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## STAR Students & Teachers Honored Feb. 4



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Robins Regional and Perry Area Chambers of Commerce will host the annual Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) recognition program on **Feb. 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.** The program and reception will be at the Eric P. Staples building in Perry at the Board of Education's central office.

During the program, STAR Students and their STAR Teachers will be honored, and the district winner will be announced for the first time. The 2020 STAR Students and Teachers from the Houston County School District are:

- Houston County High (tie) - David Kwak, teacher Randi Collier;
- Houston County High (tie) - Brandon Schmitz, teacher Jennifer McDaniel;
- Northside High - Chase Fletcher, teacher Kim Stewart;
- Perry High - Trevor Vandersall, teacher Dr. Dawn Knapek;
- Veterans High - Ethan Dorr, teacher Dr. Alan Bowers; and
- Warner Robins High - Aaron Hodo, teacher Felicia Hackney.

The Chambers will present each STAR Student \$100 and a certificate. Their STAR Teachers will also be presented an award and certificate. The District STAR Student will receive an additional \$400, and their STAR Teacher will receive \$100. The system STAR Student and Teacher will be invited to the Region STAR banquet held March 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Macon at Middle Georgia State University. The region winner would next attend the state banquet on April 27 in Atlanta. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation sponsors, administers and promotes the STAR Program.

The STAR program began in 1958 to focus attention on Georgia's outstanding students and teachers. To obtain the nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT. Students must also be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Each STAR student selects a STAR teacher who has been the most influential to their academic success. STAR students compete for system, region and state-level awards.

The Eric P. Staples building is located at 1100 Main Street in Perry. For more information about the STAR event, please call Aura Lee Durham at the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce at 478-922-8585.

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