

GSD CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Santos Castanon-Gonzales, Tramaine Hutchins, Isaiah McGee, Yovanni Morales-Romero, and Raybon Zinn received their diplomas and turned their tassels, becoming the newest GSD alumni on Tuesday. The ceremony included a personal message from Georgia's Superintendent of Schools, Richards Woods. Valedictorian Raybon Zinn and Salutatorian Yovanni Morales-Romero spoke about their journeys at GSD and what they had learned that will help them in the future. Commencement speaker DeMarco Pittman, Treasurer of the Georgia Association for the Deaf, spoke inspiringly about remembering that you are enough, you are fearless and bold, you can stand up and gain a successful life. The Design choir's amazing performance had people sniffing back tears. Everyone enjoyed a lovely reception after graduation. A lot of photos were taken, a lot of hugs were given, and many memories were made. Thank you to everyone who made graduation happen, including Graduation Sponsor Tiffany Pauling-Brown, GSD administrators, the IT team, the maintenance and housekeeping teams, the Hospitality Committee and Nutrition staff, Beth Bell, Marie Dickinson, Bussey's Florist of Cedartown, and Johnson's of Jacksonville for the ferns. Thank you to everyone who helped the graduates learn, grow, and succeed during their years at GSD—their families, their teachers, their RAs, and their friends. We are so proud of you, Class of 2025, and wish you the best of luck in your future!



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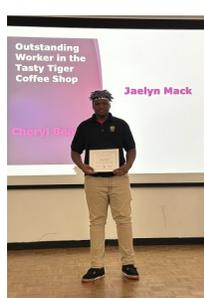
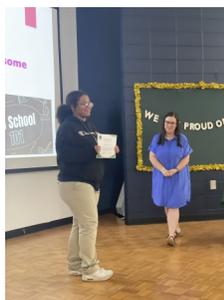
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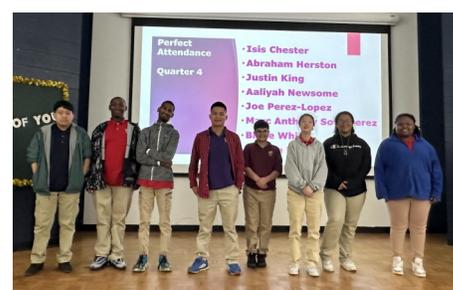
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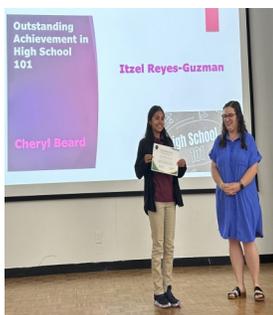
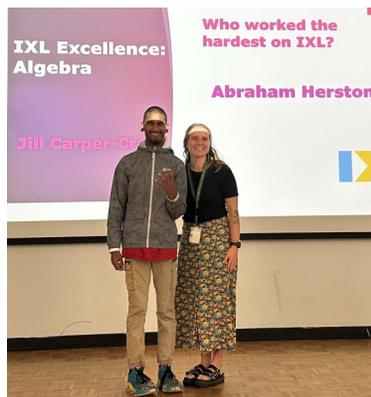
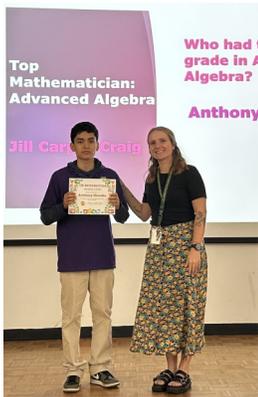
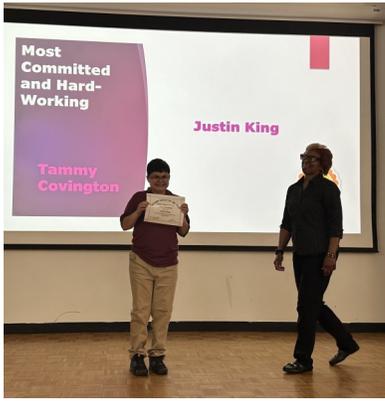
Awards

GSD ended the year by recognizing the hard work of our students this year. Outstanding achievement and significant improvement were common awards. Some students received some very special awards. We are all so proud of our students' learning and growing!



