

# Grady High School Brag Sheet 05-06

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## MUSIC:

**Brad Cox**, clarinetist, was selected for the All-State Band. He was the only student from Atlanta Public Schools selected for this honor ensemble.

Two Grady High School students have been selected to play with the **Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony** at Emory this year. Jessica Lambert is second chair in the bass clarinet section, and Brad Cox returns as the principal third clarinet. The AYWS (which made its Carnegie Hall debut this past June) puts on four (free!) concerts a year at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts at Emory. For more information, see their website:  
<http://www.music.emory.edu/AYWS/>

Carmen Little, Alexandra Hooper, Sarah Marriner, and Daniel Weiss sang for five-time Grammy Award nominee **Nnenna Freelon** at the First Center at Georgia Tech on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

Three students from **Grady's band** participated in the **Georgia Music Educator's Association Solo and Ensemble Auditions**. Leah Leonard and Brad Cox received superior ratings and Jessica Lambert received an excellent rating. Three students are auditioning for All-State Band.

Students from **Grady's orchestra** participated in the **Georgia Music Educator's Association Solo and Ensemble Auditions**. Grady's String Quartet (Phoebe Looman, Isabelle Robinson-Ortiz, Marty Styles, and Josh Washington) received a superior rating; Ariel Manning (violin) received a superior rating; Jeffrey Carpenter (violin) received a superior rating; Alexandria Cantrell (violin) received an excellent rating; and Isabell Robinson-Ortiz (viola) received an excellent rating.

Two violinists from Grady's orchestra, Alexandria Cantrell and Phoebe Looman, were selected to participate in the **Georgia State University High School Honor Orchestra** on February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Three students from the chorus passed the first round of **All-State Chorus** auditions: John Taylor, eleventh grade; Emma French, ninth grade; and Scott Chambliss, tenth grade.

**Oreta Sarah Taylor**, a senior, was selected to perform as soloist for the APS Convocation held in October. Sarah was also selected to perform for the Council of the Great City Schools convention held here in Atlanta.

Two voice students from Grady will go on to the next round of auditions for the **Governor's Honors Program**: Lauren Dellinger and Alex Hooper (both are sophomores)

The Grady Fine Arts Department traveled to **New York City** during the first weekend of spring break. On Friday afternoon, March 31, the **Grady High School Chorus** will perform at **St. John the Divine Cathedral**. On April 1, members of the orchestra received a guided tour of the **Julliard School**, given by the school's director, Dr. Andrew Thomas, and attended a recital by the eighteen year old violinist Kyung-Jun Kim.

Three members from the Grady chorus were selected to participate in **All-State Chorus**: John Taylor, eleventh grade; Emma French, ninth grade; and Scott Chambliss, tenth grade. All three students also received a gold seal on their award recognizing a score of 90% or better on their second audition.

During the 2005-2006 school year, the **Grady High School Chorus** performed as guests of Reinhardt College, Georgia State University, and the William Baker Singers. The Chorus also had major performances at Clayton State University's world famous Spivey Hall, the cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and for the unveiling of the U.S. postal stamp honoring Hattie McDaniel held at the Margaret Mitchell house and museum.

Phoebe Looman and Alexandria Cantrell were selected to participate in **the GSU Honor Orchestra**. Phoebe and Isobel Robinson-Ortiz were selected through the APS Youth Orchestra to receive 10 Masterclasses with the Vega Quartet, the new Quartet-in-Residence at GSU. Isobel and Jeffrey Carpenter made their Spivey Hall debut with the Grady High Chorus in their performance of a piece for Chorus and Violin and Viola Duet.

**Emily Burke** received the second annual **Doc Rumble Award**, a \$500 scholarship awarded to an outstanding choral student.

### **FINE ART:**

Grady High School held its **first dance recital** on December 6, 2005, under the direction of Antonio Sisk.

Grady art students participated in the "**Potentially Harmless**" exhibit at the Youth Art Connection Gallery in February and March, 2006. This exhibit, produced in collaboration with Georgia State University, was an exploration of issues related to censorship.

**Kelly Douglas**, a student in Ms. Wadsworth's Introduction to Art class, submitted a poster entry to the **AAA High School Traffic Safety Competition**. Kelly's was one of 33 chosen out of over 1,000 entries to make through the state level competition **move forward to national competition**.

