“And now go, and make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules. Leave the world more interesting for your being here.”

– Neil Gaiman

This publication captures a snapshot of the Class of 2017, with photos, facts, and just a few of the scholarships and awards garnered by members of this outstanding group of students. We know that many, many more of our students earned prestigious honors and scholarships that are not part of this publication. And we estimate that listing just the names of all of our graduates would take 81 pages! Congratulations to all of the members of the Class of 2017. We are so very proud of you!

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Front and back cover: Discovery seniors play hard during the Senior Luau.
A Salute to Our Seniors

After 13 years of hard work during their K–12 academic careers, more than 12,100 potential Gwinnett graduates are counting down the days until their turn to cross the stage and accept their diploma. Graduation ceremonies for the district’s 22 diploma-granting high schools started with Phoenix High School on May 22 and wrap up on May 29 with Berkmar High School.

The members of Gwinnett County Public Schools’ largest-ever class are looking forward to a future filled with Promise as they head off to college and careers. In the fall, most seniors—85%—are headed to universities, colleges, and postsecondary schools in Georgia and around the country, with 17% of college-bound graduates offered at least one scholarship. As of April 2017, our graduates have been offered more than $181.3 million in academic, athletic, and military scholarships, an increase of nearly $30 million over the previous year. Academic achievement earned offers of more than $94 million. What’s significant is the number and amount of scholarships that were not yet announced when senior information was compiled in April, including HOPE awards (typically, about a third of graduates), some National Merit Scholars, and the full-ride scholarships awarded to GCPS’ 19 QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship recipients. Student athletes earned more than $79.7 million in athletic scholarships.

Three of the nation’s military service academies—Air Force, Army, and Navy—offered appointments to 19 young leaders, representing more than $7.6 million in scholarships. (See page 14.) A total of 471 seniors will serve their country through military service after graduation. Close to 950 students will enter the workforce after high school, many armed with credentials and certificates earned through our career and technical education programs and sought after by local employers.

A record number of seniors are graduating with a grade percent average of 90 or better. Among our 3,092 Honor Graduates are each school’s highest ranking students—the valedictorian (1st in class) and the salutatorian (2nd in class). (See page 6.) More than half of Gwinnett seniors took on the challenge and rigor of college-level Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses their last year in high school. In addition, a record-breaking 891 seniors participated in Move On When Ready, earning both high school and college credit through the state’s dual-enrollment program.

Congratulations on this exciting milestone, seniors! We wish the best of luck to the Class of 2017 as you head out into your future!

Mill Creek seniors explore all their emotions during Character Day.
It’s no surprise that Mill Creek—the district’s largest high school—also has the largest graduating class, with more than 900 seniors on track to graduate.

Presenting the North Gwinnett Class of 2017… Nearly half of the classes will graduate with honors.
On “Twin Day,” Duluth seniors flatter their teachers most sincerely—with imitation!

Shiloh seniors are cozy on Onesie Day.

Student-athletes from Shiloh were offered athletic scholarships, totaling $10.8 million, that will allow them to continue to compete in their sports in college.

More than 20% of Duluth seniors with postsecondary plans will be attending college on a scholarship.

Looking ahead to their Golden Years, Central Gwinnett seniors are ready for the future.

Eight in 10 seniors from Central Gwinnett will continue their education after graduation, with 15% earning at least one scholarship.

Peachtree Ridge senior learns that she has been awarded the $20,000 Belli Memorial Scholarship.

Peachtree Ridge seniors were offered more than $15.3 million in college scholarships.
Seniors enjoy a long-standing Parkview tradition—Toga Day!

Berkmar seniors show off their future school colors on College Day.

About 80% of Berkmar’s college-bound seniors plan on attending a four-year college or university.

Gwinnett Online Campus has two graduation ceremonies each year—one in December and the other in May. One of the traditions at GOC is for the graduates to present white roses and ink pens to those who have played a significant role in their lives.

