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Three GCPS seniors tie for top honor... earning title of 2018 Gwinnett County STAR Student

An event which celebrates some of Gwinnett County's brightest culminated with the naming of three Gwinnett County Public Schools' students as Gwinnett County's STAR Student and Teacher. **Min-Seok "Brian" Cho**— a senior at **Brookwood High School**, **Jackson Baird**— a senior at **Duluth High School**, and **Micaiah Cowart**— a senior at **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology** are among those sharing this year's title of Gwinnett 2018 STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student, representing Gwinnett County's public and private schools. The



STAR student honor is bestowed on the senior in the top 10 percent of his or her class with the highest SAT score. As part of the recognition, each STAR student selects a teacher who has had a strong influence on his/her academic career. The Brookwood senior selected his AP Physics teacher, **Dan Miller**, as his **STAR Teacher**, while Baird selected **Dr. Christopher DeCastro**, who taught him AP Computer Science, and Cowart selected **Jobie Johnson** who was his AP Literature and AP Psychology teacher. **Lacey Shaffer**, of Greater Atlanta Christian School, and her STAR Teacher **Terry Beasley** also were recognized for the top county honor.

The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation and Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce partnered to honor all of the local STAR Student and Teacher honorees during the annual STAR Student and Teacher Luncheon on Friday, March 2. Presented by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the event celebrates all local school STAR students from each Gwinnett County high school (public and private), as well as the top student from Buford High School (Buford City Schools). The Buford STAR Student is **Juliet Chihaya** and her STAR teacher is **Lisa Cole**.

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The 2018 Gwinnett County STAR Student/Teacher winners will now move on and compete for the regional title. Regional winners will then move to the state level for the honor of being named Georgia’s 2018 STAR Student and Teacher.

2018 STAR Students and Teachers representing all Gwinnett high schools

School	STAR Student	STAR Teacher
Archer High School	Lois Williams Buduka Ogonor	Joni Jameson John Jameson
Berkmar High School	Anna Tran	Bridget Walsh
Brookwood High School	*Min-Seok “Brian” Cho	*Dan Miller
Buford High School	**Juliet Chihaya	*Lisa Cole
Central Gwinnett High School	Andy Chea	Brad Callahan
Collins Hill High School	Rubin Park	Danielle Wilcher
Covenant Christian Academy	Katie Balderson	Wendy Cline
Dacula High School	Mikayla Morgenroth	Justin Harvey
Discovery High School	Nabid Farvez	Tommy Nguyen
Duluth High School	*Jackson Baird	*Dr. Christopher DeCastro
Grayson High School	Saket Shirsath	Dr. Stacy Kenyon
Greater Atlanta Christian School	*Lacey Shaffer	*Terry Beasley
Gwinnett Online Campus	Connor Caldwell	Daniel Lollis
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology	*Micaiah Cowart	*Jobie Johnson
Hebron Christian Academy	Joshua “Josh” Doss	Lizzy Sutton
Killian Hill Christian School	Candace Megerssa	Matthew Lewis
Lanier High School	Joseph Seibert	Aqueelah Ahmad-Harris
Meadowcreek High School	Nhi Ngo	Keith Hilliard
Mill Creek High School	Joanna Moon	Lisi Campos (Jones Middle School)
Mountain View High	Matthew Kim	Billy Jones

School		
Norcross High School	Oluremi Owoseni Matthew "Matt" Sandry	Alix McHardy Katherine Kaiser
North Gwinnett High School	Savannah Hearn Hongbum "Kevin" Kim	John Payne Jeremy Martin
Parkview High School	Windsor Xu	Sara Hague (Trickum Middle School)
Peachtree Ridge High School	Brittney Hagenbarth	Kevin Cameron (Dunwoody High School)
Providence Christian Academy	Alexandra "Allie" Randazza	Renee Sargent
Shiloh High School	Benjamin Koschella	Pheletta Kayea
South Gwinnett High School	Bailey McClain-Avant	Ashanti Anderson
Wesleyan School	Kelsey Rappe Daniel Baisier	Dawson Zimmerman Kevin Kadzis

***2018 Gwinnett County STAR Student and Teacher**

**** 2018 Buford City STAR Student and Teacher**