

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Congratulations, Class of 2017!



The Gainesville City School System is proud of our Class of 2017 graduates and congratulates them for their many accomplishments and achievements. Best wishes to all of our graduates as they embark on an exciting new journey in pursuit of their dreams and aspirations!

Continue to uphold our strong tradition of excellence, and remember...GCSS tradition NEVER Graduates!!

Graduating Our Herd of Red Elephants



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

A Georgia Charter System

Wanda Creel, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Board Members

Brett Mercer, Chair
John Filson, Vice Chair
Delores Diaz
Willie Mitchell
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Important Dates

May 26

MS & HS Report Cards
Mailed

June 5

BOE Work Session

June 19

BOE Meeting



On May 19th, there was much to celebrate as seniors from Gainesville High School participated in their graduation commencement. Three hundred and ninety students walked across the stage to receive their diplomas at City Park Stadium in front of family and friends. The special event was commemorated with a spectacular firework display honoring our seniors for their tremendous accomplishments. The Class of 2017 is ready to STOMP into summer for a few months of fun and relaxation before heading off to college, the military services, and the workforce. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck as they continue to advance our tradition of excellence in every endeavor that they pursue!

Class of 2017 Achievements

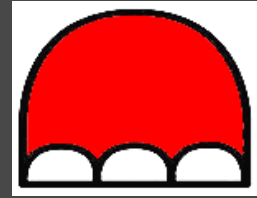


Valedictorian - Pratyusha Karnati
Salutatorian - Michelle Razo
Third Honor Graduate - Gabriela Martinez
Fourth Honor Graduate - Ivy Gerrell

140 Honor Graduates:

- 28 Summa Cum Laude
- 64 Magna Cum Laude

Upcoming Events



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Vision

- 48 Cum Laude

Of our 390 GHS Seniors:

- 54% attending 4 year colleges
- 31% attending 2 year or technical colleges
- 13% entering into the workforce
- 2% entering into the military services

Leaders of the Herd:

Senior Class President - Faith Moss

Student Government President - Thomas Alexander

2017 Seniors of Distinction:

Thomas Alexander, Ally Kimpling, Pratyusha Karnati, Vraj Patel, Ethan Truong, Umer Khan, Elias Alfaro, Tyra Newton, David Davenport, Michelle Razo, Will Gaydon, Sarah Hastings, Meredith Pannek, Sidney Cochran, Anna Diaz, Diana Bonilla, Boone Alexander, and Kadarius Smith

2017 Senior Awards:

Superintendent's Cup - Pratyusha Karnati and Michelle Razo

Faculty Cup (Best All Around Senior) - Pratysha Karnati

Sue Johnson Cup (Most Creative Senior) - Boone Alexander

Curtis Segars "Turn Around" Award - Ashley Dabney

Roy C. Moore Cup - Margaret Thornton

Chris Mance "Point of Pride" Award - Hunter Mallard

Class of 2017 Outstanding Achievements:

- 52 students eligible for Zell Miller Scholarship
- 138 students with HOPE Scholarship
- 14 seniors earned one or more technical college certificates
- The Class of 2017 earned \$1,400,000 in Academic, Arts, Athletic, and NJROTC Scholarships.

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*,
we will
INSPIRE,
NURTURE,
CHALLENGE &
PREPARE
our students

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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Class of 2017 College Scholarships



The following GHS seniors were awarded scholarships to colleges or universities of their choices:

Paige Ackerman - Arizona Excellence Scholarship - University of Arizona

Angel Bailey - Young Harris Private Scholarship - Young Harris University

Willie Brooks - Dean's Scholarship- Limestone University

Hannah Cadenhead - J. Floyd "Pete" Moore Scholarship - Guilford College

William Cain - Presidential Scholarship - University of Colorado, Boulder

Ana Cisneros - Dream U.S. Opportunity Scholarship, Trinity Leadership Award, Trinity Washington University

Sara Cook - Presidential Scholarship - Gainesville Theatre Alliance, Brenau University Trustees Scholarship - Brenau University