**Chantia Robinson** auditioned for the **Juilliard School of Dance** in New York City on March 7<sup>th</sup>. She was one of 400 selected to audition from thousands of applicants nationally.

**Carson Hale** won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the annual Dogwood Art Festival "Visual Vibes" competition out of 350 entries.

**Michael Parks** produced the winning design to represent the new "One Book, One Community/Atlanta Reads" program initiated by Mayor Shirley Franklin.

**Forrest Aguar** won first place in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual regional art competition sponsored by the Society and held at the Mason-Murer gallery. **Anna Simonton** took honorable mention in the same event.

**Curry Andrews'** design was chosen by the Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs and APS to represent the new Atlanta Cultural tour.

**Claire Monson, Brian Starnes, Liliana Hudgens, and Katie Gaslowitz** all received silver keys at this National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

**Claire Monson, Chris Modica, and Nyssa Daniels** were all regional winners in the annual Women's Club art competition.

**Hamp Watson** received two honorable mentions and **Matthew Jordan** received one honorable mention at the Pace Academy High School photo contest on April 9, 2006.

Grady's **photography classes** had their works on display this spring. The Photo I Pinhole Photography show was on display during March, and the Photo I, II, and III classes had their show "Portraits" hanging in May. Both shows were on display in the theater atrium and lobby.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**The Southerner** won its third **NSPA Pacemaker Award** in a row, the paper's fifth in the past nine years. The Pacemaker Award is widely viewed as the most prestigious honor given to scholastic publications and is often considered the Pulitzer Prize of scholastic journalism.

**Grady News Network** won the school's first **NSPA Broadcast Pacemaker Award**.

Students in Mr. Winter's Journalism I class write album reviews for **Criminal Records** in Atlanta. Their reviews are featured on Criminal Records' website. The following students were named weekly winners and were therefore also published in the Criminal Records newsletter: Michelle Wilco (Nov. 15), Scottie Bookman (Nov. 22), George Sanders (Nov. 29), Ella Miller (Nov. 29), Hannah Rosenbaum (Dec. 6), Wes Smith (Dec. 13), Hamp Watson (Jan. 31).

On February 8, the **Chamber of Commerce** honored the staffs of **GNN** and **The Southerner** for their excellence in high school journalism.

**The Southerner** has been named a **Crown Award finalist** by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). The Crown Awards are selected by a panel of professional journalists, college journalism professors, and scholastic press association officials.

**The Southerner** was featured in the **Columbia Journalism Review**. The article referred to the magnet program as "the Lake Wobegon of high school journalism."

Anna Alexander, Alix Black, Alex Daniels, Nyssa Daniels, Emma Din, Paul Katzman, Sarah Beth McKay, Laura Okonokhua, Brandon Sheats, Natalie Streiter, Matt Westmoreland, and Omari Williams produced radio commentaries with **YouthRadio**. The students' commentaries were broadcast on 90.1 WABE on Saturday mornings throughout the school year.

Alix Black attended the **National Youth in Radio Training Project Conference** in Portland, Oregon April 19-22, 2006, courtesy of Youth Radio.

*Southerner* news reporter **Rebecca Gittelson** has been named one of 11 national semifinalists for the Hemingway Award for News Writing. The Hemingway Awards are sponsored by the *Kansas City Star*, where Ernest Hemingway worked as a journalist in 1917. Shortly before his stint at the *Star*, Hemingway wrote for his high school newspaper.

The Georgia Scholastic Press Association has named Nexus managing editor and *Southerner* news reporter **Micah Weiss** the **2006 Georgia Champion Journalist** (aka Journalist of the Year). By winning the portfolio competition, Micah earns the right to compete with the other state winners for the title of JEA National Journalist of the Year. Micah becomes the fifth consecutive Grady senior to be named Georgia's Champion Journalist.

*The Southerner* and *Nexus* each received two **2006 Gold Key Awards** in the International Writing and Photography Contest, sponsored by the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) and the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists.

