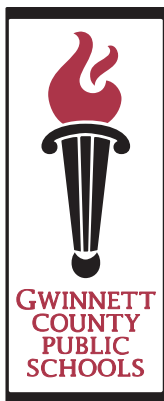


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Gwinnett represented by 15 National Achievement recipients

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is represented this year by 15 students from the Class of 2012 as recipients of the National Achievement Scholarship, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation recently announced. The National Achievement Scholarship Program provides scholarships to outstanding Black American high school students, considered as having the strongest record of accomplishments and greatest potential for academic success in college.

This year's 15 GCPS seniors join more than 800 outstanding Black American high school students from across the nation who will receive scholarships totaling more than \$2 million dollars as part of the annual National Achievement Scholarship competition, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The group represents 10 of the district's traditional high schools and a charter school—**Berkmar High; Brookwood High; Central Gwinnett High; Collins Hill High; Grayson High; Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Mountain View High; Norcross High; Parkview High; Peachtree Ridge High; and Shiloh High.**

The 2012 student winners from Gwinnett are:

Berkmar High:

- **Kerra I. Jones**
Probable career field: Neonatology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Brookwood High:

- **Adrian Bortier Alabi**
Probable career field: Electrical Engineering
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

- **La'Ron-Chene H. Tracey**

Probable career field: International Law
National Achievement NMSC Scholarship

Central Gwinnett High:

- **Matthew H. Pack**
Probable career field: Engineering
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

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Collins Hill High:

- **Michael C. Glover**
Probable career field: Biomedicine/Research
National Achievement IKON Office Solutions Foundation Scholarship

Grayson High:

- **Nana-Adjoa Owiaah Kwarteng**
Probable career field: Medicine/Anesthesiology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology:

- **Alyssa M. Napier**
Probable career field: Scientific Research
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Mountain View High:

- **Grace B.M. Assaye**
Probable career field: Pediatric Neurology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Norcross High:

- **Anthony A. Morgan**
Probable career field: Pediatrics
National Achievement NMSC Scholarship

Parkview High:

- **Caela A. Abrams**
Probable career field: Psychology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Jennifer A. Bunkley**
Probable career field: Chemistry
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Philip M. Musey**
Probable career field: Government Service
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Peachtree Ridge High:

- **Bria N. Fincher**
Probable career field: Public Policy/ Economics
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Kia K. Quinlan**
Probable career field: Pediatrics
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Shiloh High:

- **Elim S. Almedom**
Probable career field: Secondary Education
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

About 100 Achievement Scholars are recipients of the corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarship awards, including Gwinnett's recipient from Collins Hill High. Corporate organizations generally provide awards for finalists who are children of their employees, residents of communities the company serves, or have plans to pursue majors or careers the grantor wishes to encourage. Most of the awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Some provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Gwinnett's 14 other scholars are part of a nationwide group of 700 students who are recipients of the National Achievement Scholarships, most of which are a single payment of \$2,500.

The competition first began with results of the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT.) Last fall, semifinalists were designated within geographic regions based on the highest scores in the states that make up each region. They advanced to the finalist level in the competition by filling out a detailed application, presenting a record of high academic performance throughout high school, being endorsed and recommended by the school principal, writing an essay, and earning SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance. Achievement Scholar honorees were selected from the finalists judged to have the strongest record of accomplishments.

For more information about the National Achievement Scholarship Program, contact (847) 866-5100 or visit www.nationalmerit.org