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Elite Scholar Academy Student Serves as Featured Speaker at 2023 GCAPP Empower Event

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to shine a spotlight on Miss Kyleigh Conley, an 11th-grade student at Elite Scholars Academy (ESA)! Recently, Miss Conley presented and delivered a speech at the Georgia Campaign of Adolescent Power & Potential (GCAPP) Annual EmPower Party on November 16, 2023. Featuring remarks about the impact of GCAPP on her life, Miss Conley's remarks also provide details regarding her accomplishments as a member of the Girls Scouts of Greater Atlanta and the recent earning of the Gold Award for a project on water sustainability. The Gold Award is the highest honor available to seniors and ambassadors and is given to Girl Scouts in high school who complete projects to make the world a better place. Please see the link below to listen to Miss Conley's speech in its entirety.

Kyleigh Conley's Speech at 2023 GCAPP EmPower Party: <https://youtu.be/oVqArAiNqh0>

GCAPP is a statewide adolescent health organization that works with hundreds of schools and other youth-serving organizations so that young people have the information, knowledge, and motivation they need to make healthy lifestyle choices that maximize their potential. Founded by Jane Fonda in 1995, this organization impacts 60,000 young people each year as they journey through adolescence and into the rest of their lives. Specifically, GCAPP helps youth mitigate risks that often result in negative consequences that are difficult to overcome.

"We are extremely proud of Kyleigh as she is one of many great examples of how our scholars give back, support each other, and make a difference in the lives of others within our community and beyond," said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent/CEO of Schools.

Additionally, Miss Conley currently is spearheading a Toy Drive at Elite Scholars along with the Young Black Leadership Alliance (YBLA) which is designed to benefit students in Title 1 School settings in grades kindergarten through fifth. Lastly, Miss Conley is a recipient of the Ben Carson Scholarship - the first and only student of Elite Scholars to receive this award.

According to the Carson Scholars website, The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Scholarship winners receive the honor of being named "Carson Scholars" and are awarded an Olympic-sized medal and a trophy for their school to celebrate their accomplishments. Carson Scholars must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 and display humanitarian qualities through community service. Scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement and humanitarian qualities, without regard to financial need, ethnicity, creed, or religion.

“The sky's the limit for this outstanding student and we are exceptionally proud to have her represent Elite Scholars Academy, our school system/community, and the state of Georgia. We are Building a Better Tomorrow, Today, in Clayton County, and our scholars are leading the charge,” Superintendent Smith concluded.

The logo for Clayton County Public Schools is a large, light blue circular emblem. It features a central graphic of an open book with a torch resting on it. The text "CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS" is written in a circular path around the central graphic. The logo is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the text below.

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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