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25 Students Named Governor's Honors Program Semifinalists

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Georgia Department of Education has named Governor's Honors semifinalists for the 2019 Governor's Honors Program (GHP). Over 3,200 students were nominated from across the state, and close to 1,700 were selected as semifinalists. Of Houston County's 50 nominees, 25 were named semifinalists. They now advance to interviews and auditions which will be held Feb. 23, 2019, at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

Congratulations to our honorees!

Houston County High – Alyssa Bonifacio, Visual Arts; Lauren Booth, Visual Arts; Rumi Lee, Engineering; Vishesh Patel, Science; Alicia Roland, Social Studies; and Jack Truxal, Mathematics.

Northside High – Arthur White III, Mathematics.

Perry High – Skyler Bullard, Communicative Arts; Ariana Collier, Communicative Arts; Colson Jones, Science; and Jackson Riddle, Theatre.

Veterans High – Matthew Babbitt, Mathematics; Hannah Barbour, Communicative Arts; Gabriela Chauta, Dance; Ethan Dorr, Music; Colleen Gibbons, Communicative Arts; Rebecca Kenny, Mathematics; Isha Shah, Science; and Natalie van Slyke, Science.

Warner Robins High – Peyton Page, Communicative Arts; McKenzie Schmidt, World Languages; Alyssa Stewart, Visual Arts; Bela Venditti, Social Studies; Farinaz Zahiri, Social Studies; and Shu Lin Zheng, Visual Arts.

The 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 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.

GHP began in 1964 and the 2019 program will be the 56th 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 about GHP 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 or 478-988-6200, ext. 10393.

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