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## **GCPS Foundation Fund receives \$50,000 donation from Wachovia Foundation**

The **Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc. (GCPSF)** received a \$50,000 grant from the Wachovia Foundation to help **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** increase Advanced Placement opportunities for students.

“The school system seeks to increase the number of students who accept the Advanced Placement challenge; Wachovia’s generous support will help turn that vision into reality.” says **Dr. Alexis Kirijan**, GCPSF executive director. “The new partnership with Wachovia is a winning combination that will result in more students gaining an understanding of college-level expectations as they actually experience a college-level curriculum while still in high school.”



*Pictured L-R: Kendall Alley, Wachovia Atlanta president; J. Alvin Wilbanks, GCPS CEO/Superintendent; Dr. Alexis Kirijan, GCPS Foundation Fund, Inc. executive director; and Jerome Byers, Wachovia retail banking executive.*

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A GCPS Foundation Fund representative and **Superintendent Alvin Wilbanks** received the donation in a ceremony at the Wachovia Education Luncheon on February 12. The Wachovia Foundation grant is being used to award 10 AP scholarships to 15 Gwinnett high schools including **Berkmar High; Brookwood High; Central Gwinnett High; Collins Hill High; Dacula High; Duluth High; Grayson High; Meadowcreek High; Mill Creek High; Norcross High; North Gwinnett High; Parkview High; Peachtree Ridge High; Shiloh High; and South Gwinnett High**. This year's scholarships, totaling \$12,750, will pay for 10 students at each school to take an AP test at the end of the year. Thanks to the Wachovia Foundation grant, the GCPSF will fund other AP initiatives such as staff development for AP teachers, and additional AP scholarships for students.

*For more information about the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc., contact Dr. Alexis Kirijan, the Foundation's executive director, at 678-301-6025 or visit [www.gcps-foundation.org](http://www.gcps-foundation.org)*