



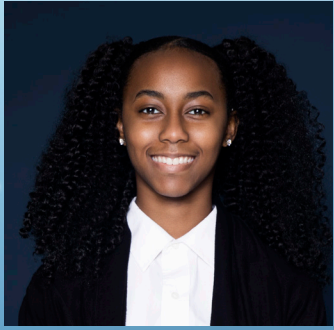
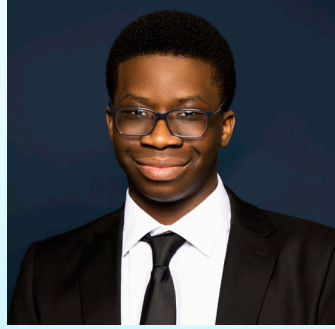
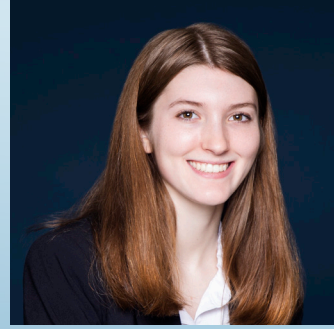
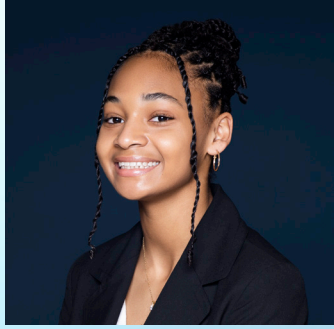
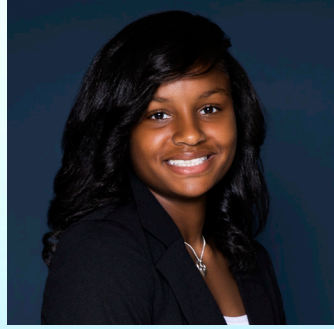
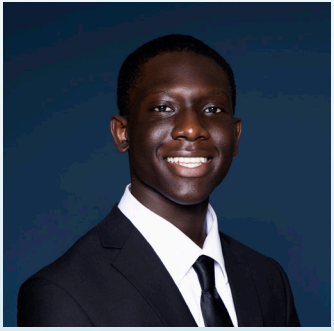
Celebrating Academic Achievement

VALEDICTORIANS
SALUTATORIANS
STAR STUDENTS

LEADERS OF TOMORROW

FRIDAY
MAY 5, 2023
11:00 AM

OCEANS BALLROOM GEORGIA AQUARIUM
246 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., NW
Atlanta, GA 30313



STAR STUDENTS & STAR TEACHERS



STAR STUDENT Elizabeth Richter
STAR TEACHER Mr. David Han
SCHOOL Atlanta Classical Academy



STAR STUDENT Amiyah Scott
STAR TEACHER Ms. Kristen Yoder
SCHOOL Frederick Douglass



STAR STUDENT Annie Ware
STAR TEACHER Mr. Patrick Lee
SCHOOL G.W. Carver Early College



STAR STUDENT Aquantis Clemmons
STAR TEACHER Mr. Corey Gillis
SCHOOL G.W. Carver STEAM Academy



STAR STUDENT Shavon Bell
STAR TEACHER Mr. Ahmariah Jackson
SCHOOL Benjamin E. Mays



STAR STUDENT Noah Morales
STAR TEACHER Mrs. Glenda Walker
SCHOOL B.E.S.T. Academy



STAR STUDENT Mahamad Drammeh
STAR TEACHER Ms. Victoria Bambo
SCHOOL Booker T. Washington



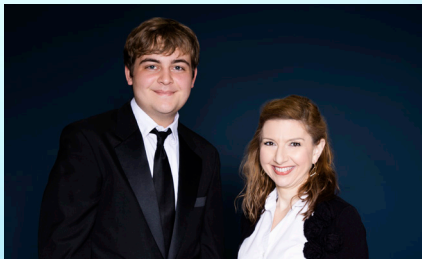
STAR STUDENT Aniyah Johnson
STAR TEACHER Mrs. Amber Fields Moore
SCHOOL KIPP Atlanta Collegiate



STAR STUDENT Tyler Bosch
STAR TEACHER Mr. John Murray
SCHOOL Maynard Jackson



STAR STUDENT Aran Sonnad-Joshi
STAR TEACHER Ms. Amy Leonard
SCHOOL Midtown



STAR STUDENT Byron Darnton
STAR TEACHER Ms. Leslie Schaffer
SCHOOL Charles R. Drew



STAR STUDENT Karen Gamez-Amador
STAR TEACHER Ms. Cameron Storey
SCHOOL Coretta Scott King YWLA



STAR STUDENT Enam Amevo
STAR TEACHER Mrs. Lindia Pgouda
SCHOOL Daniel M. Therrell



STAR STUDENT Catherine Zappa
STAR TEACHER Mr. Matthew Lundy
SCHOOL North Atlanta



STAR STUDENT Ansley Miller
STAR TEACHER Ms. Michelle Luco
SCHOOL North Atlanta



STAR STUDENT Guadalupe Suastegui
STAR TEACHER Ms. Yesenia Combs
SCHOOL South Atlanta

Eshé P. Collins

BOARD CHAIR, ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION



As Chair of the Atlanta Board of Education and on behalf of my colleagues, I congratulate you for being shining examples in our community!

You are amazing academic leaders and have set the standard for all APS students. The dedication and hard work you gave to your studies have paid off, as you have been selected as 2023 Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and STAR Students of your respective schools.

Your outstanding academic achievements are laudable, and the doors of opportunity are vast. As you begin the next chapters of your lives, stay focused and continue to learn from every challenge and experience – past, present and future.

As you look ahead to the future, remember your parents, friends, teachers, counselors, advisors, mentors, community leaders, and principals who played an important role in helping you get to this milestone. I charge you all to reach back and lift those who are following in your footsteps as each of you have left an indelible mark on your school community. I also charge you to choose your paths wisely and surround yourself with positive people who will help you realize your dreams.

Take time to celebrate and enjoy these prestigious accomplishments. We are rooting for your continued success. Again, congratulations and best wishes to you all in your future endeavors! We love you.

Best,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eshé Collins".

