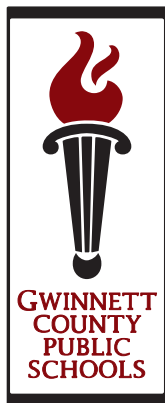


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GCPS student projects take top spots during International Student Media Festival

Close to 100 student projects from **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** were selected for top awards during the 2011 International Student Media Festival (ISMF). At the annual event, which celebrates excellence in student media projects, 90 of the 112 GCPS entries were recognized with the Excellence in Media Production award. Thirty-six of those 90 projects also received a Judge's Favorite award, and one project from **Mason Elementary** was selected as the recipient of the Best of Festival award, the highest honor. These award-winning entries included projects in animation, live action, web sites, and sequential and interactive stills.

The Following Mason Elementary project received the festival's top recognition:

- **Mason Elementary** – Earned the Best of Festival award
“*Sew What? American History is a Patchwork of Stories*”
Abby Lockhart, Teacher

The projects from these 21 Gwinnett schools earned the Judge's Favorite award:

- **Britt Elementary** -- Earned two Judge's Favorite awards
- **Chesney Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Fort Daniel Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Gwin Oaks Elementary** -- Earned four Judge's Favorite awards
- **Ivy Creek Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Mason Elementary** -- Earned two Judge's Favorite awards
- **Minor Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Peachtree Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Puckett's Mill Elementary** -- Earned two Judge's Favorite awards
- **Simpson Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **White Oak Elementary** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Couch Middle** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Creekland Middle** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Crews Middle** -- Earned four Judge's Favorite awards
- **Grace Snell Middle** -- Earned two Judge's Favorite awards
- **Shiloh Middle** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Archer High** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Mill Creek High** -- Earned one Judge's Favorite award
- **Norcross High** -- Earned three Judge's Favorite awards
- **Phoenix High** -- Earned three Judge's Favorite awards

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All 28 Gwinnett schools were recognized with Excellence in Media Production awards:

- **Britt Elementary** -- Earned four Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Chesney Elementary** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Fort Daniel Elementary** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Gwin Oaks Elementary** -- Earned 14 Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Head Elementary** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Hopkins Elementary** -- Earned four Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Ivy Creek Elementary** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Level Creek Elementary** -- Earned six Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Lilburn Elementary** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Mason Elementary** -- Earned four Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Minor Elementary** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Peachtree Elementary** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Puckett's Mill Elementary** -- Earned three Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Simpson Elementary** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Starling Elementary** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **White Oak Elementary** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Couch Middle** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Creekland Middle** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Crews Middle** -- Earned seven Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Grace Snell Middle** -- Earned three Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Shiloh Middle** -- Earned four Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Archer High** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Collins Hill High** -- Earned three Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology** -- Earned three Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Mill Creek High** -- Earned one Excellence in Media Production award
- **Norcross High** -- Earned three Excellence in Media Production awards
- **Phoenix High** -- Earned 10 Excellence in Media Production awards
- **South Gwinnett High** -- Earned two Excellence in Media Production awards

The ISMF represents a culmination of K-12 festival competitions that progress through three successive levels: local school, system, and state. ISMF is an annual program that provides teachers with a unique opportunity to motivate, educate, and inspire their students to excellence in their academic pursuits through the creative use of media technology.

The ISMF is sponsored by the Association for Educational Communications & Technology (AECT), which is a non-profit organization working to improve instruction through technology.

For more information about the International Student Media Festival,

visit www.ismf.net