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## **GCPS student earns scholarship and chance to meet Dr. Condoleezza Rice**

Sandra Perez, a Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (GSMST) student, has been named a KPMG Future Leaders Scholarship award winner. The honor comes with a \$40,000 scholarship, pairing with a mentor for one year and acceptance to a three-day KPMG Future Leaders Retreat at Stanford University with Dr. Condoleezza Rice this summer. The retreat will include leadership training and an introduction to golf. Perez is one of only 20 students selected for the honor.



Launched in 2016, the KPMG Future Leaders Program is an initiative focused on developing future generations of women leaders. Dr. Rice, the 66<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of State, serves as the program ambassador. Funded by net proceeds from the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship and KPMG Women’s Leadership Summit, the KPMG Future Leaders Program annually awards twenty top female high school seniors the opportunity to enhance their personal growth through college scholarships, a leadership development retreat at Stanford University, mentorship, and an introduction to golf. The program’s main purpose is to help these young women continue to build a strong foundation and instill the confidence and leadership ability they need to succeed in college and ultimately in their long-term careers.

This is not the first honor for Perez, earlier this year she was one of only two Gwinnett County Public Schools students awarded a **Horatio Alger National Scholarship** worth \$25,000.

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