

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

# ROTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2015

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR RESORT  
& CONFERENCE CENTER**



**Rotary International**



**Clear Creek  
Independent School District**

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year the Texas Education Agency hosts a wide search for the Teacher of the Year for elementary education and secondary education. To achieve recognition through this program, a teacher must first be chosen as a campus and a district Teacher of the Year, and ultimately as a regional honoree. Statewide, there are 20 regional elementary awardees and 20 regional secondary honorees selected. From this group of teachers, six finalists are chosen and interviewed by an independent panel of judges. The state's top elementary and secondary teachers are selected from the six outstanding finalists.

Today, the Clear Creek Independent School District and the Rotary Clubs of Space Center, League City, and Seabrook are recognizing the 44 teachers selected to represent their CCISD campus, acknowledging the six finalists, and ultimately announcing the two teachers who will move forward and represent Clear Creek ISD in the regional competition.

The teachers we are honoring today are known for developing positive relationships with students, reflecting on his/her teaching practices, going the extra mile for their students to be successful, serving as a positive team member who finds solutions to problems, and keeping open lines of communication with parents and the community. They are also lifelong learners.

# PROGRAM OF EVENTS



WELCOME

INVOCATION

PLEDGE

ABOUT THE ROTARY

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD HISTORY

LUNCH

CAMPUS HONOREES

2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

## DEAR TEACHERS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

The Rotary Clubs of League City, Seabrook, and Space Center are pleased to extend this invitation to join us at our annual luncheon recognizing and honoring those teachers who, by their generosity and passion, exemplify the very best of their profession. From amongst forty four (44) of Clear Creek Independent School District's exemplary teachers, two will be chosen to represent CCISD in competition for Regional Teacher of the Year.

Rotary International is the world's first and largest service oriented club. It is the only non-governmental organization to hold a seat at the United Nations. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in 34,000 clubs across 200 countries around the globe share in common a desire to give back unto life through Service above Self, specifically to promote goodwill and to advance prospects for world peace. Though all support Rotary International's global initiatives, local clubs are heavily invested in their own communities. Among Rotary's five traditional "Avenues of Service", none garner greater focus than education. That is especially true of the League City, Seabrook, and Space Center Rotary Clubs.

Rotarians recognize the value of a sound education system, as well as the responsibility we all share in preparing youngsters for a world they will one day inherit from us. At such a tender age most kids cannot fully appreciate the benefits of a meaningful education, yet they owe it to themselves, to the families they will one day bring into the world, to their communities, their nation, and ultimately to the family of man. Our teachers are an inextricably valuable part of that process, so to these ends Rotarians would like to thank you for helping us to celebrate excellence in education!

Sincerely,

**Scott Rainey**

*President*

*Space Center Rotary*

**Roy Green**

*President*

*League City Rotary*

**Chip Boteler**

*President*

*Seabrook Rotary*

## DEAR HONOREES AND GUESTS,

In the Clear Creek Independent School District we inherently believe one's heartfelt passion creates limitless possibilities. We are here today to recognize the teachers who create these opportunities for children every day. The educators in this room provide a safe and nurturing environment for each student to discover his or her unique talents. These teachers are just one of the many reasons CCISD has been named a top workplace in Houston for the third year in a row and why more than 700 new students enrolled in our schools this year.

On behalf of our teachers and the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the Space Center Rotary, Seabrook Rotary, and League City Rotary for taking the time and effort to recognize our teachers in such a meaningful way. This has become a very special tradition in our community.

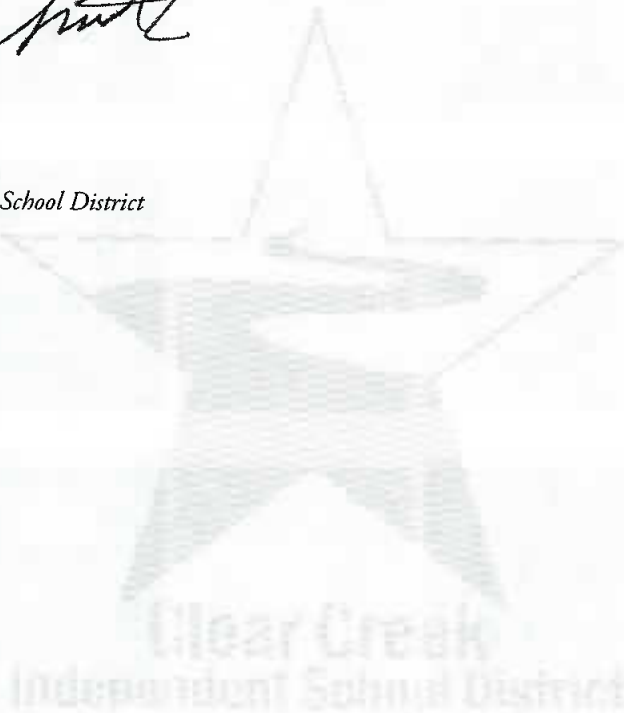
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Smith".

**Greg Smith, Ph.D.**

*Superintendent of Schools*

*Clear Creek Independent School District*



# THANK YOU



There are many people to thank for making this event a memorable one for our special teachers.

## **Clear Creek High School Color Guard:**

Army Instructor/Sponsor— Sergeant First Class Marc Sepulveda

American Flag— Cadet Captain Ally Reed

Texas Flag- Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Rachel Swisher

Right Guard- Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alex Morlan

Left Guard- Cadet Sergeant Kyle Kabboord

Cadet Master Sergeant Eric Quinones

## **Space Center Intermediate School Orchestra**

Under the Direction of Lisa Batson