- The Oct. 15 feature package “New Orleans to Atlanta,” which featured stories about Hurricane Katrina evacuees coming to Grady and to Atlanta, was named a national winner in the team in-depth reporting category. Seniors Allana Neely, Chelsea Spencer and juniors Lee Allen, Leah Bishop and Lena Brodsky all received Gold Keys for the stories they contributed to that feature-story package.
- Junior Stone Irvin also won a Gold Key for his Dec. 12 editorial cartoon, “Now For Some Changes,” which depicted a caricature of President Bush cutting the Bill of Rights with a pair of “Patriot Act” scissors.
- Nexus managing editor Micah Weiss earned two Gold Keys; one in the individual in-depth reporting category for his March 2005 cover story, “A Lesson in Islam,” a profile of W.D. Mohammed High School, and one in the advertising category for his October 2005 back cover ad for Criminal Records.

The **Turner STARS** internship program selected three Grady students to advance to interviews: Carson Phillips-Spotts, Ashley Thurston, and Ysatis Wood.

Ashley Thurston was awarded an **Emma Bowen Foundation Internship** with 90.1 WABE. This internship will last throughout Ashley’s college years and matches her internship wages with scholarship dollars.

Anthony Johnson and Jermeen Sherman interviewed for Emma Bowen Foundation Internships with **CBS**.

*The Orator*, Grady’s yearbook, was a Wadsworth Publishing Design Winner for 2006. The yearbook will serve as a model for yearbook programs across the country.

### **Journalism Association and Society Awards:**

#### **Quill and Scroll Society**

*The Southerner*, 2005 International First Place Award winner

#### **National Scholastic Press Association**

*Grady News Network*, 2005 Pacemaker Award winner

*The Southerner*, 2005 Pacemaker Award winner  
(Grady was the only school in the nation to win  
both broadcast and newspaper Pacemaker awards in 2005.)  
*The Southerner*, Vol. 59, No. 2  
2005 Best of Show Competition (fall convention in Chicago)  
Seventh Place, Large Newspaper Category (larger than 16 pages)

**Journalism Education Association**

2005 Write-Off Competition (fall, Chicago) Winners

*Excellent*

Kati Gaslowitz, Literary Magazine: Illustration

Devin Jefferson, Literary Magazine: Poem

*Honorable Mention*

Chelsea Spencer, Copy Editing/Headline and Caption Writing

Kristina Weems, Yearbook Copy and Caption Writing (Sports)

**2005 Georgia Champion Journalist (Journalist of the Year)**

(sponsored by the Georgia Scholastic Press Association)

*Winner*

Micah Weiss

*First Runner-Up*

Chelsea Cook

(fifth year in a row that a Grady senior has earned this distinction)

**2006 Ernest Hemingway Writing Award for High School Journalists**

(sponsored by *The Kansas City Star*)

*Semifinalist*

Rebecca Gittelson, News Writing,

“Israelis pull out of Gaza in peace attempt,”

and “Doctor-assisted death tests morals, states' rights”

**Columbia Journalism Review**

Chelsea Spencer and *The Southerner*

(were profiled in the January/February 2006 issue of *CJR*)

**Columbia Scholastic Press Association**

Dylan Woodliff earned 10 2006 Gold Circle Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the outstanding work his during his senior year as an editorial cartoonist and illustrator for *The Southerner*. Grady won 15 awards in the annual contest which were announced March 17 in New York at the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual CSPA convention.

*The Southerner* also received a Silver Crown Award at the convention. It was the second year that Grady's newspaper has been so honored.

*Nexus* managing editor Micah Weiss earned a second and third place award for the advertising pages he designed for the magazine. Steven Johnson earned second place infographic design for his March 14, 2005, graphic, “Earthwind's Highs and Lows.” Seniors Allana Neely and Matt Westmoreland (News Page Design) and 2005 graduates Clara Green and Elly Bookman (Op-Ed Page Design) earned certificates of merit in the black-and-white page design category.

The national competition solicited more than 8,500 entries in 75 categories.

