Animation is a goal and I can do it.
Moving on to a good life is possible.
Promise it is possible.

Zahra Coles-Felix
May 5, 2020
CLASS of 2020
Gwinnett County Public Schools
Celebrating May 2020

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Think more it helps
This publication captures a snapshot of the Class of 2020, with photos, performances, and just a few of the scholarships and awards garnered by members of this outstanding group of students. We know that many, many more of our students earned prestigious honors and scholarships that are not part of this publication. And we estimate that listing just the names of all of our graduates would take 85 pages! Congratulations to all of the members of the Class of 2020.

We are so very proud of you!

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Front cover: “The World Through My Eyes,” a digital media work by artist Zahra Coles-Felix of Maxwell HS of Technology. Zahra says she has learned the “importance of taking things and breaking them down just to put them back together into something great” and uses that in her art. Zahra infused her colorful piece with symbols of new beginnings, daily reminders to keep her head high, and expressions of beauty.
A Salute to Our Seniors

The 2019–20 school year has been like no other year in recent memory. For GCPS' 12,700 graduates— and their peers around the country and throughout the world— the rituals of senior year have been radically different in this time of COVID-19… cancelled proms and honors nights, virtual graduations and hopes of in-person events in July, online exams and no-contact drive-through "events" to gather belongings. While the global pandemic has reshaped their senior year, our students are poised to reshape their world. Despite the hardships and disappointments of these last months, our graduates display resilience and determination as they look toward their future and all that's ahead.

College, careers, military service, and volunteer work are among the next stops for our 2020 graduates. Most seniors— 81.5%— will be attending universities, colleges, and postsecondary schools in Georgia and around the country. Most of these students (85.7%) will attend school in Georgia, with 85.4% enrolling in a four-year college or university and the balance attending a two-year college or technical college. Among the students heading out of state, 49 will matriculate at one of the eight prestigious Ivy League schools. We have close to 1,200 students attending one of the top 50 schools in the country or one of the top 25 public colleges or universities in the U.S. (based on U.S. News & World Report ranking).

And our seniors will have financial help to complete their education. As of April 2020, our graduates have been offered $204.9 million in academic, athletic, and military scholarships, with almost 19% of college-bound graduates offered at least one scholarship. Academic achievement earned offers of $105 million, including large, multi-year scholarships such as 8 Posse Scholars and 1 Cooke Scholar. What's significant is the number and amount of scholarships that were not yet announced when senior information was compiled, including HOPE awards (typically, about a third of graduates), National Merit Scholars, and the full-ride scholarships awarded to GCPS' 17 QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship recipients and 9 Gates Scholars. Student athletes earned more than $92 million in athletic scholarships.

Service to country continues to be a call answered by GCPS grads. The nation's five military service academies— Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine— offered appointments to 19 young leaders, representing more than $7.5 million in scholarships. A total of 8 high schools had 1 or more appointments, with 3 appointments at Mill Creek and Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, and 4 each at Brookwood and Peachtree Ridge. Another 402 seniors will serve their country through military service after graduation, including 52 cadets who honed their leadership skills in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units at 14 GCPS high schools. A total of 262 seniors completed a JROTC class and 12 cadets earned ROTC college scholarships.

About 1,200 students will enter the workforce after high school, many armed with credentials and certificates earned through our career and technical education programs and sought after by local employers. Students graduating from the district's Academy high schools— Berkmar, Central Gwinnett, Discovery, Lanier, Meadowcreek, Shiloh, and South Gwinnett— complete high school with valuable exposure to college majors of interest and experience in potential careers. Another 600+ seniors have other post-graduation plans, including “gap year” volunteer work.

A record number of seniors are graduating with a grade percent average of 90 or better. Among our 3,672 Honor Graduates are each school's highest ranking students— the valedictorian (1st in class) and the salutatorian (2nd in class). More than half of Gwinnett seniors— 6,756— took on the challenge and rigor of college-level Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses during high school. In another record broken, 1,887 seniors— an increase of more than 250 students— got a head start on college through the state’s dual-enrollment program, earning both high school and college credit.

We congratulate our seniors for their many achievements and honors, and wish the very best for you all as you take on the next challenge. You’ve made us proud and we know you’re just getting started!
Celebrating the spirit and voice of the Class of 2020

Creative expressions of our graduating seniors

Spoken-word essay from Gwinnett Online Campus senior Chamberlain “Lain” Walls. Click here or on the image to view his performance.

“This is my way of sharing what my peers and I have been thinking and feeling, and explaining how we’re all still together.”

Duluth HS senior Yuji Yamada performs “Salut d’amour.” Click here or on the image to view his performance.

“Salut d’amour” by Edward Elgar is well-known as a love serenade, so I decided to play this piece as a tribute to all healthcare workers and everyone suffering from these unfortunate times.”

Art from Peachtree Ridge HS senior Lauren Walcott.

Photography from Parkview HS senior Angel Ahabue.

