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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Governor's Honors Program Finalists**

**(Columbus, GA)**-Sixteen (16) students in Muscogee County School District (MCSD) are finalists for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program. The Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. The program is hosted at Valdosta State University (VSU) in Valdosta, GA.

Nearly 3,000 students from across the state were interviewed and auditioned over two weekends in January and February. 690 finalists were chosen.

### **MCSD 2014 GHP Finalists**

Mary Alford	Columbus High	Theatre Performance
Blakeley Barte	Columbus High	Communicative Arts
John Barton	Columbus High	Mathematics
Yarad Dabke	Columbus High	Social Studies
Kyla Kalugdan	Hardaway High	Chemistry
Chason McKay	Northside High	Communicative Arts
Miller May	Hardaway High	Music
Tucker Oliver	Columbus High	Ag/Science/Environmental
Ekta Parab	Columbus High	Communicative Arts
Brooks Peacock	Northside High	Chemistry
Ninad Prasade	Columbus High	Mathematics
Ishan Sahoo	Columbus High	Mathematics
Dhairya Shukla	Columbus High	Mathematics
Shivani Upadhayay	Columbus High	Mathematics
Dorothy VanDoorn	Columbus High	Biology
Andrew Young	Columbus High	Communicative Arts

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The GHP begins at Valdosta State University on Sunday, June 22, 2014, and lasts four weeks. Students spend the morning in the primary area of nomination and explore topics that are not usually found in the regular high school classroom. Students choose another challenging and engaging area to study in the afternoon and enjoy evenings, which include seminars, activities, concerts, and performances.

Since the program is fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, there is no charge for students to attend. The 2014 summer program is the 51st session. It is the longest running program of its kind in the nation.

For more information about GHP, access the Governor's Office of Student Achievement web site, <http://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program>.