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## Ed Fo will Brighten Your Day in a Giant Way

The Goose Creek CISD Police Department does so much more than ordinary police work. One of its major goals, according to Chief of Police Davis Smith, is to change the public's perception of what they believe law enforcement to be and what they do. He and his team can be often found in and around local neighborhoods, establishing meaningful relationships with students, staff and families inside and outside of the district.

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation applied for a grant entitled, "Brighten Your Day in a Giant Way," during spring 2022. The Partners in Education Project is funded by Harris County Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Foundation of Harris County. The grant's goal was to improve the bond between students and police officers by providing 100 students with a \$100 gift card to go shopping with a police officer.

Three students from each campus were selected to take part in the event, held on Oct. 24 at the Wal-Mart on Garth Road in Baytown. District police and security officers, members of the Education Foundation and district employees were paired with students and their parents, as they shopped for gifts for themselves and their family





members. The event allowed students to see their local law enforcement officers as "real" and not someone they should fear. The program helped to remove barriers between police officers and students, which will enable them to focus more on learning and academic achievement. Often students only have an interaction with police officers when a crisis arises at their home or at school. This event taught students that they can trust police officers and can look up to them outside of the unfortunate situations they may face.

## Teachers Honored at Fourteenth Annual Students Choice Awards Banquet

The GCCISD Education Foundation hosted its 14th annual Students Choice Awards Banquet, which honored 15 Goose Creek CISD teachers and highlighted the important role that they played in shaping the lives of their students. Over 200 nominations were submitted by high school seniors, recognizing and expressing appreciation of the hard work and dedication of their educators. The Foundation Board reviewed these nominations and selected the top 15.

The banquet was held at IMPACT Early College High School. Guests were welcomed with an amazing performance by the talented Ross S. Sterling High School Reverb Show Choir, under the direction of Dylan Fornshell.

The students who nominated the teachers had many positive and heartwarming memories to share about their honoree. Sophia Leyva, Goose Creek Memorial High School, nominated Angie Johnson from Goose Creek Memorial High School and said, "All of her generosity cannot be contained to two pages. Mrs. Johnson really is what I believe a phenomenal teacher, a remarkable mentor, and one of the most considerate people I have met. I find joy in giving because of her and hope she is able to continue her legacy for many years to come."

The positive impact of teachers on students is immeasurable. They inspire, support, and equip students to reach their full potential to become the workers and leaders of tomorrow.

PHOTOS: 1. Kyla Gijan, IMPACT Early College High School student; Amy Kaminski, Baytown Junior School teacher; Yoanna Isas, Ross S. Sterling High School teacher; Sofia Cantu, Ross S. Sterling High School student; Eric Henrichsen; Stephen F. Austin Elementary teacher; Jordan Estrada, Ross S. Sterling High School student; Sophia Lleyva, Goose Creek Memorial High School student; Angie Johnson, Goose Creek Memorial High School teacher; Jorge Granados, IMPACT Early College High School student; and John Lowrance, Baytown Junior School teacher. 2. Clym Gatrell, Ross S. Sterling High School teacher; Cassie Rogers, Ross S. Sterling High School student; Keith Brown, IMPACT Early College High School teacher; Debany Gomez, IMPACT Early College High School student; Kelly Congdon; Stuart Career Tech High School teacher; Hector Rangel, Stuart Career Tech High School student; Anna Faina, Ross S. Sterling High School teacher; Anh Nguyen, Ross S. Sterling High School student; Crystal Grabill,







IMPACT Early College High School teacher; and Karen Del Real, IMPACT Early College High School student. 3. Ronald McDowell, Ross S. Sterling High School teacher; O'Rian Bell, Ross S. Sterling High School student; Terri Marrs, Ross S. Sterling High School teacher; Allison Helm, Ross S. Sterling High School student; Timothy McCarty, Stuart Career Tech High School teacher; Brianna Caballero, Stuart Career Tech High School student; Ilija Milovanovic, IMPACT Early College High School teacher; Samantha Perez, IMPACT Early College High School student; Xitlaly Ruiz, IMPACT Early College High School student; and Tiffany Silverthorne, George H. Gentry Junior School teacher.

# **2023 INNOVATIVE GRANTS**

Teachers apply for Teacher Innovative Grants to implement innovative, hands-on instructional ideas that enrich the classroom learning experience



## TOTAL AWARDED \$198,880

ALL HANDS ON DECK: THE IMPACT OF HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE
BECAUSE YOU MATTEREMBRACING OUR COMMUNITY ONE LANGUAGE AT A TIME\$4,176.00 Horace Mann
CALCULATING SCIENTIFIC SUCCESS
CREATING COMPETENT READERS AND WRITERS\$1,639.60 Lamar
DIGITAL CRASH CARTS\$2,268.00 RSS
DRESSING FOR SUCCESS: FFA OFFICIAL DRESS CLOSET \$4,500.65 GCM
ENGINEERING DESIGN LAB\$3,618.99 Stuart Career Tech.
EXPAND MUSIC EDUCATION WITH CLASSICAL GUITAR \$3,067.72 RSS
GOING MIRRORLESS
HOOPS FOR HEALTH
INKSLINGER LITERARY JOURNAL
INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW: USING INQUIRY-BASED SCIENCE TO CREATE EQUITABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
INTEGRATING HANDS ON LEARNING INTO INTEGRATED PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY
LEARNING THROUGH CODING
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
LING LONG YAN - MODERN CHINESE PIERCED PORCELAIN \$1,337.03 Gentry
LITTLE GIANTS SEE BRIGHT FUTURES
MAKING IT MEMORABLE WITH MODELS\$5,625.00 REL

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MATH MANIPULATIVES TO MAKE LEARNING FUN\$2,189.79 SFA
MOBILE 3D SCANNER\$1,640.00 REL
MULTI-PURPOSE UTILITY TRAILER; AN INDUSTRY-BASED EDUCATION- AL PROJECT
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NAVIGATE THE STAAR\$2,075.00 REL
PAINTED WITH PRIDE\$2,243.00
PODCAST \$878.96 GCM
PORTABLE CHARGERS
RAISE THE BAR: STEM EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS \$900.00 Banuelos
RECYCLE CLAY
ROVERIN' INTO PROBLEM SOLVING!
SCIENCE STEM AND CURRICULUM BOXES

SOARING IN SCIENCE\$7,984.00 Admin.	
SPANISH CLASSROOM LIBRARY\$1,822.00 Stuart Career Tech.	
SPECIAL EDUCATION - AUTISM & LIFE SKILLS - BEGINNER LEVEL FINE MOTOR TASK SET	
SPHEROS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM\$3,199.99 Clark	
STEAM FAMILY NIGHT STATION PROJECT: BUG BOX	
STEAMING TO SUCCESS\$4,199.00 Clark	
STOP THE BLEED GRANT APPLICATION	
SWIVL CAMERA AND SWIVL STAND TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING\$1,383.95 DeZavala	
TALKING WALL	
TI-NSPIRE CAS-VERSION CALCULATORS	
TUTORIALS ON WHEELS \$296.67 Stuart Career Tech.	
VISUAL ARTS VIRTUAL REALITY IMMERSION \$19,386.90 E.F. Green	



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