

DECEMBER 2021

GOOSE CREEK ^{CISD}

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. RANDAL O'BRIEN

Goose Creek CISD Family,

As a member of our Goose Creek community, you may have noticed that our Community Engagement department has worked tirelessly to keep you informed of the phenomenal work that occurs every single day inside the walls of our schools and departments. Our district is funded by you: our taxpayers; our citizens who live and work within our boundaries. Statistical data tells us that only about one third of our citizens have any relationship to our school district; other than what they see or hear. For these reasons, we believe it is important for us to tell our story in order to reach as many of our stakeholders as possible.

Our district utilizes communication methods such as the newly designed website, District app, social media, podcast, district magazine, photo gallery, News Hub and more to increase community relationships and strengthen effective communications. Our students in the PR Squad and our staff in the Campus Ambassador program take ownership of their experiences by sharing stories on campus platforms. We tell the stories of our high quality instruction, the endless opportunities that we have generated through expanding our curriculum offerings, extending our CTE programs, and preparing our students to be work or career ready upon high school graduation.



DR. RANDAL O'BRIEN
Superintendent of Schools



Community Engagement Team members are (sitting) Carrie Pryor-Newman, Erika Foster, Angela Sanders; (standing) Brittney Culpepper, Kristyn Cathey, Matt Bolinger, Randal O'Brien, Kendall David, Veronica Dyson, Sam Espinoza and Mima Trujillo (not pictured).

These are just a few aspects of the pride that you may feel being a part of our wonderful school district. I hope that you feel that you, too, are a huge part of our GROWING GIANTS team! GIANT kudos to our innovative Community Engagement team for all of their hard work. We will continue to do our due diligence and keep you informed and abreast of the events that occur in our district that you have come to know, expect and enjoy.

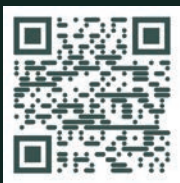
Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing our students and staff in 2022!

Warm Regards,

Superintendent of Schools

GIANTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Goose Creek CISD Giant students, staff members, and alumni. This award is given monthly to individuals who are an inspiration and those who have had a giant impact. Our community nominates candidates, and recipients are determined by a committee comprised of teachers, administrators and business representatives.



Do you know a giant? We accept nominations throughout the year and encourage our community to nominate students, staff members, and alumni.

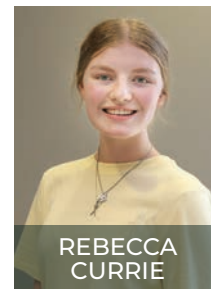
Scan the QR code or visit www.herewegrowgiants.com

Thank you **Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital** for sponsoring our giants of the month for the 2021-2022 school year.

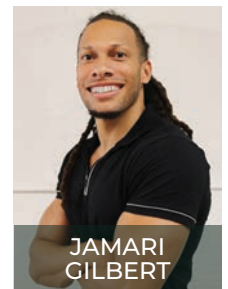
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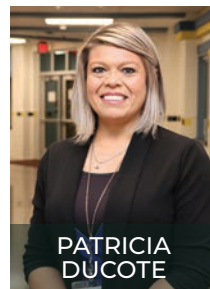


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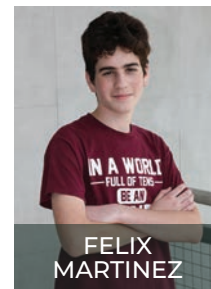


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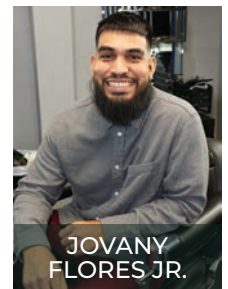
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Members of the Global Business Academy at Goose Creek Memorial High School hold NCAC banner.

Global Business Academy Earns NCAC Distinction

The Global Business Academy at Goose Creek Memorial High School (GCM) earned a national distinction from the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) on November 15th, 2021, at a ceremony at the NCAC conference. As a result, the Global Business Academy now holds the title of National Model Academy. The Global Business Academy was one of the twenty-nine academies to earn this award in 2020 and the only academy in Texas to do so that year. To achieve the title of National Model

Academy, the Global Business Academy underwent a rigorous review process and met or exceeded expectations for all ten national standards of practice.

The Global Business Academy at Goose Creek Memorial offers students an engaging business curriculum, job shadowing and internships, career certifications, and preparation for college and the business world.



Dishing Up a Meal for the Holidays

By: Kristyn Cathey

Aramark Chef Franchesca Bland is no stranger to the kitchen. Her love for cooking and culinary television shows began as a child. Since joining the district's Nutrition Services department in 2017, Chef Bland has cultivated, invested, and nurtured a love of cooking in the students and staff she encounters on a daily basis. Like most, her favorite time of the year is the holiday season, and this year she created dishes with three senior Stuart Career Technical High School Culinary Arts students: Kyra Kirby, Nathan Nichols, and Ayanna Thornton. They created a dessert sure to tingle your tastebuds!



CINNAMON PEACH SHORTCAKE WITH GRILLED POUND CAKE

Makes 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Small pound cake, homemade or store bought, sliced in 8 pieces
- 4 cup peaches, diced
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. pure vanilla
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tbsp. cinnamon
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 tbsp. water
- Whipped cream, to taste
- Toasted pecans, to taste

PROCEDURE

In a saucepan melt butter and add peaches, brown sugar, vanilla, nutmeg, & cinnamon, bring to a simmer.