High School Awards





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Elementary Awards



The 5th grade students completed their Fire Prevention at Level Five Fire Safety course, which is provided by the Rome-Floyd County Fire Department.

Zaiden Morrison and Maria Chun Vasquez achieved the highest student growth scores on the STAR Reading assessment. Each was awarded a bicycle, courtesy of the Mackey Masonic Lodge in Cave Spring.

Thank you so much to our community partners!

Middle School Awards



Last Day!!

Dana Tarter's class celebrated the last day of school with fun pictures, dancing, and a celebration of all they have learned this year. Great job, everyone!!

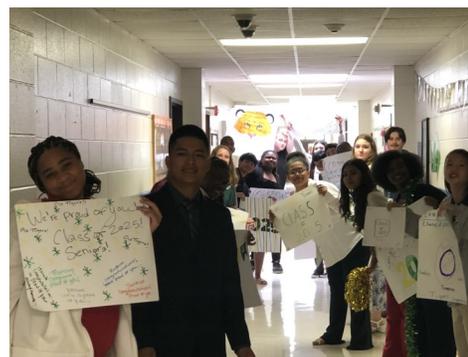
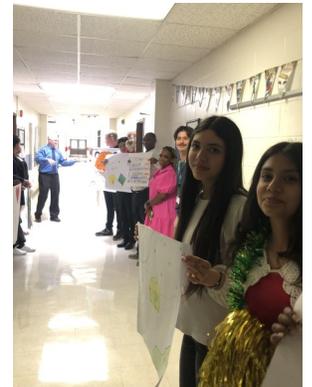
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of
SCHOOL!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Sports Awards



Senior Breakfast and Tiger Walk

GSD has two great traditions for our graduating seniors. The Senior Breakfast, hosted by the Hospitality Committee (Jamie Weeden-Herston, Malloy Edge, Cheryl Beard, Jennifer Sanford, Maddison DeStefano), is a special time when seniors invite guests who are important to them to a delicious and elegant meal. Guests and the seniors share stories about their time at GSD. The Senior Tiger Walk allows everyone at GSD to cheer our soon-to-be alumni as they travel around the campus.



Upcoming Events

- Saturday 8/2 Registration Day and Title I Family Meeting, Dorm Students
- Sunday 8/3 Registration Day and Title I Family Meeting, Day Students

• Wednesday 8/6 First Day of School 2025-2026





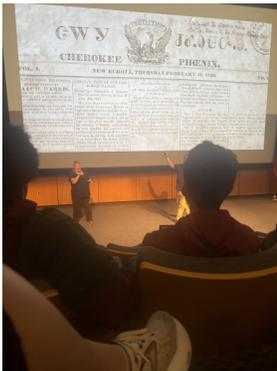
Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Jillian Carper-Craig, who was selected as GSD's Teacher of the Year! Jillian teaches High School Math. We all wish her good luck as she will next vie for the honor of State Schools' Teacher of the Year. Thank you, Jillian, for your hard work and dedication to our students and the lasting relationships you build with them.



High School Trips

The High School visited the Booth Western Art Museum, Bartow History Museum, and the Etowah Indian Mounds, all in Cartersville. They saw amazing works of art and learned how they depicted aspects of America as it expanded westward and the impact on indigenous peoples and culture. They also learned how Native Americans in our area lived and the history of Americans moving farther and farther west. For Fun Day, the students enjoyed roller skating.



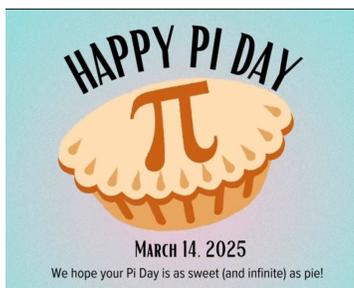
De'VIA Art Contest

Students in Julie Burton's ASL I and ASL II classes created De'VIA artwork. De'VIA, which stands for Deaf View/Image Art, is a visual art movement created by Deaf artists to express their Deaf experiences. A contest was held to honor the best pieces. Several students' projects reflected the loss of their friend, Noah Tripp. It was a hard contest to judge, as there were so many wonderful creations! Kudos to all the artists and congratulations to Itzel, Joe, Natalie, and Blake for winning the contest!



