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GCPS Class of 2018:

GCPS seniors among first to earn new “Gates Scholarship”

A group of **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** seniors recently learned their hard work during their K-12 academic career has earned them the opportunity to go to college for free. The nine students have been named recipients of the **2018 Gates Scholarship**. The GCPS seniors, representing nine different schools, are among a select group of 300 students from across the nation to receive the honor this year. The honorees are:

| Gates Scholar | High School |
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| Anna Tran | Berkmar HS |
| Binisha Patel | Collins Hill HS |
| Kaitlyn Choe | Discovery HS |
| Doyoung Jeong | Duluth HS |
| Oladeji David Salimonu | Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology |
| Nhi Ngo | Meadowcreek HS |
| Matthew Kim | Mountain View HS |
| Pooja Parmar | North Gwinnett HS |
| Ashley Kyelem | Parkview HS |

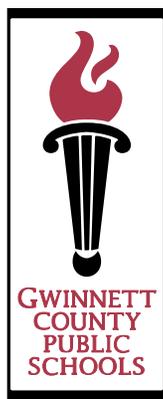
The Gates Scholarship will fund 300 students per year, starting with 2018, totaling 3,000 students over the life of the program. With the launch of this program, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues its long-standing commitment to helping outstanding minority students who come from low-income backgrounds realize their maximum potential.

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.

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.

For more information about the Gates Scholarship, visit www.thegatesscholarship.org.

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