



2024 GCPS Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Akilah Bateman Music Scholarship (\$500) *Sponsored by the family and friends in memory of Akilah Bateman – This scholarship award is given to graduating seniors of Meadowcreek High School who have demonstrated proficiency in music with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in the field of music.*

- Shirley (Dave) Gonzalez Matehuala – *Georgia State University*

Alton C. Crews Teaching Scholarship (\$1,000) *Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation - Since 2002, donations made in memory of Dr. Crews (GCPS superintendent, 1977–89) have funded this scholarship, awarded to GCPS seniors pursuing a teaching career.*

- Kayla Marie Benefield, Seckinger HS – *Kennesaw State University*

Beth Rihm Language Memorial Scholarship (up to \$1,000) *Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation - Scholarships are awarded to seniors who have demonstrated a proficiency in a spoken foreign language and expressed a desire to deepen fluency through cultural immersion or extracurricular study. Established in 2015 by Rachel B. Mehravari, a Brookwood grad and former Rihm Language Memorial Scholarship recipient.*

- Alike Otero Ricalde, Brookwood HS – *University of Georgia*

Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship (\$2,500) *Co-sponsored by Upsilon Alpha Omega, the Gwinnett Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the GCPS Foundation – This scholarship is to be awarded to African American high school seniors to further their educational opportunities.*

- Malik Bailey, Archer HS – *Duke University*
- Jazira Brown, South Gwinnett HS – *Spelman College*
- Mallory Evans, Archer HS – *Howard University*
- Jackson Kennedy, Seckinger HS – *University of Alabama*
- Khenya Robinson, Discovery HS – *Duke University*
- Kristine Spain, Shiloh HS – *Spelman College*
- Kayla Ssendagire, Brookwood HS – *University of Georgia*
- Nia Danielle Thompson, Brookwood HS – *Florida State University*
- Tyson Strong, North Gwinnett HS – *Northwestern University*
- Carter Watkins, Seckinger HS – *Oglethorpe University*
- Yomley Nti-Frempong, Lanier HS – *Texas A&M University*

Brenden and Alex Elbaz Scholarship, Lanier (\$1,000) *Sponsored by the Brenden Elbaz Family - A one-time award in Brenden's memory. The scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior(s) District wide.*

- Alexis Ramirez-Trejo, Berkmar HS – *Georgia Institute of Technology*

Celeste Norton Wilbanks Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000) *Sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union (\$2,500) Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation – This scholarship is awarded to GCPS seniors who demonstrate compassion, citizenship, and strong moral character in his/her local school or community.*

- *Lauren Simone Tisdale, Mill Creek HS – University of North Georgia*

Community-Based Mentoring Scholarship (\$1,000) - *This scholarship will be presented to GCPS high school graduating seniors who participated in the program & plans to enroll at a four-year, two-year, or technical college.*

- *Bryan Ebaqua, GSMST – Kennesaw University*
- *Alam Shanjana, Discovery HS – Gwinnett Technical College*
- *Bryanna James, South Gwinnett HS – Middle Georgia State University*
- *Jewel Mouson, Grayson HS – undecided*

Courtney S. Blair Outstanding Excellence in Athletics and Academics Scholarship (\$2,000)

The Scholarship award goes to a senior(s) who are in the top 1% of his or her class who letters in two or more varsity sports.

- *Katie Grace Larson, Dacula HS – Georgia Institute of Technology*

Courtney S. Blair Student Leadership Scholarship (\$1,000) - *This Scholarship award goes to a GCPS student leader who is in the top 5% of his or her class, who has overcome significant adversity and demonstrates financial need in attending the college of their choice.*

- *Payal Roma Patel, Dacula HS – Georgia Institute of Technology*

Courtney S. Blair Outstanding Women in Business Scholarship (\$1,000) - *This Scholarship award goes to a female senior at Shiloh High School who is in the top 10% of her class who is interested in pursuing a career in Business or Entrepreneurship.*

- *Kristine Marie Spain, Shiloh HS – Spelman College*

Deloris and Reid Mullins Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Reid Mullins Family - *This award is presented to an Archer HS senior in honor of Deloris and Reid Mullins, former GCPS educators and long-time residents of Gwinnett County.*

- *Rachel Slade, Archer HS – Georgia College and State University*

Dr. Linda Williams Scholarship (\$1,100) Sponsored by the friends and family of Dr. Linda Williams –

This scholarship is awarded to the student who best exemplifies a dedication to pursuing a degree in teaching and to the principles and high professional standards of Dr. Linda Williams to honor her legacy of excellence in education. This one-time award is open to Grayson, Maxwell, and Meadowcreek students only.

