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College Board names more than 2,200 GCPS AP Scholars

As more **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) students challenge themselves with Advanced Placement (AP) classes and exams, the number of students earning the College Board's AP Scholar title also continues to increase. The 2010 College Board AP Scholar report shows that during the 2009-2010 school year, 2,263 GCPS students earned the AP Scholar honor, a College Board recognition for high performance on college-level work while in high school. That's an increase from the 1,883 Gwinnett students who earned the title the previous school year.

This group of Gwinnett students is part of the top 18 percent of the 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP exams, and who performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes the following different levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams:

National AP Scholar:

140 Gwinnett students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

State AP Scholar:

A Gwinnett student at **Berkmar High** earned one of only two awards granted to Georgia. The State AP Scholar title is presented to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, *and then* the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken. The Berkmar High female student, currently in her first year at Harvard University, earned the state's "scholar" title after mastering 17 AP exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction:

702 Gwinnett students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

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2010 Winner of



AP Scholar with Honor:

386 Gwinnett students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar Award:

1,175 Gwinnett students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher.

The awards were presented to students at the following 18 participating GCPS high schools:

School	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	State AP Scholar	National AP Scholar	Total
Archer High	5	3	--	--	--	8
Berkmar High	103	32	35	1	7	178
Brookwood High	125	64	142	--	30	361
Central Gwinnett High	44	7	8	--	1	60
Collins Hill High	74	35	54	--	10	173
Dacula High	49	7	19	--	5	80
Duluth High	55	20	55	--	8	138
Grayson High	41	11	24	--	4	80
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	49	15	39	--	12	115
Meadowcreek High	29	2	7	--	--	38
Mill Creek High	86	27	56	--	14	183
Mountain View High	7	4	3	--	--	14
Norcross High	119	28	28	--	1	176
North Gwinnett High	140	60	76	--	15	291
Parkview High	83	36	76	--	19	214
Peachtree Ridge High	113	29	70	--	11	223
Shiloh High	22	2	5	--	3	32
South Gwinnett High	31	4	5	--	--	40
GCPS Total	1,175	386	702	1	140	2,404

Because a student must first earn the AP Scholar with Distinction Award before becoming a State AP Scholar and National AP Scholar, several students received multiple awards. Of the 702 AP Scholars with Distinction, one student earned the State AP Scholar title, and 140 students also were honored as National AP Scholars. A total of 2,404 awards were presented to the 2,263 Gwinnett students.

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In addition to earning the one of two AP State Scholar titles, Berkmar High also earned AP Scholar awards for five of the only six Georgia students who received that title as 9th graders.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams provided in Gwinnett County, Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. AP is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP exam grades.

For more information about the AP program, visit the College Board at www.collegeboard.com

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