



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **51 Gwinnett students to share in \$1 million Broad Prize**

Fifty-one **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students graduating at the end of the month have received news of an early graduation present... they will have a share of \$1 million in Broad Prize scholarships. The 51 students, representing 17 Gwinnett high schools, applied for the scholarships and were selected based on the recommendations of an independent application review committee comprised of admissions, enrollment and financial aid professionals from colleges and universities.

Gwinnett County Public Schools received the scholarship money because the district won the 2010 Broad (rhymes with “road”) Prize for Urban Education, awarded by The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, a national education philanthropy. Awarded annually, The Broad Prize honors urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing income and ethnic achievement gaps.

Although The Broad Prize recognizes urban school district efforts on the whole, the beneficiaries of The Broad Prize funds are the students themselves. Graduating seniors from Broad Prize winning and finalist districts are eligible for two- or four-year scholarships, depending on the type of higher education institution they choose to attend. Students who enroll in four-year colleges receive \$20,000 scholarships paid out over four years (\$5,000 per year). Students who enroll in two-year colleges or technical programs receive \$5,000 scholarships paid out over two years (\$2,500 per year). The Broad Prize scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America.

Gwinnett County Public Schools will recognize this year’s Broad Prize scholarship winners at its May 19 School Board meeting. A reception will be held for the students, their families, and principals at 6:15 p.m. at the Instructional Support Center in Suwanee (437 Old Peachtree Road NW). The official recognition of the students will occur as part of the recognitions section of the Board of Education’s monthly meeting which will begin at 7 p.m.

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It is the policy of Gwinnett County Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability in any employment practice, educational program, or any other program, activity, or service.

2010 Winner of



*For more information about The Broad Prize visit [www.broadprize.org](http://www.broadprize.org).*

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The 2010-2011 Broad Prize Scholarship winners from Gwinnett are:

**From Archer High:**

Anna Hunter

**From Berkmar High:**

Ana Barrera  
Diamond Bledsoe  
Ioana Creta  
Kevin Jordan

**From Brookwood High:**

Darshan Patel

**From Central Gwinnett High:**

Daniel Lapniewski  
Alexis Taylor

**From Collins Hill High:**

Zoe Crane  
Taylor White  
Sydney Williams  
Anije Williams

**From Dacula High:**

Karla Cruz  
Shelley McDaniel  
Al Haj Shah

**From Duluth High:**

Katherine Aubrey  
Erik Brewer  
Celene Cervin

**From Grayson High:**

Dionnet Bhatti  
Candice Cobb  
Jeshua Pope

**From Gwinnett School of  
Mathematics, Science, and  
Technology:**

Farida Bana  
Dione Duc  
Mahnoor Hassan  
Dominique McLeod  
Mary Nguyen  
Alexander Steahr  
Ivana Stojkic

**From Meadowcreek High:**

Miriam Choudhry  
Lemlem Mehari  
Hiral Patel

**From Mill Creek High:**

Anisha Ali  
Tishan Bowen-Gordon  
Chelsea Cierski  
Cailee DeLeon  
Juan Forero  
Leila Osman  
Catherine Starry  
Tiah Westover  
Kelly Wilkinson

**From Mountain View High:**

Yessi Castro

**From Norcross High:**

Nurin Abdulwassy  
Aminatou Diallo  
Seth Hinsley  
Florence Pham  
Star Reese

**From North Gwinnett High:**

Michelle Fullea  
Kaleb Swanda

**From Peachtree Ridge High:**

Adnan Nathani

**From Phoenix High:**

Wanda Wilson

**From South Gwinnett High:**

Senae Jones