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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Finalists Selected for 2012 Governor's Honors Program

**(Columbus, GA)**- There are 15 Muscogee County School District students named as finalists for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP). The GHP is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. It is a function of the Georgia Department of Education and takes place on the campus of Valdosta State University (VSU). The 2012 program, in the 49<sup>th</sup> summer, is the longest continually running program of its kind in the nation.

More than 2,900 students from across the state were interviewed and auditioned over three weekends in January and February. 690 finalists were chosen from the nominees to participate in the 2012 program. The program is fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly and there is no charge for students to attend.

Students will arrive on the campus of VSU on Sunday, June 24. For four weeks, students will spend the morning in their major area of nomination and explore topics that are not usually found in the regular high school classroom. Students choose another area to study in the afternoons. The curriculum is challenging and engaging in all areas. Participants attend seminars, activities, concerts, and performances. Many, if not most of GHP's past participants, regard the Honor's Program as one of the most life-changing events in their lives.

Mr. Dale Lyles, the director, said, "GHP is such a competitive program that even being nominated is an accomplishment. I congratulate the students of Muscogee County School District and look forward to meeting them and their parents in June."

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Muscogee County School District Finalists for the 2012 Georgia Governor's Honors Program

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Area</b>
Columbus High Magnet	Barre	Chandler	Agriscience/Environ. Science
Columbus High Magnet	Bezner	Jeremia	Mathematics
Columbus High Magnet	Bray	Walton	Chemistry
Columbus High Magnet	Dabke	Isha	Spanish
Columbus High Magnet	Dickmann	Ryan	Mathematics
Columbus High Magnet	Hardin	Emily	Music/Voice (Soprano)
Columbus High Magnet	Huckaby	Richard	Music/Voice (Tenor)
Columbus High Magnet	Mason	Margaret	Communicative Arts
Columbus High Magnet	Nordin	Alexander	Mathematics
Columbus High Magnet	Philyaw	Alexandra	Social Studies
Columbus High Magnet	Sommer	Aaron	Mathematics
Columbus High Magnet	Venkatachalam	Sivakumar	Social Studies
Hardaway High	Copeland	Abigail	Spanish
Hardaway High	Kelley	Margaret	Social Studies
Northside High (Muscogee)	Rentz	Rebecca	Music/Piano
Northside High (Muscogee)	Seifert	Devyn	Music/Voice (Soprano)

More information about GHP can be found on the Department of Education website ([www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org)) under the division of School Improvement.

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