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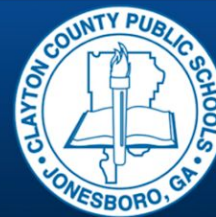
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CCPS Graduating Class sets Records for Numbers and Scholarships *Class of 2019 includes first recipients of the Civic Engagement Diploma Seal*

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) Class of 2019 saw record numbers of students graduate and a record for scholarships. Included in these graduates were those that received the first ever awarded Civic Engagement Diploma Seal.

With more than 3,000 graduates, the CCPS Class of 2019 has earned over \$80 million dollars in academic, athletic, Georgia HOPE and the Zell Miller Scholarships. This total also includes 160 cash scholarships presented to graduates during the ceremonies at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) and those held at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) supported by the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Also, more than 40 graduates earned Associates' degrees.

“The Class of 2019 has set an impressive bar for future graduating classes,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “We are so proud of these graduates and we wish for them a future that is successful and fulfilling.”

The CCPS Communications, Public Relations and Marketing Division is working with ON Site Audio Visual Services, the firm managing the GICC's a/v needs, to obtain and process each high school's graduation for placement on the district's YouTube platform. Further information as to the completion of this project and the availability of the ceremonies on YouTube will be release in the near future.

Civic Engagement Diploma Seal

Sixty-eight (68) members of the Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) Class of 2019 who have shown exemplary dedication to civic engagement throughout high school have received the Civic Engagement Diploma Seal from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). This year is the inaugural year for GaDOE to issue diploma seals in the area of Social Studies. CCPS Department of Social Studies applied to the Georgia Department of Education to add the Civic Engagement Diploma Seal for graduating seniors, and the application was approved last fall.

In order to receive the Civic Engagement Diploma Seal, students must satisfy the Social Studies requirements to earn a high school diploma, pass an American Government Basic Skills Test, complete 50 hours of community service or extracurricular activities, and present a capstone presentation of knowledge gained from Social Studies related courses and activities.

In addition, the CCPS Department of Social Studies is being recognized by GaDOE as being the example for exemplary implementation of the Civic Engagement Diploma Seal program. The 68

awarded seals to CCPS is the highest number awarded to any school district statewide and is more than double the seals awarded to the school system with the second highest number of recipients.

The 68 CCPS 2019 recipients of the Civic Engagement Diploma Seal graduated from the following schools: Jonesboro High School (19), Riverdale High School (13), Elite Scholars Academy (7), North Clayton High School (7), Morrow High School (6), Mundy's Mill High School (6), Lovejoy High School (4), Charles Drew High School (3), and Forest Park High School (3).

CCPS Foundation, Inc.

The Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. (CCPSF) was established to provide financial support for programs that offer positive benefits for the students of Clayton County Public Schools through scholarships and in other forms of assistance. Money contributed through the Foundation is earmarked for the enrichment and enhancement of the educational experience of students, families, teachers and graduates.

We are asking all to consider making a contribution of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, etc. The contributions will continue to help as we award scholarships to future graduating seniors. This robust program *needs your support* to continue the district's vision and mission of empowering students to achieve academic and personal goals that will enable them to live and compete successfully in a global society.

"I firmly believe that there can be no greater work in life than supporting the youth of Clayton County, giving them the opportunity to pursue their dreams and ambitions," said Superintendent Beasley. "I encourage you to make a contribution that will definitely have a positive impact on their future."

Contributions to the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. can be made through the following platforms:

- Credit Cards (770-515-7575)
- PayPal website - <http://ccpsfoundation.org/>
- Venmo - @CCPFoundation <http://ccpsfoundation.org/>
- Circle Pay - Clayton County Public Schools Foundation
- Check/Money Order (CCPS Foundation Attn: Sandra Hayes 1058 Fifth Ave, Jonesboro GA 30236)
- Cash App - \$ccpsfoundation

The Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. is a 501c3 organization.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through 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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