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Thirteen CCPS Students Earn a Place in the Governor’s Honors Program

JONESBORO – Eight Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) students have been named finalists for Georgia's Governor’s Honors Program (GHP), a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. Five additional CCPS have earned alternate status.

To be selected, students must progress through a rigorous application process that begins at the District level and culminates with invitation-only, application-based, state-level interviews. Earlier this year, 25 CCPS students, representing seven of our District's high schools, were selected as GHP 2019 State Semi-Finalists in the following nomination areas: Communicative Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages (Spanish and Chinese), Dance, Music Voice, Music Strings, and Visual Arts.

Following a rigorous state-level interview process, 13 CCPS students were selected as GHP 2019 Finalists and GHP 2019 Alternates. It should be noted that students selected as an Alternate have the opportunity to become a Finalist should an existing Finalist in their nomination area decline the invitation to attend or fail to accept the invitation to attend by the required deadline. Students selected as Finalists will be attending the 2019 Governor's Honors Program at Berry College in Rome (GA).

“We are excited and extremely proud to announce the Governor’s Honors Finalists and Alternates for 2019,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “These outstanding students have exceeded expectations and have demonstrated an ability to achieve greatness in any chosen endeavor.”

“We congratulate each student, their families and their teachers for this outstanding accomplishment and wish for them a transformational experience during the summer,” Dr. Beasley concluded.

Finalist students and their area of nomination are: Jai Shy, Jonesboro HS, Social Studies; Brendan White, Stilwell SOA, Theater Performance; Javon Moore, Stilwell SOA, Dance; Jayme Fiedler, Stilwell SOA, Visual Arts; Nubia Causey, Stilwell SOA, Music Voice: Treble; Anthony Salgado, Morrow HS, Social Studies; Nadiyah Williams, Morrow HS, Social Studies, and Eric Hellams, Mt. Zion HS, World Languages: Spanish.

Alternate students and their area of nomination are: Autumn Rose, Elite Scholars Academy, Communicative Arts; Abigail Bales, Stilwell SOA, Social Studies; Da’Mari Henderson, Stilwell SOA,

Dance; Kevin Kurashima, Stilwell SOA, Music Strings: Viola; and Tamia Arrington, Stilwell SOA, Dance.

About the Governor's Honors Program

The GHP program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom and that is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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