Eshé P. Collins
Board Chair, Atlanta Board of Education

Lisa N. Herring

SUPERINTENDENT, ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Dear Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and STAR Students:

You are the exemplars of the Class of 2023, and therefore let me begin by offering my sincerest congratulations on your achievements and accolades! When it comes to what’s next, I want to remind you that you already have all the tools needed to achieve your goals. This milestone moment is proof of it. Use this as a reflection point while you continue to find your purpose. I believe in placing a premium on the future, and I encourage you to venture into the future with great boldness as you seek that purpose. Regardless of what road you choose to travel, do so with an expectation of victory. Do so with an expectation of overcoming challenges and obstacles. Do so with the expectation that you will emerge as a clear winner. In this moment, you have proven to yourself that you can do anything.

Achievement takes strength and planning, and as you know, it requires study and preparation. Run your race strategically. Pace yourself. APS has challenged you through study and preparation. Allow that to serve as a building block for your next phase of life. Remember -- your success does not belong to you alone. It’s a source of pride for the greater community. And equally important, it inspires someone younger than you who has yet to reach this same milestone. Yes, you are already an inspiration to others!

As someone who believes in you, I challenge you to continue to inspire those in your orbit and beyond. Your choice of academic study, career path and other pursuits carries with it the potential to be a blessing to others. This is one of the greatest rewards of life, to “do good as you do well.” The seeds you plant will produce a harvest greater than what you can see or imagine at this moment. I’d like to close with a quote from someone who lived their life beyond themselves, beyond what they could see or imagine, especially considering the difficult period in which they lived. “Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” – Harriet Tubman

Yours in service,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Herring".

Dr. Lisa Herring
Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools

SELECTION OF HONOREES

Valedictorians and Salutatorians

The Atlanta Board of Education permits each high school to identify a senior as Valedictorian and one as Salutatorian in accordance with administrative regulations set forth by the Superintendent. They are chosen at the end of the first semester of the senior year. The eligible student must have been enrolled in the respective high school from which he or she graduates by the end of the first semester of the junior year.

The numerical grading system is used by Atlanta Public Schools as required by the State Board of Education. Class rank, as shown on the transcript, is calculated using numerical grades and is considered final and official once a student completes all graduation requirements. The averages of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2023 are based on the weighted system listed in the numeric grade average summary on the transcript.

STAR Students

The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia’s outstanding high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) was selected in 1994 by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce to coordinate the state STAR program in association with the Chamber and the Georgia Department of Education.

To obtain the STAR nomination for the Class of 2023, high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date of the two-part SAT taken on any date through and including November 5, 2022 and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class at the end of junior year, based on grade point average.

2023 EVENT PROGRAM

Presiding

Mr. Fred Blankenship
Anchor/Reporter, WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News

Musical Prelude and Lunch

North Atlanta Jazz Band
Mr. Adam Brooks, Director

Introduction

Somalia Gilliard, Salutatorian
Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy

Welcome

Mr. Fred Blankenship
Anchor/Reporter, WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Abbey Heyns, Valedictorian
Maynard H. Jackson High School

Occasion

Ms. Eshè P. Collins, Chair
Atlanta Board of Education

Introduction of Superintendent

Annie Ware, Salutatorian/STAR Student
G.W. Carver Early College

Challenge to Honorees

Dr. Lisa N. Herring, Superintendent
Atlanta Public Schools

Video Presentation

Class of 2023 Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and STAR Students

Awards and Recognitions

Superintendent, APS Board Chair, High School Principals

Class of 2023 Special Presentation

Noah Morales, Salutatorian/STAR Student
B.E.S.T. Academy

Closing Remarks/ Acknowledgments

Jerod A. Bishop, Chief of Staff
Atlanta Public Schools



Fred Blankenship

ANCHOR/REPORTER, WSB-TV CHANNEL 2 ACTION NEWS

Fred Blankenship joined WSB-TV Channel 2 in 2007. He’s been waking up Georgians ever since as the anchor of Channel 2 Action News This Morning from 4:30 a.m.-7 a.m. He’s covered everything from the COVID-19 pandemic to hurricanes during his time at the station. Fred’s most memorable moment at WSB was honoring the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday by walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge with Congressman John Lewis. It was on that bridge that Congressman Lewis was nearly killed with other protestors. Fred has been honored with several Emmy awards for his work on Channel 2 Action News This Morning and Channel 2 Action News at Noon. He’s also involved with several organizations in Atlanta, including “100 Black Men of Atlanta” and “Leadership Atlanta.” Before joining Channel 2 Action News, Fred worked in San Diego, California and Wichita, Kansas.

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Midtown
Aran Sonnad-Joshi
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North Atlanta
Catherine Zappa
Benjamin Song
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South Atlanta
Jeremiah Longino
Juwariyyah Mahmood
Guadalupe Suastegui



Elizabeth Richter

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Elizabeth Richter was born in Edina, Minnesota to Jennifer and Kevin Richter. Elizabeth attributes her success to her parents, who have taught her to hold herself to a high standard and live a virtue-filled life. At school, Elizabeth is the President of the Rocketry Club, coaches Girls on the Run, co-leads Girl Talk, and is the Senior Class Representative for the Student Government Association. She is a cross country state champion and plays varsity basketball. Outside of school, Elizabeth volunteers at Holy Spirit Catholic Church and has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Leadership Award. Elizabeth participated in the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair and was selected for the Young Inventors Award to patent her engineering project design. Elizabeth is inspired by Saint Joan of Arc's quote, "I am not afraid. I was born to do this" because it reminds her to trust in the Lord's plan and give her best effort in every circumstance. Elizabeth plans to study Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering in college.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering

CAREER GOAL

Develop and launch medical devices that improve quality of life for the sick and aging

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Georgia Intellectual Property Alliance Young Inventors Award
US Patent Application Pending
National Merit Scholarship Finalist
National Latin Exam Summa Cum Laude x4
Girl Scout Gold Award
Girl Scout Leadership Award x3
Girl Scout Pillars of Faith Award
Georgia Governor's Honors Program Attendee, Science Major
Rotary Club Laws of Life Essay Contest School Winner
High School Science Award



