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Richmond County School System Student Named 2026 Georgia Scholar

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Kate Thomas, a Richmond County School System student, was named a 2026 Georgia Scholar by the Georgia Department of Education on April 1, 2026. As a senior at John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, she is one of only 162 graduating seniors across the state to receive this distinction. This honor is granted to students who have achieved excellence in their academic careers and within their communities.

"It's an honor to see a Richmond County student recognized as a Georgia Scholar this year," said Shawnda Stovall, president of the Richmond County Board of Education. "Kate has worked hard throughout high school, not only carrying an exemplary course load but also serving as a leader outside of the classroom. She is a fine example of the dedication and community spirit we strive to foster within our school system."

The Georgia Scholar program, coordinated by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) in partnership with local school districts, identifies students who excel beyond the standard curriculum. To be selected, students must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and active participation in school and community activities. They are also required to serve as leaders in extracurricular and service organizations, maintaining a balance between rigorous scholarship and civic duty. Each honoree receives a seal for their diploma along with a graduation cord to recognize their achievement.

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