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GCPS Foundation honors students with scholarships, recognizing their work in and out of the classroom

The **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) Foundation** has honored more than a hundred Gwinnett County Public Schools students for their work in the classroom. Every year, the GCPS Foundation 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 more than \$142,000 in district and school-specific scholarships administered through the Foundation, including the following one-time awards. The 2020 Scholarship Catalog will be released online in the fall of 2019. The following is a list of the 2019 scholarships awarded to students.

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the broad prize
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2019 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.*

Taylor Rose Benton of **Brookwood High School**

Julie Ann Mooney of **Grayson High School**

2019 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.*

Sarah Ann Parker of **Archer High School** (\$1,000)

Callie Mae Anton of **Mill Creek High School** (\$500)

Danielle Carlene Clark of **South Gwinnett High School** (\$500)

Grace Anne Howard of **Brookwood High School** (\$500)

Yackelin Perez of **Berkmar High School** (\$500)

2019 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.

Abbey Noelle Turner of **Collins Hill High School**

2019 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.

Micah Rae Hixson of **Grayson High School**

2019 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.

Erin “Y” Kim of **Duluth High School**

2019 Peach State Federal Credit Union Legacy Student Scholarship (\$2,000) Sponsored by PSFCU— This scholarship honors past and present board members and employees and is awarded to seniors pursuing a career in education.

Emily Bacik of **Parkview High School**

Claire Beaumont of **North Gwinnett High School**

Alyssa Dula of **Peachtree Ridge High School**

Blaine Galbreath of **Duluth High School**

Riley McNeill of **Grayson High School**

Sadie Walsh of **Mountain View High School**

2019 GCPS Foundation Mathematics Scholarship (\$1,500) Sponsored by the Foundation— Established in 2013, the scholarship is awarded to one or more GCPS seniors with plans to enroll in an undergraduate course of study in or related to mathematics.

Victoria Kabat of **Collins Hill High School**

2019 Georgia United Credit Union Young Leaders Scholarship (\$2,000) Co-sponsored by Georgia United Credit Union and the PGA Foundation 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.*

Ashley-Kaye Fonkeng of **Dacula High School**

Marcayla Hannah of **Parkview High School**

Victoria Kabat of **Collins Hill High School**

Katherine Rodriguez of **Mill Creek High School**

Vani Senthil of **Duluth High School**

2019 GCPS Foundation STEM Scholarship (\$1,500) Sponsored by the Foundation— *This scholarship is awarded to one or more GCPS seniors who plans to enroll in a college course of study in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.*

Suraj Vimal Modi of **Mountain View High School**

Vani Senthil of **Duluth High School**

2019 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.*

James Cai of **Peachtree Ridge High School**

Ricky Huang of **Peachtree Ridge High School**

Shawn Im of **Peachtree Ridge High School**

Johaer Jilani of **Collins Hill High School**

2019 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.*

Parker Lee Hilliard of **Brookwood High School**

2019 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.*

Mark Minh Tran of **Dacula High School**

2019 Community-Based Mentoring Program Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Foundation— *This scholarship is awarded to participants in the program who have distinguished themselves academically and as examples for others.*

Jalen Brown of **Brookwood High School**

Daylin Hart of **Grayson High School**

Noble Joyner of **Discovery High School**

Isaiah McCalla of **Central Gwinnett High School**

Theophilus Nyarko of **Central Gwinnett High School**

Ja’Rod Walker of **Norcross High School**

2019 Atlanta Gladiators Aim High Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Atlanta Gladiators—*This award is presented to seniors with a desire to pursue a profession in sports medicine, sports management, entertainment, event planning, or a related field.*

Jonathan Harris of **Mill Creek High School**

2019 Dolciani Law Enforcement Explorer Scholarship (\$2,500) Sponsored by the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation— *This award is for a senior who also is a member of the Suwanee Police Department Explorers Program.*

Nayeli Hernandez-Bahena of **Lanier High School**

2019 Courtney S. Blair Women in Business Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by Courtney S. Blair Fund— *This scholarship is presented to a female in the top 10% of her class pursuing a career in business or entrepreneurship.*

Khiari Ridley of **Shiloh High School**

2019 Courtney S. Blair Student Leadership Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by Courtney S. Blair Fund— *This award is presented to seniors who are in the top 5% of their class and who have overcome significant adversity and have financial need.*

Yasmina Al-Aboudy of **Shiloh High School**

Gabriela Maduro Salvarrey of **Peachtree Ridge High School**

2019 Courtney S. Blair Outstanding Excellence in Athletics and Academics Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by Courtney S. Blair Fund— *Presented to seniors who are in the top 1% of their class and who have lettered in two or more varsity sports.*

Robert Cranston of **Shiloh High School**

Mark Minh Tran of **Dacula High School**

2019 Dr. Janice L. Calkins Speech Pathology Language Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by Dr. Calkins, a teacher at Mill Creek High School— *This award is for seniors who will pursue a bachelor's degree in speech language pathology.*

Sadie Leigh Walsh of **Mountain View High School**

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