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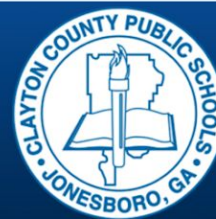
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CCPS Announces the Class of 2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Exemplary seniors honored at the May 4, 2020 Board Meeting

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is pleased to announce the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for its Class of 2020. CCPS uses a numerical system to determine class ranking. The valedictorian is the member of the graduating class with the highest numerical average. The salutatorian is the class member with the second highest numerical average. These calculations are finalized during the student's senior year. The honorees for each school are listed below.

High School	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
Charles Drew	John Pham	Hai Day
Elite Scholars Academy	David Egbuna	Moriah Milner
Forest Park	Cindy Nguyen	Thy Pham
Jonesboro	Anh Nguyen	Elena Bernabe
Lovejoy	Joi Gordon	Kelvin Nguyen
Morrow	Gabriella Perez	Nadiayah Williams
Mt. Zion	Evelyn Berganza	Elizabeth Bui
Mundy's Mill	Zachary Luangamath	Kemya Phillips
North Clayton	Emmanuelle Asomaning Agyei	Dara Kim
Perry Career Aca.	Kiara Sams	Alexis Sams
Riverdale	Summer Blanding	Deanna Te
Stilwell SOA	Darian Long	Diana Nguyen

The CCPS Valedictorians and Salutatorians were officially recognized during the May virtual Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Clayton County Board of Education. Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO, officially announced to the public that each honoree will receive a laptop computer and a \$500 check. The computers were donated by Clayton County Solicitor General Charles Brooks and the checks were made available through the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. This is the third year that the district's Valedictorians and Salutatorians were presented laptop computers and the first year for the cash awards.

“It is truly an honor to salute our Valedictorians and Salutatorians on achieving this remarkable accomplishment,” said Dr. Beasley. “Earning one of these distinguished titles identifies each of these seniors as being dedicated learners who have established high expectations and objectives. It is also important to commend the families of these outstanding students. The act of reaching for the stars cannot be done alone, it requires the loving support of a team that includes not only family members, but an entire community,” he added.

“Congratulations to the Class of 2020!” said Clayton County Solicitor General, Charles Brooks. “I salute you for your many years of dedicated focus, discipline, and seriousness as it relates to your education and future successes. We have committed to purchasing the valedictorian and salutatorian of each Clayton County high school a laptop to ensure they have the necessary tools to be successful in college and beyond. With this contribution of laptops and all of our past and future contributions, I am confident these outstanding students will add to the beautiful tapestry of talent, skill, and ability that makes up Clayton County,” he concluded.

“I offer my heartfelt appreciation to Solicitor General Brooks and to the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation for their generous donations that have enhanced greatly our celebration of these outstanding individuals,” Dr. Beasley concluded.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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