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Houston County's 2019 Governor's Honors Nominees

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County high schools have nominated 50 students for the 2019 Governor's Honors Program (GHP). Students are nominated for one of the following areas: Communicative Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Engineering, Agricultural Science, World Languages, Theatre, Music, Dance, and Visual Arts.

Managed by the Governor's Office for Student Achievement, GHP is a residential, four-week summer program for gifted and talented high school students. Held at Berry College, the program offers instruction significantly different from the typical high school classroom. It is designed to provide students with free, academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators and leaders.

Director of Gifted Education Jan Jacobsen said, "GHP is a popular program and very competitive. Being nominated is truly an accomplishment and honor. Congratulations to the students from our five high schools. We wish them every success with the application process and with the interviews and/or performances. GHP's past participants state that the experience significantly is a 'life-changing experience' and that the program impacts their lives in the most positive way. They thoroughly enjoy spending four weeks with peers who share a similar passion for learning."

Ideal candidates possess these qualities: enthusiastic interest in GHP, independent learner, high academic performance, gifted and talented in content area, welcomes challenges and has a positive commitment to learning. More than 3,000 nominees from across Georgia apply. A selection committee reviews all applications and then invites semi-finalists to interview in February 2019. Of those semi-finalists interviewed, up to 670 finalists will be notified of selection and acceptance requirements/timeline of participation.

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. Semi-finalists will be announced on Jan. 25, 2019; they will then attend the interview stage at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, on Feb. 23, 2019. The nominees are pictured by school.

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Houston County High School: (front row, from left) Shivani Narain (math), Rumi Lee (engineering), Emma Ringe (math), Vennela Gosukonda (communicative arts), May Rubalcava (math), Alyssa Bonifacio (visual arts), and Alicia Roland (social studies); (back row, from left) Lauren Booth (visual arts), Vishesh Patel (science), Bhumi Patel (science), Jack Truxal (math), Justin Whilby (social studies), Henry Pham (social studies) and Principal Dr. Doug Rizer

Northside High School: (front to back, from left) (communicative arts), Bryan Avila (theatre), (math), Genesis Harris (music), Isabelle Finch (arts), Brianna Beard (agriculture), Arthur White, III (science).
Not pictured: Willem Wilcox (math)



Kyzah Hammonds
Willow Truman
(communicative
math) and Kody



Perry High School: (bottom to top rows, from left) – Sade Collier (communicative arts), Skyler Bullard (communicative arts), Elias Treadway (social studies), Jackson Riddle (theatre), Griffin Peavy (visual arts), Austen Leslie (science), Colson Jones (science) and Brenley Fouse (music).

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Veterans High School: (front to back, from left) Amory Perman (Visual Arts), Rebecca Kenny (math), Isha Shah (science), Hannah Barbour (communicative arts), Colleen Gibbons (communicative arts), Marché Green (science), Matthew Babbitt (math), Ethan Dorr (vocal), Triston French (agriculture) and Natalie VanSlyke (science).



Warner Robins High School: (front row, from left) Farinaz Zahiri (social studies), Anastacia Del Rio (communicative arts) Alyssa Stewart (visual arts), Shu Lin Zheng (visual arts), (back) Reina Abram (social studies), McKenzie Schmidt (world languages), Bela Venditti (social studies) and Peyton Page (communicative arts).

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