Maria Hernandez, Paul Duke STEM HS

Maria is aiming high after graduation, with plans to pursue her lifelong goal of becoming a pilot through Middle Georgia State University’s aviation program. Her experiences at a STEM school have laid a solid foundation for her future in aviation, college, and a bright future:

“When I started school, I didn’t consider it a happy place. After moving to Paul Duke, I realized it was just the real world in a small pond. Now I’m moving onward toward the next steps of my life and one day I will be an inspiration to people everywhere, but I will never forget the friends and memories I made here... The way the teacher respected us and our opinions and reminded us we have value, that high school is just the beginning of our stories. They encouraged us to break through the expectations of others and blaze our own trail.”
Lydia Melka, Brookwood HS

In an essay written for the Gwinnett Daily Post, Lydia mourned the “iconic senior moments” lost to her and her classmates, but she also recognized those things for which she can be grateful. Here’s a short excerpt from her essay:

“There are still things that make this bearable. First and foremost, I find that it’s important to have perspective in the context of the international crisis occurring. Having two parents who work in health care has given me a firsthand look into how much of an emergency this truly is, locally and worldwide.

“If you’re healthy, there’s already countless things to be thankful for. I can’t say that I miss the ridiculously early mornings and overall sleep deprivation that going to school brought me. I’ve also found that the fact that everyone is going through this helps. I see all of the faculty’s hearts breaking for us. I see my peers having to let go of expectations with me. We’re all helpless to the wrath of this virus.

“To anyone who knows a graduating senior, please check on them and lend some encouragement. Nothing makes the situation easy, but sweet words often help. To my fellow seniors, let’s not let this situation trick us into forgetting how much we have to appreciate.”

Lydia adds this about her experience writing her column for the newspaper: “Getting to share how I’ve found gratitude during this time has been such a meaningful and memorable experience. It’s been comforting to discover how many things there are to make us feel connected.”
Central Gwinnett seniors celebrate on Carnival Day. GOC holds both a December and a May graduation ceremony.

India ink and watercolor art from Dacula HS senior Eleanor Fox.

Senior Natasha Southerland from Meadowcreek HS performs “The Climb.” Click here or on the image to see her performance.

“Civetta” from Norcross HS senior Sophia Codispoti, who uses photos taken during trips for her artwork. She hopes her future includes more travel.

Seniors from the Shiloh HS perform the Shiloh Alma Mater. Click here or on the image to see their performance.

Isabel McHenry, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

In an essay written for the Gwinnett Daily Post, Isabel wrote about the day that she learned in-person classes would be cancelled for the rest of the year. With that announcement, Isabel and her classmates reflected on senior traditions that they would miss... senior breakfast and movie night, theater performances and special ceremonies, get-to-know-you college visits and traditional graduation. Here’s a short excerpt from her essay:

“Of course I know that these cancellations are important in saving lives and helping us return to normalcy sooner than later. Even when it’s the smart and safe decision to lose something, it still hurts. These are milestones in American culture that we will never claim.

“There is plenty to lament about losing the last of my senior year, but I have to remember how lucky I am. My family is safe, none of my relatives or friends are in immediate danger, and we have enough supplies.

“I'm lucky to have benefitted from a great education for 12 and a half years, a privilege that so many teenagers across the world can’t claim. Beyond that, we have a changed world awaiting us. None of us can really say what our economy, our politics, or our medical systems will look like after this. Growing up as we figure this out will be tumultuous, but possibly one of our most rewarding experiences...

“We’ve received lots of sympathy and seen the community rally around us, but the truth is, nobody can know how we feel: this is unprecedented. This loss may be small in the scope of the world, but, to me and my peers, it feels really big.”
Brendan Coen says an “inspiring” senior experience in Lanier HS’ Center for Design and Technology (CDAT) academy gave him opportunities—from an internship to robotics competitions—to explore different fields and kindled a passion for engineering. “Throughout my senior year, I was able to accomplish things that benefit the school and the community,” Brendan says. He and his peers helped CDAT earn certification to use a 3D printer to print prosthetic hands, which can be produced for a fraction of the cost of commercially produced prosthetics. And during this time away from school, the CDAT community has stayed connected by working together. “We made a CDAT discord server and a CDAT Minecraft server so students can stay in touch and talk to one another while social distancing,” he says. And that passion for engineering? Brendan plans to continue exploring the possibilities with the Mercedes Benz automotive engineering program at Gwinnett Tech, and he hopes to continue to give back to his alma mater as a mentor to future Longhorn robotics teams.

Grayson HS seniors Chandler Ahrens and Zach Helms perform “Let It Go.” Click the image to hear their performance.

“The Candler Hotel Staircase” from Phoenix HS senior Shamaya Powell.

Senior members of the Collins Hill HS orchestra came together remotely to perform “A Million Dreams.” Click here or on the image to view their performance.

“A Million Dreams” is fitting for the Collins Hill Class of 2020 because it represents how much we’ve grown together. Rather than focusing on all the bad that have gone on for the past couple of weeks, this song has brought our program closer together and helped remind us that the future is still ours to create.”

