



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 27, 2018

Gregory-Portland Independent School District

CONTACT:

Crystal Matern, Communications Officer

Office: (361) 777-1091, ext. 1031 | **Cell:** (361) 332-1476 | **Email:** cmatern@g-pisd.org

Gregory-Portland ISD receives \$251,828 from Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend - JET Grant funds Two (2) Human SynDaver Models for Science Classrooms -

Two synthetic human cadavers (“SynDaververs”) have now arrived at G-P High School, and will soon provide students with real-world learning thanks to a Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant in the amount of \$251,828 awarded to Gregory-Portland ISD from the Texas Workforce Commission and Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend.

Each model provides simulation that was previously only possible in a real-world scenarios. The grant included a SynDaver Patient Model and an Anatomy Model. These synthetic cadavers will provide students with applied learning complete with all bones, joints, muscles, organs and tendons found in a normal human anatomy. Major nervous system and vascular components are also included, and the patient model includes an open-source physiology engine that controls all aspects of synthetic biology including body motions.

“Partnering with Gregory-Portland ISD on this JET Grant for the development of career and technical education programs is important to our community and our future workforce,” said Ken Treviño, President/CEO for Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend. “The investment for training our students in high-demand occupations such as Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians will help meet the need of Coastal Bend employers in the Health Care Industry Super Sector.”

“We are delighted to receive this grant award, and know it will provide invaluable hands-on learning experiences to further enhance our Career and Technology Education programs,” said G-PISD Superintendent Dr. Paul Clore. “We are also extremely grateful for the generous support from the Texas Workforce Commission and Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, and cannot thank them enough for their sound investment in our students.”

SynDaververs will be used for several courses at G-P High School, including those taught by G-PISD teachers and also continuing education classes offered in partnership with Del Mar College. These models were delivered to the campus in the last two weeks. Students will train to use them beginning this January.

[Click here](#) to view photo(s) of SynDaver models at G-P High School (g-pisd.org/syndaver).

CONTACT:

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend
Monika De La Garza, Public Relations Manager
361.885.3018 (w)
monika.delagarza@workforcesolutionscb.org

Gregory-Portland ISD
Crystal Matern, Communications Officer
361.332.1476 (c)
cmatern@g-pisd.org

##