Elizabeth Stinespring

SALUTATORIAN

Elizabeth Stinespring was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Robert and Stasia Stinespring. Elizabeth's inspiration for her success is that she always wants to do the best for herself, but she also wants to ensure she lives up to her teachers' high expectations. Elizabeth is a co-leader of Girl Talk, editor for the school yearbook, Vice President of HOSA, and the President of Key Club. She was the 2021-2022 Student of the Quarter and is a member of the National Honor Society. Elizabeth received the Young Inventors Award at the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair and she currently has a patent pending for her project. A favorite quote is from Taylor Swift: "Never be so clever you forget to be kind; never be so kind you forget to be clever." She chose this quote because it speaks to the way that she'd like to live: not allowing either kindness or success to get in the way of the other. Elizabeth currently plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology where she will study Biomedical Engineering on the Pre-Med Track. Her career goal is to ultimately become a surgeon.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Georgia Institute of Technology

INTENDED MAJOR

Biomedical Engineering

CAREER GOAL

Surgeon

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

2021-2022 Student of the Quarter
National Honor Society
Young Inventors Award - Georgia Science & Engineering Fair





Shavon Bell

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Shavon Bell was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Ms. Sharleene Bell. As a scholar, Shavon has used the desire to meet her high expectations to achieve academic and personal success. She is the president of the National Honor Society and an active member of the National Beta Club. Shavon has participated in SkillsUSA and the Griot Circle and managed the school basketball and volleyball teams. In 2020, Shavon founded her brand, Ji. Views where she serves as a freelance photographer, videographer, and graphic designer. One of her favorite quotes is by Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays: “It is not your environment, it is you- the quality of your mind, the integrity of your soul, and the determination of your will that will decide your future and shape your life.” This quote has taught her to prioritize her goals and strengthen her willpower. Shavon’s career goal is to impact the Black and Brown communities through activism and filmmaking.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Film Production with a minor in Ethnic Studies

CAREER GOAL

Filmmaker, Cinematographer

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

UGA Georgia Certificate of Merit
College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholar
NAACP ACT-SO Regional Gold Medal in Poetry
Written & Performance 2022 Winner
Atlanta Falcons My Cleats My Cause Contest 2022 Winner
AIGA Pin-Up Show High School 2023 Winner
Principal’s List
Top 10 Percentile of Class
College Board “Big Future” Scholarship Recipient
Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Recipient
Atlanta Technical College Early College Program
Atlanta Metropolitan State College Early College Program



Tori Broadnax

SALUTATORIAN

Tori Broadnax was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Torey Broadnax and Shancoria Corbett. Tori has always shown an interest in computers, memorizing all the hardware of her game systems since she was eight years old. Moreover, she has always found excitement in the unknown and studied concepts through an abstract lens. To gain a broader perspective aligning with future aspirations of worldwide travel, Tori matriculated through high school fully embracing academia.

Tori has completed independent studies in cosmology while participating in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Club at her local community college. She has been a member of the orchestra, playing the violin for 7 years. One of her favorite quotes is by Albert Einstein, “I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.” This quote taught her the importance of individuality and the notion that there is no such thing as “failure.” Tori’s future career goal is to be a physicist.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Colgate University

INTENDED MAJOR

Astrogeophysics, Computer Science/
Mathematics

CAREER GOAL

Theoretical Physicist/Cosmologist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National African American Recognition scholar
Academic Decathlon (1st Place) with honors in Science, Math and Music
Questbridge College Prep Scholar and Questbridge National College Match Scholar
Posse Finalist
University of Georgia (UGA) Georgia Certificate of Merit recipient
Academic Distinction in Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus





Jaquawn McKelvey-Fludd

VALEDICTORIAN

Jaquawn McKelvey-Fludd was born in Charleston, South Carolina to Formosa McKelvey. A scholarly athlete with a bright future, Jaquawn has used the knowledge and determination instilled in him by his parents to achieve success in academia and sports. Jaquawn is the Student Government Association president of B.E.S.T. Academy, an active member of the National Honor Society and a member of the varsity basketball team.

One of his favorite quotes is by Albert Einstein: “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.” This quote has taught him to focus on the future and not dwell on the past. Jaquawn’s career goal is to become a molecular biologist. In the future he plans to become an entrepreneur within the real estate industry.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Biochemistry

CAREER GOAL

Molecular Biologist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

President of the student government association. Member of the national honors society. “A Honor Roll” and Principal's List. 2022 PTA Atlanta reflections writing contest (first place). National beta club. Dean’s list fall 2023 semester GSU dual enrollment. 100 black men literary competition 1st place (2022). 100 black men literary competition 2nd place (2023).



Noah Morales

SALUTATORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Noah Morales was born in Los Angeles, California, and raised by Naomi and Jose Guevara. He is an aspiring engineer with a passion for bettering the world. While maintaining brotherhood to uplift his peers, Noah notes the knowledge attained through his experience, parents, and mentors, helped aid in his success. He is a part of the Technology Student Association, where he competes in coding competitions on the national level.

He is also a member of Project ENGAGES, a program that allows APS students to participate in student research within Georgia Tech's labs. One of his favorite quotes is by Phillips Brooks: "Do not pray for easier lives. Pray to be stronger men." This quote reaffirms the idea of taking the initiative, for we cannot wait for a miracle, so we must become it. Noah's career goal is to become a Computer Scientist to preserve the treasure that is education and inspire our future engineers.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Georgia Institute of Technology

INTENDED MAJOR

Computer Science

CAREER GOAL

Computer Scientist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Technology Student Association Coding Competition, 1st Place State Ranking (2021, 2022), 8th Place National Ranking (2021) Top 30% of Presentations, Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (2022) 100 Black Men of Atlanta Anti-Gun Violence Contest: Poetry, Art, Essay, 1st Place Essay (2023)





Trinity Clay

VALEDICTORIAN

Trinity Clay was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Tressa Williams and DeVahn Young. Motivated to empower mental health in the African American community, Trinity has been working hard academically to further her education and help others. Trinity is a dual enrollment student, and former Co-Captain and Captain of Washington High School's cheerleading team. In May of 2023, she will be graduating from Atlanta Metropolitan State College with her Associate Degree in Psychology. She has been accepted and offered scholarships in over 10 well-known colleges.

