



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Gwinnett students win gifted education awards**

The **Gwinnett Alliance for Gifted Education (GAGE)** recently recognized its 2018 award and scholarship winners at the organization’s 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony. In addition to naming the **GAGE Gifted Students of the Year**, the organization presented **six \$100 scholarships. Two students earned \$500 scholarships**— the Ruth Cowan and Annette Eger scholarships, named after premiere gifted educators who worked in Gwinnett. **Melissa Madsen**, principal of **Britt Elementary School**, was honored as the organization’s Administrator of the Year and **Mona Brawley**, an educator at **Partee Elementary School**, is the GAGE Elementary Teacher of the Year. In addition, GAGE recognized **Monchello Curry** as its Outstanding Parent of the Year and **Dr. Hector Rosario** as its Hughes Award winner, which salutes an individual, club, business, corporation, or civic group who made an outstanding contribution to GCPS’ gifted program. Below is a complete list of GAGE honorees for 2018.

### **GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**2010 and 2014 Winner of**



### **GAGE High School Gifted Students of the Year**

Muhammad Faisthalab, Berkmar HS  
Freddy Ayala, Central Gwinnett HS  
Rebecca Schaefer, Collins Hill HS  
Ryan Lamp, Dacula HS  
Fateha Zannath, Discovery HS  
Jackson Baird, Duluth HS

Connor Caldwell, Gwinnett Online Campus  
Hannah Blas, South Gwinnett HS  
Bryan Gomez, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

### **GAGE Middle School Gifted Students of the Year**

Murphy Jordan, Bay Creek MS  
Ivan Zheng, Coleman MS  
Helen Nguyen, Couch MS  
Kunal Sahoo, Creekland MS  
Leynie Hester, Dacula MS  
An Vu, Duluth MS  
Lily Burton, Five Forks MS  
Premeet Sandhu, Osborne MS  
Ashley Calderon, Grace Snell MS

Stacy Yoon, Hull MS  
Namtip Aphithanakhun, Richards MS  
Gabrielle Zachery, McConnell MS  
Nii Kwatei Quartey-Papafio, Northbrook MS  
Randal Tart, Pinckneyville MS  
Katelyn McConnell, Snellville MS  
Mathew Perez, Twin Rivers MS

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**GAGE Elementary Gifted Students of the Year**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Audrey Woodall, Alcova ES          | Ashley Q. Pierre, Harmony ES         |
| Dakota Dalton, Alford ES           | Hieu Bui, Ivy Creek ES               |
| Sergio Ulysse, Anderson-Livsey ES  | Benjamin Badinger, Jackson ES        |
| Naimah Stewart, Annistown ES       | Ayman Kahn, Taylor ES                |
| Kimberly Hoang, Arcado ES          | Anya Butkovich, Knight ES            |
| Tanya Franco, Baggett ES           | Jack Hunsaker, Level Creek ES        |
| Khang P. Tran, Baldwin ES          | Michelle Diep, Lilburn ES            |
| Kaylee Liang, Beaver Ridge ES      | Fareed Ahmed, Lovin ES               |
| Burhanuddin Ali, Benefield ES      | Rhea Shah, Mason ES                  |
| Elsie Rankin, Berkeley Lake ES     | Riley Murdoch, McKendree ES          |
| Asim Yoonas, Bethesda ES           | Safaa Mohammed, Minor ES             |
| Lilianna Arnold, Britt ES          | Charles Deng, Norcross ES            |
| Claire Jing, Brookwood ES          | Jace Lee, Parsons ES                 |
| Ethan Lee, Burnette ES             | Emma Hotilovac, Patrick ES           |
| Kelly Craciun, Cedar Hill ES       | Sydney Hammond, Pharr ES             |
| Yaphet Teklemariam, Centerville ES | Evelyn Foley, R.D. Head ES           |
| Julia Le, Chattahoochee ES         | Victoria Choi, Riverside ES          |
| Sherly Aguilar-Vega, Chesney ES    | Salvador Soto-Trevino, Rockbridge ES |
| Ashlyn Chafin, Cooper ES           | Galileu Carvalho, Rosebud ES         |
| Kya Lewis, Corley ES               | Kirsten Larsen, Shiloh ES            |
| Pius Iyamu, Dacula ES              | Andrew Sama, Simpson ES              |
| Haley Tucker, Duncan Creek ES      | Camari Terrelonge, Starling ES       |
| Liliana Pittman, Dyer ES           | Layla Chancellor, Stripling ES       |
| Angie Pham, Ferguson ES            | Amy Ndoye, Suwanee ES                |
| Sam Dunseth, Fort Daniel ES        | Zachary Stephey, Sycamore ES         |
| Sydney Scheiwe, Freeman's Mill ES  | Phoebe Mikanda, Trip ES              |
| Mehek Saha, Harbins ES             | Anabel E. Dew, Woodward Mill ES      |

**GAGE \$100 Summer Scholarship Award Winners**

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hajun Kim, Level Creek ES | Keshave Parthasarathy, Coleman MS |
| Olivia Lindsey, Pharr ES  | Aminah Muhammad, Northbrook MS    |
| David Sanchez, Pharr ES   | Randal Tart, Pinckneyville MS     |

**Ruth Cowan Award (\$500)**

Leala Ho, Norcross HS

**GAGE Administrator of the Year**

Melissa Madsen, Britt Elementary

**Annette Eger All Children Are Gifts  
Award (\$500)**

Ian Huelsbeck, Norcross HS

**GAGE Outstanding Parent of the Year**  
Monchello Curry

**GAGE Elementary Teacher of the  
Year**

Mona Brawley, Partee Elementary

**The Hughes Award**

Dr. Hector Rosari