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RGC High, Rep. Guillen Honor Students at AP Banquet

AUSTIN – Rio Grande City High School is holding its first AP Students Banquet on February 12. The banquet recognizes the students who scored well on their AP exams. State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-District 31) will serve as the keynote speaker to honor students for their outstanding academic achievements.

The Advanced Placement (AP) exam is an integral part of college preparation. AP exams allow students to earn college credit while still in high school, potentially reducing the cost of college tuition and easing a student's transition from high school to college.

Talking about the importance of college readiness, Representative Guillen said, "Utilizing tests like the AP exam is crucial for students--now more than ever--as tuition rates continue to climb and estimates show that over half of graduating seniors are unprepared for their freshman year in college."

As a legislator, Representative Guillen has supported measures to help students and teachers. Coming from a long lineage of educators, Guillen knows firsthand the importance of education. Guillen is an alumnus of Rio Grande City High School and Texas A&M University, where he studied business and agriculture. After graduating college, Guillen taught in the Valley before becoming a Texas State Representative.

Representative Guillen is committed to both teachers and students. Annually, Guillen hosts both the Future Leaders of South Texas Luncheon, honoring valedictorians and salutatorians from high schools around District 31, and the Student Legislative Session, an event that provides high school upperclassmen with an opportunity to learn first-hand how the legislative process works.

The AP Students Banquet event will be held at Rio Grande City High School and will honor forty-three students who, through hard work, discipline, and the aid of dedicated teachers, successfully passed their AP exams.

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Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen is currently serving his sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives. He represents District 31 which includes the south Texas counties of Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy. No other member of the House has successfully authored and passed more legislation than Rep. Guillen in the last decade.