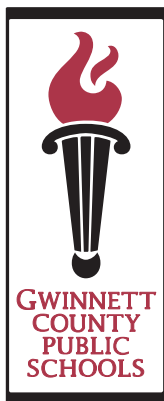


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## **Five Gwinnett students achieve perfection on Latin exam**

Out of more than 130,000 students from around the world who this year participated in the National Latin Exam, five **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) foreign language students achieved perfection. The five high school students from **Mill Creek High**, **Mountain View High**, and **North Gwinnett High** posted a perfect paper on the worldwide exam which assesses students' understanding of Latin.

The Gwinnett students and the levels in which they excelled are:

### **From Mill Creek High:**

- **Sergio Parra**, 10th grader  
Perfect Paper, Level 2 National Latin Exam  
Sergio's teacher is **Dale Buff**

### **From Mountain View High:**

- **Kevin Kuonqui**, 11th grader  
Perfect Paper, Level 1 National Latin Exam  
Kevin's teacher is **Jaime Claymore**

### **From North Gwinnett High:**

- **Ho Lim Lee**, 12th grader  
Perfect Paper, Level 4 Poetry, National Latin Exam
- **Josh O'Shields**, 11th grader  
Perfect Paper, Level 3 Poetry, National Latin Exam
- **Angela Park**, 10th grader  
Perfect Paper, Level 2, National Latin Exam

Ho Lim, Josh, and Angela were taught by **Patrick Yaggy**, a North Gwinnett High foreign language teacher who was selected this year by the Georgia Classical Association as Georgia's 2012 Latin Teacher of the Year.

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In addition to these perfect papers, seven other Gwinnett students from **North Gwinnett High** and **Parkview High** were honored for having four years of gold summa cum laude scores. This gold medal is presented to a student who on each annual exam missed no more than 3 to 4 items. To recognize their efforts, each of the students received a book award. Their prize was the Oxford Dictionary of Classical Literature, which offers a comprehensive introduction to every work in the Greco-Roman literature.

Gwinnett's students who scored gold summa cum laude scores are:

**From North Gwinnett High:**

- **Emily Benjamin**, 12th grader
- **Seung Jae Choi**, 12th grader
- **Yong-Jei Kwon**, 12th grader
- **Hom Li Lee**, 12th grader
- **Michael Sharp**, 12th grader
- **Stephanie Simpson**, 12th grader

All six students were taught by Mr. Patrick Yaggy.

**From Parkview High:**

- **Samuel Gowland**, 12th grader

Samuel was taught by Dr. Robert Patrick who was recognized last school year by the Georgia Classical Association as Georgia's 2011 Latin Teacher of the Year and this school year by the Foreign Language Association of Georgia as its 2012 K-12 Teacher of the Year.

These 12 high performing students will be honored by the Gwinnett County Board of Education at their upcoming monthly meeting on June 21.

In all, 562 Gwinnett students were recognized this year for their performance on the National Latin Exam including students from **Archer High, Berkmar High, Brookwood High, Duluth High, Grayson High, Mill Creek High, Mountain View High, North Gwinnett High, Parkview High, and Shiloh High.**