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National recognition for Gwinnett FBLA students

Several **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students earned national recognition after placing in the top 10 during a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competition. Fourteen GCPS students traveled to California to participate in the 2009 FBLA National Leadership Conference. The representatives of **Collins Hill High, Peachtree Ridge High, Shiloh High, and South Gwinnett High** participated in competitive events and leadership development activities. Out of the 8,000 participants from the continental USA, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, five Gwinnett students placed among the top.

The winning students and their categories are:

- **Dhruv Bhavsar** of **Collins Hill High** – 4th place in Network Design
- **Stephen Hester** of **South Gwinnett High** – 8th place in Banking and Financial Systems
- **Brandon Lewis** of **South Gwinnett High** – 1st place in Impromptu Speaking
- **Breannah Norris** of **Shiloh High** – 8th place in Banking and Financial Systems
- **Jackson Willis** of **Peachtree Ridge High** – 10th place in Business Procedures

The awards were part of a competitive events program sponsored by FBLA. Individuals, state teams, and local chapters had the opportunity to compete in more than 50 difference events representing a wide range of activities. The winners of these highly competitive and prestigious awards were selected from FBLA membership of 250,000 students and advisors representing some of the best and brightest of today's youth.

FBLA is a nonprofit education association with a mission to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

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