GOC seniors celebrate with their families in December.

GSMST seniors relax over a game of chess.

All GSMST graduates took AP courses, with 92% earning a 3 or higher for college credit or advanced placement.

Of the 600+ Collins Hill graduates going to college in the fall, 85% will attend in-state colleges and universities.

More than a quarter of Parkview seniors will graduate with honors.
A Mountain View senior harks back to yesteryear—the 1980s—on Decades Day.

At Mountain View, 131 seniors participated in Move On When Ready, the state’s dual-credit program, earning both high school and college credit.

A group of 42 South Gwinnett seniors, including members of the school’s celebrated Army JROTC unit, plan to serve in the military after graduation.

More than 700 seniors attending Maxwell HS of Technology completed Career Technical Pathways, with students earning 309 industry credentials or certifications in career areas such as culinary arts, hospitality, health services, construction trades, architecture, and emergency services. A number of seniors competed at the state and national levels in co-curricular competition.

More than half of Discovery seniors took on the challenge of college-level work by taking one or more Advanced Placement classes.

A Mountain View senior harks back to yesteryear—the 1980s—on Decades Day.

More than half of Discovery seniors took on the challenge of college-level work by taking one or more Advanced Placement classes.

More than half of Phoenix HS’ 200+ graduates will attend college.

Three Brookwood seniors received appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy, scholarships worth more than $1.2 million total.

Dacula has a record number of students attending college on full-ride scholarships.

Dacula students aim high at the senior carnival.

Brookwood seniors collect their caps and gowns.
Lanier senior celebrities hang out during Senior Week.

Members of Norcross’ Class of 2017 relive their childhood on Kid Day.

One in every five college-bound Norcross seniors will be heading out of state.

Three sets of twins and a set of triplets are graduating from Meadowcreek this year!

More than half of Archer’s senior test-takers scored a 3 or better on AP exams, getting a head start on college coursework.

A Lanier HS graduate will enter college with a U.S. patent on her résumé.

Meadowcreek seniors raise a toast to their futures.

Dacula students aim high at the senior carnival.

Grayson seniors show off their caps and gowns with their principal.

Grayson is sending several seniors to Ivy League colleges, including Harvard, Yale, and Brown.

Archer seniors walk the halls in their graduation finery.

Lanier senior celebrities hang out during Senior Week.
2017 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

**Archer High School**
- Erduana Omeragic, Valedictorian
- Caleb Kim, Salutatorian

**Berkmar High School**
- Jimmy Tran, Valedictorian
- Diane Lin, Salutatorian

**Brookwood High School**
- Tony Zeng, Valedictorian
- Karl Patram, Salutatorian

**Central Gwinnett High School**
- Qasim Hassan, Valedictorian
- Michelle Vo, Salutatorian

**Collins Hill High School**
- Camden Jones, Valedictorian
- Shahrik Punja, Salutatorian

**Dacula High School**
- Thandiwe Persaud, Valedictorian
- Paul Dittamo, Salutatorian

**Discovery High School**
- Obumneme Godson Osele, Valedictorian
- Tiffany Nguyen, Salutatorian

**Duluth High School**
- Suk Joon Na, Valedictorian
- Tsvetomira Peykova, Salutatorian
2017 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

Grayson High School

Mirela Vojnikovic
Valedictorian

Karen Elizabeth Cranston
Valedictorian

Gwinnett Online Campus

Katherine Meadows
Salutatorian

Sarah Kearns
Salutatorian

Lanier High School

Sabarish Sainathan
Valedictorian

Danny Nguyen
Valedictorian

Mill Creek High School

Kyle Patel
Salutatorian

Michelle Derewitz
Salutatorian

Meadowcreek High School

Aljon Pineda
Valedictorian

Mohamad-Baasim
Rehan
Valedictorian

Norcross High School

Brittany Castaneda
Salutatorian

Bryan Endsley
Salutatorian

Mountain View High School

Santiago Escobar
Valedictorian

Cheyenne Stewart
Salutatorian

Jennifer Lynn Wang
Salutatorian

Alice Peng
Valedictorian
2017 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

