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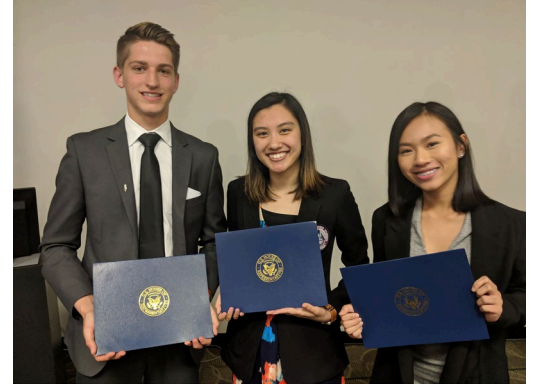
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**GCPS Honors Excellence in Career and Technical Education:**

**Juliet La of Discovery High School named 2018-19 Career and Technical Education Student of the Year**

Recognizing their achievement in Career and Technical Education courses during their high school careers, **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) recently highlighted the work of 24 high school students during its 2019 Career and Technical Education Student of the Year awards recognition program. The students were selected from a field of high-performing high school students within the school district. The students were honored during an awards banquet on March 20, 2019, at Gwinnett Technical College's Busbee Center.



**L-R: Matthew Lescota of Brookwood HS, Shama Khan of Central Gwinnett HS, and GCPS Career and Technical Education Student of the Year Juliet La of Discovery HS.**

The 2019 GCPS winners are:

- **Juliet La of Discovery High School, (Marketing)**, Overall Winner  
*Recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship provided by Learning Labs, Inc.*
- **Shama Khan of Central Gwinnett High School, (Healthcare)** 1st runner-up  
*Recipient of a \$750 scholarship provided by Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association*
- **Matthew Lescota of Brookwood High School, (Engineering & Entrepreneurship)**, 2nd runner-up  
*Recipient of a \$500 scholarship provided by Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation*

In addition to the county honorees, this annual recognition saluted the top Career and Technical Education students from each high school. Those students are:

- Rebecca Young of Archer High School**
- Liul Shimels of Berkmar High School**
- Matthew Lescota of Brookwood High School**
- Shama Khan of Central Gwinnett High School**

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**2010 and 2014 Winner of**



**Tia Wren of Collins Hill High School**

**Michael Milroy of Dacula High School**

**Juliet La of Discovery High School**

**Karina Siberon of Duluth High School**

**Daniel Lett of Grayson High School**

**Cameron Smith of Grayson Technical Program**

*(Cameron Smith attends Grayson High School and is enrolled in Career and Technical Education courses at Grayson High School Technical Program)*

**Anushka Saxena of Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology**

**Britley Jones of Lanier High School**

**Ryan Bronaugh of Maxwell High School of Technology**

*(Ryan Bronaugh attends North Gwinnett High School and is enrolled in Career and Technical Education courses at Maxwell High School of Technology)*

**Alicia Ramirez-Hernandez of Meadowcreek High School**

**Melody Pogula of Mill Creek High School**

**Lauryn Jackson of Mountain View High School**

**Melanie Gonzales of Norcross High School**

**Julianne Pace of North Gwinnett High School**

**Kasfia Kazi of Parkview High School**

**Smit Patel of Paul Duke STEM High School**

**Sanisha Shah of Peachtree Ridge High School**

**Angie Alvarez of Phoenix High School**

**Nimra Khan of Shiloh High School**

**Elijah Smith of South Gwinnett High School**

The selection process required nominated students to submit a transcript, a letter of recommendation from the nominating teacher, information on participation in a Career and Technical Student Organization, details about their community service, and an essay. In the final piece of the competition, students participated in an interview conducted by a panel of judges consisting of business and industry leaders.