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### **Students Named Governor's Honors Program Finalists**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Governor's Honors Program (GHP) 2019 finalists have been announced by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. Of 50 nominees from Houston County, 10 exceptional students were selected as finalists and one as an alternate. The honorees will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting on April 9.

More than 3,200 students were nominated from across the state, with 1,600 chosen as semi-finalists and up to 670 as finalists. Congratulations to the following students:

- **Houston County High** - Alicia Roland, Social Studies; Lauren Booth, Visual Arts; Rumi Lee, Engineering, Mechanical Design; Jack Truxal, Mathematics (alternate);
- **Perry High** - Ariana Collier, Communicative Arts; Jackson Riddle, Theatre Performance;
- **Veterans High** - Colleen Gibbons, Communicative Arts; Ethan Dorr, Music Voice, Bass; Gabriela Chauta, Dance; Isha Shah, Biology; and
- **Warner Robins High** – Farinaz Zahiri, Social Studies.

GHP is a residential, four-week program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors this summer. GHP will take place June 16 – July 13, 2019, at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom. It is designed to provide students with academic, cultural and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators and leaders. Participants attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study and enjoy a variety of social and instructional opportunities every evening.

GHP began in 1964 and the 2019 program will be the 56<sup>th</sup> summer, making it the longest continually running program of its kind in the nation. Fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, it is free of charge to participants. More information is available at: <https://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program>. One may also contact the Director of Gifted Education, Jan Jacobsen, at [Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net](mailto:Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net) or 478-988-6200, ext. 10393.

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