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**Houston County's 2012 Governor's Honors Nominees**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County high schools have recently submitted their 2011-2012 Governor's Honors Program (GHP) nominees to the state for the next step in the selection process. The 63 exceptional tenth and eleventh graders will interview and present in January and February at a variety of locations in Georgia. The students will be honored by the system at a program on Jan. 31, 2012.

Approximately 2,800 students will be interviewed, with no more than 700 named statewide as finalists. Finalists are invited to participate in a four-week summer program in their field of study at Valdosta State University. Congratulations to the following GHP Nominees:

**From Houston County High:**

Megan Asadian, Chen-hui Bergl, Jacob Bodien, Emily Bratcher, Davien Brown, Cameron Dale, Morgan Davidson, Megan Douglass, William Freeman, Payton Horton, Deionna Jackson, Joshua LeBorious, Maria Lopez, Alyssa Lorenz, Parth Patel and Eileen Shone.

**From Northside High:**

Skyler Baughcum, Kyrell Dixon, Austin Farms, Benjamin Stroman, Kevin Long, Rebekah Scarborough, Saadiq Goins, Eduardo Bautista, Abigail Jones, Ethan Green, Ariana Snowden and Katherine Ecklund.

**From Perry High:**

Matthew Oxyer, Joseph Moore III, Kate Snell, Madeline Dannenberg, Sherry Clavier, Xavier Williams, Elizabeth Lewis, Delaney Foster, Jake Parker and Urmit Patel.

**From Veterans High:**

Tanner Branham, Kelly Cole, Somnath Das, Davis Levi, Lauren Dietter, Candice May, Aja Miller, Kathryn Miller, Karl Nicodemus, Willa Wang, Isaac White, Brian Decker and Diana Winecoff.

**From Warner Robins High:**

Kathryn Martin, Jessica Austel, Alyssa Rivero, Ashleigh Austel, Cody Jones, Brendan Kennedy, Asha Stegall, Erin Butikofer, Cecilia Cerja, Emily Wallace, Catherine Greene and Christina Murray.

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GHP began in 1964 and is the oldest and largest program of its type in the country. Fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, it is free of charge to participants. The GHP is a summer instructional program to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

For more information, contact the Director of Gifted Education and AP Programs, Jan Jacobsen, at [jan.jacobsen@hcbe.net](mailto:jan.jacobsen@hcbe.net) or 478-988-6395, ext. 10393.

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