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Clayton County Public Schools to Honor Students for Completing 12-Week Orange Duffle Bag Initiative Program

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), through a partnership with the Orange Duffle Bag Initiative (ODBI), the University System of Georgia Board of Regents and GEAR UP Georgia, will host a graduation ceremony to honor CCPS homeless/transition and foster care students who are on track for completion of the ODBI 12-Week After School Coaching Program. Students from Drew, Morrow and Mt. Zion high schools will be recognized during the ceremony held at Clayton State University (2000 Clayton State Blvd. in Morrow, Georgia) and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Orange Duffle Bag Initiative provides executive level certified coaching and ongoing advocacy to high school students in need, helping them stay on track to achieve their secondary education and prepare for postsecondary access and success. With a goal of building upon academic learning, ODBI assists students in creating self-driven education and life plans.

During Saturday's graduation ceremony, students will present their education plans prior to receiving their well-earned orange duffel bags and laptops to aid their future success as well as access to GEAR UP Georgia resources and support through the student's first year of college.

WHAT:	Orange Duffle Bag Initiative Graduation
WHEN:	Saturday, December 9, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WHERE:	Clayton State University 2000 Clayton State Blvd Morrow, Georgia 30260

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by 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 54,000 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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