*The Southerner*, 2006 Silver Crown Award  
Columbia Scholastic Press Association 2006 Gold Circle Awards

*First Place Winners*

J. Dylan Woodliff, "The Media Knows What's Important," Editorial Cartoons  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "Athletics vs. Academics," Sports Cartoons  
J. Dylan Woodliff, Cartoon Portfolio

*Second Place Winners*

Steven Johnson, "Earthwind's Highs and Lows," Information Graphics  
Micah Weiss, "Nexus, Vol. 1, Issue 2," Advertising Page  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "The iPod Revolution," Editorial Cartoons  
J. Dylan Woodliff, Illustrations Portfolio

*Third Place Winners*

Micah Weiss, "Nexus, Vol. 2, Issue 1," Advertising Page  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "When is WNBA Coming?" Sports Cartoons

*Certificate of Merit Winners*

Clara Green and Elly Bookman, "Page 4, March 14, 2005," Opinion Page Design  
Allana Neely and Matt Westmoreland, "Page 6, Nov. 11, 2004," News Page Design  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "AI-Propaganda," Editorial Cartoons  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "I Wish I Had Pursued a Legitimate Line of Work," Sports Cartoons  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "Nexus inaugural cover," Art/Illustration (Two or More Colors)  
J. Dylan Woodliff, "Plantboy," Art /Illustration (Black and White with One Color)

**American Society of Newspaper Editors/Quill and Scroll**  
**2006 International Writing and Photography Contest**

*Gold Key Winners*

Lee Allen, Leah Bishop, Lena Brodsky, Allana Neely, and Chelsea Spencer,  
"New Orleans to Atlanta," In-Depth Reporting (Group)  
Stone Irvin, "Now For Some Changes," Editorial Cartoon  
Micah Weiss, "A Lesson in Islam," In-Depth Reporting (Individual)  
Micah Weiss, "Criminal Records back-page ad," Advertising

**Georgia Scholastic Press Association**

Grady's print and broadcast journalism program capped off a strong publication year by garnering nine staff and 38 individual awards at the 2006 Georgia Scholastic Press Association Awards Ceremony, held April 21 at the Tate Student Center at the University of Georgia in Athens.

*Southerner* co-managing editor Chelsea Cook had an amazing day, capturing seven individual awards. Micah Weiss earned three awards, including being honored as Georgia's Champion Journalist. Other multiple winners included Jerica Allen, Jordan Echols and Maria Hilliard of *GNN*, and Curry Andrews, Max Beeching, Lena Brodsky, Emma Din, Chelsea Spencer and William VanDerKloot of *The Southerner*.