Melenni Mey, Violin
2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

**Archer High School**

Colé Thomas  
Valedictorian

**Brookwood High School**

Jay Patel  
Valedictorian

Jiuyan Dong  
Salutatorian

**Berkmar High School**

Gia-Minh Nguyen  
Valedictorian

Lavonté Saunders  
Salutatorian

**Central Gwinnett High School**

David Palmer  
Valedictorian

Carolyn Phung  
Salutatorian

**Collins Hill High School**

Matthew Sumanen  
Valedictorian

Max Schoenfuss  
Salutatorian

**Dacula High School**

Miranda Colon  
Valedictorian

Matthew Weiss  
Salutatorian

**Discovery High School**

Cindy Ho  
Valedictorian

Jedidah Titus  
Salutatorian

**Duluth High School**

Shalin Jain  
Valedictorian

Hussan Ali  
Salutatorian
2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Grayson High School

Davin Shi
Valedictorian

Yesenia Lopez
Valedictorian

Abigail Chambers
Salutatorian

Tanya Rodriguez
Salutatorian

Gwinnett Online Campus

Catherine Elizabeth Slack
Valedictorian

Shayla Nguyen
Valedictorian

Elizabet Verizova
Salutatorian

Gigi Tu
Salutatorian

Lanier High School

Stella Choi
Valedictorian

Nicholas Isaza
Salutatorian

Mason Ladd
Salutatorian

McClure Health Science High School

Claire Mistretta
Valedictorian

Valeria Granados
Valedictorian

Yessenia Lopez
Valedictorian

Abigail Chambers
Salutatorian

Meadowcreek High School

Wenjun Wang
Salutatorian

Bryce Hancock
Salutatorian

Catherine Elizabeth Slack
Valedictorian

Valeria Granados
Valedictorian

Claire Mistretta
Valedictorian

Tanya Rodriguez
Salutatorian

Mill Creek High School

Abigail Chambers
Salutatorian

Nicholas Isaza
Salutatorian

Shayla Nguyen
Valedictorian

Nicholas Isaza
Salutatorian

Mountain View High School

Catherine Elizabeth Slack
Valedictorian

Shayla Nguyen
Valedictorian

Nicholas Isaza
Salutatorian
2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Norcross High School

Luke Gries
Valedictorian

Chance Keown
Salutatorian

North Gwinnett High School

Maya Chande
Valedictorian

Alexander Fonzi
Salutatorian

Parkview High School

Toby Nguyen
Valedictorian

Rhiannon Eplett
Salutatorian

Paul Duke STEm High School

Chunjin Park
Valedictorian

Cameron Potter
Salutatorian

Peachtree Ridge High School

Alice Ao
Valedictorian

William Ao
Salutatorian

Shiloh High School

Miriam Martinez Rivera
Valedictorian

Catherine Trobradovic
Salutatorian

South Gwinnett High School

Sidney Swanstrom
Valedictorian

Princess Deborah Onyeanula
Salutatorian

Maxxis Scholarship

All Gwinnett County Public Schools Valedictorians and Salutatorians receive a one-time award of $500 from Maxxis International-USA.

Donors make a difference! A gift to the GCPS Foundation Fund is the best way to ensure that current and future students are afforded the very best in educational opportunities. Gifts may be directed to dedicated scholarship funds, districtwide needs, or to a specific cluster or initiative. Please make your gift online today!
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2020 GATES SCHOLARS

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.

Archer High School
Rahsaan McFarland II

Central Gwinnett High School
David Palmer

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Tameem Asif
Faraz Awan
Yassine Bouanani
Kenneth Truong

Mill Creek High School
Destiny Sanchez

Mountain View High School
Shayla Nguyen

Shiloh High School
Gavin Clarke

2020 QUESTBRIDGE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

QuestBridge is a non-profit organization that connects high-achieving, low-income high school seniors with full scholarships to the nation's top colleges. College Match Scholarship Recipients are admitted early to QuestBridge college partners with guaranteed, full four-year scholarships that are provided by QuestBridge's 42 college partners, including top liberal arts colleges and exceptional research universities. This list includes recipients of QuestBridge National College Match Scholarships and their college plans.

Berkmar High School
Nada Abdalla—Carleton College
Britney Mayorga—Emory University
Lavonté Saunders—Vanderbilt University

Central Gwinnett High School
David Palmer—Rice University

Dacula High School
Miranda Colon—University of Notre Dame

Duluth High School
Valerie Nguyen—Yale University

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Faraz Awan—Princeton University
Alexander Gonzalez—Brown University
Rashmi Mohan—Colby College
Gloria Vergara Neyra—Stanford University

Grayson High School
Bre’An Alyse Moore—Carleton College

Mountain View High School
Kareem Aitcadi—University of Chicago

North Gwinnett High School
Maria Li—Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Joshua Suh—Duke University

Parkview High School
Dean Zhu—Rice University

Shiloh High School
Precious George—Carleton College

An additional student has been honored with this scholarship, but has declined to be listed.

2020 COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

This highly competitive scholarship, awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, includes up to $40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school to pursue any area of study, as well as advisement on college selection, financial aid, and the transition to college.

