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GCPS Foundation facilitates more than 30 scholarships

During its regular monthly meeting in April, the **Gwinnett County Board of Education** had the opportunity to meet 31 graduating seniors who are the 2011 recipients of local scholarships facilitated by the **Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc.** Several organizations and community members make donations to the GCPS Foundation which makes the scholarships possible. The 31 Gwinnett students received the following scholarships:

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- **Tiffany Chu from Parkview High**
2011 Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship, awarded by GCPS Foundation Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship Fund
Since 2002, donations made to the Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship Fund in memory of Dr. Crews, superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools from 1977-1989, have made it possible to award a one-time scholarship annually to a GCPS senior pursuing a career in education. The amount of the 2011 award is \$1,500.
- **Lindsey Grizzard from Grayson High**
2011 Louise Radloff Scholarship, awarded by Gwinnett Federal Credit Union
The purpose of the Louise Radloff Scholarship Program is to provide funds for a Gwinnett County high school senior who has overcome a significant personal challenge in order to graduate and is pursuing post-secondary study through a four-year, two-year or certificate program. This fund was established in 2004 by Gwinnett Federal Credit Union in honor of three decades of service by Gwinnett County Board of Education member Louise Radloff, and in recognition of her tireless work on behalf of those most in need. The amount of the 2011 award is \$2,500. Lindsey plans to attend the University of Georgia.
- **Hope Lybeer from North Gwinnett High**
2011 J. Alvin Wilbanks Scholarship, awarded by Gwinnett Federal Credit Union
This fund was established in 2007 by Gwinnett Federal Credit Union in honor of over four decades of service to public education by CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks, and in recognition of his leadership in guiding the district to state and national prominence as superintendent since 1996. The fund provides a one-time scholarship each year to a GCPS senior pursuing a career in education. The amount of the 2011 award is \$2,500. Hope plans to attend Furman University.

2010 Winner of



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- **Jayla Marshaun Hood** from **Brookwood High**

- **Dana Tzegaegbe** from **Shiloh High**

2011 Robbie Susan Moore Scholarship, awarded by United Ebony Society
 Founded in 2011 by the United Ebony Society in honor of community activist Robbie Susan Moore, this scholarship recognizes deserving students from the African-American community who have exemplified a dedication to community service and to the pursuit of higher education. Jayla plans to attend the University of Georgia while Dana has accepted to an invitation from the University of West Virginia.

- **Kyle R. Cowdrick** from **Brookwood High**

- **Samantha C. Healy** from **Archer High**

- **Sarah A. Jestel** from **Grayson High**

- **James F. Jiang** from **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology**

- **Melissa A. Rary** from **Collins Hill High**

- **Nhi N. Vu** from **Duluth High**

2011 Brannan Scholarship, awarded by Mr. Joseph Shafer, Brannan Scholarship Founder

The J. Floyd and Eunice Brannan Scholarship was established in 2006 to provide financial assistance to outstanding public school students. Joseph and Dorothy Shafer, descendants of the Brannans, created the scholarship with hopes of providing college opportunities to deserving students who are dedicated to enhancing their academic and leadership skills and plan to return to contribute professionally to their communities. Scholarship recipients are selected through an application process that considers grades, a letter of recommendation from a teacher, a student-written essay, and participation in both school and community activities. Scholarship recipients are eligible to receive \$1,000 for each of four years, as long as the student maintains a “B” average in college.

Every school year, Atlanta Toyota recognizes one student from each high school in Gwinnett County Public Schools and teachers of those students who were selected by each winning student. The 2011 Atlanta Toyota Scholarship Program student recipients will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and the corresponding teacher will receive \$750, totaling \$40,500 awarded by Atlanta Toyota.

- **Nicole Nash** from Archer High

Teacher: **James Reeves**, McConnell Middle

- **Diana Nguyen** from Berkmar High

Teacher: **Kereida Beadle**, Berkmar High

- **Carly Nielsen** from Brookwood High

Teacher: **Catherine Trouteaud**, Brookwood High

- **Devin McKenzie** from Central Gwinnett High

Teacher: **Lauren Ferguson**, Central Gwinnett High

- **Melissa Rary** from Collins Hill High

Teacher: **Jill Tweedy**, Collins Hill High

- **Omar Pacheco** from Dacula High
Teacher: **Chad Harrison**, Dacula High
- **Nhi Vu** from Duluth High
Teacher: **Vanette Vedder**, Duluth High
- **Savanna Ziegler** from Grayson High
Teacher: **Mary Stimmel**, Grayson HS
- **Alicia Crewey** from Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Teacher: **Barbara Steele**, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
- **Fabrice Alcide** from Lanier High
Teacher: **Allison Jenkins**, North Gwinnett High
- **Ronnie Frasier** from Meadowcreek High
Teacher: **Gerda Louizi**, Meadowcreek High
- **Do Hyun Kim** from Mill Creek High
Teacher: **Gregory Marr**, Mill Creek High
- **Samuel Yang** from Mountain View High
Teacher: **Heather Held**, Collins Hill High
- **Florence Pham** from Norcross High
Teacher: **Cassandra Harrington**, Norcross High
- **Shakerra Henry** from North Gwinnett High
Teacher: **Michelle Mullis**, North Gwinnett High
- **Gerard Willingham** from Parkview High
Teacher: **Doug Wagner**, Parkview High
- **Alexander Lopez** from Peachtree Ridge High
Teacher: **Lisa York**, Peachtree Ridge High
- **Naya Dykes** from Phoenix High
Teacher: **Sherry Fowler**, Phoenix High
- **Kristen LeMaster** from Shiloh High
Teacher: **Stephen Lindsay**, Shiloh High
- **Santana Mowbray** from South Gwinnett High
Teacher: **Erica Poole**, South Gwinnett High

The Atlanta Toyota Scholarship Program has awarded over \$350,000 to students and teachers in Gwinnett County Public Schools since 2004.

As part of the selection process, all GCPS student recipients wrote an essay describing their experiences and higher education goals. Copies of the winning essays are available to members of the news media upon request.