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Nine Richmond County students to attend 2025 Governor's Honors Program

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Nine students from John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School were chosen for the 2025 Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP). The prestigious summer program provides students with the academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global leaders.

Our 2025 GHP participants and their areas of focus are:

- Karina Bacon (GHP Finalist – Dance)
- Chloe Burdyck (GHP Finalist – Dance)
- Christian Varnado (GHP Finalist – Music)
- Alana Allen (GHP Finalist – Theatre)
- Ansley Daniels (GHP Alternate – Dance)
- Asia Bing (GHP Alternate – Music)
- Jeremy Miller (GHP Alternate – Music)
- Colette Kriegel (GHP Alternate – Science)
- Liliana Meliezer (GHP Alternate – Social Studies)

“Being selected for the Governor's Honors Program is an extraordinary accomplishment, and we are so proud of these students” said Dr. Malinda Cobb, Interim Superintendent of Schools. “Their hard work, talent, and dedication embody the excellence we strive for in our schools.”

Nearly 100 Richmond County students were nominated by school staff for their exceptional ability and achievement in this year's application process. Following district-level interviews and auditions, 60 students advanced to the state level. Finalists were selected by state reviewers after submitting applications, video auditions, and in-person interviews.

Sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, GHP is designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented students with educational experiences that foster critical thinking, creativity, and leadership. The program is fully funded by the state and is provided at no cost to participants.

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