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Six RCSS Students Selected as 2025-2026 Reach Scholars

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Six Richmond County School System (RCSS) eighth grade students were selected as 2025-2026 REACH Scholars for their display of academic promise on Nov. 19. Each scholar will receive a minimum \$10,000 scholarship to attend a University System of Georgia institution, a Technical College System of Georgia institution, or an eligible private postsecondary institution in Georgia. Scholars will also receive ongoing academic support throughout high school.

“Our new REACH Scholars have demonstrated remarkable commitment to their education, and we could not be prouder,” said Dr. Malinda Cobb, superintendent of schools. “This scholarship is one of many steps they will take towards their future with the support of a community that believes in their potential.”

The 2025–2026 RCSS REACH Scholars are:

- **John M. Tutt Middle School:** Ray Smith and Champeyon Wesley
- **Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School:** Khyli Fane and Adrianna Simmons
- **W.S. Hornsby Middle School:** Khiyoni Brame and Jonashia Williams

Students were selected following a competitive application and interview process open to rising eighth-graders across eligible RCSS schools. Applicants are required to demonstrate financial need, maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average in core subjects, and show strong attendance and behavior.

The REACH Georgia program aims to expand access to higher education by pairing financial support with consistent mentorship and academic guidance. Each scholar will meet monthly with an Academic Coach at their school and twice per month with a community mentor throughout their high school years. Funded through contributions from local partners, the program reflects a strong community commitment to providing RCSS students with a clear, achievable pathway to college and long-term success.

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Left to right, Khiyoni Brame, Khyli Fane, Adrianna Simmons, Ray Smith, Champeyon Wesley, and Jonashia Williams (photos by Zarabion Riley)

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