North Gwinnett High School
Victoria Fonzi
Valedictorian
Jonathan Park
Salutatorian

Peachtree Ridge High School
Eric Yan
Valedictorian
Josephine Rudd
Salutatorian

South Gwinnett High School
Diana Kalima
Valedictorian
Kaila Lattimore
Salutatorian

Parkview High School
Tanish Pradhan
Valedictorian
Kiara Harding
Salutatorian

Shiloh High School
Mehul Mehra
Valedictorian
Anya Solomon
Salutatorian

GCPS Foundation
Excellence in Academics Scholarship
All Gwinnett County Public Schools
Valedictorians receive a one-time award of $500 from the GCPS Foundation Fund.

Donors make a difference! A gift to the GCPS Foundation Fund is the best way to ensure that current and future students are afforded the very best in educational opportunities. Gifts may be directed to dedicated scholarship funds, districtwide needs, or to a specific cluster or initiative. Please make your gift online today!
National Scholarship Winners

2017 QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship Recipients

QuestBridge is a non-profit organization that links high-achieving, low-income students to some of the nation’s most selective colleges. The organization partners with colleges to offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100% of demonstrated financial need. This list includes recipients of QuestBridge National College Match Scholarships and their college plans.

Archer High School
Runako Campbell—Princeton University
Ethan Cano—Northwestern University
Caleb Kim—Yale University
Erduana Omeragic—Emory University
Patrick Osaseri—Haverford College

Collins Hill High School
Christopher Saroza—University of Chicago

Dacula High School
Marie-Emmanuelle Tano—Pomona College

Discovery High School
Obumuneme Godson Osele—Northwestern University

Grayson High School
Carina Walton-Roberts—University of Notre Dame
Ketsia Zinga—Columbia University

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Jyot Batra—Yale University
Doan Bui—Washington and Lee University
Elhadji Diop—Rice University
Aditya Santoki—Duke University

Meadowcreek High School
Mikala Bashale—Emory University

Mill Creek High School
Andreea Boaca—Princeton University

Norcross High School
Imane Mabrouk—Princeton University

South Gwinnett High School
Meron Amariw—Northwestern University
Cleon Beckford—Northwestern University

2017 Posse Scholars

Founded in 1989, the Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Posse extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. Partner colleges and universities award four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships to Posse Scholars.

Posse Scholars go on to graduate at a rate of 90% and make a visible difference on campus and throughout their professional careers. GCPS seniors honored as Posse Scholars are:

Berkmar High School
Kendall Castaneda—Boston University
Cesar Lopez—The College of Wooster

Collins Hill High School
Natalia Parra—The College of Wooster

Dacula High School
Kamilah Harruna—Boston University
Kevin Fully—Brandeis University

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Jenelle Booker—The College of Wooster

Norcross High School
Maria Emilia Pozo—Brandeis University

Peachtree Ridge High School
Citolali Mota—The George Washington University
National Scholarship Winners

2017 National Merit Semifinalists

The 2017 National Merit competition began with results of the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Competition Qualifying Tests, taken in the junior year. Last fall, semifinalists were designated, based on the highest scores in the states that make up each region. A rigorous selection process determines finalists for scholarship awards. Most National Merit scholarships are one-time awards of $2,500. Colors designate scholarship winners reported for corporate- and NMSC-funded scholarships. Additional scholarships will be awarded by colleges in June and July to students in this list.

