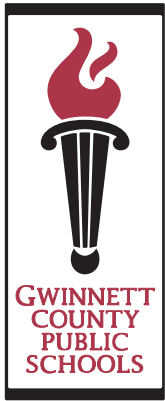


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2012 summer brings national competitions for GCPS students

As the 2011-2012 school year came to a close, **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) students received invitations to participate in a number of state and national conferences and competitions. Below is a sampling of events in which individual Gwinnett students or teams are participating throughout the summer.

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June 10-14:

Berkmar High, Collins Hill High, and Mill Creek High National History Day

The social studies projects of four students from Berkmar High, Collins Hill High, and Mill Creek High will compete this summer with other projects from around the country during National History Day. The event takes place at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 10-14. The Gwinnett students researched topics and presented their findings through papers, performances, exhibits, or documentary videos. Their projects earned them the opportunity to compete at the national level after winning the following top awards during National History Day in Georgia.

School	Student or Team	Category	Project Title	Teacher	State Award
Berkmar High	Eden Hailemichael & Alyson Priest	Senior Group Websites	“Revolutionary Vanguard: the Bolshevik Revolution”	Joni Jameson	1st Place
Collins Hill High	Mary Nosa	Senior Individual Exhibits	“Forged in Fire: Reacting to the Triangle Fire and Reforming U.S. Labor”	Terrae Fogarty	1st Place
Mill Creek High	Timothy Le	Senior Papers	“The Reform of Theology by the Emergence of Calvinism”	Maria Keyes	1st Place

National History Day in Georgia is a history education program for students in grades 6-12 sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council.

2010 Winner of



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June 10-15:

Central Gwinnett High and Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

National Forensic League Speech and Debate Tournament

Three students from Central Gwinnett High and a team of three others from Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology are invited this summer to the National Forensic League Speech and Debate Tournament, June 10-15, in Indianapolis. The students qualified after earning the following top honors at the state level:

School	Student or Team	Category or State Award:
Central Gwinnett High	Talha Abid, 12th grader	Humorous Interpretation
	Nadia Hussein, 11th grader	Original Oratory
	Matthew Pack, 12th grader	National Forensic League District Student of the Year
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Brittany “Brandy” Clower, Ben Pham, and Dakotah Rice	Extemporaneous Speaking and Lincoln-Douglass debate styles

At this national debate competition, students will compete for more than \$200,000 in college scholarships.

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June 10-15:

***South Gwinnett High
Georgia Girls State***

South Gwinnett High rising 12th grader Maria Ogunlusi will spend part of her summer at Georgia Southern University taking part in Georgia Girls State, a citizenship training program. From June 10-15, Maria will learn about how American government operates at the municipal, county, and state level. The program was developed by the American Legion Auxiliary.

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June 20-23:

Grayson High Technical Education Program

Health Occupations Student Organization (HOSA) National Conference

Three students enrolled in the Grayson High Technical Education Program will represent Georgia this summer during the Health Occupations Student Organization (HOSA) National Conference, taking place in Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, June 20-23. HOSA is a student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in healthcare and to enhance the delivery of quality healthcare to all people. The students earned the invitation to nationals in Orlando after their first and second place honors from the Georgia competition.

*Home School	Student	State Award	Category
Grayson High	Kyiona Naomi Jackson	1st Place	Physical Therapy
Grayson High	Kirstie Selena Adams	2nd Place	Extemporaneous Speaking
Parkview High	Katherine M. Trainer	1st Place	National Recognition Program

**These students attend these home schools and are enrolled in the health sciences program at Grayson High Technical Education Program.*

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June 21-25:

Archer High, Collins Hill High, Grayson High, and Mill Creek High

National TSA (Technology Students' Association) Conference

Twenty Gwinnett students will have the opportunity to compete at the National TSA Conference, June 21-25, in Nashville. The following students were invited to the national gathering after earning 1st and 2nd place during the state competition:

School	Student or Team	Category	State Award
Archer High	Jeremy Crowe & Brandon Young	Technology Problem Solving	1st Place
Collins Hill High	Taylor Angi	Computer Aided Design, 3D Engineering	1st Place
	James Gadea & Vivek Patel	Biotechnology Design	1st Place
	David Hernandez	Computer Aided Design, 2D Architectural	1st Place
	James Gadea, David Hernandez, Alykhan Lalani, & Vivek Patel	Digital Video Production	2nd Place
	James Gadea, Alykhan Lalani, Anay Nawathe, & Kate Unsworth	Technology Bowl	2nd Place
	David Hernandez & Vivek Patel	Architectural Model	2nd Place
Grayson High	Avi Amin & Nil Patel	Construction Renovation	2nd Place
Mill Creek High	Michael Deiters	Electronics Applications	1st Place

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There are seven active TSA chapters in Gwinnett with over 300 students participating. Through TSA, students have the opportunity to participate in leadership development activities and compete in a variety of events related to technology.

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June 23-27:

Maxwell High School of Technology

SkillsUSA National Skills and Leadership Conference

Nine Gwinnett students enrolled in technical education programs at Maxwell High School of Technology were invited to the SkillsUSA National Skills and Leadership Conference, June 23-27, in Kansas City. The following students qualified for the national round after their first and second place finishes in the SkillsUSA State Leadership Competition.

*Home School	Student or Team	Category	State Award
Archer High	Dillon Bradford	Electronics Technology	1st Place
	William Anderson	Collision Repair Technology	2nd Place
Collins Hill High & Shiloh High	Elizabeth Cash who attends Collins Hill High teamed up with Charles Green who attends Shiloh High	Web Design	2nd Place
Grayson High	Devash Persaud	Job Skill Demo A	2nd Place
Mountain View High & South Gwinnett High	Zachary Clement & Ryan Andersen who both attend Mountain View High teamed up with Tevin Phillip who attends South Gwinnett High	Flight Operations	2nd Place
Peachtree Ridge High	Andrew Peters	Motorcycle Service Technology	2nd Place

**These students attend these home schools and are enrolled in the technical education programs at Maxwell High School of Technology.*

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school, and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations.

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June 29-July 2:

Collins Hill High, Meadowcreek High, Mill Creek High, Parkview High, Peachtree Ridge High, and South Gwinnett High

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) National Leadership Conference

Twelve Gwinnett students are moving on to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference, which will be held June 29-July 2, in San Antonio. The students have the opportunity to compete at the national level after placing in first, second, or third place during state-level competitive events. The students and the categories in which they earned top state awards are:

School:	Student or team:	Category:	Award at state competition:
Collins Hill High	Manav Dutta	Business Law	1st Place
	Manav Dutta	Personal Finance	1st Place
Meadowcreek High	Rigoberto Cisneros, Francisco Ozuna, and Erick Salgado	E-Business	2nd Place
Mill Creek High	Michael Green, Tyler Kvietkus	Entrepreneurship	2nd Place
Parkview High	Krishna Suhagia	Healthcare Administration	2nd Place
Peachtree Ridge High	Jay Shah	Business Procedures	3rd Place
	Jed Kim	Computer Applications	1st Place
South Gwinnett High:	Stacia Burke	Future Business Leader	2nd Place
	Shakori Fletcher	Public Speaking II	1st Place
	Charles Hollenbeck	Cyber Security	1st Place