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GCPS Class of 2019:

GCPS seniors among select group to earn Gates Scholarship

Imagine earning the opportunity to go to college with all expenses paid... that is exactly the scenario for four **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** seniors. The four students are recipients of the **2019 Gates Scholarship**. The GCPS seniors are among a select group of 300 students from across the nation to receive the honor this year. The honorees from Gwinnett are:

Gates Scholar	High School
Joseph Zhang	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Jayden Eccleston	Mountain View HS
Edith Siyanbade	Mountain View HS
<i>*A fourth student from GCPS has been honored with this scholarship, but has requested not to be listed in promotional materials.</i>	

Gates Scholars have a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) and have an outstanding academic record in high school (in the top 10% of his/her graduating class). In addition, they must have demonstrated leadership ability and exceptional personal success skills.

The Gates Scholarship eliminates barriers to college for high-potential, low-income minority students. Funded by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the all-expenses-paid scholarship is awarded to 300 students per year. In addition to funding, The Gates Scholarship provides further support to Scholars, by engaging with them and their institutions in a variety of ways, to ensure they have access to the resources and services they need, from their first to last day of classes, through graduation and the transition to their chosen careers.

This prestigious scholarship program is based on evidence that by eliminating the financial barriers to college, an all-expenses-paid scholarship can enable high-potential, low-income minority students to excel in their course work, graduate college, and continue to be leaders throughout their lives.

For more information about the Gates Scholarship, visit

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