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NEWEST REACH SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

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(MACON, GA) – The Bibb County School District recently chose its newest class of Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholars for the Class of 2025. These current eighth-graders will receive \$10,000 in scholarships if they meet academic and behavior criteria throughout the remainder of their school careers.

One student from each District middle school was chosen: Nicholas Woodford, Appling Middle School; James Winston, Ballard-Hudson Middle School; Micaiah Howard, Howard Middle School; Kimora Hollingshed, Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School; Xanthia Brezial, Rutland Middle School; and De-Andre McKinney, Weaver Middle School. These students will receive support from the District to help meet their goals and could even receive more financial aid through matching agreements at certain colleges and universities.

About REACH

In 2016, the Bibb County School District was one of numerous school districts in Georgia to join the REACH Scholarship Program. The REACH Scholarship Program was launched in 2012 and is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program designed to encourage students, starting in middle school, to persist in their educational pursuits. Students are provided with the academic, social and financial support needed to graduate from high school, attend college, achieve post-secondary success and be prepared for the 21st century workforce.

The REACH Foundation provides 75 percent of the funding for the scholarships and local school districts must raise the remainder. This means that upon their graduation from a Bibb County high school, each REACH Scholar will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for college. Some partnering colleges and universities in Georgia will even match or double-match this amount for REACH Scholars.

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