Strubbe is a well-respected coach in the greater Houston area.

During her two decades as the head tennis coach at Sterling, she has established a consistent winning tennis program and had many players compete at the district and regional levels.

She is very competitive, instilling great work ethics and responsibility to those she teaches/coaches.

"Enthusiasm, personal love for the sport, and a true dedication to tennis and my kids, has gotten us where we are today," Strubbe said. "The team as a whole sets goals and takes ownership of our destiny. The players are motivated to win but at the same time live up to the goals they have developed individually and as a team. Winning is important but I focus on performance of the individual player and help them see their contribution is as essential to the team as to their own daily life."

Eighteen years ago, Strubbe created the "Tennis Wall" at Sterling, which is literally on the wall of the school facing the tennis courts.

Not only are the Team Tennis results posted but also each individual's name who has qualified for Regionals during spring tennis season.

Strubbe says players have come back for numerous reasons over the years and many have commented on their name being on the "Wall."



Jan Strubbe, Head Tennis Coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator at Ross S. Sterling High School, was awarded the 2010 Coach of the Year Award for 5A schools at the annual Texas Tennis Coaches Association Awards Banquet in New Braunfels. Pictured with Strubbe are Roy Emerson, left, the most prolific Grand Slam titleholder in the history of tennis, and Tim Calhoun, president of the Texas Tennis Coaches Association.

"This gives the players a visual reminder of their participation and ownership of the winning tradition at Sterling High School," she said.

Coach Strubbe also hosts a summer tennis camp every summer for the past 20 years and introduces the game of tennis to the most novice players. Some kids have been coming to her camp for 10 to 12 years every summer — a testament to the type of coach that she is.

Strubbe also serves as the Assistant Athletic Coordinator at Sterling and teaches AP Psychology.

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