Her quote to live by is: "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." by Booker T. Washington. This quote has taught her that being a humanitarian and helping others is extremely important in making yourself a better person. Trinity's career plans are to become a licensed therapist, working primarily with adolescents in the African American community.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Spelman College

INTENDED MAJOR

Psychology

CAREER GOAL

Licensed Therapist/Psychologist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Varsity cheerleader - Co-Captain/
Captain, MVP Award
Dean's Award at Atlanta
Metropolitan State College
Principal's List at Washington
High School
Top 10% of the Class of 2023



Mahamad Drammeh

SALUTATORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Mahamad Drammeh was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Momodou Drammeh and Nyuma Conteh, who immigrated from Gambia. Always wanting to make his parents proud, Mahamad has made sure to pursue and accomplish the opportunities presented to him. He serves as the secretary of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, and Student Government Association. Mahamad plays multiple varsity sports, including football and soccer. Mahamad was also crowned the 2023 Mr. Booker T. Washington High School. Currently, he has earned a total of 27 college credits. One of Mahamad's favorite quotes is by Maya Angelou, "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."

This quote has taught him that no matter what you go through, you should always continue pushing forward. This fall, Mahamad plans on attending Morehouse College, majoring in biology. Mahamad's career goal is to become an Orthodontist.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Morehouse College

INTENDED MAJOR

Biology

CAREER GOAL

Orthodontist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

King (Mr. Booker T. Washington
High School)
Top 10% of the Graduating
Class of 2023
Achieved over \$2 million in
scholarships
Principal's List
Early College Program Participant
National Honors Society
National Beta Club





Cheyenne George

VALEDICTORIAN

Cheyenne George was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Crystal and Richard George. Her innate curiosity motivates her toward unparalleled success in the fields of academia and athletics. She is an active member of many extracurricular organizations including serving as co-captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, youth mentor, referee, Spanish Honor Society, and National Beta Club. Another of Cheyenne's pastimes is watching anime with her brothers and at times, inspiration strikes. Her favorite quote is said by Rengoku from the Mugen Train series: "If you are feeling disheartened, that you are somehow not enough, set your heart ablaze. Dry your eyes and look ahead." This quote reminds her to stay bold and persevere amidst adversity. Cheyenne hopes to keep this mindset as she pursues her plans to become either an orthopedic physician or anesthesiologist.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Biomedical Engineering

CAREER GOAL

Anesthesiologist or Sports Medicine Physician

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

AP Scholar with Distinction
Varsity Soccer Captain & Defensive Co-MVP
Georgia Certificate of Merit
Collaborator for a featured Roku documentary via Fresh Films
5th place at 2023 National Beta Convention for Character Performance
3rd place at Drew's Got Talent Edition: Science Fair



Nadea Davis

SALUTATORIAN

Nadea Davis was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Meagan and Demaris Davis. A scholarly athlete with a bright future Nadea has used her curiosity and imagination to explore her passions in both STEM and art. As a biomedical research intern, Nadea has conducted research on luteal cells at Morehouse School of Medicine. She plays two varsity sports, cross country and tennis, and has been awarded the 2022 Varsity Tennis MVP. One of her favorite quotes is that of Dr. Mae Jemison: "Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations." This quote has taught Nadea to embrace her individuality despite the perceptions of others. Nadea is attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, where she plans to major in biomedical engineering. Her career goal is to become a biomaterials developer, and also to keep her creative side alive, a special effects prosthetist in the film industry.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Georgia Institute of Technology

INTENDED MAJOR

Biomedical Engineering

CAREER GOAL

Prosthetist
Biomaterial Developer
Special Effects Prosthetist in the Film Industry

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Georgia Certification of Merit - Top 5% of Class
Georgia Governor's Honors Program Nominee - Geometry and Art
Varsity Tennis MVP
Founding Drew Ambassador
TED Talk: Mirror on the Wall Who Are You After All (Function of Mirror Neurons)





Byron Darnton

STAR STUDENT

Byron Darnton was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Nicholas Dartnon and Laura Cadonati. Motivated by the educational values instilled by his parents, Byron has been involved in several activities, such as his school's chorus and Taekwondo, while maintaining a focus on academics and his classes. He is honored to be awarded STAR Student for Drew Charter School. Byron will attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, this fall. While undecided on his field of study, he will discover and decide what passions he will pursue as a concentration and career.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Brown University

INTENDED MAJOR

Undecided

CAREER GOAL

Undecided

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

STAR Student
State Literary Meet Argumentative
Essayist Runner-up



Karen Gamez-Amador

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Karen Gamez-Amador was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Karen Amador and Joaquin Perez. Karen is the oldest of five children and will be the first-generation high school and college graduate in her family. Karen is a dedicated individual who remains committed to both her academic and extracurricular activities. She believes that all the rigorous classes, lessons taught at home, and close relationships have helped contribute to her success. Karen is a member of the National Beta Club, National Honors Society, 100 Black Men of Atlanta Program, and the Latinx Student Association. She also participates in soccer, cheerleading, and dance/theater. Additionally, Karen was crowned as Miss 12th on the homecoming court. She participates in the Dual Enrollment Early College Program at Georgia State University. Mick Kremling's inspirational quote, "You didn't come this far to only come this far" is driving her motivation to excel. Karen's career goal is to become a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI).



COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Forensics Chemistry

CAREER GOAL

Crime Scene Investigator

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

The \$10,000 Reach Georgia Scholarship
2022 Live Healthy and Thrive Youth
Foundation (LHTYF) STAR Honoree
Scholarship Recipient
2022 Coretta Scott King Young Women's
Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA) Highest
GPA Athletic Scholar
CSKYWLA Miss Junior (2021-2022)
CSKYWLA Miss Senior (2022-2023)
CSKYWLA High School Chief Science Officer
President Award STEM Atlanta Women
AP Scholar
CSK Scholar, Top Ten Percent of Class
CTAE Pathway Completer





Somalia Gilliard

SALUTATORIAN

Somalia is the daughter of Sir Wesley Gilliard, Sr., and Dr. Kenya Gilliard. As Student Body President, she has embraced the principles of scholarship and sisterhood throughout her seven-year tenure at Coretta Scott King Young Women's Academy (CSKYWLA). Described as a leader and advocate for change, Somalia was chosen by a panel of teachers to pay tribute to Mrs. Coretta Scott King during the 2023 annual MLK Commemorative Service. Somalia attributes her leadership and advocacy skills to the academic preparation and experiences provided by the CSKYWLA staff and the civic engagement foundation received as a mentee with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Women, Incorporated, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, and Project ENGAGES. She is a scholar athlete on the varsity swim, cross country, and track teams. Somalia lives by the quote, "Lead me; follow me, or get out of my way!" This quote reminds her to stay steadfast on her journey to achieving her goals and not to let anything stand in her way. She will attend Alabama A&M University as a Propel and 5 Strong Scholar. Somalia dreams of becoming a Dermatologist and plans to develop an organic line of beauty products.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University

INTENDED MAJOR

Chemistry

CAREER GOAL

Dermatologist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

"Drum Major For Justice" - SCLC Women Incorporated 2023 Honoree
Propel Scholar
5 Strong Scholar
National Honor Society
National Beta Club
AP Scholar
CSK Top 10 Percentile of Class
Principal's List
Beauty Master Scholarship Recipient
Student Government Association (SGA) President - 2022-2023
Project ENGAGES at Georgia Tech University
Georgia State Early College Scholar
CTAE Pathway Completer
100 Black Men of Atlanta Member



Enam Amevo

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Enam Amevo was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Koffi Amevo and Akouvi Nakou. Enam is motivated by the life she wants to live and the person she wants to become. She is also motivated by the faith that was instilled from her family. Enam is the President of HOSA Future Health Professionals, co-editor of the yearbook, member of the International Club and the National Honor Society/Beta Club, as well the Executive Chair of the Student Government Association. She enjoys reading comic books, watching movies, listening to music, spending time with friends and family, and learning new things. Her favorite quote is "Go beyond the impossible and kick reason to the curb" from one of her favorite anime, Tengen Toppa Gurren Lagann. Enam truly believes that anything is possible. Enam plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology, majoring in Electrical Engineering. Enam's career goal is undecided, but she's sure it will be something fun. In the future, she wants to do innovative work with sensors and work on a film or television production.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Georgia Institute of Technology

INTENDED MAJOR

Electrical Engineering

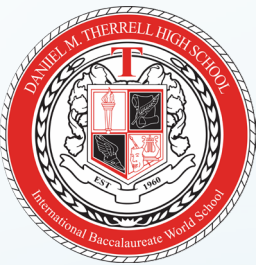
CAREER GOAL

Undecided

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Phi Beta Kappa Book Award
2021 GA HOSA #5 - Pharmacology
2021 Atlanta Public Schools HS Math Competition: 1st place in Precalculus
Class of 2023 Georgia Certificate of Merit
College Board National African American Recognition Program





Abigail Hudson

SALUTATORIAN

Abigail Chai-Ann Hudson was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Tanga Hudson and Channing Hudson. Abigail's credits God's love as the inspiration behind her success. She likes to lead with love in everything she does. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the National Beta Club.

In addition, she served as the co-captain of the Therrell High School Purrfection Danceline for the 2022-2023 school year while serving as an active member of the tennis team. Abigail's inspirational quote is "When it rains, look for rainbows; when it is dark, look for stars" by Oscar Wilde. Like the quote, Abigail always tries to find the positive in every situation. Abigail plans to attend Oglethorpe University to pursue a career in foreign service.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Oglethorpe University

INTENDED MAJOR

International Studies & Spanish

CAREER GOAL

Diplomat or Interpreter

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Salutarian
Principal's List
Academic Excellence in Math
Academic Excellence in Dance
Second Attendant to Miss DM
Therrell High School
Member of the National Society for
High School Scholars
GO Team Student Representative



Amiyah Scott

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Amiyah Renée Scott was born in Lansing, MI, to Dounesha Scott and Robyn Perry Jr. As a driven and dedicated young woman, she plans to walk into her future with determination and appreciation like her single mother raised her. Amiyah holds the position of Student Government Association Vice President and editor of the Yearbook. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and the NSHSS. She will graduate with 15 college credits from Georgia State University. She participates in the Georgia Aquarium Beginner Environmental Leadership Program and the Emory Pipeline Collaborative program. Amiyah's favorite quote is by Mae Jemison: "Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations." This quote has motivated her to break every limit she encounters. Amiyah's career goal is to be a Marine Biologist, and she hopes to study abroad to promote marine life improvement. After college, Amiyah wants to work at the Georgia Aquarium.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Spelman College

INTENDED MAJOR

Biology

CAREER GOAL

Marine Biologist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Principal's List Awards - (2019 - 2023)
Varsity Tennis Athletic Scholar Award
Urban League of Greater Atlanta
Mock City Trial's 1st place (2022)
Homecoming 2022-2023 First
Attendant
Homecoming 2021-2022 Miss Junior
Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Recipient
AP Scholar
Henry McNeal Turner High School
National Alumni Association
Scholarship Recipient
National Honor Society
Georgia State University Early
College Scholar





Jaden Jones

SALUTATORIAN

Jaden Christopher-Joseph Jones was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Dr. Sakia T. Franklin-Jones and the late Warren Joseph Jones Jr. Jaden, is also the proud brother of the late Cameron J.J. Jones and Jaleesa Perrymond. Jaden is not only a scholar but an athlete and artist with a bright future that has used life's misfortunes to motivate him to reach for success. Jaden is currently Mr. Senior, SGA senior class vice-president, member of the Dr. Lester Butts National Honor Society, JROTC cadet, the Art Club, and an active track team member.

