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### **Houston County High Senior Named National Beta Club Top Scholar and Elks National Foundation MVS Scholar**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County High School senior Jeremiah de Sesto has been named the top recipient of the 2019 National Beta Scholarship Program. As the highest Beta Scholar, de Sesto was awarded \$20,000. He won the top award from among more than 3,400 national and international student applicants.

National Beta awards over \$300,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding seniors. Winners are based on several factors, with special emphasis on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, commendable character, school and community service and National Beta involvement.

“National Beta members are among the top students in their respective school. We’re thrilled that our program defrays some of the expense of these students’ first year in college and helps bring them closer to the attainment of their goals,” said National Beta CEO, Bobby Hart.

Jeremiah is an exemplary example of a Beta Scholar. He served as the 2017-2018 National Beta Club President and Georgia Beta Club President. He also serves as the district representative for Student Council in addition to his Beta Club service. Jeremiah a member of the school’s Marching Band and Wind Symphony, tennis team, Future Business Leaders of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Health Occupations Students of America, Debate Team, History Club and Spanish Club.

For more information about the National Beta Club Scholarship, please visit <https://www.betaclub.org/scholarship>.

Jeremiah has also been named a 2019 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholar. One of 500 scholars out of an application pool of over 20,000, he will receive a \$4,000 college scholarship.

The Elks National Foundation MVS Award recognizes leaders who have made worthwhile contributions in their community, state and nation. The organization looks for a combination of leadership, academic achievements and records, as well as community involvement when choosing their scholars. For more information on the Elks National Foundation MVS Award, please visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>.

Houston County High is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Dr. Doug Rizer serves as principal.

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