



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Gwinnett students offered military appointments**

The nation's five military service academies have offered appointments to 19 **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students. These soon-to-be graduates, representing eight high schools, received military appointments from the **Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine academies.**

In addition to the prestige of attending the academies, the students earned more than **\$7.5 million** in scholarship money. **Brookwood** and **Peachtree Ridge high schools** had the most appointments with four each, followed by **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology** and **Mill Creek High School** which both had three students.

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.

### 2020 GCPS Military Appointments

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School/Branch</u>
Brookwood HS	Aidan Perkins <i>(graduated in December 2019)</i>	United States Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Brookwood HS	Natalie Chavez	United States Air Force Academy
Brookwood HS	Jacquelyn Gwynn	United States Naval Academy
Brookwood HS	Jordan Parks	United States Air Force Academy
Dacula HS	Brinley Rawson	United States Air Force Academy
Duluth HS	Thai Hoa Nguyen	United States Military Academy at West Point (Army)
<del>GIVE Center West</del>	<del>*Julian Ortiz</del>	<del>United States Naval Academy</del>

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### **The Mission of Gwinnett County Public Schools**

*is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.*

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2010 and 2014 Winner of



Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Jay Ho	United States Naval Academy
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Keillan Laurenceau	United States Air Force Academy
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Jonathan Purvis	United States Naval Academy
Mill Creek HS	Bryanne Buchanan-Cummings	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Mill Creek HS	Joseph Palchevskiy	United States Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Mill Creek HS	Logan Paugh	United States Naval Academy
North Gwinnett HS	Sebastien Thomas	United States Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Peachtree Ridge HS	Matthew Adoghe	U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Peachtree Ridge HS	Noah Choi	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Peachtree Ridge HS	Corey Collins	United States Air Force Academy
Peachtree Ridge HS	Albert Jang	United States Military Academy at West Point (Army)
South Gwinnett HS	Antonio Johnson	United States Air Force Academy
South Gwinnett HS	Elijah Rose	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

*\*student did not receive military appointment.*