Margaret Kimpling - Theatre Scholarship - University of Evansville

Jazmine Ellison - Kiwanis Showcase - Brenau University

Ivy Gerrell - University of Mississippi Merit Scholarship - AFROTC Scholarship - University of Mississippi

Brendon Goss - Deans Scholarship - Piedmont College

Jada Johnson - Bell Tower Scholarship - Furman University

Alaina Lee - Presidential Scholarship - University of Alabama

Gabriella Martinez - Golden Door Scholarship

Stephen McMorrow - Academic Scholarship Award, Tiger Nation Scholarship - Louisiana State University

Thomas Alexander and **Pratyusha Karnati** - Student Council Scholarship - Georgia Institute of Technology

Jennifer Mendez and **Luis Osorio** - CAMP Scholarship - University of North Georgia

Tyra Newton - NROTC Scholarship - Horatio Alger State Scholarship - Georgia Institute of Technology

Mimi Nguyen - Mercer Private Scholarship - Mercer University

Michelle Razo - Goizueta Scholarship Fund - Georgia Institute of Technology

Will Sargent - Piedmont Pride Scholarship - Piedmont College

Ethan Truong - Academic Scholarship - Savannah College of Art and Design

David Davenport, Meredith Pannek, Sulma Turcios - Margie Braff Service Award - University of Georgia

Class of 2017 College Athletic Scholarships



Congratulations to the following seniors on earning college athletic scholarships:

Tyree Robinson (Football) - East Tennessee State
Kris Montague (Football) - Limestone University
Willie Brooks (Football) - Limestone University
Calvin Murphy (Football) - Limestone University
Kamden Young (Football) - Limestone University
Kadarious Smith (Football) - William Penn University
RD Timmons (Football) - Lagrange College
Josh Harrison (Football) - Emory and Henry College
Taylor Hawks (Basketball) - Jacksonville State University
Sydney Payne (Track & Field) - Oglethorpe University
Hunter Mallard (Track & Field) - Georgia Tech
Nick Anderson (Track & Field) - North Carolina A&T
Cameron Hunter (Track & Field) - Brewton Parker College
Kamon Newson (Track & Field) - Brewton Parker College
Faith Moss (Track & Field) - West Georgia University
Shaliese Green (Track & Field) - Truett McConnell College
Nayeli Espinoza (Soccer) - Emmanuel College
Aneesa Jones (Soccer) - Oxford College of Emory University
Hunter Worley (Golf) - University of North Georgia

"Stomping" toward a New Journey in Life



Our 2017 Graduates will enter the following colleges, universities, and military academies: Athens Technical College, Art Institute of Atlanta, Auburn University, Brenau University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Clemson University, Fort Valley State University, Full Sail University, Furman University, East Tennessee State, Emmanuel College, Emory and Henry College, George Washington University, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Grambling State University, Guilford College, Gwinnett Technical College, Jacksonville State University, Kennesaw State University, LaGrange College, Lanier Technical College, Limestone College, Lincoln College of Technology, Louisiana State University, Mercer University, Middle Georgia State College, North Georgia Technical College, Northshore Community College, Oglethorpe University, Oxford College of Emory University, Piedmont College, Reinhardt University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah State College, Shorter College, Trinity Washington University, Truett McConnell University, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Colorado, Boulder University of Evansville, University of Georgia, University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), University of Montevallo, University of North Georgia, University of Southern California, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, University of West Georgia, US Marine Corps, Valdosta State University, Western Carolina University, William Penn University, Young Americans College of Performing Arts, and Young Harris College

**Best Wishes to our 2017 Graduates
in Advancing
our Tradition of Excellence!
#OneGainesville**

#RoadtoGraduation



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- **Centennial - @GCSS_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS_GHS**

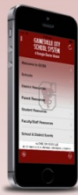
GCSS Mobile App

GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!

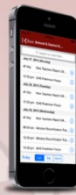


Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:



Notifications

Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.



Calendar

The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!