- *Mauricea Felton, Grayson HS – Kennesaw State University*

Dr. Tarece Johnson-Morgan Scholarship for the Arts (\$1,000) Sponsored by Gwinnett County District Board Member Dr. Tarece Johnson-Morgan –

This scholarship award is given to college-bound graduating seniors districtwide with an emphasis on participation in the arts (painting, graphic design, illustration, sculpture, literature, film, music, dance, theater, poetry, photography, and/or fashion

- *Olivia Victoria Bell, Central Gwinnett HS – Marymount Manhattan College*

Edupoint CTAE Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Partner for Life Award from Edupoint

Educational Systems – *Established in 2023, the scholarship is presented to two GCPS graduating seniors with plans to pursue a technical field of study at an accredited technical school (e.g., TCSG)*

- *Zion R. Plunkett, Central Gwinnett HS – Gwinnett Technical College*
- *Jazmin M. Ortega, Duluth HS – Gwinnett Technical College*

GCPS Foundation Mathematics Scholarship (\$1,500) *Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation - Established in 2013, the scholarship is awarded to one or more GCPS seniors with plans to enroll in an undergraduate course of study in or related to mathematics.*

- Payal Roma Patel, Archer HS – *Georgia Institute of Technology*

GCPS Foundation Multicultural Scholarship (\$1,000) *Co-sponsored by the Gwinnett Multicultural Advisory Committee and the Foundation - This scholarship is awarded to one or more seniors of Hispanic, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, or other minority origin, who has demonstrated a commitment to community service.*

- Muhammad Rizwan, Seckinger HS – *Emory University*

GCPS Foundation STEM Scholarship (\$1,500) *Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation - This scholarship is awarded to one or more GCPS seniors who plans to enroll in a college course of study in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.*

- Janice MacKenzie Powell, Archer HS – *Hampton University*
- Adebomojo Oyinkansola, Brookwood HS – *Yale University*

GCPS Science, Engineering, and Technology Scholarship (\$1,000) *Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation - In recognition of outstanding performance at the regional level, a one-time award of \$1,000 is presented to GCPS senior(s) with plans to enroll full-time at the postsecondary level in a course of study in science, technology, engineering, or math.*

- Rayna Chang, GSMST – *Emory University*
- William Hunter Susskind, Paul Duke STEM HS – *Georgia Institute of Technology*
- Rohan Kumar, Paul Duke STEM HS – *Georgia Institute of Technology*

Georgia Credit Union Young Leaders Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000) *Sponsored by Georgia United Credit Union Foundation in partnership with the GCPS Foundation - This award is presented to graduating females who have distinguished themselves as a community volunteer, entrepreneur, or school leader.*

- Kayla Benefield, Seckinger HS – *Kennesaw State University*
- Whitley Carraway, Grayson HS – *University of Mississippi*
- Gabriela Casanova, Parkview HS – *University of Georgia*
- Praise Oladiti, Brookwood HS – *Duke University*
- Lauren Tisdale, Mill Creek HS – *University of North Georgia*

Geri Flanary Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) *A one-time award open to a Duluth HS senior in honor of Geri Flanary, former GCPS educator. Requirements are financial need and serving the community to help the greater good.*

- Andrea Carolina Arroyo Peley, Duluth HS – *Georgia Gwinnett College*

GIVE Center Scholarship (\$500) *A one-time award to a current or former GIVE Center student who plans to attend a trade, technical, or collegiate institution.*

- Jenifer Escarate Rodriguez, GIVE West – *Gwinnett Technical College*

GIVE Center West "I Dare You" Scholarship (\$500) *A one-time award to one GIVE West High School graduating senior who has a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4-point scale and who has positively improved their school record while enrolled at GIVE West. The ideal candidate is one who has become a role model and leader at GIVE West.*

- *Analiyah Alyssa Smith, GIVE West – Life University*
- *Jessica Yazmin Alvarez-Escobar, GIVE West – Georgia Gwinnett College*

GSMST STEM Outstanding Scholarship (\$1,500) *This scholarship award goes to one or more GSMST graduating seniors that includes an essay describing "How has your GSMST experience influenced your future college and/or career goals?" and "What STEM activities, courses, and/or clubs had the greatest effect on your career development"?*

- *Khadija Ayub, GSMST – University of Georgia*

Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Scholarship *This scholarship is sponsored by the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for all Black/African American seniors who attend school in Gwinnett County (excluding high schools in Centerville, Snellville, and Loganville).*

- *Yomley Nti-Frempong, Lanier HS \$500 – Texas A&M University*
- *Joshua Were, Collins Hill HS \$1,500 – University of Georgia*
- *Bryce Thornton, Archer HS \$2,000 – Florida A&M University*

Hope McKenzie Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the McKenzie Family - *A one-time award presented to a graduating senior excelling in the arts at Grayson High School.*

