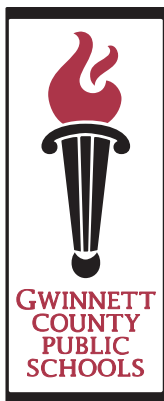


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Five 2012 Merit Scholars earn \$2,500 award

Five members of Gwinnett's Class of 2012 recently learned they each will have an additional \$2,500 in financial assistance as they head to college this fall. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that the five **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) seniors, who represent four of the district's high schools, made this year's National Merit list. The 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.

This year's Gwinnett \$2,500 National Merit winners are:

From Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology:

Shawn C. Albert

Probable career field: Public Health
National Merit \$2500 Scholarship

From Mill Creek High:

Ronan McArthur O'Brien

Probable career field: Translation
National Merit \$2500 Scholarship

From North Gwinnett High:

Rebecca Y. Kim

Probable career field: Undecided

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship underwritten by the UPS Foundation

This award is part of the UPS Foundation's program of aid to education, through which it has also made direct grants and endowments to a wide variety of educational institutions throughout the U.S.

Ho Lim Lee

Probable career field: Not Reported
National Merit \$2500 Scholarship

From Parkview High:

Caleb N. Younger

Probable career field: Government Service
National Merit \$2500 Scholarship

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These students were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors from a pool of around 15,000 finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. The committee reviewed the student's academic record including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the student; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

The competition began when more than 1.5 million students, who at the time were high school juniors, took the 2010 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.

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