Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Kantavius Armour, Miracle Castleberry, and Le’Ambriah Soilberry received their diplomas and turned their tassels, becoming the newest GSD alumni on Tuesday. The ceremony included a personal message from Georgia’s Superintendent of Schools, Richards Woods. Miracle gave a speech, commenting on the importance of optimism. Commencement speaker Jimmy Peterson, Executive Director of the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, spoke about the importance of not giving up when life throws a roadblock in your path. The Design choir performed a wonderful song, “Got Here Together.” Everyone enjoyed a lovely reception after graduation. A lot of photos were taken, a lot of hugs were given, and many memories were made. Thank you to everyone who made graduation happen, including Graduation Sponsor Dr. Tiffany Pauling-Brown, GSD administrators, the IT team, the maintenance team, the Hospitality Committee, the Tiger Café staff, Beth Bell, Marie Dickinson, Bussey’s Florist of Cedartown, and Johnson’s of Jacksonville for the ferns. Thank you to everyone who helped the graduates learn, grow, and succeed during their years at GSD—their families, their teachers, their RAs, and their friends. We are so proud of you, Class of 2024, and wish you the best of luck in your future!
GSD ended the year by recognizing the hard work of our students this year. Outstanding achievement and significant improvement were common awards. Some students received some very special awards. Allison Adkins and Elijah Vaughn had the highest Student Growth Scores on the STAR reading test and were gifted bicycles by the Masonic Lodge of Cave Spring. Le’Ambriah Soilberry was honored with the McDonald’s Leadership Award, which included a medallion and $500 check. She was also selected to receive an Award of Excellence from the GA Department of Education’s Special Education Division. We are all so proud of our students’ learning and growing!
Elementary Awards

Middle School Awards
Senior Breakfast and Tiger Walk

GSD has two great traditions for our graduating seniors. The Senior Breakfast, hosted by the Hospitality Committee (Jamie Herston, Malloy Edge, Cheryl Beard, Jennifer Sanford), is a special time when seniors invite guests who are important to them to a delicious meal. Guests and the seniors share stories about their time at GSD. The Senior Tiger Walk allows everyone at GSD to cheer our soon-to-be alumni as they travel around the campus.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday 7/27 Registration Day and Title I Family Meeting, Grades 8-12
- Saturday 8/3 Registration Day and Title I Family Meeting, Grades PreK-7
- Wednesday 8/7 First Day of School 2024-2025
King Center

The Middle School department learned a lot about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work during their trip to the King Center in Atlanta.

Kindergarten Graduation
Middle School Fun Day: Bowling

Middle Schoolers had a super fun time bowling!

High School Fun Day: Topgolf

High Schoolers had a great time competing against one another at Topgolf!