One of his favorite quotes is by Frederick Douglass: "I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence." This quote has taught him always to be true to himself no matter what. Jaden's career goal is to become an artist and work in the entertainment industry.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Hampton University

INTENDED MAJOR

Communications with a minor in Music Production

CAREER GOAL

Artist and work in the Entertainment Industry

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Principal Honor Roll
A/B Honor Roll
Technology Fair Winner
Governor Honors Finalist
Student of the Month x2



Destiny Hudson

VALEDICTORIAN

Destiny Hudson is a creative and driven scholar born in Atlanta, Georgia to Ms. Angela Taylor and Mr. Steve Hudson. Destiny is the captain of the robotics team, captain of the debate team, executive vice president of her school's Student Government Association, and President of her school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter. She is also a member of the National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, and Rho Kappa Social Studies Honors Society. Destiny is also an Early College student at Georgia State University where she maintains an A average. Additionally, she is a member of the 2022-2023 Atlanta Civic Youth Advisory Council. Currently, she serves as an intern for the Center for Equity and Social Justice. One of her favorite quotes is from Maggie Kuhn: "Speak the truth, even if your voice shakes." This quote serves as a reminder to Destiny; that she'll always advocate for what she believes in. Destiny's career goal is to become a concept artist and hopes to one day open an animation studio.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Illustration with a focus in Concept Art

CAREER GOAL

Concept Artist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Principal's List
AP Scholar
GA State Early College Honor Program
GATES Scholarship Finalist





Annie Ware

SALUTATORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Annie Ware was born in Flint, Michigan, to Lakisha Ware and William Scott. A scholar and advocate, Annie has used the ambition and intelligence passed down by her mother to attain excellence in academia. Annie serves as Student Government Association president and a delegate on the Student Advisory Council. She also served as the Media Liaison for the Inaugural Atlanta Civic Youth Advisory Council. She is active in several social justice organizations, including March For Our Lives and the Georgia Youth Justice Coalition. This semester Annie started a paid internship with Superintendent Dr. Herring. One of her favorite quotes is by Dr. Angela Davis: “I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change; I am changing the things I cannot accept.” This quote gives her the confidence she needs to advocate for what she believes in. Annie plans to start a career in politics as a lobbyist and lawyer. She hopes to one day serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Spelman College

INTENDED MAJOR

Political Science

CAREER GOAL

U.S. House Representative

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Terrance Herron Scholarship Recipient
Rho Kappa Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
Inaugural Member of Democracy Class Atlanta
Georgia State University Early College Program
Chief Editor of The Early College Post
AP Scholars



Aquantis Clemmons

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Aquantis Clemmons was born in Atlanta, GA, to the late Alfred Clemmons and LaQuita Peters. A dedicated scholar with a promising future, Aquantis has pushed through various obstacles with determination and hard work, which he displays daily as an example to his peers. Aquanits carries a strong desire to achieve athletic success and, just as importantly, top-tier academic success in the classroom. He is a proud member of the National Beta Club, National Honors Society, and the National Math Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta. He plays varsity baseball and football and is one of the team's captains. A favorite quote of Aquantis is, “Impose your will on life, and life will have no choice but to give you what you want.” by Inky Johnson. What Aquantis takes from this quote is that your environment doesn’t make or define you and that you have more power than can physically be seen. Aqauntis’ career goal is to become either a mechanical or computer engineer. Along with becoming an engineer, Aquantis dreams of one day becoming a CEO of a thriving tech company and owning his own business.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Benedict College

INTENDED MAJOR

Mechanical/ Computer Engineering

CAREER GOAL

To become a CEO of a thriving Tech Company and an entrepreneur

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National Beta Club
National Honors Society
National Math Honors Society,
Mu Alpha Theta
Top 10% Student (9-12th grade)
Principal's List
Georgia State University
Early College Program
Horacio Alger Scholarship Recipient
Class 3A 2021 State Football
Championship Runner-up
Defensive Lineman
Class 3A 2022 All Regio
Defensive Player of the Year
Class 3A 2022 All-State First Team
Defensive Lineman





Kamron Murphy

SALUTATORIAN

Kamron Elijah Murphy was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Alethia Murphy and Keron Lynch. He owes his success to the younger generations, who have inspired him to hone his leadership skills and become the change agent he aspires to be. They remind him that anything is possible when you dedicate your heart and mind to your crafts. Kamron is Carver STEAM Academy's 2022-2023 First Attendant on the Homecoming Court, The President of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, a member of the Carver Dance Company, a Student Ambassador, a National Society of High School Scholars nominee, and many more. One of his favorite quotes is by renowned poet Gwendolyn Brooks: "Live not for battles won. Live not for the-end-of-the-song. Live in the along." This quote will guide him into leadership, unity, and prosperity as he enters life as a postgraduate. Kamron is interested in Youth & Adult Advocacy and will remain dedicated to being a change agent wherever he goes; he will make his mark known and empower you to become a better version of yourself.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Undecided

CAREER GOAL

Youth & Adult Advocacy

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

PRIDE Award - Determination
PRIDE Award - Integrity
PRIDE Award - Professionalism
PRIDE Award - Respect
PRIDE Award - Excellence
Carver STEAM Academy's 2022-2023
First Attendant
President of Mu Alpha Theta Math
Honors Society
Student Ambassador/Peer Leader
Member of Carver Dance Company
National Society of High School
Scholars Nominee
Drama Club
Top Ten Student 9-12th
Principal's List



Aniyah Johnson

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Aniyah Johnson was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Shameka Harris and Vernon Johnson. A student advocate with a bright future, Aniyah has used her perseverance and passion to gain experiences to significantly excel in academia and extra-curricular activities. Aniyah is the president of the Student Government Association, president of the Photography Club, historian of the Genders and Sexualities Alliance, social media chair of the National Honors Society. She is also an active member of The Shield, a student-led representative group. One of her favorite quotes is by Vivian Greene, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it is about dancing in the rain." This quote has taught her to show true grit and tenacity throughout life's many setbacks. Aniyah will attend Rice University and major in Social Policy Analysis. She aspires to become a non-profit Chief Executive Officer, making strides toward mental health awareness.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Rice University

INTENDED MAJOR

Social Policy Analysis

CAREER GOAL

CEO and Founder of a Nonprofit

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

QuestBridge Match Scholarship
Recipient (2022-2023)
Teaching Assistant, Spelman Math
Corps, Summer 2022
Social Media Intern, Restore More
(2019-2022)
Social Media Chair, National Honors
Society (2023)
College Board African Award (2022)
Harvard Book Scholarship Award
(2022)





