

2018 RETIREES AND  
TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

# Master Chefs

OF STUDENT SUCCESS

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ross S. Sterling High School  
300 W. Baker Road, Baytown, TX



## **PROGRAM**

Welcome

Recognition of Retirees

Retiree Video

Recognition of James Becker Thomson Award Winner

Recognition of the Bilingual/ESL Teachers of the Year

Recognition of Campus Teachers of the Year

Recognition of District Teachers of the Year

Reception

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ELEMENTARY

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RECIPE FROM:

**EMILY  
ABILEZ**

**ALAMO ELEMENTARY**

**KINDERGARTEN**

*“ Sugar and spice and  
everything nice with a  
smidge of whimsy makes  
for a winning recipe. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# MARIA BORREGO

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN ELEMENTARY**

**KINDERGARTEN - BILINGUAL**

*“ I use heart, passion and relationships to get students where they need to be. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# MARTHA PACHECO

**DR. ANTONIO BAÑUELOS**

2ND GRADE - BILINGUAL

*“ Helping students believe in themselves makes my recipe complete. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# LEIGH ANN FLOWERS

**JAMES BOWIE ELEMENTARY**

PE. & TRACK

*“ Equal parts of patience  
and persistence help  
students succeed. ”*





RECIPE FROM:

# ADRIAN CLARK

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY**

4TH GRADE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

*“The main ingredient I use is persistence to help students attain their goals.”*





RECIPE FROM:

# MELISSA MADDEN-TRUNCALÉ

**DR. JOHNNY T. CLARK, JR. ELEMENTARY**

3RD GRADE - GATE

*“ Making personal connections lets students know that I care.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# WENDY THOMPSON

DAVID CROCKETT ELEMENTARY

4TH GRADE - MATH

*“ Adding fun in learning  
makes my recipe work. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# ANGELA FEARS

**LORENZO DE ZAVALA ELEMENTARY**

**3RD GRADE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

*“ I always use  
diligence to stay  
the course.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# BEKKI BISHOP

**HARLEM ELEMENTARY**

4TH GRADE - ELA, READING & SOCIAL STUDIES

*“Consistency helps me foster the love of learning in my students.”*





RECIPE FROM:

# MICHELLE STANGLE

HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY

3RD GRADE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

*“ I add a dash of  
differentiation in all  
that I do. ”*





RECIPE FROM:

# JENNIFER WEYMOUTH

**BONNIE P. HOPPER PRIMARY**

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE - ELA AND SOCIAL STUDIES

*“ I work at making connections with each other and challenging students every day.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# PATRICIA SANTOYA

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR ELEMENTARY

3RD GRADE - READING

*“My main ingredient  
is patience.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# HALEY JOHNSTON

SAN JACINTO ELEMENTARY

5TH GRADE - MATH

*“My recipe for success includes a love for lifelong learning.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# HEIDI MORGAN

**ASHBEL SMITH ELEMENTARY**

**5TH GRADE - MATH & SCIENCE**

*“Diligence and patience  
are my two  
main ingredients.”*





RECIPE FROM:

# JENNIFER SIMOTAS

WILLIAM B. TRAVIS ELEMENTARY

2ND GRADE

*“ I include a positive attitude,  
using respect and  
creating relationships. ”*





RECIPE FROM:

# ELIZABETH EAGLE

VICTORIA WALKER ELEMENTARY

3RD GRADE

*“ I always need  
effective communication. ”*

A decorative border with a red and beige plaid pattern surrounds the central text. The border consists of a repeating grid of red squares on a beige background, with thin red lines forming the grid. The central area is white with a thin red border.

SECONDARY

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RECIPE FROM:

# TAVIA ROBERTSON GAMBOA

**BAYTOWN JUNIOR**

**8TH GRADE - SCIENCE**

*“ A cup of creativity and a dash of determination make a difference in the classroom. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# STACEY MULLINS

**CEDAR BAYOU JUNIOR**

7TH GRADE - MATH

*“ High expectations, relationships, team collaboration and passion for teaching must be included in my recipe.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# TARA FOUNTAIN

**GEORGE H. GENTRY JUNIOR**

8TH GRADE - SCIENCE

*“ A passion for teaching and a desire for building relationships complete my recipe. ”*





RECIPE FROM:

# KURTI KULKARNI

HIGHLANDS JUNIOR

8TH GRADE - ALGEBRA

*“ Keeping a positive attitude,  
along with hard work and  
dedication makes for the  
perfect recipes. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# CLAY GARRISON

**HORACE MANN JUNIOR**

6TH - 8TH GRADES - PE.

