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Two Gwinnett high school seniors earn thousands for college

Two Gwinnett County Public Schools' graduating seniors have been awarded Belli Scholarships. Ambar Bello, a senior at Mill Creek High School, and Zayra Morquecho Alcantar, a Peachtree Ridge High School senior, each will receive a scholarship worth up to \$20,000.

The Belli Scholarship honors the memory of **John, Lynne, and Nicole Belli** by affording college tuition and expense monies to a diverse group of Gwinnett County high school graduates, particularly those with documented economic need who may not be identified as academic or athletic leaders in their schools but who possess the skills to be academically successful in college. In order to be considered for the scholarship, a student must have a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA at graduation but not be in the top 10% of their senior class, have two letters of recommendations from teachers, and submit a one-page essay on his or her financial need, career goal, and education plan, as well as any extraordinary circumstances that have been overcome on the way to graduation. The intent of this scholarship is to provide financial support for students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college.

As Belli Scholarship winners, Ambar and Zayra, will receive \$5,000 annually for college expenses including tuition, books, and fees up to \$20,000. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years of documented college coursework (must maintain a 2.0 college GPA).

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