Guilford County Schools is proud of each of our more than 5,600 graduates, who are crossing the stage prepared for success in college, career and life.

GCS is a shining example of public education, offering each of our students – from gifted students to those with special needs – the opportunity to personalize their educational experience.

We are GCS, and proud.

THE CLASS OF 2017 WILL REPRESENT GCS AT TOP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING:

GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS – A PROUD STATE AND NATIONAL LEADER:

DISTRICT HONORS:

- National District of Character
- North Carolina District of Character
- Profiles in Courage Award from the Council of the Great City Schools
- During the past six years, state championships in football, basketball, men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track, tennis, golf, wrestling, lacrosse and swimming
- A Say Yes to Education Community

STANDOUT SCHOOLS:

- In 2016, GCS’ graduation rate reached an all-time high of 89.4%
- Eleven high schools achieved 100% graduation rates in 2016. An additional 11 schools, including seven traditional high schools, had graduation rates above 90%
- 16 high schools on the 2017 Washington Post’s America’s Most Challenging High Schools list. GCS schools also took 4 of the top 10 spots in the state; The Early College at Guilford made the paper’s Public Elite list.
- Three high schools among the top 25 in the state on the U.S. News and World Report 2017 Best High Schools list and 11 schools recognized overall. Weaver Academy was named the best high school in the state.
- The Early College at Guilford was named the best high school in North Carolina by Niche, a research company. Nine other GCS schools made the top 100.
- 42 students selected for 2017 Governor’s School of North Carolina, the nation’s oldest statewide summer residential program for academically gifted students
- Two student-athletes to received the Heart of a Champion award in 2017
- Members of the Class of 2017 received the Morehead-Cain Scholarship and Park Scholarship.

TOP EDUCATORS:

- North Carolina Teacher of the Year in 2013 and Principal of the Year in 2012
- 774 National Board Certified Teachers – ranking ninth in the country
- One educator who was named a Global Learning Fellow and who received the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence
- One of only 11 districts nationally to partner with 100Kin10, a commitment to preparing and licensing 150 STEM teachers by 2020.

SUPERIOR STUDENTS:

- 14 semi-finalists for the 2016-17 National Merit Scholarship; at least three winners
- 17 State Schools of Character since 2014 and 12 National Schools of Character
- The state’s first Advanced Placement Capstone program
- One school named 2015 Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America
- Two schools named Title I Reward Schools by the state Board of Education
- Members of the Class of 2017 received the Morehead-Cain Scholarship and Park Scholarship.
We are proud of our staff, students, families and community. From the first day of pre-kindergarten through graduation day, we are focused on our mission: Guilford County students will graduate as responsible citizens prepared to succeed in higher education, or in the career of their choice.

PERSONALIZING LEARNING
GCS is a national leader in personalizing programs to meet the needs of our diverse student body:

- 46 magnet and choice schools with 54 programs
  Students can study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), aviation, Spanish immersion, health sciences, Montessori and more
- 187 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in 50 schools
  CTE programs include culinary arts, business, nursing, computers and automotive technology, among others
- Two nationally recognized visual and performing-arts high schools
- Nationally recognized programs for students with autism, developmental, physical or intellectual disabilities, and other needs

ADVANCED ACADEMICS
GCS students are achieving educational excellence. Each is prepared to succeed in a globally competitive world, benefiting from a district that offers challenging and exciting programs and courses:

- More challenging courses for academically gifted students and a separate school for very advanced learners
- 30 different Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered districtwide
- Challenging International Baccalaureate (IB) programs at four GCS high schools
- Graduates from the class of 2016 passed a total of 6,869 AP and IB exams; and earned a B or better in 1,846 qualifying college courses.
- 35.5 percent of the Class of 2016 passed at least one AP/IB exam or college course while in high school
- In 2016, 203 graduates passed at least 10 AP or IB exams and/or qualifying college courses

CHARACTER AND SERVICE
GCS knows today’s young people must be citizens of the world, as well as leaders in their own community. We focus on educating the whole child, linking learning with meaningful action.

- In the past five years, students have completed more than 1.7 million service-learning hours, or more than $41 million in economic impact
- GCS was named a 2013 National District of Character and the 2013 North Carolina District of Character
- All 127 schools focus on a monthly character trait, from courage to perseverance to self-respect
- Since 2012, more than 80 GCS programs have been recognized as Promising Practice recipients
- In 2017, seven State Schools of Character and five National School of Character were named from GCS, totaling 17 State Schools of Character and 12 National Schools of Character since 2014.

GCS STUDENTS ARE…

- Winning national honors for technology, art and academics
- Earning more than $148 million in college scholarships and grants in 2017
- Presenting at the 2017 National Service Learning Conference in California
- Winning state championships for real-world design and engineering
- Helping launch food pantries and supply meals to thousands of families
- Building energy-efficient electric cars and competing in the Shell Eco-Marathon
- Having their artwork displayed in the halls of Congress
- Designing buildings for Camp Weaver
- Earning scholarships to study abroad

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