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More than 30 GCPS seniors up for National Achievement title

As members of Gwinnett’s Class of 2012 start the college application process, more of these students are beginning to be identified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) as possible scholarship recipients. The national organization recently announced that 32 **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** seniors were recently named 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program semifinalists, making them candidates for scholarships worth some \$2.4 million. That’s in addition to the 46 students the NMSC named earlier this month as 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists. The National Achievement Scholarship Program, founded to honor and provide scholarships to academically promising Black American students, annually recognizes high-performing high school seniors. This year’s Gwinnett students are among 1,600 students from across the nation up for the prestigious national scholarship.

Gwinnett’s semifinalists representing 11 of the district’s high schools are:

Berkmar High

Kerra I. Jones

Brookwood High

Adrian B. Alabi
Brittany L. Davis
Zachary D. Freshley
Taylor J. Guidry
La’ron-Chenee H. Tracey

Central Gwinnett High

Terri L. Cunningham
Stella O. Fagbemi
Matthew H. Pack

Collins Hill High

Michael C. Glover
Tiana M. Madison

Grayson High

Brandon A. Chin-Shue
Jared Chin-Shue
Nana-Adjoa O. Kwarteng
Thomas A. Schoolcraft

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

Hamdi H. Abdi
Nathan Daley
Melissa Jennings
Alyssa M. Napier
Brittany A. Thompson

Mountain View High

Bezutsega M. Assaye
Marcus D. Moss

Peachtree Ridge High

Bria N. Fincher
Kia K. Quinlan

Norcross High

Kristopher A. Beauchamp
Anthony A. Morgan

Parkview High

Caela A. Abrams
Jennifer A. Bunkley
Philip M. Musey
Dakota Taggart

Shiloh High

Elim S. Almedom
Jarid C. Hinton

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The high school seniors qualified for the program based on each student's high achievement on the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). More than 160,000 high school juniors from across the United States requested to be considered for the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program when they took the PSAT. Out of the 160,000 test-takers who asked to be considered, only 1,600 were designated as semifinalists.

These academically talented students now have the opportunity to advance to the finalist level of the competition. All Achievement Scholarship winners are selected from that finalist group on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in college. To be considered for finalist status, students must complete a detailed application, present a record of high academic performance throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance.

The information collected about each finalist will be used in the selection of scholarship winners who will receive one of 800 Achievement Scholarship awards, all worth a total of \$2.4 million. Scholarship Winners will be announced in spring of 2011.

For more information, contact the National Achievement Scholarship Corporation at (847) 866-5100 or visit www.nationalmerit.org