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Stilwell SOA Student Semifinalist for Coca-Cola Scholars Program

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to announce that Miss Lindsey Blackwell, a member of the Class of 2024 at Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts, has been named a semifinalist in the 2024 [Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#)! Lindsey is one of 1,514 high school seniors across the country who were selected from a pool of over 103,800 submitted applications. Her selection was based on her academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities.

With the addition of the 2024 class, the [Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation](#) will have provided more than 6,900 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$84 million in scholarships over the course of 36 years.

“This is truly amazing news,” said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “Speaking for our Board of Education, our 50,000-plus students, and our more than 7,000 employees, I offer Miss Blackwell congratulations and extend best wishes as she continues in the selection process.”

Miss Blackwell, who is in the running for one of 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000, now moves to the next round of the selection process to become a Coca-Cola Scholar. She will be asked to complete Phase 2 applications, which include essays, a recommendation, and a transcript. An independent selection committee will review the applications and recommend 250 Regional Finalists in early January to take part in online interviews.

This finalist portion of the process will result in 150 Coke Scholars being named in late February to each receive a \$20,000 college scholarship. Recipients will be guests of honor at Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend in Atlanta, Georgia, April 25-28, 2024, where they will be the guests at the 36th annual Coca-Cola Scholars Banquet and participate in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute.

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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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