- *Harrison Repak, Grayson HS – Liberty University*

J. Alvin Wilbanks Teaching Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union - *Established in 2007 in honor of CEO/Superintendent Wilbanks' more than four decades of service to public education, and in recognition of his leadership in guiding the district to state and national prominence, this scholarship is awarded to seniors pursuing a career in education.*

- *Nia Danielle Thompson, Brookwood HS – Florida State University*

Jason Appling Tech Ed Service Scholarship Sponsored by the Collins Hill High School Cluster Foundation – *This scholarship award is for Collins Hill graduating seniors only*

- *Jayla Andre, Collins Hill HS – Albany State University*

Jim Maran STEM Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation - *Established in 2013 and named in honor of the longtime Gwinnett Chamber president, this award is for a senior who plans to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.*

- *Praise Oladiti, Brookwood HS – Duke University*

Jody Reeves Career & Tech Ed Scholarship Sponsored by The Career and Technical Education Department - (CTE) *Student of the Year Banquet is an annual, district-wide event that recognizes the top CTE students in Gwinnett County. Students must submit an application along with a resume and essay, and a panel of judges' interviews students. The top three students will receive the Jody Reeves CTE Scholarship.*

- *Overall Winner (\$2000) - Amy Filipone, North Gwinnett HS – University of Arizona*
- *1st Runner Up (\$1500) – Laura Call Gomez, Grayson HS Tech Ed – Georgia Institute of Technology*
- *2nd Runner Up (\$1050) – William Susskind, Paul Duke STEM HS – Georgia Institute of Technology*

Joe Abraham Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Abraham Family – *This is awarded in memory of their son, Joe Abraham, who passed away at the young age of 19 due to fentanyl poisoning. The ideal candidate is one who has overcome obstacles and a path to success has been found. They will also be attending a two-or four-year college, or accredited technical school.*

- *Ava Madison Belflower, North Gwinnett HS – **Flagler College***

Joel Alan Rutledge Scholarship *Sponsored by family and friends of Joel Alan Rutledge in his memory – This scholarship award is for South Gwinnett High School students only.*

- *AJ Pigford, South Gwinnett HS – **Princeton University***
- *Frankee Payne, South Gwinnett HS – **Georgia State University***

Judy Patterson Legacy Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) *Sponsored by the Judy Patterson Family – This scholarship award is given in honor of community volunteer Judy Barrow Patterson presented to an Archer High School senior who has demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, good character.*

- *Malik Bailey, Archer HS – **Duke University***

Kerensa Wing Principles of Service Scholarship (\$1,000) *Sponsored by the Collins Hill Education Foundation – This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior at Collins Hill High School who wanting to give back to the community by going to a post-secondary school in a service field (teacher, police, fire fighter, etc.).*

- *Brownetta Samukai, Collins Hill HS – **Emory University***

Louise Radloff Scholarship (\$5,000) *Sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union - This scholarship recognizes one Gwinnett County senior who has overcome a significant personal challenge in order to graduate. This fund was established in 2004 in honor of four decades of service by former Gwinnett County Board of Education member Louise Radloff*

- *Chelsea Nguyen, Mill Creek HS – **Duke University***

Mark A. Herndon Mathematics, Science, Technology Scholarship (\$1,000) *Sponsored by the Mark Herndon Family - This scholarship is awarded to a GCPS senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in mathematics, science, or technology preferably at (but not limited to) the University of Georgia*

- *Nayan Revankar, Duluth HS – **Georgia Institute of Technology***

Outstanding Senior Athlete Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.*

- *Joshua Hernandez, Meadowcreek HS – **Georgia Institute of Technology***
- *Christopher Carrera Hernandez, Berkmar HS – **Kennesaw University***
- *J'Myya Williams, Meadowcreek HS – **University of Georgia***
- *Aziyah Durant, Duluth HS – **Kennesaw State University***

Outstanding Senior Athlete GoFan Sponsored Scholarship (\$500) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.*

- *Candace White, Shiloh HS – **Drexel University***
- *Brandon Woolfolk, Archer HS – **University of Central Florida***

Outstanding Senior Athlete Northside Orthopedic Institute Sponsored Scholarship (\$500) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how*

athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.

