



# BROOKWOOD

*A Tradition of Excellence*

## **SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-2019**

### **Overall Rankings**

- Recognized nationally in *U. S. News & World Report* and *Niche.com*.
- Recognized as an AP Honor School again this year.
- Ranked No. 1 in Gwinnett County with a score of 95.9 out of 100 in the Weighted School Assessment and one of only two GCPS schools over 90 in the state's College and Career Ready Performance Index.
- First high school peer leader program in Gwinnett, third in Georgia to earn certification from the National Association of Peer Program Professionals.

### **Academics**

- The Class of 2019 had 887 graduates, including 321 AP Scholars, 310 Honor Graduates, and 57 top seniors graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Eleven graduates were National Merit Scholar Semifinalists.
- Science Olympiad won the state championship for the ninth consecutive year, earning medals in 19 out of the tournament's 23 events, including seven gold medals. The team also placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 50 teams nationwide at the UPenn Science Olympiad Invitational.
- Ten students are participants in the 2019 Governor's Honor Program.
- German: Four German studies students took and passed the academically prestigious Deutsches Sprachdiplom (DSD) German Government Test. Brookwood was the only school from Gwinnett County to have students participate in this test.
- Latin: Brookwood students competed at the national level on the Medusa Mythology Exam for the first time, and five earned certificate awards. Eight earned a Gold Medal for their performance on the National Latin Exam, and 28 earned Silver.
- French: 82% of Brookwood's 56 students who took the National French Exam earned recognition for their performance (26 medalists and 20 honorable mentions).
- Spanish: 13 students ranked in the top 5% in the nation to earn a Gold Medal in the National Spanish Exam. Seven earned silver and 34 earned bronze; 73 students received honorable mention.
- For the sixth consecutive year, a Brookwood Entrepreneurship Program student has won the title of "Best Young Snellville Entrepreneur. Nine Brookwood 10th graders in the program competed against each other and students from South Gwinnett, Shiloh, and Grayson Tech high schools "Shark Tank" style for a chance to win up to \$4,000 of venture capital. Brookwood students collectively won \$2650 of it.
- Three robotics teams qualified to compete at the state level.
- BHS FBLA was recognized as the 2018-19 Largest Local Chapter in Region 13 and won first at Region Sweepstakes. BHS students won 12 events at the region competition; 35 events advanced to the state level.
- A team of two in the Brookwood DECA Club earned a Top 10 ranking for its Case Study Project, ranking in the Top 20 overall at the International DECA Convention. They were the only two in the Gwinnett County Schools who were finalists in any area. Eleven

students placed in the Top 6 in each of their areas at the DECA State Career Development Conference, qualifying them for the International Career Development Conference in Orlando.

- SGA won two 1st place awards at the Georgia Association of Student Councils: Outstanding Fundraising Project and Outstanding Teacher Appreciation Award.
- Readers Rally earned first runner-up spot in the District competition.
- Brookwood's Career & Technical Education Student of the Year was Gwinnett's second runner-up.

## **Athletics**

- Every year, including 2018-19, Brookwood has remained in the top 10 in the largest classification of Georgia Athletic Directors Association's Directors Cup.
- BHS won three athletic state championships: Boys Tennis won for the ninth time. Swim and Dive swept State again, making it the fourth consecutive win for the boys and the second consecutive win for the girls.
- State Playoffs: Girls Soccer Final 4, Softball Elite 8, Volleyball Sweet 16.
- BHS won seven Region Championships: Softball (12<sup>th</sup> title), Boys Varsity Cross Country, Competition Cheerleading (third consecutive title), Wrestling Duals (third consecutive title), Wrestling Traditional (third consecutive title), Girls Tennis (10<sup>th</sup> consecutive title), Boys Tennis (9<sup>th</sup> title).
- County Champions: Boys Cross Country Varsity, JV and Middle School teams, Boys Swim and Dive, Girls Swim and Dive, Girls Track and Field (fifth in the past seven years)
- Wrestling: Placed fourth at State in both Duals and Traditional Championships, had one individual state champion and seven placers in the Top 6. Brookwood student named All-County Wrestler of the Year, two to First Team, three to Second Team.
- Named Volleyball Region Coach of the Year and Player of the Year.
- Boys Cross Country fifth at State; one runner earned 4<sup>th</sup> place individually. Girls Cross Country ranked in the Top 10,
- Brookwood Girls Track and Field: Lady Broncos won Field Athlete of the Year and Runner of the Year. Named Coach of the Year.

## **Visual and Performing Arts**

- 75 students were inducted into the Tri M Music Honor Society.
- Band/Full Orchestra: 16 students advanced to All-State Band/Full Orchestra auditions; seven made All-State.
- Concert Band: All four concert bands attended the Large Group Performance Evaluation last week and received straight SUPERIORS on stage for outstanding performances!
- Marching Band swept the Effingham Competition, earning Grand Champion status with Best Overall for Drum Majors, Percussion, Guard, Music, and Effect.
- Jazz Band: Four students advanced to final round of All-State auditions; two made All-State.
- Chorus: All three choruses earned all Superior ratings at the GMEA District Large Group Performance Evaluation. Eight students advanced to All-State auditions and all made the All-State Chorus.

- Orchestra: nine students advanced to All-State auditions; five made All-State. All groups earned Superior ratings at the GMEA District Large Group Performance Evaluation.
- Theater: First place at the Region One Act Play Competition; first place rankings from all three judges with scores of 98, 98, and 100. Individuals won Best Sound, All-Star Cast, and Best Actor.
- Visual Arts: Two Visual Arts students earned state and national awards in the annual Scholastic Art & Writing competition: national Gold Medal, Silver Medal and American Visions Award. 19 student works made up the 82-piece exhibition at the statewide Piedmont College Art Show. BHS visual arts students placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students won four first place awards and two seconds at the Shutter Sense Photography Exhibition. All-State Art Symposium: Two BHS students earned recognition for their outstanding artwork with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place. 13 works of art gained acceptance into the prestigious Atlanta High School Student Art Exhibit displayed at the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, winning "Best of Show" and "People's Choice."

## Faculty

- Director of Bands Laura Stanley was recognized as one of the nation's 50 best band directors by *School Band and Orchestra* magazine.
- Carrie Settles Livers was named a UGA 40Under40 honor recipient and one of eight recipients of the prestigious 2018 Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education for her creation of "STEMpreneurship with Brookwood Aquaponics,"
- Brookwood Teacher of the Year, Stephen Beall, advanced to Gwinnett County level as one of only 25 semifinalists.
- Principal Bo Ford received the Administrator of the 2019 Year Award from Georgia Thespian Society.
- Latin teacher Katie Rossino was named Georgia Classical Association's Teacher of the Year.
- Boys Cross Country coach, Ben Dehnke, was honored with the Jerry Frasier Coaches Dedication Award.
- Coach Eric Rovie named Girls Track and Field Region Coach of the Year.
- Volleyball Region Coach of the Year went to Brookwood's Stacey Bennum.
- Softball and Baseball Coach Roger Parham was inducted into the Gwinnett County Baseball Hall of Fame.

## Philanthropy

- Brookwood organizations, students and faculty raised \$119,071 for charity during the 2018-2019 school year, bringing the school's five-year total to \$648,951. In September 2014, Brookwood launched the M1M March to \$1 Million campaign to raise \$1 million for charity by September 2025. Each year, the school has exceeded \$100,000 in giving.

