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STAR Student and Teacher Named During Rotary Meeting

LaGrange, Ga., March 9, 2022 – Today, five students and teachers were honored during the 2022 Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) hosted by the Rotary Club. **Isaiah Jon Tusing from Lafayette Christian School** was named Troup County’s STAR Student.

For over 60 years, a top academic senior in each participating Georgia high school is named the STAR student for that high school. Created to focus public attention on Georgia’s outstanding students and teachers, this program showcases the academic achievement of students and a chosen educator who was instrumental in their development.

To obtain this nomination, students must have the highest score in one sitting on the three-part Scholastic Assessment Test taken through the November test date of their senior year. They must also be in the top 10 percent or be one of the top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Each high school STAR student is asked to name his/her STAR teacher.

For the occasion, students also prepared a response on the topic of:

- *The STAR Teacher I Chose Made a Difference in My Life*

Each student read their response at the podium with their teacher by their side.

Tusing will now advance to the regional competition in Columbus on March 14 and the winners at that level will go on to compete for the state STAR award. The complete list of STAR students and teachers are:

Callaway High School

STAR Student:	Charlie Lin
STAR Teacher:	Keauna Shoemake
Parents:	Min Hui Lin
Principal:	Mr. Jason Graham
College	Ga Tech/UGA – Computer Science

Lafayette Christian School

STAR Student:	Isaiah Jon Tusing
STAR Teacher:	Whitney Humphries
Parents:	Russell and Sarah Tusing
School Superintendent:	Mr. John Cipolla
College	Undecided – Computer Science

LaGrange Academy

STAR Student:	Eun Seo Cho
STAR Teacher:	Mrs. Janice Ingram
Parents:	Young Do Cho and Young Mi Kim
Head Master:	Mr. Brian Dolinger

College

Undecided – International Affairs/Political Science

LaGrange High School

STAR Student: Lauren Grace Park
STAR Teacher: Kenneth Moore
Parents: Hye Rye Park
Principal: Mr. Alton White
College: Emory or UGA – International Affairs

Troup County High School

STAR Student: Carson Paul Huff
STAR Teacher: Mr. Chance Giddens
Parents: Lamar and Cynthia Huff
Principal: Ms. Elizabeth Watts
College: Georgia Institute of Technology – Bio Medical Engineering

Photo 1: Isaiah Tusing tells why he chose his STAR Teacher, Whitney Humphries.

Photo 2: Isaiah Tusing with his STAR Teacher, Whitney Humphries

Photo 3: All five STAR students with their teachers.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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