Archer High School
Brooklyn A. Crabtree
Hannah K. Mahaffey

Brookwood High School
Vaud A. Burton
Jasmine V. Chacko
Kennedy O. Houston
Chloe L. Jackson
Eun Hwa Lee
Hussain Naib
Karl D. Patram
Angelina Suwoto
Tony Zeng

Central Gwinnett High School
Qasim A. Hassan

Collins Hill High School
Caitlyn A. Gegen
Camden Jones
Genevieve Wilson

Dacula High School
Paul V. Dittamo
Ryan C. Fischer
Ian F. Gonzales

Duluth High School
Margaux D. Ratcliff

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Edward G. Cho
Abigail B. Drun
Sabrina J. Edwards-Swart
Jason Fan
Ian Graham
Zaki A. Hafeez
Satya A. Jella
Albert Kim
Tarun P. Naren
Apurva R. Routhu
Sabarish Sainathan
Khalil Sayid
James Michael A. Siochi
Jacob H. Ward
Sebastian J. Williams
Srisurya K. Yadavalli

Mill Creek High School
Minji C. Kwak
Jessica K. Terry

North Gwinnett High School
Victoria C. Fonzi
Austin Kim
Elijah J. Martineck
Jonathan Park
Jenna Y. Shin
Mitchell D. Stern

Parkview High School
Jianda J. Chen
Kiara Harding
Mohammad A. Makhmudov
Tanish R. Pradhan
Morgan Q. Wan
Corey Wen

Peachtree Ridge High School
Mackenzie J. Glaser
Stacey H. Kim
Charitra S. Pabbaraju
Leena Park
Rishov R. Sarkar
Elena L. Shao
Jack R. Timmons

2017 Coca-Cola Scholar

The Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship recognizes students for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. The $20,000 scholarship is unique in that recipients have between four and 10 years to use the full award and may opt to defer all or part of the award within that 10-year timeframe.

Lucy Chuang of Duluth High School

2017 Jack Kent Cooke Scholar

This highly competitive scholarship includes up to $40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school to pursue any area of study, as well as advisement on college selection, financial aid, and the transition to college.

Albert Kim of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
2017 Bella Memorial Scholar
Awarded through the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia, the Bella Memorial Scholarship provides college tuition and expense monies to graduates with documented economic need who may not be identified as academic or athletic leaders in their schools but possess the skills to be academically successful in college. The annual award of $5,000 may be renewed for up to four years. Mariah Lynch of Peachtree Ridge High School

2017 Georgia United Credit Union Vernon E. Carne Scholar
Awarded in honor of the credit union’s founder, Vernon E. Carne, this $10,000 scholarship was based on a video competition with consideration given to academic accomplishments, leadership, and participation in both school and community activities. Tanish Pradhan of Parkview High School

2017 Liga de Campeones Scholars
The winners of the “League of Champions” award stand out for their entrepreneurial spirit and academics, athletic, and community achievements. Scholars each receive $1,300 toward college tuition with this award, sponsored by Univision Atlanta.

Collins Hill High School
Jacqueline Yalta Canta

Dacula High School
Mateo Gómez

Duluth High School
Jesús Lara

Kappa Alpha Psi Scholars
Through its annual scholarship program, the Lawrenceville-Duluth Alumni Chapter (LDAC) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity continues the tradition of supporting African American male students in pursuing a postsecondary education and building strong values and leadership in the community. This year, LDAC awarded $1,000 college scholarships to 21 GCPS seniors. Since 2008, the organization has awarded more than $124,000 to Gwinnett graduates.

Archer High School
Jadon Murad

Berkmar High School
Grant Williams

Brookwood High School
Kwame Akuffo
Daniel Mativo

Central Gwinnett High School
George Soetan

Collins Hill High School
Ryan Jones

Dacula High School
Giordan Toussaint

Discovery High School
Rashawn Merchant

Grayson High School
Jacob Kumi

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Joshua Johnson

Meadowcreek High School
Biya Haile
Samson Mannmektew

Mill Creek High School
Justin Sands

Mountain View High School
Trenton Ingram

Norcross High School
Bryce Bowen
Tamir Jones

North Gwinnett High School
Isaiah Crosby

Parkview High School
Jahi Hamilton

Peachtree Ridge High School
Justin Best

Shiloh High School
Michael Neal

South Gwinnett High School
Emmanuel Hopkins

State and Local Scholarship Winners
GCPS Scholarship Winners

Other 2017 Scholarships awarded through the GCPS Foundation Fund, Inc.

