

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## Students Bowlers Compete for Top Spot



l to r: Eddie Alameda, Alexis Segovia, Samantha Kinsey, & Elizabeth Kinsey

Current and former Gainesville High School students will have an opportunity to earn a share of \$30,000 in scholarships in the 2018 Qubica-AMF Rising Stars Youth Scholarship Bowling Tournament at the state and regional levels sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors Association of the Carolinas/Georgia. Eddie Alameda (senior), Elizabeth Kinsey (senior), Samantha Kinsey (sophomore), and Alexis Segovia (graduate) will bowl against youth across Georgia in the state tournament on April 29th in Loganville, GA. The top two bowlers from each of the six divisions will then advance to the regional tournament to compete against finalists from North and South Carolina in Rock Hill, South Carolina on July 27th and 28th. Prizes will include college scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1500 for state and regional finalists.

Best of luck to all of our bowlers in the upcoming competition!

**Reach Scholars Tour the State Capitol**



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

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### **Important Dates**

April 30-May 11

ES & MS Milestone  
Testing

May 7

BOE Work Session  
SBO Office  
6:00 p.m.

May 7 - 18

Tentative HS EOC  
Milestone Testing

May 21

BOE Meeting  
Public Safety Complex  
6:00 p.m.

May 25

Last Day of School

ES Report Cards

GHS Graduation  
@ 7:30 p.m.

May 28

Memorial Day Holiday

May 29-30

Teacher Planning

June 6

MS & HS Report  
Cards Mailed



GHS scholars attend REACH Day at the Capitol

On March 12th, four Reach scholars at Gainesville High School participated in "Reach Day" at the Capitol. Ayeley Theodora Afantchao, Paloma Barron-Galvan, Kaylee Bautista, and Imelda Razo joined other scholars from across the state for lunch with Governor Nathan Deal and participated in the College and Career Fair. The luncheon was held at the Georgia Freight Depot with the keynote address given by Dr. Benjamin Raymond.

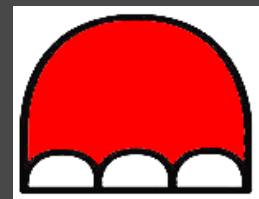
Dr. Raymond spoke about the importance of mentoring, giving examples on how his coaches played a pivotal role in his life in molding him into being the person he is today. The scholars also heard from graduating Reach scholars who shared how their academic mentors motivated them to graduate and encouraged their younger peers to stay on track academically to reach their dreams and aspirations. The students had a great visit and enjoyed their tour of the Capitol.

## Making History Using Ceramic Art



Student show art pieces at Ceramics Art Symposium


## Upcoming Events



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The 15th annual Georgia High School Ceramics Art Symposium was held on March 24th at Piedmont College in which six Gainesville High School students had their art pieces accepted into the competition. The artists were Marisa Woo, Kathryn Smith, Carly Buffington, Lorena Pantoja-Rico, Beth Kinsey, and Sam Sandoval.

Artists participated in clay workshops and a Raku firing (ancient reduction process) presented by college professors and professional artists. Additionally, students viewed a curated collection of pottery called "The Southern Table" which featured a table setting of pottery created from over 50 local artists.

This was the first time in the history of the GHS ceramics program that every art piece entered into a juried show was accepted by judges.

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## Finalists Selected for Governor's Honors



L to R: Anna Newkirk, Mark Toth, Anne Marie Dye, Catie Cook, Grayson Wagner, and Emma Fockele

Six students from Gainesville High School were selected as finalists for the prestigious and competitive Governor's Honors Program (GHP). A highly selective program, only one half of one percent of all eligible Georgia students are accepted into GHP. The students who will represent GHS in their specific areas of study are Catherine Cook (Visual Arts), Anne Dye (Science), Emma Fockele (Communicative Arts), Anna Newkirk (Communicative Arts), Mark Toth (Music), and Grayson Wagner (Mathematics). They will attend Berry College in Rome, GA in June along with other GHP finalists across the state.

The four week summer program offers intensive instruction within a college setting for gifted and talented, rising high school juniors and seniors that is more rigorous and in-depth than the typical high school classroom. Students are provided with academic, cultural, and social enrichment to guide them into becoming the next generation of global leaders and innovators.

## Points of Pride



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## Vision

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

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## Our Schools

Gainesville High

## GHS Teacher Earns State Award Recognition



GA Chinese Teacher of the Year - Xiu Feng "Julia" Zhu

Xiu Feng "Julia" Zhu, a Chinese Foreign Language Teacher at Gainesville High School, received the 2018 Georgia Chinese Language Educators (GCLE) Teacher of the Year Award for Georgia for her notable accomplishments as a Chinese teacher. This award honors outstanding educators for their remarkable leadership and service to the Chinese language profession in Georgia.

"I feel greatly humbled by this honor," stated Ms. Zhu. "There are many other qualified Chinese teachers in Georgia schools, who also deserve this honor. Meanwhile, I feel appreciated for what I have been doing. I feel this can be an encouragement for my future endeavor."

Ms. Zhu inspires her students in not only learning about the Chinese language and culture, but also in preparing for their future whether it be in the workforce or in college. "Almost every student walks into my classroom with "a blank piece of paper" knowing little to nothing [about the] Chinese language and culture," she stated. "I want them to set high goals. I hope that one day they can surpass me every possible way including in [the] Chinese language. "

Ms. Zhu's philosophy on teaching shows why she was chosen as Georgia's Chinese Teacher of the Year. She encourages her students to be efficient, persistent, positive, and most importantly to "bring a beautiful smile to class". "I let all of my students know from the first day of school that my hero is Forrest Gump," she shared. "One does not have to be "smart or brilliant" to be successful, all one needs is to set a goal, work on it, and never give up. All I ask from students is to "Do your best" [because] I want them to be responsible, dependable citizens of the future."

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