## STAFF AWARDS

### **2006 General Excellence Award, AA**

*The Southerner*

### **2006 Start-Up Award**

*Nexus*

### **2006 Best News Coverage**

*The Southerner*

## STAFF EVALUATIONS

### **2006 Broadcast Competition**

*GNN*, superior rating

### **2006 Newspaper Competition**

*The Southerner*, superior rating

*Nexus*, achievement rating

### **2005 Literary Magazine Competition**

*The Unmasking*, excellent rating

*Nexus*, achievement rating

### **2005 Yearbook Competition**

*The Orator*, excellent rating

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT AWARDS

### **Georgia Journalist of the Year Competition**

Micah Weiss, winner

Chelsea Cook, first runner-Up

### **Exemplar (Best in State)**

#### **Broadcast Feature Package**

Jerica Allen, *GNN*

#### **Broadcast Production**

Lardycia Manns, Lauren Mitchell, Ysatis Wood, *GNN*

#### **Broadcast Sports Package**

Jordan Echols, Maria Hilliard, *GNN*

#### **Feature Story**

Micah Weiss, *Nexus*

#### **In-Depth News Story**

Chelsea Cook, *The Southerner*

#### **News Photo**

Chelsea Cook, *The Southerner*

#### **News Story**

Emma Din and Hanna Griffiths, *The Southerner*

#### **Newspaper Double-Truck Design**

Asa Beal, Ben Brandon, Chelsea Cook, Nathaniel Reuter, Micah Weiss, *Nexus*

#### **Sports Game Coverage**

Woody Morgan, *The Southerner*

**Sports Photo**

Max Beeching, *The Southerner*

**Superior**

**Broadcast Feature Package**

Adina Herman, Maria Hilliard, *GNN*

**Broadcast In-Depth News**

Jordan Echols, Maria Hilliard, *GNN*

**Broadcast Production**

Jerica Allen, *GNN*

Anthony Johnson and Matt Marshall, *GNN*

**Caption Writing**

Lily Feinberg, *The Southerner*

**Critical Review**

Alex Daniels, *The Southerner*

William VanDerKloot, *The Southerner*

**Editorial Cartoon**

Carson Hale, *The Southerner*

Stone Irvin, *The Southerner*

**Feature Photo**

Curry Andrews, *The Southerner*

Chelsea Cook, *The Southerner*

Jane Zamarripa, *Nexus*

**Feature Profile**

Matt Westmoreland, *The Southerner*

**Feature Story**

Chelsea Cook, *The Southerner*

Sophie Cox, *Nexus*

Rebecca Gittelsohn, *The Southerner*

**Headline Writing**

Lena Brodsky, *The Southerner*

**House Editorials**

Staff, *The Southerner*

**In-Depth News Story**

Curry Andrews, *The Southerner*

**Information Graphic**

William VanDerKloot, *The Southerner*

**News Story**

Emma Din, *The Southerner*

**Newspaper Double-Truck Design**

Lee Allen, Leah Bishop, Allana Neely, Chelsea Spencer, *The Southerner*

**Opposing Viewpoints Column**

Chelsea Cook and Chelsea Spencer, Allison Farnham and David Suits, Allison Farnham and Elizabeth Schenck, *The Southerner*

**Short Story**

Jessica Brandon and Vivi Chavez, *The Unmasking*

**Sports Game Coverage**

Max Beeching, *The Southerner*

### **Sports News Story**

Woody Morgan, *The Southerner*

### **Adviser Award**

#### **Career Service Award**

Dave Winter, *The Southerner*

### **Southern Interscholastic Press Association**

#### *2005 Staff Evaluations*

*Nexus*, superior rating

*The Southerner*, superior rating

#### *2005 Mail-In Contest Winners*

##### *First Place Winners*

Max Beeching, Sports Cutlines

Max Beeching, "12-0 Grady one win from Georgia Dome," Sports Story

Rhanatah Griffith and Koleen Sullivan, Feature Cutlines

Kimberly Hagan, "The texture of a tragedy," Editorial Column

David Suitts, "Time to take the 'college' out of college sports," Sports Column

##### *Second Place Winner*

Sarah Beth McKay, News Cutlines

##### *Third Place Winners*

Katherine Hagan, "Tsumani effects are felt by all," News Feature

Carson Hale, "Grady students get working experience with RVI program," Feature Story

Steven Johnson, "It's about cherishing the moment, not the perks," Sports Column

P. J. McGlynn, "Season ends in disappointment at region tourney," Sports Story

Students in Mr. Winter's Journalism I class participate in Criminal Records Aspirational Music Journalism and Mentoring Program (a.k.a. C.R.A.M.J.A.M.) in which they write album reviews for **Criminal Records** in Atlanta. Their reviews are featured on Criminal Records' website. The following students were named weekly winners and were therefore also published in the Criminal Records newsletter: Michelle Wilco (Nov. 15), Scottie Bookman (Nov. 22), George Sanders (Nov. 29), Ella Miller (Nov. 29), Hannah Rosenbaum (Dec. 6), Wes Smith (Dec. 13), Hamp Watson (Jan. 31), Taylor Kelley (March 7), Alex Ritz (March 21), Andrew Wicker (March 21), Micah Weiss (April 11), Paul Katzman (April 25). This year's participants published reviews on Criminal Records website (criminal.com) and included: Lucas Alvarez, Shelanese Andrews, Ebony Arnett, Griffin Barnett, Susan Baughman, Ted Brackney, Scott Chambliss, Sophie Cox, Grant Coyle, Stephen Crouse, Lauren Dellinger, Jourdan DeVies, Alex Edmonson, Eleanor Garrett, Liza Goldstein, Michael Harper, Corinthia Hayes, Alix Joslyn, Janna Kaplan, Paul Katzman, Kieran Maynard, Katie O'Brien, Alexandra Patterson, Noah Shaye, Julianna Strack, Jasmine Tillman, Madeleine Webb, and Caitlin Wert.

## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY**

Our Health Science Academy had a **grand opening** this year of a brand new health science lab.

Forty-eight students in the academy attended the state **HOSA Conference and Competition**. Grady won an award for entering the most competitors in academic competitions. Grady students won 21 medals, 10 of them goal medals!