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Emily Kim
2020 Posse Scholars
Founded in 1989, the Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Posse extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. Partner colleges and universities award four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships to Posse Scholars. Posse Scholars go on to graduate at a rate of 90% and make a visible difference on campus and throughout their professional careers. GCPS seniors honored as Posse Scholars are:

Berkmar High School
Sydney Gustave—Bard College

Brookwood High School
Maya Compton—Brandeis University
Lydia Melka—George Washington University
Albright Tuah—Bard College

Discovery High School
Adam Shamsi—Boston University

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Nitya Jella—Texas A&M University

Mill Creek High School
Michaela Strauther—Brandeis University

Norcross High School
Gloria Ampadu-Darko—Boston University

2020 National Merit Semifinalists
The 2020 National Merit competition began with results of the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Competition Qualifying Tests, taken in the junior year. Last fall, semifinalists were designated, based on the highest scores in the states that make up each region. A rigorous selection process determines finalists for scholarship awards. Most National Merit scholarships are one-time awards of $2,500. Corporate-funded scholarships are marked with an asterisk and NMSC-funded scholarships are marked with two asterisks. Additional scholarships will be awarded by colleges in June and July to students in this list.

Archer High School
Summer R. Porter

Brookwood High School
Alexandra J. Barskiy
Zachary O. Bloodworth*
Tarek Dennie**
Amen H. Gashaw*
Jacquelyn Gwynn
Aidan T. Hentschel
Christian H. Kim
Tanuj Patel
Neil R. Patram
Gregory R. Zhang

Collins Hill High School
Jenise R. Bowling

Duluth High School
Garrett R. Baird
Shalin Jain**

Grayson High School
Josue Estrada-Cordoba
Claire Mistretta

Gwinnett School of Mathematics Science, and Technology
Juan-Pablo Armes
Victoria J. Chung*
Huy C. Dai
Frances Day
Gautam Desai
Kareem Elfoulie
Neha Gregory
Aiden Jacobazzi
Emily H. Kim
Jennifer J. Kim
Ray Li
Young Q. Lin
Tristan A. Linn
Hanson Liu
Faith E. Mchar
Isabel L. McHenry
Vraj J. Patel**
Chirayu M. Salgarkar
Nihar D. Shah
Davin Shi**
Wenjun Wang

Mill Creek High School
Claire M. Grant
Cassidy Hettesheimer**
Madelyn K. Hurd
Madison B. Leming

Norcross High School
Skyler P. Barnash
Luke Gries*
Chance Keown

North Gwinnett High School
Maya Chande*
Alexander Fonzi
Bret A. Jacob-Wolos
Rachel D. Kim
Justin K. Lee
Maria Li
Savannah K. Luney
Page K. Nellis
Michael R. Robinson
Benjamin N. Stracner
Gabrielle B. Wheeler

Parkview High School
Joy Dang
Rhiannon Eplet
Toby Nguyen*
Jessica Y. Pan
Aarsh A. Patel
Mary Wang**

Peachtree Ridge High School
Alice Ao*
William Ao*

South Gwinnett High School
Henoc Zinga
State and Local Scholarship Winners

2020 Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship Recipients

This $1,000 scholarship—co-sponsored by Upsilon Alpha Omega, the Gwinnett Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the GCPS Foundation—is awarded to African American high school seniors to further their educational opportunities.

Archer High School
Oluwabukunmi Kehinde

Brookwood High School
Isabella Jackson

Collins Hill High School
Jenise Bowling

Dacula High School
Debora Blay
Jaylen Drummond

Grayson High School
Chris Cherono
Kamahl Grant
Jazara Nelson

Mill Creek High School
Ashanti Robinson

North Gwinnett High School
Kayla Brown
Jhordan E. Buckley
Morgan Frye
Meaghan Lewis
Alexis Perry

2020 Kappa Alpha Psi LDAC Chapter Scholarship Recipients

Through its annual scholarship program, the Lawrenceville-Duluth Alumni Chapter (LDAC) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity continues the tradition of supporting African American male students in pursuing a postsecondary education and building strong values and leadership in the community. This year, LDAC distributed college scholarships and other awards to 30 GCPS seniors, including one-time awards ranging from $250 to $1,000 and four-year awards totaling $5,000 and $10,000. Over the last nine years, LDAC has assisted more than 279 Gwinnett students with postsecondary education expenses, awarding $230,075 in scholarships to date.

LDAC Chapter Scholarship
($10,000) Paid in annual installments of $2,500 as long as 2.5 GPA is maintained
David Palmer of Central Gwinnett High School

LDAC Chapter Scholarship
($5,000) Paid in annual installments of $1,250 as long as 2.5 GPA is maintained
Michon Shaw of Discovery High School

LDAC Chapter Scholarship
($1,000) One-time award
Ryan Birch of Mill Creek High School
Cameron Burkes of Peachtree Ridge High School
Chris Cherono of Grayson High School
Amari Holmes of Berkmar High School
Corban Johnson of Collins Hill High School
Evan Johnson of North Gwinnett High School
Elijah Simon of South Gwinnett High School
Devin Smithwick of Gwinnett Online Campus
Cameron White of Shiloh High School
Nathaniel Yankey of Dacula High School

