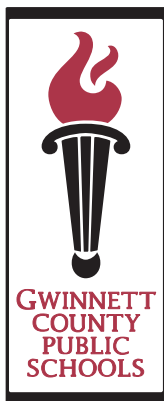


NEWS RELEASE



GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Louise Radloff
2012 Chairman
District V

Carole Boyce
2012 Vice Chairman
District I

Dr. Robert McClure
District IV

Dr. Mary Kay Murphy
District III

Daniel D. Seckinger
District II

J. Alvin Wilbanks
CEO/Superintendent

THE MISSION OF GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*is to pursue excellence
in academic knowledge,
skills, and behavior
for each student,
resulting in measured
improvement against
local, national, and
world-class standards.*

437 Old Peachtree Road, NW
Suwanee, GA 30024-2978
678-301-6000
www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us

It is the policy of Gwinnett County Public Schools
not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex,
religion, national origin, age, or disability in any
employment practice, educational program, or
any other program, activity, or service.

2010 Winner of



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 23, 2012

News Media Contact: Deidre Hill, Parkview High PTSA Co-President,
deidre.hill@comcast.net

Five Gwinnett student-artists advance to national PTA contest

The artistic talent of five **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students has put them on a path to receive recognition at the national level by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA's "Reflections" Fine Arts Program is designed to enhance quality fine arts education by offering students opportunities to express themselves artistically.

The five Gwinnett students who will compete at the national level are:

Musical Composition Awards:

- **William Skidmore, III – Duncan Creek Elementary, 1st grade**
- **Ian Brown – Mill Creek High, 12th grade**

Dance Choreography Awards:

- **Iris Hundebly – Pharr Elementary, 4th grade**

Film Production Awards:

- **Maya Vuist – Pinckneyville Middle, 8th grade**

Visual Arts Awards:

- **Kay Thomas – Mill Creek High, 11th grade**

The five Gwinnett students will join 19 other Georgia student artists who move on to the national competition after placing first in the state. Their road to the national competition began earlier in the school year when students submitted their artwork at the local school level. Winners from the local level moved on to compete at other levels. It should be noted that at the state competition, 351 students from across the state earned recognition, with 73 hailing from Gwinnett. The Reflections program began in 1969 and has served as a means of highlighting talented students for more than four decades. Since its inception, millions of students have participated.

For more information about the local winners, news media representatives can contact Deirdre Hill, a Parkview High PTSA Co-President who volunteers her time to coordinate this competition in Gwinnett, by sending an e-mail to

deidre.hill@comcast.net