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Mountain View HS and Parkview HS: Students shine in Economics education

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) students and their social studies teachers from **Mountain View High** and **Parkview High** earned several awards throughout the 2010-2011 school year after top finishes in several Economics education competitions. They participated in the following competitions:

Georgia Economics Challenge:

Parkview High competed against 11 other Georgia teams during this competition finishing first and therefore becoming Georgia's 2011 National Economics Challenge winner. The group of students worked as individuals and as a team, taking a series of tests on microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international economics. The Parkview High team of **William Gausphol**, **Brynna Paulakaitis**, **Sona Sadselia**, and **Tim Wu** was lead by Parkview High economics teacher **Gary Petmecky**. Tim Wu also won the award for having the highest individual score in the competition, earning a 270 out of a possible 300.

Stock Market Game:

Parkview High economics students also took Georgia's top finishes in the Stock Market Game during both the fall and spring competitions. During the fall semester, the school was the statewide winner, with an ending portfolio value of \$276,235. Team members were students **Jonathon Benken**, **Mary Kidane**, and **Alina Saveli**. Parkview High teacher **Mark Leviton** was the team advisor. Mountain View High was the statewide runner-up in the fall, with an ending portfolio value of \$193,112. Mountain View High teacher **Scotty McDaniel** advised the team of **Jamie Stuart**, **Camden Valentine**, and **Lauren May**. Parkview High came back and won again during the spring with another team of students-- **Mitchell Reynolds**, **Robert Romaine**, and **Zachary Yoder**. The school ended the game as statewide runner-up with a \$149,441 portfolio. The team advisor was Mr. Leviton. Each team starts the game with a hypothetical \$100,000 in common stocks listed on the major exchanges. Students make hypothetical trades during the 10-week game.

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Stock Market Game Advisor:

Mark Leviton, an economics teacher at Parkview High, took top honors in the state competition among Stock Market Game advisors for both the fall and spring competitions.

The Mountain View High and Parkview High students and teachers were honored by the Gwinnett County Board of Education during its regular monthly meeting in May.