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### **Houston County STAR Students and Teachers Honored** *Houston County High Student Wins County Honors*



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce and Perry Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) ceremony on Tuesday, January 27. The ceremony recognized STAR Students and Teachers from each high school, and the county winner was announced for the first time.

The 2026 STAR Students and Teachers from the Houston County School District are:

- Houston County High: Michael Do and teacher Jenny Jackson
- Northside High: Mihir Tailor and teacher Sid Littlefield
- Perry High: Sarah Golden and teacher Tiffany Frank
- Veterans High: Annie White and teacher Shawn White
- Warner Robins High: Quinn Hammond and teacher Nicholas Sostillio

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Michael Do from Houston County High School earned the highest honor and will each be recognized at the Regional STAR event in March.

The Chamber of Commerce presented each STAR Student with a certificate and \$100. Their STAR Teacher also received a plaque. As the county STAR Student, Do received \$400 and Mrs. Jackson, as his STAR Teacher, received \$100.

“Earning the distinction of STAR Student doesn’t happen by accident,” shared Dr. Richard Rogers, Superintendent of Schools for the Houston County School District. “It represents countless hours of preparation, setting goals, pushing through challenges, and choosing to give your best even when it would have been easier not to. That kind of work ethic speaks volumes about who our students are and who they will be as future leaders.”

The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation sponsors, administers and promotes the STAR Program, which began in 1958 to focus attention on Georgia's outstanding students and teachers. To obtain the nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT. Students must also be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Each STAR student selects a STAR teacher who has been the most influential to their academic success.

For more information on the STAR Student and Teacher program, contact your local Chamber of Commerce.

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