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Twelve Seniors in Houston County Named as 2025 Georgia Scholars



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Twelve seniors from the Houston County School District were named as 2025 Georgia Scholars by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). Georgia Scholars exhibit excellence in all phases of school life, community activities, and in the home. They carry rigorous course loads during their four years of high school and perform at the highest levels in all courses.

These students also successfully participated in interscholastic events and have assumed active roles in extracurricular activities. [Click here to view the full criteria for the program.](#)

The following students named as Georgia Scholars will receive a special seal for their diploma and a district designed graduation cord to note this distinguished recognition:

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| ★ Abigail Bragg, Houston County High | ★ Cecilia O'Neill, Perry High School |
| ★ Marshall Honaker, Houston County High | ★ Judson Perdue, Veterans High School |
| ★ Ruxanda Malcoci, Houston County High | ★ Jackson Sawyer, Veterans High School |
| ★ Youngjun Park, Houston County High | ★ Tristan Smith, Veterans High School |
| ★ Griffin Quang Houston County High | ★ William Vinup, Veterans High School |
| ★ Daniel Chun, Perry High School | ★ Rebecca Winters, Veterans High School |

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"These students represent the some of the most accomplished seniors in Houston County," said Olethia Calhoun, Director of Gifted Education. "Their commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom has earned them this well-deserved recognition, and we couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved."

A total of 145 students statewide were named as a Georgia Scholar. The Georgia Scholar program is coordinated by the GaDOE Excellence Recognition Office and through local coordinators in school systems across the state.

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