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## **South Gwinnett High's *Myriad* collects national accolades**

South Gwinnett High students earned national recognition for their literary magazine, *Myriad 2011-Platinum Edition*, receiving top awards from both the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) and the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE). ASPA awarded the student staff "First Place with Special Merit," its top award. NCTE ranked the magazine with its "Superior, Nominated for Highest Honor" award. The South Gwinnett High students earned the awards competing with literary magazines from across the nation.

South Gwinnett High's *Myriad* has often been a nationally top-ranked magazine. "I'm extremely proud that this past year's staff was able to excel and also carry on South Gwinnett High's tradition," says **Keren Giles Brown**, the literary magazine advisor and SGHS Language Arts teacher. "They worked so hard, and it's wonderful for them to know others enjoy and applaud their efforts. The magazine is a collective effort and represents the best of South Gwinnett's artists, designers, and writers."

*Myriad* began 20 years ago as a thin, hand-mimeographed, hand-stapled publication that has blossomed over the years into a full-color glossy, polished magazine. Each year, the staff reviews SGHS student submissions that represent a wide range of talents -- photography, creative writing, essay writing, music scores, all art forms from all media -- and accept as much of the work as they can publish. The student staff then edits and designs the layout of the magazine, following strict guidelines set by themselves and the ASPA and NCTE, while also letting their creativity and individuality shine. In addition, the student staff member's efforts are completely self-funded, as they raise the money to publish through fund-raisers and donations. "Sometimes raising the publication costs is the toughest job for our staff," states Brown. "However, our teens are motivated, for they love the magazine!"

The 2011 winning student staff of *Myriad 2011: Platinum Edition* includes Editor-in-Chief **Julia Zwicky**, Senior Proof and Copy Editors **Marqueisha Pless**, **Madison Craytor**, and **Abbie Skeines**; Prose Editor, **Alicia Avitable** and her staff, **Katelyn Crook**, **Jasmin Lindsay**, and **Elissia Olinger**; Art and Photographer Editor **Chynna Downie** and her staff, **Raven White** and **Ian Walls**; Publicity Director **Henry Moore** and his team, **Jacob Fox**, **Nick Gatling**, and **Dana Watkins**; Poetry Editor **Megan Rosenberger** and her team **Nehara Bryan**, **Jamiscia McBride**, and **Diandra Galdos**, and the Finance Director, **Rachel Harrison**.