Annually, the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc., 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 80 graduating seniors earned $115,000 in district and school-specific scholarships administered through the Foundation, including the one-time awards on these pages. The 2018 Scholarship Catalog will be released online in fall of 2017.

2017 J. Alvin Wilbanks Educator Scholarship ($2,500) 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.

Jocelyn Bryant of Peachtree Ridge High School
Sahil Lauji of Grayson High School

2017 Louise Radloff Scholarship ($2,500) Co-sponsored by PSFCU and the Foundation — This scholarship recognizes two Gwinnett County seniors who have overcome a significant personal challenge in order to graduate. This fund was established in 2004 in honor of four decades of service by Gwinnett County Board of Education member Louise Radloff.

Victoria Bigbee of Collins Hill High School
Victoria Hervey of Mill Creek High School

2017 Alton C. Crews Educator Scholarship ($1,500) 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.

Julia Howes of Grayson High School

2017 Robbie Susan Moore Scholarship ($1,000) Co-sponsored by United Ebony Society of Gwinnett and the Foundation — Founded in 2011 to honor the community service of Robbie Susan Moore, this scholarship recognizes college-bound seniors dedicated to serving the community.

Kamari Odom of Archer High School
Taliah Boyd of South Gwinnett High School

NEW 2017 Teaching as a Profession Scholarship ($500) Sponsored by the Foundation — 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.

Emily Morris of Dacula High School
Gabriela Rivera of Lanier High School
Mitzi Torres of Meadowcreek High School
Jillian Walker of Mountain View High School

2017 Peach State Federal Credit Union Legacy Scholarship ($2,500) Sponsored by PSFCU — This scholarship is to honor the legacy of past and present board members and employees who have served PSFCU for 20 years or more. It is awarded to graduating high school seniors who will pursue a degree in education and plan to return to Georgia to teach.

Kayla McKenzie of Berkmar High School
Zachary Kusch of Brookwood High School
Amanda Arboleda of Dacula High School
Madison Richardson of Duluth High School
Tyler Kenyon of Grayson High School
Malcolm Jones of Meadowcreek High School
Makenna Mellott of Mill Creek High School
Clara Sulek of Mountain View High School
Annlen Zorn of Peachtree Ridge High School

2017 Georgia United Credit Union Young Leaders Scholarship ($2,000) Co-sponsored by Georgia United Credit Union and the PGA Foundation — This award is presented to graduating females who have distinguished themselves as a community volunteer, entrepreneur, or school leader.

Marie-Emmanuelle Tano of Dacula High School
Ketsia Zinga of Grayson High School
Savannah Ashley Lengnick of Mill Creek High School
Jessica Terry of Mill Creek High School
Hyun Joo Choi of Peachtree Ridge High School

2017 SCANA Energy Community Service Scholarship ($2,500) Co-sponsored by SCANA Energy and the Foundation — This award is presented to a senior who has shown a commitment to leadership and community service.

Ionut Gavril of Grayson High School
Marissa Varghese of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

2017 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.

Sabarish Sainathan of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Jennifer Wang of Norcross High School
GCPS Scholarship Winners

2017 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.

Doan Bui of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

NEW 2017 Dolciani Law Enforcement Explorer Scholarship ($5,000) 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.

Carol Huffstetler of Lanier High School

2017 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.

David Bae of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

2017 Reid Mullins Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by the Foundation—This award is presented to one or more seniors in honor of Reid Mullins, Gwinnett’s first middle school principal.

