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## Brookwood senior earns 2020 Gwinnett STAR Student title

An event which celebrates some of Gwinnett County’s brightest culminated with the naming of Brookwood High’s Hollis Zeng as **Gwinnett County’s 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, the STAR student selects a teacher who has had a strong influence on his/her academic career. The Brookwood High senior selected his 12<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Placement Economics teacher, **Craig Witmer**, as his STAR Teacher. **Buford City Schools’** honorees included **Ye Choi** and **John Alan Williams** and their respective STAR Teachers, **Tim Harris** and **Justin Johnson**.



Pictured L to R: Brookwood HS Principal Bo Ford, Partnership Gwinnett Vice President Adam Forrand, Gwinnett STAR Student Hollis Zeng, Gwinnett STAR Teacher Craig Witmer, and Brookwood HS Counselor William Blair.

The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation and Partnership Gwinnett partnered to honor STAR Student and Teacher honorees during this year’s STAR Student and Teacher Luncheon on Friday, **February 7**. 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).

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The 2020 Gwinnett County and Buford City STAR Student and 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 2020 STAR Student and Teacher.

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## 2020 STAR Students and Teachers representing all Gwinnett high schools

School	STAR Student	STAR Teacher
Archer High School	Summer Porter John Fortner	Joni Jameson Joni Jameson
Berkmar High School	Eric Truong	Hailey Nutt
<b>Brookwood High School</b>	* Hollis Zeng	* Craig Witmer
<b>Buford High School</b>	** Ye Choi ** John Alan Williams	** Tim Harris ** Justin Johnson
Central Gwinnett High School	Carolyn Phung	Andres Serna Lopez
Collins Hill High School	Matthew Sumanen	Laura Herbig
Dacula High School	Devin Kelsey	Andrea Craig
Discovery High School	Ian Peters	Heath Gibson
Duluth High School	Shalin Jain	Dr. Christopher DeCastro
Grayson High School	Claire Mistretta	Lara Larson
Greater Atlanta Christian School	Antong Zheng	Dr. Gerald Hill
Gwinnett Online Campus	Austin Taussig	Stacy White
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology (GSMST)	Young Lin	Patricia Caldwell
Hebron Christian Academy	Rebeca Olariu	Dr. Calin Pop
Killian Hill Christian School	Jeevan George	Dan Totten
Lanier High School	Stella Choi	Tamaiko Chappell
McClure Health Science High School	Vanessa Franco Yesenia Lopez	Diana Do Jessie Zaretsky
Meadowcreek High School	Hung Ngo	Dr. Marietta Malone
Mill Creek High School	Elijah Shaw	Amy Carmichael
Mountain View High School	Gary Thomas	Lauren Horton (currently an assistant principal at Grayson High)
Norcross High School	Daniel El-Sayegh	Michelle Larate
North Gwinnett High School	Maya Chande	Matthew Johnson (currently a Buford High Teacher)
Notre Dame Academy	Catherine Grace "CG" Sigman	Dr. Greg Hite
Parkview High School	Mary Wang Toby Nguyen	Allen Murphy Phil Heier
Paul Duke STEM High School	Chunjin Park	Ariel Cash
Peachtree Ridge High School	Alice Ao	Yancey Miller
Providence Christian Academy	Landon King	Michael Aleman
Shiloh High School	Miriam Martinez Rivera	Elizabeth Schneider
South Gwinnett High School	Henoc Zinga	Debra Brown (retired from Grayson High)
Wesleyan School	Andrew "Andy" Yang	Abby Holmes

\*2020 Gwinnett County STAR Student and Teacher

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