

STAR INFORMATION FOR NEWS MEDIA

For Local Winners

Date: _____
STAR Student's Name: _____
STAR Student's High School: _____
Local Sponsoring Organization: _____
Local Sponsor Contact (Name): _____
Local Sponsor Contact (Title): _____
Local Sponsor Contact (Phone Number): _____
STAR Student's Parents: _____
STAR Student's STAR Teacher: _____
Subject STAR Teacher Taught STAR Student: _____

The PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program, now in its 60th year, is sponsored, administered and promoted by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE). Since its creation by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the STAR program has honored nearly 26,500 students and the teachers they have selected as having had the most influence on their academic achievement. To obtain the 2018 STAR nomination, graduating high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average.

STAR begins each year in participating high schools throughout Georgia when the STAR Student is named and chooses a STAR Teacher to share in this recognition. The students and their teachers are honored by their schools and receive special recognition in their communities from one of the more than 165 statewide civic organizations and businesses that serve as local sponsors of the STAR program. Students then compete for school system titles, and those winners compete for region honors. Region Winners compete for the honor of being named State PAGE STAR Student. STAR Teachers continue on with their STAR Students at every level of the program.

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SAMPLE STAR NEWS RELEASE

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(Local Sponsor's Name)

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SUSAN JONES OF GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IS NAMED PAGE STAR STUDENT

Gainesville High School senior Susan Jones has been named the school's 2018 PAGE STAR Student. John Smith, vice-president of Trust National Bank in Gainesville, the local STAR program sponsor, announced the honor (today or Tuesday or date). Jones selected Irene Johnson, an English teacher at Gainesville High School, as her STAR Teacher. Jones, the daughter of Frank and Esther Jones of Gainesville, earned the recognition for academic achievement and performance on the SAT.

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"We are very proud of Ms. Jones and Ms. Johnson and the academic excellence they exemplify at Gainesville High," said Mr. Smith.

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