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Gwinnett County Public Schools seniors awarded Corporate-Sponsored National Merit Scholarships

The **National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC)** announced that four Gwinnett County Public Schools (**GCPS**) seniors, representing three of the district's high schools, were selected as **2019 [Corporate-Sponsored National Merit Scholarship award](#) winners**, earning corporate-sponsored scholarships to help fund their college education. These National Merit Scholars are part of a group of distinguished students nationwide judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

[Corporate-Sponsored National Merit Scholarship](#) winners from Gwinnett are:

Allen G. Moore of Brookwood High School

Probable career field: Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT GEORGIA-PACIFIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Georgia-Pacific Foundation is supported by contributions received from Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia. The Foundation supports Merit Scholarship awards for sons and daughters of employees of Georgia-Pacific Corporation and its subsidiary companies. Through this program, it recognizes the need to further the education of the children of company employees.

Mark M. Tran of Dacula High School

Probable career field: Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT 3M SCHOLARSHIP

3M, a diversified, worldwide manufacturer, has its corporate headquarters in St. Paul, MN. National Merit Scholarships are awarded annually to sons and daughters of 3Mers at all branch, plant, and subsidiary locations. These scholarships, a part of 3M's significant support to education, reflect the company's strong belief that higher education is the key to providing qualified future leaders for our businesses, our communities, and our country.

Vani Senthil of Duluth High School

Probable career field: Oncology

NATIONAL MERIT JAMES E. CASEY SCHOLARSHIP

The UPS Foundation was created in 1951 by United Parcel Service. National Merit James E. Casey Scholarships and James E. Casey Scholarships for children of United Parcel Service employees are supported by the UPS Foundation, in honor of the founder of United Parcel Service.

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Andrew Xu of Duluth High School

Probable career field: Computer Science

NATIONAL MERIT CARDINAL HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Supported by the global resources of Cardinal Health, the leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry, the Cardinal Health Foundation is the focal point of the company's community relations efforts. The Cardinal Health Foundation annually supports Merit Scholarship awards for the sons and daughters of Cardinal Health employees to recognize their academic excellence and assist in their pursuit of higher education.

These students are among one group of winners in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship program. This year, more than 1,000 distinguished high school seniors across the country have won corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards financed by about 160 corporations, company foundations, and other business organizations.

Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for finalists who are children of their employees, residents of communities the company serves, or students who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage.

Most corporate-funded awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Some provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university of their choice.

The competition began when more than 1.6 million high school juniors from 22,000 high schools took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as the initial screening for program entrants. The highest-scoring participants in each state were then selected as semifinalists. From the semifinalist group, 15,000 met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 7,600 will be named scholarship winners, with additional winners named throughout the spring and into summer.

For more information about the NMSC, contact (847) 866-5100.