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Eight Middle School Students in Houston County Awarded REACH Scholarships



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Eight middle school students in Houston County have been named a Realizing Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholar and were awarded \$10,000. The REACH Georgia program provides support for students with academic promise, to help them successfully progress from middle school through college, with a goal of earning a degree. The students will receive the scholarship funds upon high school graduation.

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One student was selected from each of the District's eight middle schools. The 2022 REACH Scholars are:

- Bonaire Middle: Elizabeth Tomberlin
- Feagin Mill Middle: TJ Wilson
- Huntington Middle: Cecelia Crain
- Mossy Creek Middle: Natalie Shanks
- Northside Middle: Bianca Alcantar
- Perry Middle: Billy Ray
- Thomson Middle: Torian Jackson
- Warner Robins Middle: Kendyll Bivins

REACH is designed to provide support for students by pairing them with an academic coach and mentor. Throughout enrollment in middle and high school, recipients will meet regularly with their academic coach and mentor. Meeting topics will include college and career planning, social interaction, life skills, study skills and academic supports available at school. Mentors undergo a detailed training orientation and receive ongoing training throughout the school year. The goal is for the mentors to stay with their assigned student through high school.

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