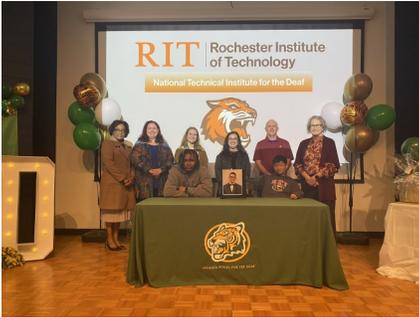
Optimist Club Communication Contest

Several High School students competed in the Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Students composed speeches on the topic of using optimism to overcome obstacles with the support of ELA teacher Mallory Edge. All of the students did very well. Congratulations to Parris McCrory, Amaya Mason, and Isaiah McGee for finishing in the top three.



Pi Day

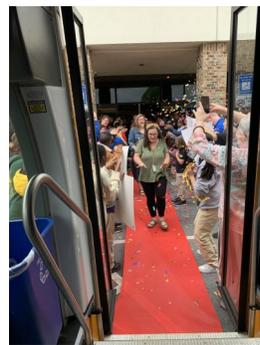
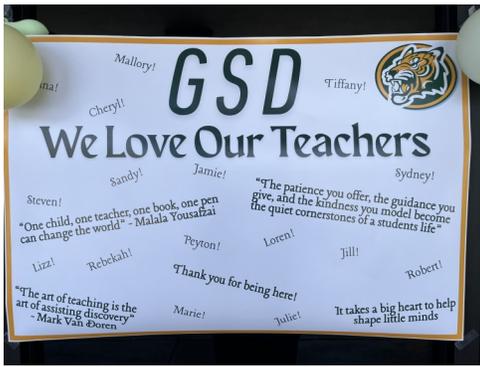
In a fun activity to celebrate Pi Day (3.14 are the first 3 digits of pi, so March 14th), Middle School Math teacher Tiffany Pauling-Brown challenged her students to memorize as many of the first 100 digits of pi as possible. They did great! And WOW to the winner Zaida Perez Jacobo—she knew SEVENTY! The winners got little pies! :) Check out some of the videos on Facebook!



Three graduating seniors—Raybon Zinn, Isaiah McGee, and Yovanni Morales-Romero (who sadly was sick and not able to attend)—were all accepted to the Rochester Institute of Technology’s National Technical College for the Deaf (RIT/NTID) in New York! GSD Superintendent Sharion Gooden hosted a “Signing Day” event to recognize their achievement and encourage all GSD students to aim high. NTID Admissions Counselor John Reid joined the event by Zoom, the High School teachers shared words of congratulations and gifts, and then the whole senior class went out to celebrate at La Cabana, the local Mexican restaurant. We are so proud of these young men!



Friends!



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teachers were bowled over by the appreciation they got from GSD administration and students! Students sharing with their teachers, gifts, a special breakfast and off-campus lunch, and more surprises! A wonderful week!

Last Day of School!



Elementary students had fun making arts and crafts projects on the last day of school!

Happy Summer! See you in August!





Title I and Family Input Meetings

Saturday, 2 August: Dorm Students
Sunday, 3 August: Day Students

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Learn about
GSD's Title I
Program!



Meetings are held
on both
registration days.



Share your
feedback and
suggestions!

Student Services will send out information about scheduling your registration appointment time. You are invited to attend these two meetings after your registration appointment.



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Título I y Reuniones de aporte familiar

Sábado 2 de agosto:
estudiantes de dormitorio
Domingo 3 de agosto: alumnos de día

Georgia School for the Deaf



¡Aprenda sobre el programa Título I de GSD!



Las reuniones se celebran en ambos días de inscripción.



¡Comparte tus comentarios y sugerencias!

El Departamento de Servicios Estudiantiles le enviará información sobre cómo programar su cita de inscripción. Le invitamos a asistir a estas dos reuniones después de su cita de inscripción.



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