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TO: Dr. Joe Rodriguez, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Anna Espinoza, Director of Education Foundation & Partnerships

SUBJECT: Baytown411 Cream of the Crop Awards

Goose Creek CISD was well represented at the 2026 Baytown411 Cream of the Crop Awards Gala. The annual Cream of the Crop Awards celebrate outstanding individuals, businesses, organizations, and community leaders from across the Baytown and Mont Belvieu communities.

The following GCCISD representatives were recognized:

Winners

- Joel Kunz, Highlands Elementary – Athletic Coach of the Year
- Ashley Ramirez, Robert E. Lee High School – Registrar of the Year
- Thesiana Carter, Ashbel Smith Elementary – Teacher of the Year
- Mercedes Renteria III, GCCISD Board of Trustees – School Board Member of the Year

Runners-Up

- Morgan Galvan, Robert E. Lee High School – Athletic Coach of the Year
- Officer Kenneth King, Stuart Career Tech High School – School Resource Officer of the Year
- Ray Robertson, Robert E. Lee High School – Maintenance Professional of the Year
- Sarah Benton, Cedar Bayou Junior School – Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Raymundo Hernandez III, Robert E. Lee High School – Teacher of the Year
- Blair Eubank, Travis Elementary – Principal of the Year

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation also served as the Diamond Benefactor for the event. During the gala, Baytown411 presented a contribution to the Education Foundation in support of its efforts to enrich teaching and inspire learning throughout Goose Creek CISD.

We congratulate each of these honorees and thank them for representing Goose Creek CISD with excellence in our community.