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## **Eight seniors win local GCPS Foundation scholarships: Promising student wins both Foundation scholarships for future educators**

Eight Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) graduating seniors recently learned they are the recipients of local scholarships, with one of the students earning two. Annually, the **Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc.** facilitates a number of scholarships that are awarded to graduating seniors thanks to the generosity of several organizations and community members. During the regular monthly Board meeting in April, the Foundation introduced to the Board this year's recipients, including **Tyler Perini of Peachtree Ridge High** who impressed the members of two selection committees earning two different scholarships. Tyler was among the eight seniors honored with the following scholarships:

*2012 Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship, awarded by GCPS Foundation Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship Fund*

- **Angelina Faria of Grayson High**
- **Tyler Perini of Peachtree Ridge High**

Since 2002, donations made to the Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship Fund in memory of Dr. Crews, superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools from 1977 to 1989, have made it possible to award a one-time scholarship annually to a GCPS senior pursuing a career in education. The amount of the 2012 award is \$1,000 for each recipient. Come this fall, Angelina will be enrolled at the University of Georgia while Tyler has decided to attend the College of Charleston.

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*2012 Robbie Susan Moore Scholarship, awarded by United Ebony Society*

- **Jose Aveiga of Collins Hill High**
- **Alex Steele of Meadowcreek High**

Founded in 2011 by the United Ebony Society in honor of community activist Robbie Susan Moore, this scholarship recognizes deserving minority students who have exemplified a dedication to community service and to the pursuit of higher education. The amount of the 2012 award is \$1,000 for each student. Jose will continue his higher education studies at Georgia State while Alex plans to enroll at the University of Georgia.

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*2012 Barbara Reed Science Scholarship, awarded by the GCPS Foundation*

- **Michael Ziegler of Grayson High**

The Dr. Barbara Reed Science Scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000 to one student who exhibits good character and leadership skills, maintained a 3.0 GPA, and has a desire to enter the science field. Special consideration is given to applicants interested in science education. This award is named in honor of Dr. Barbara Reed, a longtime Gwinnett educator who also served as the district's director of science. Michael's plans include attending Georgia College and State University in the fall.

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*2012 Gwinnett Federal Credit Union Louise Radloff Scholarship*

- **Adarsh Patel** of **Grayson High**
- **Cory Zeller** of **Dacula High**

The purpose of the Louise Radloff Scholarship Program is to provide funds for a Gwinnett County high school senior who has overcome a significant personal challenge in order to graduate and is pursuing postsecondary study through a four-year, two-year or certificate program. This fund was established in 2004 by Gwinnett Federal Credit Union in honor of four decades of service by Gwinnett County Board of Education member Louise Radloff, and in recognition of her tireless work on behalf of those most in need. Thanks to the Gwinnett Federal Credit Union and the GCPS Foundation, each student will receive \$2,500. Adarsh has yet to decide which school to attend in the fall. Cory will join the freshman class at Mercer University.

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*2012 Gwinnett Federal Credit Union J. Alvin Wilbanks Scholarship*

- **Abbey Rikard** of **Grayson High**
- **Tyler Perini** of **Peachtree Ridge High**

This fund was established in 2007 by Gwinnett Federal Credit Union in honor of more than four decades of service to public education by CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks, and in recognition of his leadership in guiding the district to state and national prominence as superintendent since 1996. The fund provides a one-time scholarship each year to a GCPS senior pursuing a career in education. The amount of the 2012 award is \$2,500 for each student made possible by the Gwinnett Federal Credit Union and the GCPS Foundation. Abbey plans to join University of Georgia this coming fall while Tyler will be at College of Charleston.

In honoring the recipients of the 2012 Gwinnett Federal Credit Union Louise Radloff Scholarship and the 2012 Gwinnett Federal Credit Union J. Alvin Wilbanks Scholarship, **Marshall Boutwell**, President/CEO, says, "It is a pleasure to be a partner with Gwinnett County Public Schools in this endeavor recognizing the hard work of these students."

Every year, the GCPS Foundation invites high school seniors from across the district to apply for these scholarships. Selection committees, comprised of GCPS employees and community members, are charged with selecting winners based on an essay, the student's academic record, and service to their community.