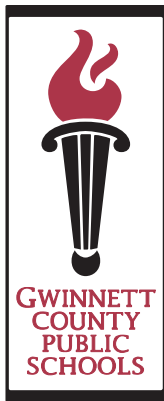


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## **More than 100 Gwinnett students accepted to Governor's Honors Program**

More than 100 Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) students have been selected as finalists for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP), earning a spot in this summer program for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. Representing 14 of the district's high schools, the 103 Gwinnett students will spend part of their summer learning from the most qualified Georgia high school teachers in this challenging and enriching program. This coming summer, 15% of the state's participants will be from Gwinnett.

Mr. Dale Lyles, director, said, "Governor's Honors is such a competitive program that even being nominated is an accomplishment. I congratulate the students of Gwinnett County Public Schools and look forward to meeting them and their parents in June." He added that many, if not most, of GHP's past participants regard it as one of the most life-changing events in their lives.

Gwinnett's finalists for the 2012 Georgia Governor's Honors Program are:

<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>
<b>Adila Abdulwahid</b>	Berkmar High	Communicative Arts
<b>Eden Hailemichael</b>	Berkmar High	Communicative Arts
<b>Naana Obeng-Marnu</b>	Brookwood High	Chemistry
<b>Anthony Kelly-Taylor</b>	Brookwood High	Music/Voice (Bass)
<b>Ryan Whitfield</b>	Brookwood High	Music/Strings (String Bass)
<b>Mark Caskey Dyer</b>	Central Gwinnett High	Theatre Performance
<b>Shaen Deimling</b>	Collins Hill High	Mathematics
<b>Jacob "Jake" Inderrieden</b>	Collins Hill High	Mathematics
<b>Caroline Eagerton</b>	Collins Hill High	Communicative Arts
<b>Jessica Sturges</b>	Collins Hill High	Communicative Arts
<b>Allison Burg</b>	Collins Hill High	French
<b>Eli Carrasco</b>	Collins Hill High	French
<b>Liz Mairena</b>	Collins Hill High	French
<b>Jennifer Shaffer</b>	Collins Hill High	German
<b>Sydney Lewis</b>	Collins Hill High	Dance
<b>Ashley White</b>	Collins Hill High	Visual Arts
<b>Rebecca Mertulien</b>	Dacula High	Chemistry
<b>Patrick Barrett</b>	Dacula High	Latin
<b>Maria Garcia</b>	Duluth High	Social Studies
<b>Evan Pax</b>	Duluth High	Social Studies
<b>Abraham Quintero</b>	Duluth High	Social Studies
<b>Abhirup Ramachandiran</b>	Duluth High	Social Studies

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<b>Jason Yu</b>	Duluth High	Social Studies
<b>Huijeong Lee</b>	Duluth High	Music/Strings (Violin)
<b>Brian Vong</b>	Duluth High	Music/Strings (Violin)
<b>Alex George</b>	Grayson High	Chemistry
<b>Dkeama Alexis</b>	Grayson High	Spanish
<b>Asia Charles</b>	Grayson High	Music/Strings (Violin)
<b>Kashish Gupta</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Physics
<b>Stephanie Moon</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Physics
<b>Troy Morrow</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Physics
<b>Morrison Nolan</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Chemistry
<b>Danish Singh</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Chemistry
<b>Sami Hakani</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Mathematics
<b>William "Willie" Jin</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Mathematics
<b>Ashwinn John</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Mathematics
<b>Viral Shah</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Mathematics
<b>Felix Jovel</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Social Studies
<b>Sarina Juma</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Design
<b>Sun Ho Kim</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Design
<b>Melissa Kuester</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Design
<b>Shannon Nguyen</b>	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	Technology
<b>Jeremy "Britt" Hatcher</b>	Mill Creek High	Mathematics
<b>Hyeonwoo "Eric" Shim</b>	Mill Creek High	Mathematics
<b>Lauren Beard</b>	Mill Creek High	Communicative Arts
<b>Caterina Kurz</b>	Mill Creek High	Social Studies
<b>Hannah Lopez</b>	Mill Creek High	French
<b>Bianca Melidor</b>	Mill Creek High	Dance

