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Elite Scholars Academy Students Make History as Georgia's First AICE Diploma Recipients

The six seniors have become the first in Georgia to earn this prestigious diploma

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) proudly celebrates a historic milestone at Elite Scholars Academy (ESA): six students have become the first in Georgia to earn the prestigious Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma. The achievement represents the culmination of three years of rigorous coursework, international examinations, perseverance, and commitment to academic excellence.

Elite Scholars Academy proudly recognizes Georgia's first Cambridge AICE Diploma recipients:

- Mayra Angel — AICE Diploma, Merit
- Denzel Garcia Padilla — AICE Diploma, Merit
- Xuan Nhi Huynh — AICE Diploma, Pass
- Uyen (Julie) Ly — AICE Diploma, Distinction
- Excel Omoloso — AICE Diploma, Distinction
- Vanessa Taylor — AICE Diploma, Merit

"I congratulate the Elite Scholars Academy students for earning the diplomas and the ESA staff for preparing them for this feat," said Dr. Douglas Hendrix, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. To be the first students in Georgia to accomplish this is quite amazing!"

The Cambridge AICE Diploma is an internationally recognized qualification earned through Cambridge International AS & A Level coursework and examinations. To earn the diploma, students must accumulate at least seven Cambridge credits, including the required Cambridge International AS Level Global Perspectives & Research course, and earn credits across Mathematics and Sciences, Languages, and Arts and Humanities. Based on examination performance, students may earn the diploma at the Pass, Merit, or Distinction level.

Elite Scholars Academy also proudly recognizes the Cambridge teachers whose courses contributed to these scholars meeting the requirements for the AICE Diploma: Ms. Marie Dupuy, Cambridge Classical Studies; Mr. Jamin LeBoeuf, Cambridge English General Paper; Mrs. Elizabeth Brakebill and Mr. Clifford J. Smith, Cambridge Psychology; Mr. Eric Gregory, Cambridge English Language; Mrs. Reshawndra Hutchins-Trapp, Cambridge Environmental Management; Ms. Lee Wright, Cambridge Global Perspectives & Research; and Mrs. Cassandra Gardner, Cambridge Thinking Skills.

This achievement also reflects the sustained vision and steadfast commitment of Principal Samuel Wayne West; ESA's Magnet/Cambridge Program Coordinator, Dr. Justin J. Spurley; the school's administrative team; Cambridge teachers; counselors; students; and families. Together, they have built a comprehensive Cambridge pathway that gives ESA students access to internationally benchmarked academic opportunities.

To view photos of the diploma recipients, please click **here**.

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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. ###