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Governor's Honors Program selects close to 100 GCPS students

Nearly 100 **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students will spend part of their summer taking a rigorous, in-depth look at an area of their interest. The 96 students were selected as finalists for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP), earning a spot in this summer program for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. Representing 14 of the district's high schools, the Gwinnett students will learn from the most qualified Georgia high school teachers in this challenging and enriching program.

Nearly 3,000 students from across the state were interviewed and auditioned over three weekends in January and February. From those nominees, 690 finalists were chosen to participate in the 2013 program.

Gwinnett's finalists for the 2013 Georgia Governor's Honors Program are:

Berkmar High:

Kevin Bollo -- Communicative Arts
Kwame Romero-Sackey -- Chemistry

Brookwood High:

Carleigh Brisendine -- Communicative Arts
Ryan Chen -- Mathematics
Olivia Chong -- Visual Arts
Griffin Dangler -- Music/Jazz (Elec. Bass)
Holly Gunder -- Communicative Arts
Alexis Jacob -- Visual Arts
Nicholas Na -- Spanish
Rachel Wagner -- Theatre Performance

Collins Hill High:

John Brashears -- Music/Piano
Audrey Elliott -- German
Juan Espinosa -- Visual Arts
Jonathan Fan -- Music/Strings (Cello)
Garrett Helmick -- German
Juan Nino -- French
Mary Nosa -- Social Studies
Alyssa Rizzo -- Visual Arts
Altan Stalker -- Mathematics
Aksal Vashi -- Spanish
Kenneth Williams -- Spanish

Dacula High:

Melissa Johnson -- Chemistry

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Duluth High:

Justin Choi -- Social Studies
Claire Hu -- Visual Arts
Tasneem Nabi -- Communicative Arts
Daeun Song -- Visual Arts
Vikram Varadarajan -- Mathematics
Jason Wang -- Mathematics
Michael Xu -- Mathematics
Helen Yang -- Communicative Arts

Grayson High:

Christina Lanier -- Communicative Arts

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology:

Mitesh Bhalani -- Mathematics
Joshua Brunner -- Mathematics
Ian Ewell -- Mathematics
Jackson Fink -- Design, Architectural
Jackson Goode -- Visual Arts
Yu Kyung Han -- Mathematics
Chinye Ijeli -- Biology
Erika Ikizake -- Social Studies
Renaë Irving -- Technology
Eesha Oza -- Communicative Arts
Hirsh Patel -- Mathematics
Zahra Punja -- Design, Architectural
Aditya Reddy -- Technology
Benjamin Smith -- Technology
Cole Swiszowski -- Technology
Artur Tarassenko -- Mathematics
Adam Tokura -- Spanish
Mark Wang -- Mathematics
Michael Wang -- Mathematics
Jessie Yuan -- Mathematics
Samuel Zinga -- Physics

Lanier High:

Dain Song -- Music/Piano

Meadowcreek High:

Munina Nicol -- Theatre Performance

Mill Creek High:

Antra Das -- Communicative Arts
Taylor Holmes -- Visual Arts
Keely Mruk -- Social Studies
Jamie Na -- Music/Strings (Viola)
Joshua Neely -- Music/Woodwinds (Bassoon)
Chukwuka Okoye -- Visual Arts
Siddhi Shah -- Mathematics

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Norcross High:

Patrick Adamkiewicz -- Social Studies
Matthew Chen -- Social Studies
Michelle Fisher -- Communicative Arts
Nolan Handali -- Mathematics
Nicholas Hoover -- Social Studies
Fionnuala Hutton -- Communicative Arts
Jack Miller -- Music/Jazz (Jazz Percussion)
William Penniman -- Chemistry
Clara Wang -- Spanish
Nicole Willis -- Social Studies

North Gwinnett High:

Virginia Chandler -- Executive Management
Eunhye Choi -- Spanish
Dae Gun Chung Kim -- German
Apoorva Gangavelli -- Biology
Caroline Howard -- Mathematics
Richard Jin -- Mathematics
Joon Kang -- Music/Strings (Violin)
Kamillah Kassam -- Communicative Arts
Elton Lossner -- Latin
Sara Norris -- Music/Brass (Trumpet)
Yu-Han Peng -- Visual Arts
Ashay Sheth -- Executive Management
Ashley Tweddle -- Dance
Kelly Tweddle -- Dance

Parkview High:

Han-Sung Kang -- Music/Strings (Violin)
India Moffett -- Communicative Arts
William Moïse -- Social Studies
Scott Schultz -- Latin
Yeejkoob Thao -- German

Peachtree Ridge High:

Nicholas Allison -- Chemistry
Sujay Kalathoor -- Biology
Jenny Li -- Mathematics
Cynthia Lin -- Communicative Arts
Lina Palancares -- French
Seo Lim Park -- Social Studies

A function of the Georgia Department of Education, the Governor's Honors Program takes place on the campus of Valdosta State University (VSU). The 2013 summer program will be the 50th, making it the longest continually running program of its kind in the nation. Students will arrive on the campus of VSU on Sunday, June 23. For four weeks, students will spend the morning in their major area of nomination. During the afternoons, students choose one of the other areas in which to study. The curriculum in all the areas is challenging and engaging. Evenings are filled with seminars, activities, concerts, and performances.

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Since the program is fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, there is no charge for students to attend.

For more information on GHP, visit the Department of Education at gadoe.org under the division of School Improvement.