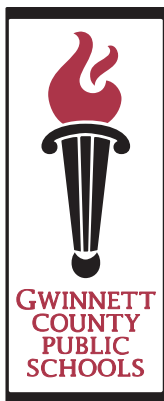


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30 students awarded Hispanic Scholarship Fund scholarships

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) recently announced that 30 Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) students are the 2012 recipients of the organization's Georgia Opportunities Scholarship. The 28 current seniors and two 2011 graduates represent nine of the district's traditional high schools and a charter school. As recipients of this national scholarship, the students receive a monetary package of \$10,000.

The 2012 Gwinnett HSF honorees and their college plans are:

From Berkmar High:

- **Lilian Abigail Ayala** – Georgia Institute of Technology, Architecture
- **Yeisury Gomez** – College plans undecided
- **Steffany Ibanez** – University of Notre Dame, Political Science and Business
- **Juan Jose Moreno** – Georgia Southern University, Political Science
- **Melissa Sue Ramos** – Georgia State University
- **Melissa Ramirez** – Georgia State University, Biology
- **Elvira Salgado** – Northwestern University, Political Science

From Central Gwinnett High:

- **Maria Camila Florez** – (Class of 2011 graduate)
- **Brenda Vanessa Ramirez Galaviz** – Georgia State University, Chemistry

From Duluth High:

- **Bernardo Arredondo Mireles** – Georgia Perimeter College
- **Denise Hernandez** – Kennesaw State University
- **Savannah Belle Tkacik** – College plans undecided
- **Katelyn Guzman** – Georgia State University

From Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology:

- **Daniel Rivera** – Georgia State University

From Lanier High:

- **Angelica Matos** – Boston University, Pre-Law

From Meadowcreek High:

- **Rigoberto Cisneros** – Oglethorpe University, Business Administration
- **Perla Janet Galindo** – University of Georgia, Psychology
- **Karina Martinez** -- Oglethorpe University, dual degree program in Engineering
- **Yesenia Yazmin Navarro** – Georgia Gwinnett College, Biology
- **Jose Carlos Ozuna** -- Oglethorpe University, dual degree program in Engineering
- **Francisco Ozuna** -- Oglethorpe University, dual degree program in Engineering

From Norcross High:

- **Carla Diaz** – University of Central Florida, Nursing
- **Dulce Galindo** – Reinhardt University, Elementary Education
- **Laura Gamez** – Armstrong Atlantic State University, Nursing
- **Antonio Gonzalez** – Kennesaw State University, Psychology
- **Andy Roy Lazo Arias** – Georgia Gwinnett College
- **Magen Villanueva** – Georgia State University, Nursing

From Parkview High:

- **Gabriel Nava** – (Class of 2011 graduate)
- **Sergio Navarrete** – Georgia State University, Aerospace Engineering

From South Gwinnett High:

- **Maria Licet Soto** –Macon State University or Georgia State University, Psychology

The award includes \$2,500 a year for four years, making it a \$10,000 scholarship. In addition to the monetary award, the HSF program includes the assignment of a college coach to each student. The coach will act as a mentor, providing guidance and helping the student navigate their way through school. The coach will be with the student for the entire four years of their undergraduate career.