Terry Dykes ROTC Scholarship
($1,000) One-time award in memory of a Kappa Alpha Psi brother who passed away, open to male and female students in ROTC program
Ruth Adjetey of Meadowcreek High School
Valina Beauvoir of Collins Hill High School

Additional awards were distributed to participants in LDAC’s mentoring program.
GCP ScholArShip WinnerS

2020 Scholarships awarded through the GCP ScholArShip WinnerS

Annually, the GCP ScholArShip WinnerS Foundation Fund, Inc., awards a number of one-time scholarships to graduating seniors, funded through the generosity of local businesses and organizations and contributions from generous staff and community members. More than 130 graduating seniors earned $135,640 in district and school-specific scholarships administered through the Foundation, including the one-time awards on these pages. The 2021 Scholarship Catalog will be released online in fall of 2020.

2020 J. Alvin Wilbanks Educator Scholarship ($2,000)
Co-sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union (PSFCU) and the Foundation—Established in 2007 in honor of CEO/Superintendent Wilbanks’ more than four decades of service to public education, and in recognition of his leadership in guiding the district to state and national prominence, this scholarship is awarded to seniors pursuing a career in education.

Estela Chavez of Central Gwinnett High School
Caitlyn Hope Petmecky of Parkview High School

2020 Louise Radloff Scholarship ($2,000)
Co-sponsored by PSFCU and the Foundation—This scholarship recognizes two Gwinnett County seniors who have overcome a significant personal challenge in order to graduate. This fund was established in 2004 in honor of four decades of service by Gwinnett County Board of Education member Louise Radloff.

Riley Sinclair White of Mountain View High School
Kristen Leilani Woods of Mountain View High School

2020 Alton C. Crews Educator Scholarship ($1,000)
Sponsored by the Foundation—Since 2002, donations made in memory of Dr. Crews (GCPS superintendent, 1977–89) have funded this scholarship, awarded to GCPS seniors pursuing a teaching career.

Sarah McHan of Parkview High School

2020 Robbie Susan Moore Scholarship ($1,000)
Co-sponsored by United Ebony Society of Gwinnett and the Foundation—Founded in 2011 to honor the community service of Robbie Susan Moore, this scholarship recognizes college-bound seniors dedicated to serving the community.

Asia Aaron of Discovery High School
Lauren Walcott of Peachtree Ridge High School

2020 Teaching as a Profession Scholarship ($500–$1,000)
Co-sponsored by the Foundation and Georgia United Credit Union—This scholarship is awarded to seniors enrolled in the Early Childhood Education and Teaching as a Profession programs who are planning to pursue education degrees in college.

Deborah Hwang of Peachtree Ridge High School ($1,000)
Mallory Gail King of Grayson High School ($500)
Sheriden Barrett Mcclurg of North Gwinnett High School ($500)
Feyisola Amanda Odejimi of North Gwinnett High School ($500)
Jocelyn Ideth Rodriguez of Berkmar High School ($500)

2020 Dr. Frances Davis Legacy Student Scholarship ($2,000)
Sponsored by PSFCU—This scholarship is in honor of Dr. Frances Davis, associate superintendent of District Performance and Community Engagement and retired Chief Human Resources Officer for GCPS, who served more than two decades on PSFCU’s Board of Directors. This scholarship is awarded to a senior pursuing a career in education.

Ashley Brown of South Gwinnett High School

2020 Rick Cost Legacy Student Scholarship ($2,000)
Sponsored by PSFCU—This scholarship is in honor of Rick Cost, executive director of Treasury Services and retired Chief Financial Officer for GCPS, for his contributions to the school system. This scholarship is awarded to a senior pursuing a career in education.

Hayden Witmer of Grayson High School

2020 Peach State Federal Credit Union Legacy Student Scholarship ($2,000)
Sponsored by PSFCU—This scholarship honors past and present board members and employees who have served PSFCU for 20 years or more. This scholarship is awarded to seniors pursuing a career in education.

Spencer Kenyon of Grayson High School
Ashleigh Lawson of Parkview High School
Emma LeMaster of Brookwood High School
Caroline Leonard of Mill Creek High School
Sarah McHan of Parkview High School
Anna Murphy of North Gwinnett High School

2020 Georgia United Credit Union Young Leaders Scholarship ($2,000)
Co-sponsored by Georgia United Credit Union in partnership with the GCPS Foundation—This award is presented to graduating females who have distinguished themselves as a community volunteer, entrepreneur, or school leader.

Alice Vivian Ao of Peachtree Ridge High School
Amen Hasset Gashaw of Brookwood High School
Ananya Munish Kumar of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Claire Elizabeth Mistretta of Grayson High School
Hafsa Wadood of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
2020 GCPS Foundation Mathematics Scholarship ($1,500) Sponsored by the Foundation—This scholarship is awarded to one or more GCPS seniors with plans to enroll in an undergraduate course of study in or related to mathematics.

Simran Kaur of Mountain View High School

2020 Mark A. Herndon Mathematics, Science, Technology Scholarship ($1,500) Sponsored by the Herndon Family—This scholarship is awarded to a GCPS senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in mathematics, science, or technology preferably at (but not limited to) the University of Georgia.