Dymond Wilcox

SALUTATORIAN

Dymond Wilcox was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, to Kennsha Wilcox and Leon D. Wilcox Sr. Along with excelling in athletics as a basketball and softball team member, Dymond excelled academically as well. During her tenure at KIPP: Atlanta Collegiate, she was the Vice President of the Science National Honor Society and the Secretary of the National English Honor Society. She is a Student Ambassador and a member of the National Beta Club, Leadership Academy, National Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and National Honor Society. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA and a part-time job throughout all four years of high school. One of her main goals is to attend college debt-free. A quote she lives by is from her favorite teacher, Mr. Joshua Brown, “We have been in the darkness for so long that it is time for the light.” This quote reminds Dymond that dark times do not last forever and that things will get better. She will be majoring in Psychology at the University of Georgia. Dymond aspires to open a private practice specializing in Family Therapy in Atlanta.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Georgia

INTENDED MAJOR

Psychology

CAREER GOAL

Psychologist - Specialty: Family Therapy

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

- Salutatorian
- Principal's List
- Henry McNeal Turner Alumni Scholarship Recipient
- Top 10 Percentile of Class
- Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Recipient
- AP Scholar
- Atlanta Metropolitan State College Early College Program



Abbey Heyns

VALEDICTORIAN

Abbey Heyns was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Terri and Loren Heyns. She loves to try new things and wants to learn about everything so she can become anything. Abbey is in Model UN, the Student Government Association, and the National Honor Society. She plays multiple sports, including cross country, lacrosse, and golf. Abbey's favorite quote is “Life's what you make it, so let's make it rock” by Hannah Montana. This quote reminds her to make the most out of life and follow her passion and creativity.

Abbey has an interest in a wide variety of subjects—from art and history to math and science. She wants to study Communications and Media, where she can bring together an intersection of disciplines. Abbey believes that learning how to communicate effectively and using design to share new ideas is key to creating change in our society and the cornerstone of bringing people together.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Tulane University or University of Southern California

INTENDED MAJOR

Communications

CAREER GOAL

Creative Director

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

- Yale Book Award
- Cross Country Team Captain
- Miss Model UN
- Selected for Georgia Capitol Art Exhibition
- 1st Place for School Physics Science Fair
- Recipient of Georgia Certificate of Merit
- National Beta Club and National Honor Society





Cassidy Nankervis

SALUTATORIAN

Cassidy Nankervis was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Eric Nankervis and Rene Esler. Cassidy is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and Model United Nations. She currently teaches and participates in Martial Arts and enjoyed playing lacrosse for several years at Maynard Jackson High School. One of her favorite quotes is, “You can do this.” This is significant to her as it came from a handwritten card someone gave her during the COVID-19 pandemic and has since encouraged her not to give up when challenges arise in her personal or academic life. Cassidy is undecided about an undergraduate major and looks forward to determining a major as well as a career path. Her current future goals are to continue to participate in activities that contribute to her personal growth while positively contributing to every academic and social community that she inhabits.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

The College of Wooster

INTENDED MAJOR

Undecided

CAREER GOAL

Undecided

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National Honor Society
National Beta Club
AP Scholar



Tyler Bosch

STAR STUDENT

Tyler Bosch was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Thomas Bosch and Laurel Schmitt in November 2004. Tyler uses his competitive nature and inspiration from his family and peers to achieve success in his personal life. Tyler is the president of Academic Decathlon, holding 15 medals at a district level, vice president of Quiz Bowl, and captain of the varsity golf team. His favorite motivational quote comes from Norman Vincent Peale: “Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.” This quote speaks to him because he believes that many of his successes in academia and his personal life can be attributed to his self-confidence. Tyler plans to attend Georgia Tech to major in computer science. In the future, he hopes to become a cybersecurity consultant.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Georgia Institute of Technology

INTENDED MAJOR

Computer Science

CAREER GOAL

Cyber Security Consulting

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National Honor Society
National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation
Georgia Certificate of Merit
AP Scholar with Distinction





Aran Sonnad-Joshi

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Aran Sonnad-Joshi was born in Atlanta, GA, to Shashi Sonnad and Harshad Joshi. Aran has used the knowledge and values he learned from his family and teachers to succeed in and out of school. Aran has been a member of The Southerner for four years; he is the Co-Editor-in-Chief for the 2022-2023 school year. He is also a member of the Midtown Jesters Speech and Debate Team. Aran joined Georgia Junior Classical League four years ago; this year, he proudly served as the editor. Aran enjoys honing in on his creative writing in his spare time, favoring fiction and poetry. His favorite quote is “Audentes fortuna iuvat” or “Fortune favors the bold” by Pliny the Elder. This quote has inspired him to take risks and leave his comfort zone. Aran hopes to become a doctor after college.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Classics

CAREER GOAL

Doctor

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

State Champion in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Congressional Debate
2x Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Medalist
Winner of the Georgia Poet Laureate’s Prize
7x National Latin Exam Gold Medalist
Governor’s Honors Program Attendee for Latin



Sayan Sonnad-Joshi

SALUTATORIAN

Sayan Sonnad-Joshi was born in Atlanta, GA to Shashi Sonnad and Harshad Joshi. Both inside and out of school, he is inspired most by his family, specifically his parents and brother, who have worked hard to provide him with countless opportunities and have pushed him to heights he never thought possible. At Midtown High School, he has been involved with numerous clubs and organizations, specifically the Southerner newspaper, where he is an Editor-in-Chief as well as the speech and Jesters Debate Team, where he is a Captain. He has received numerous state, and national awards for his participation in these activities as well as in his study of the classics and ancient societies. His favorite quote is: “The master has failed more times than the beginner has even tried,” by Stephen McCranie. After high school, he will be attending Brown University, hoping to one day become a trauma surgeon.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Brown University

INTENDED MAJOR

Classics

CAREER GOAL

Trauma Surgeon

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National Silver Medal in Short Story Category of Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
3x National Qualifier in debate and 2nd place in Varsity State Championships in Extemporaneous Speaking
5x Gold Medal in the National Latin Exam (1 perfect score)
GHP attendee in Latin
2x Gold Medalist in National Etymology Exam