- *Kate Phelan, Brookwood HS – Georgia State University*
- *Samantha Fadely, Lanier HS – Georgia Gwinnett College*
- *Carter Dehnke, Brookwood HS – Augusta University*
- *Cade Brown, Parkview HS – University of Georgia*

Outstanding Senior Athlete Georgia Swarm Sponsored Scholarship (\$1,000) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.*

- *Emma Clifford, Seckinger HS – University of Mississippi*

Outstanding Senior Athlete Scholastic Images Sponsored Scholarship (\$500) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.*

- *Kenya Perry, Central Gwinnett HS - Texas State University*

Outstanding Senior Athlete Coca Cola Sponsored Scholarship (\$500) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.*

- *Megan Connor, Mountain View HS – Huntington College*
- *Tahia Morgan, Lanier HS – Clayton State University*

Outstanding Senior Athlete Shuma, Robby Hunter Sponsored Scholarship (\$1,000) *Recipients of this scholarship must submit an application to the district athletic office for this scholarship describing how athletics have impacted their lives and how their participation in athletics will affect their life as a college student and beyond and be involved in community service.*

- *Darren Coleman, Central Gwinnett HS – Furman University*

Reid Mullins Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Reid Mullins Family - *This scholarship award is presented to a one or more seniors from South Gwinnett HS in honor of Reid Mullins, Gwinnett's first middle school principal.*

- *Adrian (AJ) Pigford, South Gwinnett HS – Princeton University*

Rev. In Soo Jung Scholarship I (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Rev. In Soo Jung Family - *This scholarship is for a GCPS senior, with priority given to Asian Christian males, who has plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study.*

- *Christine Le, Central Gwinnett HS – University of Georgia*

Rev. In Soo Jung Scholarship II (\$1,000) Sponsored by the Rev. In Soo Jung Family - *This scholarship is for a GCPS senior, with priority given to applicants with financial need, of the Christian faith, and who were raised by a single mom.*

- *Adam Conner, Mill Creek HS – University of North Georgia*

The Spirit of Phoenix Scholarship (\$1,000) - *This is a one-time award of \$1,000 in honor of Robert L. Campbell. The faculty of Phoenix High School will select the winner. One or more recipients may be named.*

- *Emily Amandla Clarke, Phoenix HS – Gwinnett Technical College*

Susan D. Headley Scholarship (\$500) - This scholarship is for a student who exhibits good character, a love of learning, a desire to further his or her education, and is eligible for post-secondary education. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors of Archer High School only.

- *Anisha Dieujuste, Archer HS – Mercer University, Macon*

Sweetwater Scholarship (\$500) – This scholarship is offered to Berkmar HS seniors who attended Sweetwater MS and plans to attend college in the fall. The purpose of the SMS Scholarship is to raise college awareness at SMS, affect the graduation rate at Berkmar HS, increase the vertical work between the schools, rally community support, and assist deserving students with financial need.

- *Zoey Harvin, Berkmar HS – Point University*

Teaching as a Profession Scholarship (\$500 - \$1,000) Co-sponsored by the GCPS Foundation and Georgia United Credit Union - This scholarship is awarded to seniors enrolled in the Early Childhood Education and Teaching as a Profession programs who are planning to pursue education degrees in college.

- *Tierra Arreail Maclin, Berkmar HS – Georgia State University*
- *Riley Jacob Knapp, Brookwood HS – University of North Georgia*
- *Kayla Nicole Hartzell, Grayson HS – Georgia Gwinnett College*
- *Milene Isabella Trinidad-Gomez, Mountain View HS – University of North Georgia, Gainesville*
- *Brendan Patrick Colavecchio, North Gwinnett HS – Georgia College and State University*

The Brendan and Alex Elbaz Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) – Sponsored by Mother Joy Crowe

This scholarship award is in memory of Brenden Elbaz who passed from a drug overdose in 2011, and Alex Elbaz who lost his life to Fentanyl poisoning in 2020. Brenden and Alex were loved immensely by their family, friends and all those that knew them. They both encountered personal challenges which they battled to overcome, and each will be remembered in that spirit.

- *Alexis Ramirez-Trejo, Berkmar HS – Georgia Institute of Technology*

The Sower's Scholarship (\$2,500) Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lockett, is awarded to participants in the Community-Based Mentoring Program who have distinguished themselves through their character, leadership, as an example for others, and will attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)

- *Amir Solomon, South Gwinnett HS – Tennessee State University*

The Spirit of Phoenix High School Scholarship (\$1,000) Sponsored by Phoenix High School –

is awarded in memory of Robert L. Campbell who served as the Founding Principal of Phoenix HS from 1988-1994. Since 1988, our Founding Motto remains, "We exist for Students" and this scholarship provides important support for students who have faced and overcome tremendous challenges to pursue their postsecondary plans upon graduation.

- *Emily Clarke – Gwinnett Technical College*

UES Robbie Susan Moore Scholarship (\$2,000) Sponsored by United Ebony Society of Gwinnett -

Founded in 2011 to honor the community service of Robbie Susan Moore, this scholarship recognizes college-bound seniors dedicated to serving the community.

- *Kayla Nicole Favor Ssendagire, Brookwood HS – University of Georgia*