Chioma Nwogor of Central Gwinnett High School

2020 GCPS Foundation Science, Engineering, and Technology Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by the Foundation—In recognition of outstanding performance at the regional level, a one-time award of $1,000 is presented to GCPS seniors with plans to enroll full-time at the postsecondary level in a course of study in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Anna Andrews of Lanier High School

2020 GCPS Multicultural Scholarship ($1,000) Co-sponsored by the Gwinnett Multicultural Advisory Committee and the Foundation—This scholarship is awarded to one or more seniors of Hispanic, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, or other minority origin, who has demonstrated a commitment to community service.

Shamel Basaria of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

2020 Jim Maran Scholarship for STEM Studies ($1,000) Sponsored by the Foundation—Established in 2013 and named in honor of the longtime Gwinnett Chamber president, this award is for a senior who plans to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Michelle Therese Seeler of Mountain View High School

2020 Dr. Janice L. Calkins Speech Pathology Language Scholarship ($1,500) Sponsored by Dr. Calkins, retired director of Speech Language Pathology in GCPS—This award is for seniors who will pursue a bachelor’s degree in speech language pathology.

Autumn Mitchom of Grayson High School

2020 Beth Rihm Global Language Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by the Foundation—This scholarship is awarded to seniors who have demonstrated a proficiency in a spoken foreign language and expressed a desire to deepen fluency through cultural immersion or extracurricular study. Established in 2015 by Rachel B. Mehravari, a Brookwood grad and former Rihm memorial scholarship recipient.

Reese Emily Saddler of Brookwood High School

2020 The Deloris and Reid Mullins Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by the Mullins Family—This award is presented to a senior in honor of Deloris and Reid Mullins, former GCPS educators and long-time residents of Gwinnett County.

John Murphy of Archer High School

2020 Rev. In Soo Jung Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by the Jung Family—This scholarship is for a GCPS senior, with priority given to Asian Christian males, who has plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study.

Alexander Hong of Brookwood High School
2020 Service Academy Appointments
The U.S. Service Academies are four-year postsecondary institutions that combine educational excellence with military officer training. Students accepted to the academies receive a free, four-year education in return for a commitment to serve in the active-duty military after graduation. In order to be admitted, students must receive a congressional nomination from either their U.S. Representative or Senator and must meet the highly competitive educational and extracurricular standards that are set by the individual academies as well as standards for physical aptitude and medical fitness. The following 19 GCPS seniors were offered service academy appointments.

Brookwood High School
Natalie Chavez — U.S. Air Force Academy
Jacquelyn Gwynn — U.S. Naval Academy
Jordan Parks — U.S. Air Force Academy
Aidan Perkins — U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Dacula High School
Brinley Rawson — U.S. Air Force Academy

Duluth High School
Thai Hoa Nguyen — U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Jay Ho — U.S. Naval Academy
Keillan Laurenceau — U.S. Air Force Academy
Jonathan Purvis — U.S. Naval Academy

Mill Creek High School
Bryanne Buchanan-Cummings — U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Joseph Palchevskiy — U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Logan Paugh — U.S. Naval Academy

North Gwinnett High School
Sebastien Thomas — U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Peachtree Ridge High School
Matthew Adoghe — U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Noah Choi — U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Corey Collins — U.S. Air Force Academy
Albert Jang — U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

South Gwinnett High School
Antonio Johnson — U.S. Air Force Academy
Elijah Rose — U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

2020 U.S. Presidential Scholar
The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation’s most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 161 graduating seniors are honored as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students. Three GCPS seniors are among the 17 semifinalists in the state vying for one of three spots as a U.S. Presidential Scholar representing Georgia.

U.S. Presidential Scholar
Alice Ao of Peachtree Ridge High School

U.S. Presidential Scholar Semifinalists
Maya Chande of North Gwinnett High School
Claire Mistretta of Grayson High School

2020 Georgia Scholars
The Georgia Scholar Program is a recognition program by the Georgia Department of Education honoring high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life. A group of 39 GCPS seniors were among the 295 graduates in the state who were honored as Georgia Scholars.

Berkmar High School
Britney Mayorga

Brookwood High School
Jiyuan Dong
Joseph Zheng

Dacula High School
Miranda Colon
Emily Kalec

Duluth High School
Shalin Jain
Madeline McCurry
Elizabeth Plumart
Anudeepa Ramachandiran
Rachel Rettig
Denny Woong

Grayson High School
Abigail Chambers
Chris Cherono
Kennedy Dotson
Kamahl Grant
Victoria Luongo
Claire Mistretta

Mill Creek High School
Gabriela Basauri
Sebastian DeJesus
Dakota Ellis
Alexander Garrison
Isabelle Harrel
Cassidy Hettesheimer
Maddie Hurd
Kendall Larson
Cameron Neher

Norcross High School
Patrick Flynn
Luke Gries
Chance Keown
Shayda Khadem

North Gwinnett High School
Maya Chande
Rachel Daniel
Khushi Mehta
Kennedy Primus
Michael Robinson

Peachtree Ridge High School
Roksana Klasa
Sahil Narsingani
Josephine Widjaja

Shiloh High School
Kimberly Clarke
2020 GCPS Career and Technical Education Student of the Year

District winners were selected from among local school Career and Technical Education Students of the Year for outstanding work in the classroom and leadership in technical education student organizations. The top three students will receive a Jody Reeves Career and Technical Education Scholarship. Scholarships are funded through the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc., with contributions from Learning Labs, Inc., the Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association, and individual donations to the Jody Reeves Scholarship. Mrs. Reeves served as the district’s executive director for Academies and Career and Technical Education before her retirement.