Catherine Zappa

VALEDICTORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Catherine Zappa was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia by Vince Zappa and Cathy Zappa. With consistent support from family and friends, she has been driven to success by her love for learning and outstanding work ethic. Throughout high school, Catherine has played an active role through leadership and collaboration in her academic extracurriculars, including the quiz bowl team, Mu Alpha Theta, Youth Academics Programs Association (YAPA) Kids Math, and Science National Honors Society. She also played soccer throughout her childhood and into high school, playing on the NAHS girls soccer team for three years. One of her favorite quotes is by George Eliot: "It is never too late to be what you might have been." Catherine is still waiting to find out where she'll be attending college this fall, but she hopes to gain the experience and education needed for the next chapter in her life. Her present goal is to study engineering or applied science, however, she doesn't have a specific career goal in mind yet.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Undecided

CAREER GOAL

Engineering and Research

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

John Hopkins Book Award
AP Scholar with Distinction
Georgia Certificate of Merit
Principal's List



Benjamin Song

SALUTATORIAN

Benjamin Song was born in Palo Alto, California to Mike and Jae Song. Ben has always believed that nothing good in life comes easy. This motto motivates him every day to achieve success and accomplish his goals. Ben is the president and founder of the Groceries on Wheels club at North Atlanta High School as well as the secretary of the Mu Alpha Theta club. Regarding athletics, Ben ran varsity cross country and currently pursues bodybuilding as a hobby. One of Ben's favorite quotes is by Alfred from the movie Batman Begins (his favorite superhero): "Why do we fall? So we can learn to pick ourselves up." This quote teaches Ben to understand that failure is necessary for improvement rather than fear. In the future, Ben plans to pursue a medical career as an orthopedic surgeon. He is still undecided about college but remains excited for what is to come.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Biology

CAREER GOAL

Orthopedic Surgeon/Enter the field of Medicine

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National Merit Scholarship Finalist
Yale Book Award
AP Scholar with Distinction
UGA Certificate of Merit
Rustic Pathways Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Positive Impact Efforts





Ansley Miller

STAR STUDENT

Ansley Miller was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Mrs. Heather Miller and Mr. Doug Miller. Ansley has been inspired by the students she tutors to achieve success in her academic and extracurricular endeavors. She is involved in many activities at her school, including tutoring for Mu Alpha Theta and managing her high school baseball team. Outside of school, she spends much of her time at work, running a franchise in math tutoring for children of all ages.

One of her favorite quotes is by Tony Robbins, “the only impossible journey is the one you never begin.” The quote reminds her that anything is possible and keeps her motivated in all her endeavors. Ansley will pursue an undergraduate degree in Finance and eventually return to graduate school to get her MBA. In her career, she hopes to work as a senior financial executive for a Fortune 500 company.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

UNC Chapel Hill

INTENDED MAJOR

Business Administration or Finance

CAREER GOAL

C-suite or equivalent finance executive at a large company

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalist
UGA Certificate of Merit
AP Scholar
Star Student



Jeremiah Longino

VALEDICTORIAN

Jeremiah Longino was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Shanita Knowlton. An exceptional STEM scholar, Jeremiah has used the knowledge and determination instilled in him by his mother to achieve success in school and has gone farther than he could ever imagine. Jeremiah is a Project ENGAGES Research Scholar, Hornets Student Tutor and served as a 3DE Peer Mentor and Project ENGAGES Peer Reviewer.

One of his favorite quotes is from his grandfather: “You are never too late to achieve great things.” This quote has taught him that even as time goes on, there is always an opportunity to learn new things. Jeremiah’s career goal is to become a Software Engineer and develop gene database websites, making crucial gene and disease prevalence data open to the public.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Computer Science

CAREER GOAL

Software Engineer

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

FBLA Computer Application
Silver Medalist
Top 3 Competitor in the Atlanta
Regional Science Fair
National African American
College Board Scholar
Atlanta Technology Fair Audio
Production 1st Place Winner





Juwarriyyah Mahmood

SALUTATORIAN

Juwarriyyah Mahmood was born in Brooklyn, New York to Sana Muhammad, and Samad Mahmood. Juwarriyyah, an ambitious scholar who aims to serve as a role model for others often underrepresented and overlooked, is the President of South Atlanta's Future Business Leaders of America and Executive Secretary of Student Government Association. She is involved in various activities, including volunteering in both her community and school. She is an active member of the yearbook club and participates in cross country and track. In her spare time, she enjoys mentoring kids. One of her favorite quotes is by Talib Kweli: "Life without Knowledge is Death in Disguise." This quote is the inspiration to never stop striving for knowledge as well as to always take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to her. Juwarriyyah's career goal is to become a chemical engineer ultimately becoming an entrepreneur and develop her very own cosmetic/skincare line. Juwarriyyah will be known for developing groundbreaking treatments in the beauty industry worldwide.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Undecided

INTENDED MAJOR

Chemical Engineer

CAREER GOAL

To own a cosmetic and skin care line and become a Chief Engineer with many skills under my belt.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Georgia Merit of Excellence
1st place in Regions (Client Service)
2nd Place regions (Job Interview)
Student of the Month (9th Grade) 2nd place in APS Tech Fair (Graphic Design)
Student of the Week (9th grade)
Teachers Choice Award (11th grade)
Principal's List (9-12th)



Guadalupe Suastegui

SALUTATORIAN AND STAR STUDENT

Guadalupe Suastegui was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Socorro Leal-Olivar and Daniel Suastegui-Bailon. Looking to become a first-generation student in her family, Guadalupe plans to attend Georgia State University in the fall. Using the support and ambition instilled in her by her parents, she desires to enter the psychology field. Guadalupe is a STEM and gifted student, who received the Georgia Certificate of Merit. One of her favorite quotes is from Kim Namjoon: "I am who I am today with all my faults. Tomorrow I might be a tiny bit wiser, and that's me, too." This quote has taught her that mistakes are the building blocks for learning and growing. Guadalupe's future college goal is to improve her understanding of the human mind, emotions, and behaviors. Thus, she has chosen a career in helping individuals reduce the stress of traumatic experiences.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Georgia State University

INTENDED MAJOR

Psychology

CAREER GOAL

Become a Clinical or Criminal Psychologist

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Georgia Certificate of Merit (from UGA)
Certification of Completion of 2022 HCOP (Morehouse School of Medicine)
Principal's List
National Honors Society Certificate
Gifted/Tagged



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