Mix cornstarch and water and add to peaches, turn heat to low and let simmer for 5 minutes. Set peach sauce aside.

Toast sliced pound cake on a buttered grill or saute pan.

For 1 serving, place 1 slice of pound cake on a plate top with ¼ of the peach sauce, top with another slice of pound cake, whipped cream, and toasted pecans. Enjoy!

SCAN FOR
HOW-TO
VIDEO



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN ELEMENTARY SELECTED AS APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL



Elizabeth Suarez and Jacob Start watch their Sphero Bolt perform their code and stop at each section for main idea and supporting details.



Apple Distinguished Application

Scan the QR code to view the application submitted to be recognized as an Apple Distinguished School.



Adrian Joseph and Brinkley Benoit work on coding their Sphero Bolt to show main idea and supporting details.

VISION

We work to prepare our students for the global community that awaits them by teaching them to share their thoughts, questions, ideas, and solutions using effective communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. Through the use of technology in the classroom, our teachers build on those skills throughout the years and prepare them for jobs not yet created. As we continue to move deeper into the 21st century, we will continue to prepare students to become part of the unknown world and become an integral part of creating new innovations to push our future forward.

SUCCESS

We guide our success of technology integration in the classroom through student and teacher evaluation. Through this, we see how technology integration has increased creativity, productivity, and self-esteem. Some examples that we have seen include:

- Teachers maximize the use of Minecraft to create biomes, story settings, and animal habitats allowing students to use skills that develop critical thinking.
- Students develop and produce using green screen technology and iMovie.
- Students think critically, invent, and develop a simple app that could help better the world.
- Through creating an environmentally friendly campus with the reduction of paper waste (which saves electricity, ink, and reduces technology waste in the form of printers) students are taught the necessity of global awareness.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Our journey has just started to unfold! As we continue to encourage our students and teachers to develop and evolve with the use of technology in the 21st-century classroom, the possibility of our students and teachers becoming navigators of their own future, risk-takers, creators of relevant information, and environmentally conscious world citizens increases. The research will continue on how to develop the best lessons and delivery systems to meet our students at their level of understanding in order for them to feel empowered to go out and grow like giants.



Distinguished School

By: Karen Trujillo, Stephen F. Austin Elementary Librarian
Excerpt from SFA's Apple Distinguished Campus Application



LEE vs STERLING

55 Years of a Rivalry to Remember



Local first responders were recognized at Lee vs. Sterling football game on November 5, 2021.

By: Kristyn Cathey

It was a crisp, fall night in 1966 when the first Lee versus Sterling game was played in Stallworth Stadium. Fifty years later, the district celebrated the golden anniversary of one of the best known rivalries in the state of Texas to a packed crowd of alumni, current students, and community supporters. This year's event was no different. The district honored the 55th year of the hometown showdown during the final game of the season on November 5th. But the celebrations did not stop there.

The senior football players participated in the annual "Senior Night" ceremony, where they bid farewell to their fans in their final home game. Local first responders were also recognized for their hard work and contribution to the safety of the community, and the Lee and Sterling High School Class of 1971

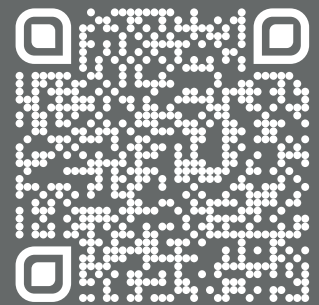
graduates were recognized as they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

After the recognitions were completed, Dr. Randal O'Brien, Superintendent of Schools, tossed the coin and the game kicked into high gear. The Lee High School Ganders entered the final game of the season with a 6-3 overall record and fifth place 5A-1 Region III District 9 standing. The Sterling Rangers had a 4-5 overall record and a seventh place spot on the 5A-1 Region III District 9 list. The game was close, but in the end, the Ganders ended the season victorious with a final score of 24-21.

As the players shook hands, gave high-fives, exited the field, and the stadium lights were turned off, another exciting season of GCCISD football came to an end. The Lee versus Sterling rivalry will live on in the hearts and minds of the community.



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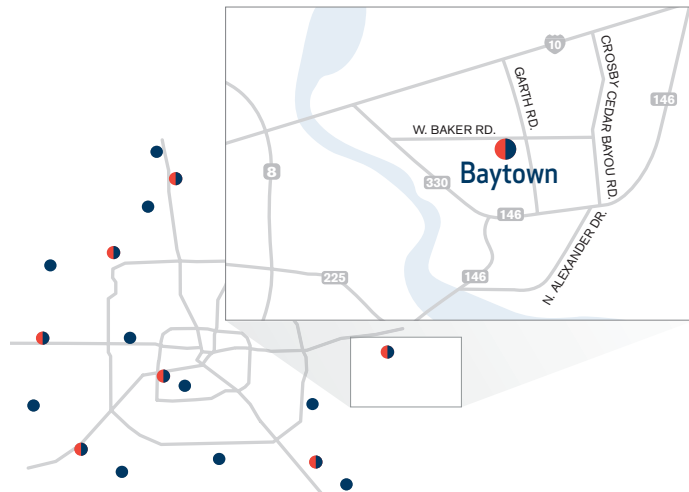


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Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman



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