The following students were medal winners at the 2006 State HOSA Conference:

- Medical Reading—1<sup>st</sup> place—Brianna Hill, Terrah Parsons, Catherine Reynolds
- Parliamentary Procedure—1<sup>st</sup> place---Chelsea Armstrong, Phylicia Carruthers, Icee Grier, LaShawn Harris, Lindsey Hutchins, Andrea Mathis, Travis Todd
- First Aid/Rescue Breathing—2<sup>nd</sup> place—Whitton Ukah
- Extemporaneous Writing—2<sup>nd</sup> place—Imani Mandela (3<sup>rd</sup> year placing in this category)
- Knowledge Test Human Growth and Development—2<sup>nd</sup> place—Brittany Owens
- Interviewing Skills—2<sup>nd</sup> place—Jiya Shah
- Veterinary Assisting—3<sup>rd</sup> place—Nicholas Curry
- Dental Spelling—3<sup>rd</sup> place---Johnny McWhorter
- Health Education—Maurice Brooks, Kimberly Murphy, Angelica Perez, Kalen Strader
- Knowledge Test Concepts of Healthcare—3<sup>rd</sup> place—Asako Wyatt

Grady High School won more medals than any other high school at the conference. The conference had over 850 attendees statewide.

Sandra Ukah's **Health Science Academy** was featured on WPBA TV Channel 30's broadcast of *APS Today*. In the broadcast, Grady students discussed the skills they learn in the health science academy and demonstrated their talents in the medical field.

## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: FASHION DESIGN**

The **Fashion Design Program** at Grady has been in the media. On March 13, 2006, the program was featured on PBA 30's program *APS Today* and was on Good Day Atlanta on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Five student fashion designers** participated in the **Majestic Soul Benefit Fashion Show** in the Egyptian Ballroom at the Fox Theater on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Grady designers are **Samuel Williams, Rhanatah Griffith, Zoie Johnson, Gracie Cunningham and Chloe Blalock**. Guest models in the show included Suchita Vadlamani and Colins Spencer. All proceeds benefit The Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence and the KAPsi Foundation Scholarship Fund. Grady's fashion design program was featured on **Good Day Atlanta** on March 16<sup>th</sup> in coverage related to the benefit fashion show.

On June 22nd Grady had one designer featured in a fashion show celebrating the launch of a new fashion magazine called **ATL Style**. The same magazine also covered **Grady's Urban Couture** on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Vincent Martinez's **fashion design program** was featured on WPBA TV Channel 30's broadcast of *APS Today*. Viewers caught a glimpse of Mr. Martinez's students in action designing, sewing, and modeling their creations.

**The Sunday Paper** published a feature story on Urban Couture, Grady's fashion show, held May 11, 2006.

Mr. Martinez's **fashion design** students have been invited to compete in a fashion design competition called FreeStyle Design. This event will take place in June at a downtown restaurant and students will be competing alongside professional designers.

### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: DIGITAL MEDIA/DESIGN**

Five Grady students (John Watson, Mary Lane, Kristen Thompson, Angela Pritchett, James Hutchins) supported The Council for Intown Neighborhood Schools (CINS) by designing theatrical posters and supplemental promotional materials for their annual fundraising event, "An Evening with Langston Hughes" in September 2005.

Members of the first graduating class from the Design Emphasis (John Watson, Mary Lane, Kristen Thompson, Angela Pritchett, James Hutchins) were honored as the first recipients of the Grady Design Prism Award. This award was created this year in recognition of exemplary student volunteerism as designers to support those within the community who provide service to others.

The Grady Digital Design class hosted their first portfolio exhibit, "A Work in Progress: Identity through Design", in conjunction with the AP Art Show and Unmasking debut at Eyedrum Gallery in Atlanta April 21 – 23, 2006.

The Grady Digital Design class contributed to efforts to define "what it means to be a Grady High Grey Knight" through the creation of a series of five original art posters identifying each letter of the name "GRADY" with a facet of our student body personality. The posters were unveiled in Grady's hallways during Homecoming Week 2005 to support school spirit.

### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: GRAPHIC ARTS**

Paul Nicolson's graphic arts program was featured on WPBA TV Channel 30's broadcast of *APS Today*. The broadcast highlighted the products and designs created by Grady graphic arts students.

### **JROTC:**

Grady JROTC cadets attended the military ball at Georgia Tech on February 24, 2006.

### **ACADEMICS:**

Claire Monson received a *summa cum laude* on the Pentathlon exam at the **Georgia Junior Classical League** Fall Forum.