*“ Every day I wake up to  
impact at least one kid’s  
day in a positive way. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# SHONNA PRENTICE

GOOSE CREEK MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

10TH GRADE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

*“ My recipe calls for understanding, mixed with knowledge, trust and a love of what you do. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

# TROY FLORES

**PETER E. HYLAND CENTER**

9TH-12TH GRADES - ALL SUBJECTS

*“New beginnings and a fresh start are ingredients in my recipe.”*





RECIPE FROM:

# ERIKA CAMARILLO

**IMPACT EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

9TH & 10TH GRADES - SPANISH

*“What makes the difference is listening to and getting to know your students.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# MICHAEL WASHBURN

ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL

11TH GRADE - U.S. HISTORY

*“My recipe includes relationships, which are important for building trust.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# PEDRO RUIZ

**POINT ALTERNATIVE CENTER**

6TH - 12TH GRADES - MATH

*“Leading by example and entertaining questions about real life give us the results we want to achieve.”*



RECIPE FROM:

# SARAH HERWECK

**ROSS S. STERLING HIGH SCHOOL**

11TH GRADE - U.S. HISTORY

*“Using real life examples shows how you can take from the past and apply them to make things better.”*





RECIPE FROM:

# REX MILLER

STUART CAREER TECH HIGH SCHOOL

9TH-12TH GRADES - AG SCIENCE

*“Constant change is always in my recipe as I teach in different ways to keep students engaged.”*

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

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RECIPE FROM:

GCCISD'S HOUSTON AREA ASSOCIATION FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION [HAABE]  
ELEMENTARY BILINGUAL/ESL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**MARIANA BAILEY**

**ALAMO ELEMENTARY**

3RD GRADE - BILINGUAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

*“ Relationships and belief  
in my students and their  
talents have an impact on  
my recipe for success. ”*



RECIPE FROM:

GCCISD'S HOUSTON AREA ASSOCIATION FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION [HAABE]  
SECONDARY ESL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

# KRISTIE FUDGE

**HORACE MANN JUNIOR**

6TH-8TH GRADES - READING

*“Building relationships, being passionate, inspiring children and always smiling contribute to a successful recipe.”*





RECIPE FROM:

# BECKY O'BANION

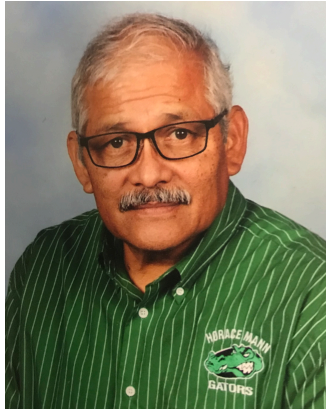
HOMEBOUND SPECIAL EDUCATION

JAMES BECKER THOMSON SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*“Passion and collaboration help make my recipe successful.”*

RETIREES

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## **DAVID G. ALEMAN**

**ART TEACHER, HORACE MANN JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**David G. Aleman**, art teacher at Horace Mann Junior School, is retiring this year after 32 years in education, 15 of which were in Goose Creek CISD.

Aleman graduated from Lamar University with a B.S. degree in graphic design. He wishes to compliment all teachers and administrators on the formidable and challenging task they face every day.

“Thanks for the memories - my prayers will be with you all,” he said.

After retiring, Aleman plans to paint and take care of his family, including wife, Brenda, and children Victoria, Christina and David Matthew.



**ARTHUR "FAYE" BRAZILE-HALEY**

COUNSELOR, POINT ALTERNATIVE CENTER

**Arthur "Faye" Brazile-Haley**, counselor at POINT Alternative Center, has announced her retirement after 28 years in education, including 21 years in Goose Creek CISD.

Brazile-Haley holds a B.S. degree from Wiley College and a master's degree in counseling from Prairie View A & M University. She began her career in GCCISD at Carver Elementary in 1997, moving to Cedar Bayou Junior School in 2004. She transferred to POINT Alternative Center in 2013.

Brazile-Haley's family includes husband Emile Haley, Jr. and children Emile Haley, III; Arthur Haley and Elizabeth Haley. In her free time, she plans to travel.





## DEANNE CUMMINGS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER, ROSS S. STERLING HS

**Deanne Cummings**, English Language Arts teacher at Ross S. Sterling High School, plans to retire at the end of this school year. Sixteen of her 20 years in education have been in Goose Creek CISD.

Cummings earned her degree from Houston Baptist University. She came to Goose Creek CISD to teach seventh-grade reading at Highlands Junior School. After a year, she transferred to Cedar Bayou Junior School, where she was honored to have been selected as Teacher of the Year. She made the leap for her finish at Sterling High School.

Cummings' family includes her husband, John Keith Cummings, and sons Ian and Bryon Cummings. She and her husband will be welcoming their first grandchild into their family in October, so much time will be spent getting to know their little "Peppercorn." She also plans to spend time writing her second book. Her first was published in 2009. They plan also to make frequent trips to Ft. Davis, Texas, the site of their future retirement home.



## MARY ANN HAYES

CAMPUS STUDENT SUCCESS SPECIALIST, HORACE MANN JR. SCHOOL

**Mary Ann Hayes**, Campus Student Success Specialist at Horace Mann Junior School, is retiring after 30 years in Goose Creek CISD and a total of 32 years in education.

Hayes has an associate of arts degree from Lee College, where she delivered the commencement address in 1990, and a B.S.E. from Texas Woman's University in Denton, TX.

