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## **Brookwood High & North Gwinnett High: Foreign language students earn summer study abroad scholarships**

France and Mexico will be the destinations this summer for some **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) students as they travel, immersing themselves in the culture and practicing the languages learned at school. A **Brookwood High** 11th grader and two 10th graders from **North Gwinnett High** won scholarships to study abroad. **Sabrina Moin** from Brookwood High will travel to **Mexico**, while **Theodore Chang** and **Kara Jones** of North Gwinnett High will fly across the Atlantic to visit France.

Sabrina, who as an 11th grader took AP (Advanced Placement) Gifted Spanish with Brookwood High teacher **Mary Meyer**, received the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Bertie Green Junior Travel Award. As one of only 24 honorees from throughout the United States, Sabrina received an all-expense paid 12-day trip to Mexico where she will visit Mexico City, Veracruz, Villahermosa, Palenque, Campeche, Merida, and Playa del Carmen. Her application included a five-minute video-recorded interview in Spanish in which she discussed her reasons for studying Spanish and her wish to travel to Mexico. She also submitted an essay in Spanish in which she wrote about an aspect of Mexican culture that interested her, her high school transcript, a list of extracurricular and service activities, and two letters of recommendation. Upon her return, she is to write an article about her experiences, which will be published in "Albricias," the publication of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica. Sabrina is scheduled to travel July 26-August 6.

The Consulat General de France in Atlanta presented North Gwinnett High's Theodore and Kara with the Green Connection Initiative all-expense paid 10-day trip to study the environment in La Rochelle, France, this July. Two high school students from ten regions from throughout the United States were selected for the French immersion program where they will study ecology. Theodore and Kara will represent Atlanta on the trip, which is scheduled for July 2-13. They earned the study abroad scholarship after submitting a project proposal in which they each explained their personal environmental protection initiatives. As 10th graders this past school year, Theodore and Kara took French Honors II. Their teacher is North Gwinnett High teacher **Rhonda Archer**.