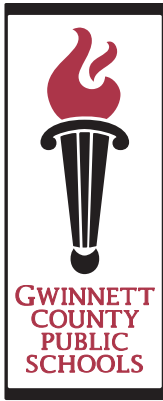


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11 Gwinnett students named 2012 Gates Millennium Scholars

Opportunity to interview students and school counselors on May 14

As Gwinnett's Class of 2012 gets ready to walk across the stage and receive their high school diploma, 11 graduating seniors have learned that their college tuition will be paid in full for their entire college career. The students – from **Collins Hill High; Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Meadowcreek High; Mill Creek High; Mountain View High; Norcross High; North Gwinnett High; Peachtree Ridge High; and Shiloh High** – have been named Gates Millennium Scholars, earning the full scholarship due to their high academic performance. The Gwinnett seniors are part of a group of only 1,000 students from across the country selected for the “2012 Class of Gates Millennium Scholars.” A total of 88 Georgia students are part of this group.

Representatives from the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program will visit Gwinnett County Public Schools on Monday, May 14, 2012, to congratulate Gwinnett's eleven recipients. District leaders will be part of the celebratory event as Gwinnett salutes this year's class of Gates Millennium Scholars. The event will take place at the school district's Instructional Support Center, 437 Old Peachtree Rd., NW in Suwanee. The program begins at 3:30 p.m.

This year's honorees from Gwinnett are:

School	Student
Collins Hill High	Vivek Kamlesh Patel College plans: University of Georgia, Pre-Med
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Arsalan Akkas Sufi College plans: Yale University
Meadowcreek High	Alex Shaun Steele College plans: University of Georgia, Computer Engineering
Mill Creek High	Seung Kwan Baek College plans: Harvard University, International Relations
Mountain View High	Kunal Hasmukh Tanna College plans: University of Georgia, Business
Norcross High	Nayomi Raychelle Mitchell College plans: Georgia Institute of Technology, Computer Science, Software Engineering & Design
Norcross High	Xavier Sharif Galloway College plans: Georgia Institute of Technology, Computer Science

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2010 Winner of



Norcross High	AnthonyAlan Morgan College plans: Harvard University, Biology/Pre-Med, Pediatrics
North Gwinnett High	Chan Mi Lim College plans: Boston College, English & Economics
Peachtree Ridge High	David Emmanuel Wade Daniels College plans: Oxford College of Emory University, Biology
Shiloh High	Javier Prusky Grinberg College plans: Syracuse University, Acting

In addition of the full scholarship for undergraduate work, the Gates Millennium Scholars also qualify for selected graduate and doctoral work. The program, funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and administered by the United Negro College Fund, promotes academic excellence for outstanding minority low-income students.

In order to earn the scholarship, the seniors participated in a lengthy and competitive application process. Honorees were selected based on a review of their academic record, community involvement and extracurricular activities, and their families' need for financial assistance. The program recognizes high-achieving African American, American Indian/Alaska Native (must provide proof of tribal enrollment), Asian/Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program was established in 1999 by a \$1.6 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In order to reach and support its constituents, the organization has partnered with the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the United Negro College Fund.

Members of the news media are invited to the May 14 event that will feature interview opportunities with the student winners.

For more information about the Gates Millennium Program, visit www.gmsp.org or contact 703-205- 2041.