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Eight Middle School Students Awarded REACH Scholarship



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Eight middle school students have been named a Realizing Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholar and each awarded \$10,000. The REACH Georgia program provides support for students with academic promise, to help them successfully progress from middle school through college, with a goal of earning a degree. The students will receive the scholarship funds upon high school graduation.

One student was selected from each of the district's eight middle schools. The scholars are listed by school, along with their preferred field of study and college. Congratulations to:

- ★ Bonaire ~ Jackson Sawyer; University of Georgia, Engineering;
- ★ Feagin Mill, Houston Virtual ~ Mahogany Rogers; Fort Valley State University, Veterinary Science;
- ★ Huntington ~ Aden Brown; Savannah College of Art and Design, Interactive Design and Game Development;
- ★ Mossy Creek ~ Joshua Negron; Savannah College of Art and Design, Graphic Design, Animation, and Photography;
- ★ Northside ~ Bryce Holton; University of Georgia and Field Medic in U.S. Air Force;
- ★ Perry, Houston Virtual ~ Roxie Singleton; University of Georgia, Agricultural Law;
- ★ Thomson ~ Calvin Clark; Georgia Institute of Technology, Computer Science;
- ★ Warner Robins, Houston Virtual ~ Taylee Julkes; Kennesaw State University or Georgia Institute of Technology, Public Speaking or Biomedical Engineering.

REACH is designed to provide support for students as they progress from middle school through high school. This school year is the first year of a five-year program. Students will have an academic coach and mentor, whom they will meet with regularly. Each child's school will announce their academic coach and mentor in January 2021.

Coaches will monitor progress and help make sure the student stays on track. Meeting topics will include: college and career planning, social interaction, life skills, study skills and academic supports available at school. Mentors undergo a detailed training orientation and receive ongoing training throughout the school year. The goal is for the mentors to stay with their assigned student through high school.

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