Makkenna Bryant of Archer High School

Zevney Palmer of South Gwinnett High School

2017 Infinite Energy STEAM Scholarship ($2,500) Sponsored by Infinite Energy—This award is presented to a GCPS high school graduating senior who plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in science, technology, engineering, fine arts or mathematics.

Hassaan Asif of Brookwood High School

Maria Jose Aveiga Laman of Collins Hill High School

2017 Automotive Group Rick Case Scholarship ($2,000) Sponsored by the Rick Case Automotive Group—Established in 2015, this scholarship is presented to a senior advancing to an Automotive Technology program offered through Gwinnett Technical College.

Wainer Isidor-Anduray of Norcross High School

2017 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.

Andre Alcide of Lanier High School

Cameron Ivanhoe of South Gwinnett High School

School-specific awards administered by the GCPS Foundation Fund with support from community partners include:

2017 Susan D. Headley Scholarship ($500)
Brooklyn Crabtree of Archer High School

2017 Judy Patterson Legacy Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Autumn Janay Williams of Archer High School

2017 Sweetwater Scholarship ($500)
Jennifer Do of Berkmar High School

Luis Freddy Reyes of Berkmar High School

2017 Hope McKenzie Scholarship ($1,000)
Khadijah Coleman of Grayson High School

Zackary Lowder of Grayson High School

2017 GSMST Outstanding Senior STEM Scholarship ($1,000)
Carina Rojanaraj of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

2017 John A. Raghu Music Scholarship ($1,000)
Tarun Naren of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

2017 J. J. Campbell Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Kristen Singharat of Lanier High School

2017 Brenden M. Elbaz Scholarship ($750)
Rosa Elena Nieves of Lanier High School

2017 Dr. Linda Williams Educational Scholarship ($500)
Makayla Skinner of Grayson High School
Other Special Honors

2017 Service Academy Appointments

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.

Archer High School
Alicia Suciu— U.S. Naval Academy

Brookwood High School
Sana Daley— U.S. Air Force Academy
Bailey Hopkins— U.S. Air Force Academy
Clarissa Jolley— U.S. Air Force Academy

Collins Hill High School
Jacob Gregory— U.S. Naval Academy

Dacula High School
Paul Harris— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Discovery High School
Jaden Stanley-Williams— U.S. Air Force Academy

Duluth High School
Gregory Pelland— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Grayson High School
Jake Killian— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Mill Creek High School
Branton Fletcher— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Aniya Hudson— U.S. Naval Academy
Sara Scales— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

Mountain View High School
Michael Sobczyk— U.S. Air Force Academy

Norcross High School
Sean McKendree— U.S. Air Force Academy
Ryan Stark— U.S. Naval Academy

North Gwinnett High School
James Thigpen— U.S. Naval Academy

Peachtree Ridge High School
Mackenzie Nechanicky— U.S. Air Force Academy

Shiloh High School
Israel Koker-Thomas— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)
Julian McDuffie— U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)

2017 Georgia Scholars

The Georgia Scholar Program is a recognition program by the Georgia Department of Education honoring high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life.

Brookwood High School
Haley Harvard
Arjuna Karikaran
Daniel Mativo
Sharan Ravigopal
Havilah Ravula
Angelina Suwoto
Tony Zeng

Collins Hill High School
Keerthi Ramachandran

Grayson High School
Kaylan Franklin
Taylor Keys
Livya Mathew
Nastassia Nguyen
Elizabeth Thompson
Ketsia Zinga

Mill Creek High School
Breonni Carter
Sara Scales

Mountain View High School
Santiago Escobar
Hannah Kim

Norcross High School
Killian Scourtis
Raya Ward

North Gwinnett High School
Victoria Fonzi

Parkview High School
Jasmine Anickat
Jahi Hamilton
Andrew Joel
Ramisa Murshed
Sandhya Ramachandran
Chang Xu

Shiloh High School
Mehul Mehra
Other Special Honors

2017 Gear Up for Graduation Graduates Earn High School Diplomas

This year, a group of seniors will graduate from several GCPS high schools with their peers, thanks to the Gear Up for Graduation program. These seniors, who were not on track for on-time graduation, completed 8th and 9th grade coursework in one year, and started a STEM-related career pathway while participating in Gear Up for Graduation at Sweetwater Middle School, Moore Middle School, or Radloff Middle School. Rejoining their peers in 10th grade, these students completed all requirements to earn their high school diploma.

