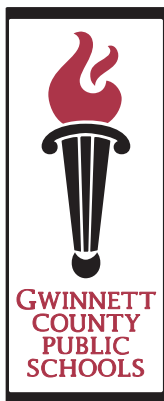


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2012 Technical Education Student of the Year:

Shiv Patel of North Gwinnett High earns top honors as GCPS honors excellence in Technical Education

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) recently honored its top technical education students during the Gwinnett County 2012 Technical Education Student of the Year awards recognition program, an event sponsored by GCPS, Buford City Schools, and Gwinnett Technical College. The honored students were selected from a field of high-performing high school students from Buford City Schools and Gwinnett County Public Schools. They were honored during an awards banquet on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at the Instructional Support Center (ISC) in Suwanee.

The **2012 Technical Education Student of the Year** in Gwinnett County is **Shiv Patel of North Gwinnett High**. As such, he earned a \$1,000 scholarship. The first runner-up for the Gwinnett title was **Sienna Brown of Archer High**, who received a \$500 scholarship. The second runner up was **Christina Ethridge of Grayson High** who takes classes in the **Grayson High Technical Education Program**. She received a \$250 scholarship.

In addition to saluting the county winners, top technical education students from each high school were honored. They include:

- Linda Nguyen of **Berkmar High**
- Danielle Jozwowski of **Brookwood High**
- Ethan Mitchell of **Buford High** (*Buford City Schools*)
- Tri Nguyen of **Central Gwinnett High**
- Farhan Charania of **Collins Hill High**
- Mason Davenport of **Dacula High**
- Veronica Macias of **Duluth High**
- Naila Maric of **Grayson High**
- Alissa Valvo of **Lanier High**
- Anthony Chiu for his work at **Maxwell High School of Technology** (*Anthony attends Grayson High and is enrolled in technical education courses at Maxwell High School of Technology*)
- Emillian Udekigbo of **Meadowcreek High**
- Alissa Stringer of **Mill Creek High**
- William Everett of **Mountain View High**
- Amanda Northrup of **Norcross High**
- Phoebe Pearson of **Parkview High**
- Tyler Thornton of **Peachtree Ridge High**
- Kayla Mitten of **Phoenix High**
- Mytese Simmons of **Shiloh High**
- Adomya Dawit of **South Gwinnett High**

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The selection process requires nominated students to submit a transcript, a letter of recommendation from the nominating teacher, information on participation in a Career and Technical Student Organization, and an essay. The final requirement in the rigorous process was an interview conducted by a panel of judges from business and industry and Gwinnett Technical College.