GCPS CTE Student of the Year: Shreya Kuturu, North Gwinnett High School ($1,500)
1st runner-up: Mario Nieto, Norcross High School ($1,000)
2nd runner-up: Mya Swaby, Brookwood High School ($750)

2020 Gwinnett Student Leadership Team Seniors

The Gwinnett Student Leadership Team, Inc. (GSLT) is a two-year student leadership program that provides opportunities for high school juniors and seniors in Gwinnett County Public Schools to develop personal and organizational leadership skills and an awareness of community issues. GSLT develops a cadre of student leaders who facilitate leadership development among peers in their own schools and leave a legacy of leadership that promotes student involvement and overall excellence. The program is a cooperative effort sponsored by Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce in partnership with other community agencies, institutions, and business leaders.

Archer High School
Myles Collins
Fisher Mitchem
Turner Wolfe

Berkmar High School
Manal Bouzefrane
Aakash Govind
Stacy Martinez

Brookwood High School
Tarel Dennie
Parker Freeman
Lydia Melka

Central Gwinnett High School
Estela Lizbeth Chavez
Lejla Karavelic

Collins Hill High School
Kweisi Borland
Megan Grooms
Kodai Takano

Dacula High School
Miranda Colon
Ana Correa
Emily Kalec

Discovery High School
Daniella Busto
Ngoc Le
Adam Shamshi

Duluth High School
Michayla Maxwell
Areeba Naveed Mirza
Tyler Reason

Grayson High School
Matt Adams
Frehiwot Bayuh
Abigail Chambers

Gwinnett Online Campus
Maddie Glaser
Khamilah Enjoli Nixon

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Yassine Si-Hyun Bouanani
Keillan Elijah Laurenceau
Isabel L. McHenry

Gwinnett High School
Sion James
Mason Ladd
Jessica Smith

Meadowcreek High School
Victoria Judith Barrios
Jovani Cordova
Paola Sandova

Mill Creek High School
Savannah Cornell
Bryce Hancock
Ella Rose Kranner

Mountain View High School
Brooke Ashley Hunsicker
Simone Pete

Norcross High School
Evan Cone
Patrick Flynn
Febe Simeneh

North Gwinnett High School
Ethan C. Dawidowicz
Rosemary John
Katelyn A. Sheridan

Parkview High School
Alykhan Pirani
Morgan Elizabeth Shorter
Cameron Snyder

Peachtree Ridge High School
Audrey Dutton
Andrew Fitton
Ilaina Sunhee Kim

Shiloh High School
Kimberly Renée Clarke
Mikala Fisher
Wayneé C. Johnson

South Gwinnett High School
Azaria McDaniel
Elijah Simon
Josiah Van

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**Other Special Honors**

2020 Gear Up for Graduation

This group of 130 seniors will graduate with their peers, thanks to the Gear Up for Graduation program. These seniors, who were not on track for on-time graduation, completed 8th and 9th grade coursework in one year. In most cases, students are able to rejoin their peers in 10th grade, then complete all remaining requirements to earn their high school diploma.

**Berkmar High School**
Oscar Alejandro Aguilar-Aguilar
Maria Erika Cardenas
Noel Heladio Carpio
Juan Carlos Carrillo-Alvarenga
Omar Correa
Roberta Bien Leona Frasdilla
Keyanna Nicole Glenn
Jose Alberto Gomez Alvarenga
Randy Hernandez-Flores
Kam’ron Devon Johnson
Joseph Mendez Felix
Taurus Lamarr Morgan
Valentina Mрус
Christopher Ortis
Bryan Restrepo-Garcia
Xiomara Yamileth Reyes-Andrades
Brenda Athziry Rodriguez
Franchel Tatiana Romero
Yanet Ruiz-Aragon
JaTaya Nicole Smith
Julian Tejocal-Acosta
Leisly Vidal
Marcus Tremon Winters
Caroline Yuliza Zumaya

**Brookwood High School**
Jaydon Lee Crawford
Alecia Ivy Mikell
Millie Dekonte Nyepan
Haley Mae Stumbo

**Central Gwinnett High School**
Angel Aldana Bell
DeNiya Taleisha Cousins
Ana Patricia De La Cruz-Gomez
Gharron Doyle
Sarah Elizabeth Elder
Javon Matthew Ellis
Bradly Chen Gocool
Semaria Jade Graves
Sky Kenya Greene
Kassandra Hernandez-Bravo
Edgar Estuardo Joj Buendia
Alexis Mai
Juan Antonio Munoz
Karen Virginia Pavez
Kevin Pham
David Ramirez-Hernandez
Adis Tucakovic

