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Houston County's 2018 Governor's Honors Finalists



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Georgia Department of Education recently notified school systems the Governor's Honors nominees who have been selected to attend the 2018 Governor's Honors Program (GHP). Seven of Houston County's sophomores and juniors who interviewed at the state level were named finalists.

Houston County's 2018 GHP finalists were recognized by the Board of Education at the April 10 Board meeting. The honorees are pictured (from left) with certificates presented during the meeting:

- Katelyn Allen, Veterans High Communicative Arts;
- Madison Wyttenbach, Veterans High, Communicative Arts;
- Aakash Arora, Veterans High, Science;
- Emily Howell, Warner Robins High, Communicative Arts;
- Makiyah Dee, Warner Robins High, Communicative Arts;
- Trajan Clayton, Perry High, Theatre Performance; and
- Madelyn Prickett, Houston County High, Communicative Arts.

Finalists are invited to participate in the GHP at Berry College in Rome, Ga. for four weeks, beginning June 17, 2018. Fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, GHP is free of charge to participants.

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This will be the 55th year, making GHP the longest continually running program of its kind in the nation. More than 3,000 students were nominated to the state level competition and nearly 1,700 participated in the state selection process.

The Georgia GHP is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. The program offers instruction 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.

GHP is held in mid-June to mid-July as a residential educational experience on a college or university campus. Students attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study, and they participate in a wide variety of social and instructional opportunities every evening. Meals and rooms are provided by the program with the only expected costs to the students being travel expenses to and from the interviews, a few basic supplies for classes and dorm rooms, and spending money as desired during the program.

More information about GHP is available at: <https://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program>. You may also contact the Director of Gifted Education, Jan Jacobsen, at Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net or 478-988-6200, ext. 10393.

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