<b>Samuel Kim</b>	Mill Creek High	Music/Piano
<b>Alexis Berry</b>	Mill Creek High	Visual Arts
<b>Joshua Stephens</b>	Mill Creek High	Visual Arts
<b>Adi Handach</b>	Mill Creek High	Music/Jazz (Percussion)
<b>Sang Lee</b>	Mill Creek High	Music/Strings (Violin)
<b>Timothy "Tim" Lee</b>	Mountain View High	Mathematics
<b>Yonas Takele</b>	Mountain View High	Social Studies
<b>Hannah-Dulya Menelas</b>	Mountain View High	French
<b>Geoffrey Sangston</b>	Norcross High	Mathematics
<b>Francisco Collantes</b>	Norcross High	Communicative Arts
<b>Allison Diamond</b>	Norcross High	Communicative Arts
<b>Alena Antonowich</b>	Norcross High	Social Studies
<b>Alexander Barron</b>	Norcross High	Social Studies
<b>Michael Sokolow</b>	Norcross High	Social Studies
<b>Christopher Willis</b>	Norcross High	Social Studies
<b>Brianna Stephens</b>	Norcross High	Spanish
<b>Jessica Albert</b>	Norcross High	Visual Arts
<b>Nhat Khanh Tran</b>	Norcross High	Visual Arts
<b>Miller Moor</b>	Norcross High	Music/Brass (Trumpet)
<b>Maia Brookes</b>	Norcross High	Music/Voice (Alto)
<b>Abhishek Goswami</b>	North Gwinnett High	Mathematics
<b>Jeremy Cooley</b>	North Gwinnett High	Latin
<b>Joshua O'Shields</b>	North Gwinnett High	Latin
<b>Alexander Kario</b>	North Gwinnett High	Spanish
<b>An Nguyen</b>	North Gwinnett High	Spanish
<b>Angela Park</b>	North Gwinnett High	Music/Piano
<b>Elizabeth Hamilton</b>	North Gwinnett High	Visual Arts
<b>Phillip Jones</b>	North Gwinnett High	Music/Percussion
<b>Anita Ingram</b>	North Gwinnett High	Music/Voice (Alto)
<b>Jessica St. George</b>	North Gwinnett High	Music/Strings (String Bass)
<b>Alexander Teichner</b>	North Gwinnett High	Executive Management
<b>Julian Menzel</b>	Parkview High	Physics
<b>Michael Yu</b>	Parkview High	Biology
<b>Aprotim "Cory" Bhowmik</b>	Parkview High	Mathematics
<b>Szuning Chiao</b>	Parkview High	Mathematics
<b>Yikan Ge</b>	Parkview High	Social Studies
<b>Hildana Haileyesus</b>	Parkview High	German
<b>Sean Mbogo</b>	Parkview High	German
<b>Cara Young</b>	Parkview High	Visual Arts
<b>Lihua Shu</b>	Parkview High	Music/Strings (Violin)
<b>Rohan Mahadevia</b>	Parkview High	Technology
<b>Riley Weyher</b>	Parkview High	Technology
<b>Katherine Li</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Biology
<b>Heley Ong</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Biology
<b>Nitant Dandekar</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Mathematics
<b>Manisha Banga</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Communicative Arts
<b>Catherine May</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Communicative Arts
<b>Sai Mupparaju</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Communicative Arts
<b>Kayuri Bhimani</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Social Studies
<b>Dasol Lee</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Social Studies
<b>Richard Lee</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Music/Strings (Viola)

<b>Eamon Gragg</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	French
<b>Arabia Bellinger</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	German
<b>Micael Callaway</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	German
<b>Joshua Hawkins</b>	Peachtree Ridge High	Spanish

A function of the Georgia Department of Education, the Governor’s Honors Program, takes place on the campus of Valdosta State University (VSU). The 2012 program will be the 49th summer, making it the longest continually running program of its kind in the nation. Students will arrive on the campus of VSU on Sunday, June 24. For four weeks, students will spend the morning in their major area of nomination. During the afternoons, students choose one of the other areas in which to study. The curriculum in all the areas is challenging and engaging. Evenings are filled with seminars, activities, concerts, and performances.

More than 2,900 students from across the state were interviewed and auditioned over three weekends in January and February, and from those nominees 690 finalists were chosen to participate in the 2012 program. Since the program is fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, there is no charge for students to attend.

*For more information on GHP, visit the Department of Education at [gadoe.org](http://gadoe.org) under the division of School Improvement.*