

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **12 GCPS graduates honored as 2008 Byrd Scholars**

Twelve **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) graduates will have additional financial assistance when they start their college careers this fall, as they have been named recipients of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. The Georgia Department of Education honor recognizes exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education.

This year's Gwinnett winners are:

- *Michael Angell* – **North Gwinnett High**
- *Gregory Boike* – **Shiloh High**
- *Michael Kahn* – **Norcross High**
- *Kristy Kemp* – **Grayson High**
- *Corbin Klett* – **Mill Creek High**
- *Dolly Krishnaswamy* – **Peachtree Ridge High**
- *Keri Lau* – **Brookwood High**
- *Albert Liao* – **Duluth High**
- *Liana Nisimova* – **Berkmar High**
- *Erik Pouncey* – **Collins Hill High**
- *Natalia Valderrama* – **Dacula High**
- *Dustin Watts* – **Parkview High**

The students were chosen based on outstanding academic achievement during their high school careers. Each will receive a scholarship worth up to \$1,500 (renewable for up to three additional years) to be used at any higher education institution they plan to attend.

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