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Nearly 20 GCPS students named National Achievement scholars

Out of 800 students named National Achievement Scholars nationwide, 17 hail from Gwinnett County high schools this year. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced its Class of 2013 recipients of the National Achievement Scholarship, a program which provides scholarships to outstanding Black American high school students. These high school seniors are considered as having the strongest record of accomplishments and greatest potential for academic success in college.

This year's group from Gwinnett represents nine of the district's schools—**Archer High; Berkmar High; Brookwood High; Central Gwinnett High; Grayson High; Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Mountain View High; Parkview High; and Shiloh High.**

The 2013 Gwinnett National Achievement Scholars are:

From Archer High:

- **Ito Sarah Atakpa**
Probable career field: Neuroscience
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

From Berkmar High:

- **Adila Abdulwahid**
Probable career field: Surgical Medicine
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Eden Hailemichael**
Probable career field: Medicine
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship Underwritten by the Xerox Foundation
- **Michelle Ramos**
Probable career field: Writing
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

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From Brookwood High:

- **Naana D. Obeng-Marnu**
Probable career field: Architecture
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Ruth Amsel Melka**
Probable career field: Neurology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Jamani Iasha Smith**
Probable career field: Medicine
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

From Central Gwinnett High:

- **Naomi R. McAllister**
Probable career field: Psychology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

From Grayson High:

- **Dkeama V. Alexis**
Probable career field: Psychology
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- **Hollis G. Cuffie**
Probable career field: Radiology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Danielle T. McKeiver**
Probable career field: Education
National Achievement NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation)
Scholarship

From Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology:

- **Kevin O. Edwards**
Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Troy Daniel Morrow**
Probable career field: Bioengineering
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

From Mountain View High:

- **Hannah-Dulya Menelas**
Probable career field: Medicine
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship
- **Tionne N. Pete**
Probable career field: Medicine
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

From Parkview High:

- **Laura Marie Anderson**
Probable career field: Veterinary Medicine
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

From Shiloh High:

- **Hermoon A. Worku**
Probable career field: Neonatology
National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship

Approximately 100 of the Achievement Scholars, including Berkmar High's Eden Hailemichael, are recipients of the corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarship awards. Corporate organizations generally provide awards for finalists who are children of their employees, residents of communities the company serves, or have plans to pursue majors or careers the grantor wishes to encourage. Gwinnett's 16 other scholars are part of a nationwide group of 700 students who are recipients of National Achievement Scholarships, most of which are a single payment of \$2,500.

More than 160,000 students entered the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program by requesting consideration in the competition when they took the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) as high school juniors. During the fall of 2012 as students began their junior year, semifinalists were designated within geographic regions based on the highest scores in the states that make up each region. They advanced to the finalist level in the competition by filling out a detailed application, presenting a record of high academic performance throughout high school, being endorsed and recommended by a school official from their local high school, writing an essay, and earning SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance. Achievement Scholar honorees were selected from the finalists judged to have the strongest record of accomplishments.

For more information about the National Achievement Scholarship Program, contact (847) 866-5100 or visit www.nationalmerit.org