Hayes began her career in Ft. Work as a bilingual first grade teacher. She was hired by Goose Creek CISD to work at the Administration Building, but she accepted a job at Lamar Elementary mid-term. The next year, she returned to bilingual education, teaching first grade at Carver Elementary. After eight years at Carver, she became a Family Involvement Coordinator at De Zavala Elementary, Harlem Elementary and finally at Horace Mann Junior.

Hayes is honored to have been chosen to present at the National Conference for Bilingual Education on two occasions while teaching at Carver.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to have touched the lives of so many students and their families during my career," she said.

After retiring, Hayes and her husband Henry will enjoy traveling. She also will spend time with her children Rico, Rianna, Ashli, Tony, Bryanna, Brittani, Trey, Henry, Jr. and their beautiful families. She adores her grandchildren and will now have more time to make many more precious memories with them.



## ANNETTE MARCUS

### TEACHER AND INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, HORACE MANN JR. SCHOOL

After a rewarding 26-year career of valued contributions to education, 18 served in Goose Creek CISD, **Annette Marcus**, teacher and intervention specialist at Horace Mann Junior School, has announced her retirement.

After earning a B.S.E. from Southern Arkansas University and while achieving her M.Ed. with a Reading Specialist Certification from Lamar University, she began her career as a music teacher in a rural southeast Texas public school and enjoyed ten delightful years teaching art, music, and theatre arts. Accompanied by her young son and daughter, Marcus and family spent a year launching an exciting mission on the island of Mauritius. Returning to the states, she taught ELA at Harlem Elementary and later, Read 180 at Baytown Junior School. In 2015, she assumed the rewarding position she now holds as intervention specialist at Horace Mann Junior.

During her public education pursuits, Annette also served as an adjunct professor at Lee College for three years, teaching Developmental Reading. One of the many highlights of her career in education was the opportunity to present at the Read 180 Convention in New Orleans, La.

Upon retirement, Annette plans to continue following her first love of assisting young people in their education, explore new hobbies, travel and spend quality time with daughter Annabeth, son Philip and her three grandchildren, Tiana, Connor and Gracie.



## **BJ (BRENDA) MCCOY**

**VOCATIONAL TEACHER, POINT ALTERNATIVE CENTER**

**BJ (Brenda) McCoy**, vocational teacher at POINT Alternative Center, is retiring after 37 years in education with a total of 34 years in Goose Creek CISD.

McCoy received an associate of arts degree from Lee College and bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University, where she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Alpha Psi Education Honor Fraternity and Phi Upsilon Omicron Home Economics Fraternity.

A product of Goose Creek CISD (REL), where she was Lt. of Twirlers for the Brigadiers, McCoy began her teaching career in Sheldon ISD at C. E. King High School in August 1979, coming "home" to teach in GCCISD in 1982. She taught home economics at Horace Mann Junior School and then transferred to the School Community Guidance Center (SCGC), which is now POINT Alternative Center. She served as interim assistant principal for two years at SCGC and has served as campus testing coordinator for many years.

"GCCISD voted me the Secondary Teacher of the Year in 2000! I was so proud that I had received this award and that I was able to accomplish the goal I had set for myself and for the district's most valuable assets - the students!" McCoy said.

McCoy and husband Gary, who was her high school sweetheart, have two children - Kelly Lee, who left them in 2003, and daughter Meghan. After retiring, McCoy plans to enjoy the farm (Double Nickel Ranch); grow fall and spring gardens; travel America; spend quality family time with husband Gary, daughter Meghan and her future son-in-law Justin; work on DIY projects and crafts; read; sew and volunteer.





## **PEGGY H. RATLIFF**

**SIXTH-GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, HORACE MANN JR. SCHOOL**

**Peggy H. Ratliff**, sixth-grade social studies teacher at Horace Mann Junior School, is announcing her retirement after 15 years of teaching, all in Goose Creek CISD.

Ratliff received her BBA degree from Sam Houston State University. She married Gary Ratliff, and they have one child, Cole, and a daughter-in law, Cassie. She taught seventh-grade reading and writing for eight years and spent three years as a STAAR Reading teacher with seventh-and eighth-graders who were struggling readers. The past four years, she has taught sixth-grade social studies.

After retiring, Ratliff plans to play! She was a pharmaceutical sales representative for 24 years before she started teaching, so this has been her second career. Now she is ready to start the next stage of her life, which will include traveling the world, volunteering at Theater Under the Stars, enjoying long lunches with friends, writing romance novels and making homemade cards.



## **CYNTHIA RISNER**

**SIXTH-GRADE MATHEMATICS TEACHER, GENTRY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**Cynthia Risner**, sixth-grade mathematics teacher at Gentry Junior School, is retiring after 13 years in Goose Creek CISD and 32 years in education.

Risner received a bachelor of science degree from University of Houston Clear Lake and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from University of Houston. She began her teaching career in 1984 as a seventh-grade math teacher at North Shore Middle School in Galena Park ISD. She taught at Galena Park Middle School, where she was Math Department Chairperson from 1994-2005. She has taught sixth-grade math at Gentry Junior School for the past 13 years.

Risner is married to Bruce Risner, and they have two children, Brooke and Heather. After she retires, she plans to vacation in Grand Cayman.





