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CCPS Celebrates Outstanding Student and Educator Achievements in Gifted & Advanced Learning

Excellence in GHP, Topical Talk, Stock Market Game, and Science Olympiad

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools is excited to announce several outstanding achievements by our gifted students and dedicated educators, reflecting the academic excellence and talent that thrive across our district.

On behalf of Clayton County Public Schools, the Gifted & Advanced Learning Department proudly recognizes five remarkable scholars who have been named 2025 finalists for the prestigious Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP), a highly competitive summer residential experience designed to offer advanced educational opportunities for Georgia's most exceptional high school students. Congratulations to Xuong Tran (Mathematics) and Malachi Hall (World Languages – Chinese) of Elite Scholars Academy, along with Jordan Green (Music – Voice: Tenor), Oluwaseun Soboyejo (Theatre), and Dameon Fuller (Theatre) of Martha Ellen Stilwell School for the Performing Arts. These students have demonstrated excellence, passion, and dedication in their respective fields and will proudly represent Clayton County.

Clayton County Public Schools also celebrates the impressive success of several schools, educators, and students who participated in the 2025 Topical Talk Festival, an international event hosted by the Economist Educational Foundation. This global forum encouraged critical thinking and dialogue around real-world topics, and our scholars rose to the occasion in a big way. Elite Scholars Academy was named the CCPS Outstanding School, and several classes from Thurgood Marshall, River's Edge, Lee Street, Adamson Middle, and Elite Scholars Academy received awards for top performance on festival leaderboards. We also recognize the outstanding contributions of teachers Echo See, Misha Thompson, Iyanna James, Devinn Hill, Charmaine Benson, Kenneth Clark, Shannon Williams, Iona Rawls, Niecy Hines, and William Cohen, along with numerous educators who received certificates of participation. Their collective efforts elevated student voices and highlighted the district's commitment to global engagement and academic excellence.

In the area of financial literacy, Clayton County Public Schools proudly recognizes Ms. Misha Thompson and her exceptional fourth-grade team—Bryson Bradford, Nicholas Poe, and Yeison Chavez Lopez—at Kemp Elementary for being named Congressional District Winners in the Spring 2025 Georgia Stock Market Game. Their top performance demonstrates strong collaboration, strategic thinking, and a high level of financial awareness. As part of their recognition, the team will receive medals, certificates, a congratulatory pennant for Ms. Thompson, and an invitation to the annual Stock Market Game Awards Luncheon at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

Lastly, the district extends heartfelt congratulations to the brilliant young scientists who participated in the 2025 Elementary Science Olympiad. This dynamic event brought together students in grades K–5 from eight participating schools to compete in engaging, hands-on science challenges that encouraged teamwork and critical thinking. In the K–2 Division, Haynie Elementary earned 1st Place, Kemp Primary placed 2nd, and Unidos Elementary placed 3rd. In the 3rd–5th Grade Division, Unidos Elementary claimed 1st Place, followed by Marshall Elementary in 2nd and Northcutt Elementary in 3rd. We commend all students,

coaches, and families who made this event a success and helped ignite a lasting love for STEM in our elementary learners.

Clayton County Public Schools remains committed to nurturing excellence in gifted and advanced learning, and we are proud to celebrate these incredible accomplishments as a reflection of the talent, innovation, and commitment of our students and educators.

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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