

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



GHS Math Teams Tackle Mega Challenge



L to R: Front - Tyra Newton, Michelle Razo, Pratyusha Karnati, Anna Diaz - Back - Umer Khan, Spencer Sumner, Mr. Chandra Karnati, Stephen McMarrow, and Vraj Patel

Gainesville High School had two teams to compete in the Moody's Mega Math Challenge, a prestigious competition for high school juniors and seniors to develop a mathematical model for a real world problem. The challenge posed a real-world problem entirely unknown to the team members and involved extensive research, computational skills, in-depth analysis, and communication skills. Scholarship prizes totaling \$150,000 will be awarded to the top teams.

For this year's challenge, GHS math teams used mathematical models to look into national parks and address climate-related issues. The teams had to finish the project within a fourteen hour window, working continuously for two days to produce their final reports. Team A included Pratyusha Karnati, Anna Diaz, Stephen McMarrow, and Vraj Patel. Team B included Tyra Newton, Spencer Sumner, Michelle Razo, and Umer Khan. Mr. Chandra Karnati, a math teacher at GHS, served as the teams' mentor.

Team A advanced to the second round of the competition, being one of the 200 teams out of 1,121 total to advance to the next level. This is



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April 17

BOE Meeting

April 17-21

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April 18

Progress Reports

the third year in a row that a GHS team has advanced in the competition.

Both teams are commended for their hard work and for their time spent in completing this challenging project! Good luck to Team A in the next round of the competition!

GCSS School Nutrition Advocates at the "Hill"



L to R: Pamela LeFrois, Congressman Jody Hice, JJ Jackson, and GCSS SNP Director Penny Fowler

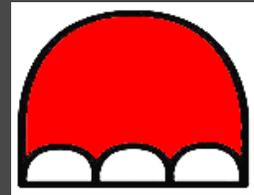
Recently, more than 900 school nutrition professionals met on Capitol Hill to urge Congress to protect and strengthen school meal programs for more than 30 million students they serve every school day. The effort is part of the School Nutrition Association (SNA) 45th Annual Legislative Action Conference (LAC) held on April 2nd-4th.

The conference culminated in Tuesday's "Charge to the Hill", where attendees were able to share with Congress their school districts' concerns regarding school nutrition programs. LAC attendees met with their House and Senate members to discuss SNA's 2017 Position Paper, which calls on Congress to oppose school meal block grants, expand USDA foods to support the school breakfast program, and provide practical flexibility under a few of the nutrition standards for school meals.

Last year's House-proposed block grant threatened to slash funds for school nutrition, limit student access to healthy meals and abolish all federal school nutrition standards. "SNA members sent Congress a resounding message that block grants will harm students and cripple school meal programs, which ensure America's children have the nutrition they need to succeed in school," said SNA President Becky Domokos-Bays, PhD, RD, SNS.

LAC attendees from across the nation heard from Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) and other Washington insiders on the impact of the

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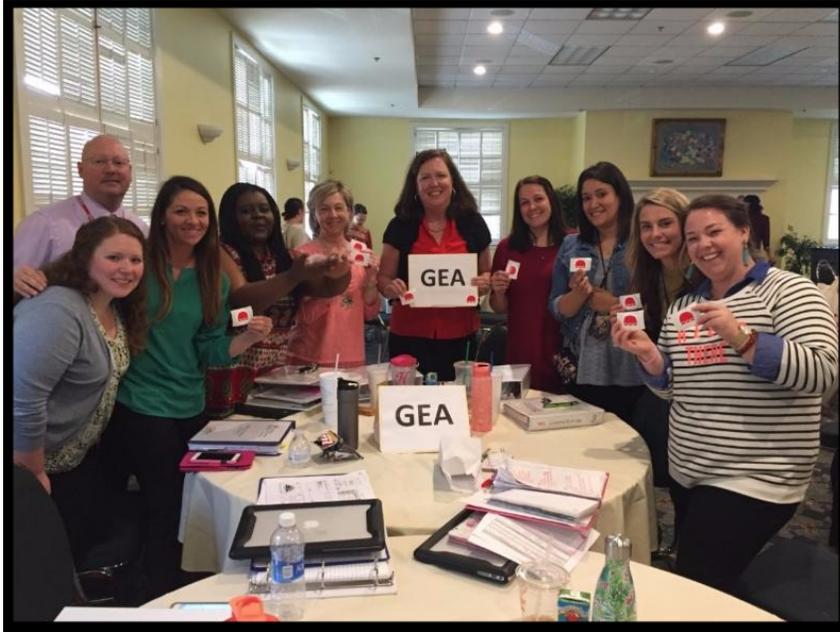
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Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work

new Congress and federal administration on child nutrition programs. LAC attendees also participated in breakout and general sessions designed to share best practices for improving school nutrition programs. Mrs. Penny Fowler, GCSS Director of School Nutrition, attended the event on behalf of the Gainesville City School System.

GCSS Teachers & Staff Focus On PBIS



GEA wins PBIS award

Congratulations to Gainesville Exploration Academy, the GCSS school level winner at the Department of Education PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Refresher held on March 28, 2017. The team won \$100 to be spent on PBIS supplies, and the entire GEA staff will be treated to a Jeans Day, courtesy of Dr. Wanda Creel. The 2016-2017 school year was the first year that the Gainesville City School System implemented a system-wide PBIS program. Since its inception, the program has proven to be a key factor in improving student attendance, behavior, and classroom success (ABC's).

Gainesville City Board Work Session April 10, 2017

meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*,
we will
INSPIRE,
NURTURE,
CHALLENGE &
PREPARE
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Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

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Dr. Jeremy Williams

The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Monday, April 10th at the School Board Office. At the beginning of the meeting, the Board unanimously voted to name Dr. Jeremy Williams as the sole finalist for the position of Superintendent of the Gainesville City School System. To view Dr. Williams' bio, please click [here](#). The Board then reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports submitted by district personnel.

To view the agenda and reports, please click the links listed below.

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Join Us For Enota's Heritage Celebration



Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy will host a Heritage Celebration on Sunday, April 30th from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate Enota's rich heritage as the school prepares for a new chapter in its history - the construction of the new Enota school. For additional information about the event, please click [here](#).

Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments



Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments are coming soon. Students in grades 3 through 8 will be administered English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments while students in grades 5 and 8 will also be administered Science and Social Studies assessments. For additional information, please click [here](#).

Support Our REACH Scholarship Program



2016 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships. To download a pledge form, please click [here](#). For additional information regarding the REACH program, please click [here](#).

GHS Honorary Diploma Nominations



2016 HD Graduates: Jackie Wallace, Dr. Bill Coates and Mary Ellen Murray

Gainesville High School is currently accepting nominations for 2017

Honorary Diploma nominations. This honor is bestowed to individuals who are part of the GHS community but who are not GHS graduates and whose achievements and strong support of GHS traditions are reflective of the true Red Elephant pride and spirit. Nominations are due by April 15th and should be submitted to GHS principal Tom Smith via email at tom.smith@gcssk12.net or via mail at 830 Century Place, Gainesville, Georgia, 30501. Please click [here](#) for additional information.

Your Opinion Matters To Us



Parents and guardians of GCSS students are strongly encouraged to complete the online AdvancED parent survey to share opinions to help target areas of improvement for the school system. The survey can be accessed on the district website (www.gcssk12.net) or by clicking [here](#). Please be assured that responses will be anonymous, and parental input is greatly appreciated. For additional information or if there are any questions, please contact Priscilla Collins at priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net or 770-536-5275.

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- **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!

