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## MEDIA RELEASE

### G.W. Carver High School Earns AP Champion Award

**(Columbus, GA)**-George Washington Carver High School is one of five Georgia high schools and the *only* school in the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) to win the recently announced Advanced Placement (AP) Champion Award, which includes a \$500 stipend to advance its AP program. The AP award recognizes the efforts to eliminate barriers that restrict access to AP, evidence of efforts to ensure AP classes at the school reflect the diversity of the school's population, the illustration of intentions to build and sustain a positive culture around AP, and creative promotion of AP coursework.

"We have more than doubled the number of Pre-AP and AP classes, specifically from nine AP classes to twenty-five AP classes," said Principal Chris Lindsey. "In addition, we have more teachers who have been certified to teach AP than ever before, from eight to fourteen teachers, and we increased the number students who took the exam from six in 2014 to ninety-five in 2015."

According to the College Board data, Georgia now ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the percentage of students who score 3 or higher on at least one exam and one of 15 states to exceed the national average. In addition, the most recent statistics show 16,272 students in Georgia took the exam. Participation has risen without a drop in scores, increasing from 23.7 percent for the Class of 2005 to 44.7 percent for the Class of 2015. English Language and Composition was the most popular AP exam among Georgia test takers.

"We know that participation is also rising among groups of students who are traditionally underrepresented, and we know we must continue to expand this opportunity to all

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students in our state,” said State School Superintendent Richard Woods.

Students typically earn at least 3 college credits for each AP score of 3 or higher, and Georgia students recorded 91,413 of the scores in 2015. At an average rate of \$281.57 per credit hour, this represents a potential cost savings of \$77,217,475 for Georgia’s students and families.

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