**Discovery High School**
Karla Angeles
Van Viang Bik
Vanessa Campuzano-Tellez
Ariel Covarrubias
Angie Nicole Gutierrez-Grijalva
Sui Paw Lin
Dany Rene Lopes
Noe Meza, Jr.
Eyoel Teodros Mulat
Natali Pinon Villagomez
Cindy Dang Tran
Ericka Valadez
Jahmal Henry Maurice Wharton

**Duluth High School**
Roberto David Chavez
Daniel Sami Markovichus
Deyanira Sharon Rivera
Samuel Santana

**GIVE Center East**
Carlos Manuel Sierra-Gonzalez

**Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology**
Nicholas Dean Burman
Huy Chi Dai
Blessing Oluwafisayo
Madamidola
Abraham Neftali Morales
Sharon A. Olaiya

**McClure Health Science High School**
Milia Imelda Diaz Gonzalez
Alexa Regina Guerra
Josselyn Alexander Guevara
Jamila Patrice Stokes

**Meadowcreek High School**
Michael Acopa
Franklin Donai Alvarado
Cristian Josue Angel Raymundo
Samantha Arellano-Padilla
Eddie Victoriano Avila-Cayetano
Leslie Rachel Becerril
Dulce Viviana Bosel Mendoza
Destiny Shy Braunson
Daniela Michell Bustillo Perdomo
Biry Liliana Calviso Cruz Rivas
Yesenia Elizabeth Cerezos
Menendez
Lorenzo Antonio Cervantes
Mohammed Tarik Essa
Edilbia Gallegos
Jeyzabeth Garcia
Monica Yazmin Jaramillo
Kori Amyra Jones
Carlos Lopez
Elvin Asif Mamedov
Omar Alexis Mandujano-Osorio
Yair Martinez
Imani Jordan Mathis
Madeline Janice Mazuelos
Jonathan Manuel Mendoza
Florisel Mendoza Lopez
Jovanna Viridiana Mondragon-Mena

**Mountain View High School**
Josue Ernesto Flores Quintanilla

**Norcross High School**
Mark Anthony Batiste
Lesley Daniela Godinez Escamilla

**Parkview High School**
Chase Austin Tatum

**Peachtree Ridge High School**
Antonio Gabriel Crespo

**Phoenix High School**
Berania Carranza-Juarez
Manuel Franco Perez
Llulia Godinez

**Shiloh High School**
Nayeli Michel Franco Perez
Tyreek James Pearson-Thompson

**South Gwinnett High School**
Alexandria Felix

Jose Alfredo Reyna
Christopher Jaime Rodriguez
Andrea Rodriguez Morales
Israel De Jesus Sanchez
Kevin Arnoldo Santizo Pena
Ravjot Singh
Carolal Estefani Valerio Rosario Brandon Vasquez
David Williams

**South Gwinnett High School**
Alexandria Felix
**2020 STAR Students**

Each STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) student is the senior in the top 10% of his or her class with the highest SAT score. As part of the recognition, each STAR student selects a teacher as an educator who had a strong influence on his or her academic career. Hollis Zeng of Brookwood High School is the GCPS STAR Student for 2020.

- John Fortner of Archer High School*
- Summer Porter of Archer High School*
- Eric Truong of Berkmar High School
- Hollis Zeng of Brookwood High School
- Carolyn Phung of Central Gwinnett High School
- Matthew Sumanen of Collins Hill High School
- Devin Kelsey of Dacula High School
- Ian Peters of Discovery High School
- Shalin Jain of Duluth High School
- Claire Mistretta of Grayson High School
- Austin Taussig of Gwinnett Online Campus

Young Lin of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology (GSMST)

- Stella Choi of Lanier High School
- Vanessa Franco of McClure Health Science High School*
- Yesenia Lopez of McClure Health Science High School*
- Hung Ngo of Meadowcreek High School
- Elijah Shaw of Mill Creek High School
- Gary Thomas of Mountain View High School
- Daniel El-Sayegh of Norcross High School
- Maya Chande of North Gwinnett High School

Toby Nguyen of Parkview High School*

- Mary Wang of Parkview High School*
- Chunjin Park of Paul Duke STEM High School
- Alice Ao of Peachtree Ridge High School
- Miriam Martinez Rivera of Shiloh High School
- Henoc Zinga of South Gwinnett High School

*Students tied for the honor at their school.

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**2020 Outstanding Senior Athletes**

The Outstanding Senior Athlete Award is presented to a male and female student at each high school who has shown excellence in athletics, academics, and leadership roles in the school and community service. These students are not necessarily the best athletes in their senior class, but have shown to be outstanding in a variety of areas. The director of athletics at each high school works with the coaching staff to select the students who will represent their school.

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“Frozen in Time” from North Gwinnett HS senior Quinn Hunsaker.

“My piece is a moment of childhood frozen in time, both contrasting and aligning with this time of my life. Like the girl in my piece, I feel connected to my youth, but I also stand on the edge of adulthood.”