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Six Gwinnett seniors among National Merit winners

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that six **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** seniors are 2019 National Merit Scholars.

The six Gwinnett students join a growing list of students who continue to receive notification of scholarships. The National Merit Scholars from GCPS for 2019 are:

Name	School	Probable Career	Award
Abigail Obeng-Marnu	Brookwood HS	Medicine	<i>National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship</i>
Jesse Chen	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Medical Engineering	<i>National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship Underwritten By State Farm Companies</i>
Nicholas M. Couchara	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Biochemistry	<i>National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship</i>
Julius L. Tao	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Computer Science	<i>National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship</i>
Amy Park	North Gwinnett HS	Political Science	<i>National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship</i>
Ryan Tay	Parkview HS	Physics	<i>National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship</i>

The National Merit Scholars are part of a group of distinguished students nationwide judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. As designees, they each receive a scholarship for \$2,500. The students were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors from a pool of more than 15,000 finalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. The committee reviewed each student's academic record including difficulty level of subjects studied and

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2010 and 2014 Winner of



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grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions/leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the student; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

The competition began when more than 1.6 million students, who at the time were high school juniors, took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as the initial screening for program entrants. The highest scoring participants in each state were then selected as semifinalists. From the semifinalist group, 15,000 met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

For more information about the NMSC, contact (847) 866-5100.

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