Berkmar High School
Humberto Acevedo-Ballesteros
Kevin Arevalo
Aryanna Baez
Adja-Zeguela Bakayoko
Claudia Berumen
Rahul Biswas
Hatley Clarke Jr.
Antonio Delgado-Rodriguez
Muhammad Feroze
Alexandra Frasdilla
Blanca Galdos
Neiyuenme K. Goode-Dunlap
Joshua D. Haggard
Zion Haney
Talia B. Harper
Steven Harris
Ngan Le
Emily Lopez
Dimas Lorente
Briar Rose Morris
Tommie Nguyen
Josias Perez
Chris A. Sanchez
Rijad Sijacic
Nahun Trochez-Montoya
Luis Velasquez

Central Gwinnett High School
Hadel Altamimi
Tylo Belcher

Asanteaira Carson
Lenyn Correa
Christian Escobar
Nikolas Giraldo
Ryan Iriajen
Edin Kacevic
Ivan Loredo Balderas
Jaazaniah McClure
Luis Martin-Rodriguez
Jonathen Medina-Agular
Maksud Nuriyev
Josephine Nwankwo
Augustine Oruke
Peyton Padmore
Gerson Pavon
Susana Perez
Jesica Sarfo
Keanna Skeffers-Reid
Christopher Stewart

Berkmar High School
Javian Griffin
Daniel Havrylesku
Jahmel Henry
Leslie Hernandez
Sarayvian Jefferson
Diamond Jennings
Juan Lopez
Blisha Magar
Autumn Manning
David Moreno
Amado Nuncio
Bryan Orozco
Catarino Ramirez-Cardenas
Camari Reddicks
Jordi Resendiz-Carrillo
Skylar Robbins
Ruben Robles Castillo
Davie Romero
Jocelyn Romero
Quan Turner
Jasmin Valente-Valensuela
A’Leecia Ward
Tyreke Worthy

Discovery High School
Paul Calixte
Carolina Camacho-Sanchez
Fernando Castro
Rose Charles
Angel Contreras
Christopher Cosby
Andres Giraldo

Javair Garcia Zetina
Dustyn Gibson-Denny
Darrius Glass
CAliy Hackett
Damien Harrison
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Eduardo Ruelas
Yessi Sandoval
Jaylen Tatum
Adriana Velazquez
Angel Vera

Dacula High School
Alexandra Evans
Daniel Valencia

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Norcross High School
Paola Hernandez

Phoenix High School
Anthony Bagwell
Angel Herrera
Saul Padilla
Gesenia Ruiz

South Gwinnett High School
Kemyah White

2017 GCPS Career and Technical Education Student of the Year

District winners were selected from among local school Career and Technical Education Students of the Year for outstanding work in the classroom and leadership in technical education student organizations. Scholarships are funded through the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc., with contributions from the Gwinnett Employer Committee and the Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association.

Winner: Matthew McDaniel, Archer High School, $1,000 scholarship

1st runner-up: Keyon Whyte, Duluth High School, $750 scholarship

2nd runner-up: Chase Matheson, Phoenix High School, $500 scholarship
Other Special Honors

2017 Gwinnett Student Leadership Team Seniors

The Gwinnett Student Leadership Team, Inc., (GSLT) is a two-year student leadership program that provides opportunities for high school juniors and seniors in Gwinnett County Public Schools and Buford City Schools to develop personal and organizational leadership skills and an awareness of community issues. GSLT develops a cadre of student leaders who facilitate leadership development among peers in their own schools and leave a legacy of leadership that promotes student involvement and overall excellence. The program is a cooperative effort sponsored by Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce in partnership with other community agencies, institutions, and business leaders.

Arch耶 High School
Runako Campbell
Haley Gray
Grace Spivey

Berkmar High School
Matthew Burley
Kendall Castaneda
Jennifer Do

Brookwood High School
Vincent Belcastro
Katherine Markey
Patrick Smith

Central Gwinnett High School
Kelsey Boreland
Lois Tiwaa

Collins Hill High School
Sarah Adam
Caitlyn Gegen
Monty Horn

Dacula High School
Ashleigh Burroughs
Mario Flamenco
Kamilah Harruna

Discovery High School
Taylor Chevalier
Ducal Hoang
Brandon McCoy

Duluth High School
Savita Archer
Lucy Chuang

Grayson High School
Julia Howes
Savannah Pilz
Claire Weatherly

Gwinnett Online Campus
Sarah Kearns

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Amy Jasani
Aditya Santoki
Jacob Ward

Lanier High School
Taylor Hayes
Ashley Park
Nouzhan Vakili

Meadowcreek High School
Amina Aljic
Allison Hernandez
Selam Tesfalem

Mill Creek High School
Shadman Arif
Savannah Lengnick
Andrew Miller

Mountain View High School
Santiago Escobar
Zachary Miles
Jillian Walker

Norcross High School
Jameson Gaddis
Lyle Hoge
Raya Ward

North Gwinnett High School
Andrew Corn
Najib Muhammad
Aylor Winkelman

Parkview High School
David Brock
Jahi Hamilton
Ana Villegas

Peachtree Ridge High School
Olivia Ammons
Simone Robinson
Elena Shao

Phoenix High School
Jesus Cano-Sanchez

Shiloh High School
Farrah Bowman
Jessica Burke
Anya Solomon

South Gwinnett High School
Cleon Beckford
Kayanna Benjamin
Hibah Berhanu

2017 Outstanding Senior Athletes

The Outstanding Senior Athlete Award is presented to a male and female student at each high school who has shown excellence in athletics, academics, and leadership roles in the school and community service. These students are not necessarily the best athletes in their senior class, but have shown to be outstanding in a variety of areas. The activities director at each high school works with the coaching staff to select the students who will represent their school. Students listed in red are the top senior student-athletes of 2017.

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2017 STAR Students

Each STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) student is the senior in the top 10% of his or her class with the highest SAT score. The STAR students from Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology and Peachtree Ridge High School share the title of Gwinnett County's 2017 STAR Student for the highest SAT score among the members of the Class of 2017. As part of the recognition, each STAR student selects a teacher as an educator who had a strong influence on his or her academic career. Local sponsors of the event include Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce; Presenting Sponsor—Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; Leading Sponsor—Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine-Georgia Campus; Principal Sponsor—Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc.; and Supporting Sponsors—Georgia Power Company, Gwinnett Technical College, and Peach State Federal Credit Union.

Hannah Mahaffey, Archer High School
Diane Lin, Berkmar High School
Karl Patram, Brookwood High School
Qasim Hassan, Central Gwinnett High School
Douglas “Aaron” Court, Collins Hill High School
Paul Dittamo, Dacula High School
Brandon McCoy, Discovery High School
Margaux Ratcliff, Duluth High School
William Taylor, Grayson High School
Sabarish Sainathan, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Ashley Park, Lanier High School
Aljon Pineda, Meadowcreek High School
Bryan Endsley, Mill Creek High School
McKade Stewart, Mountain View High School
Jennifer Wang, Norcross High School
Jonathan “Johnny” Park, North Gwinnett High School
Mohammad Makhmudov, Parkview High School
Eric Yan, Peachtree Ridge High School
Mehul Mehra, Shiloh High School
Isabelle Williams, South Gwinnett High School

2017 GCPSS Graduation Schedule

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*Memorial Day
Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

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