**John Helsel**, a junior, was chosen to have his award winning science project on astronomy featured at the Alliance Theatres production of *Einstein Was a Dummy*, a teen-oriented musical

play being presented from Nov. 5-15 2005 at the Alliance Theatre Hertz Stage. John was recognized during the opening performance as a student who displayed “Einsteinian” thinking. John won the best in fair for earth space in the city academic fair and was the runner-up to best in fair for physical science and a chance to attend the international competition.

Grady won the **Governor’s Cup** for the highest increase in SAT scores in region 5AA.

*Atlanta Magazine* recognized Grady’s excellent academic program in its January, 2006 edition.

**Micah Weiss**, a senior at Grady, has been named the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce as the **Atlanta High School Scholar-Athlete of the Year**.

Twenty-eight students from Grady are semifinalists and alternates for the **Governor’s Honors Program**, a statewide summer enrichment program for students who excel in the arts and academics.

Five students were selected to participate in **Emory PREP** (Preparatory Research Education Program), a six-week summer residential experience that assists rising juniors and seniors from the Atlanta Public Schools system with preparation for college entrance.

Thirty-eight students have been accepted to the **Science and Math Summer Enrichment Academy at Spelman College**. This six-week summer accelerated program yields one Carnegie Unit in mathematics, science or language arts.

Brezshun Bryant spent a week in February attending the **Presidential Classroom** in Washington, DC.

John Hutcheson, Chunsu Jiang and Scott Chambliss represented Grady at the **Georgia Science and Engineering Fair** held in Athens April 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Scott received the GAMES (Georgia Academy of Mathematics, Engineering & Science) Student of Promise Award, the Univ. of Georgia Artificial Intelligence Programs Award and the U.S.Navy & U.S. Marine Corps Award.

**Kelly Douglas**, a sophomore, won the “**Between the Lines**” essay and poster contest. The poster contest was sponsored by a partnership between The Atlanta Shakespeare Company and Atlanta Public Schools and made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Kelly’s poster and essay were based Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and were on display at the New American Shakespeare Tavern throughout the month of April, 2006. Ms. Nettles was Kelly’s sponsor for this contest.

Mrs. Van Atta’s students won third place in the **High School World Geography Bowl** at Kennesaw State University.

Grady’s Senior and Junior **Math Teams** are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the **Andover Dartmouth Math Competition**.

Congratulations to the 45 students who represented Grady at the **Georgia Junior Classical League State Convention** April 28-30. Over 900 students attended from all over Georgia. Grady received awards too numerous to list in athletics (50/100 yard dash, distance run), academics (competitive certamen and various tests), art (painting, models, slogans), and spirit

(T-shirt). Grady won "the most humorous T-shirt" award. It displays the *Chick-fil-A* cows painting a sign: "TAK MOR LATIN."

42 Grady Latin students took the **National Latin Exam** on March 14, 2006. 18 students earned awards for their performance on the exam, which included one summa *cum laude*, 7 *maxima cum laude*, 5 *magna cum laude* and 5 *cum laude*.

### **ROBOTICS:**

**Grady's Robotics Team** won second overall in the South's BEST regional Competition in Auburn, Alabama, on November 3, 2005,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Robotics Award at the South's BEST 2005 Regional Championship

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Most Elegant Robot Design at South's BEST 2005 Regional Championship

3<sup>rd</sup> Place BEST T-shirt at South's BEST 2005 Regional Championship

### **ATHLETICS:**

Grady's **football team** advanced to the state AA semi-finals and was the first Atlanta Public Schools high school to play at the Georgia Dome.

Grady's **cheerleading team** won the 5AA regional championship. Ysatis Woods, Lardycia Manns, and Kelly Minor were nominated for National Cheerleader of the Year.

The Grady **Boys' Cross Country** won the Region 5AA championship on October 27 and placed second in the State Championship on November 5, 2005.

The Grady **Girls' Cross Country** placed 4th in the region championship on October 27 and 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Championship on November 5, 2005.

On February 8, the **Chamber of Commerce** honored the **Grady football team** for athletic excellence during the 2005-2006 school year.

**Andrerius Thomas** was named by league coaches to the **First Team Region 5AA** Basketball team.

The **Grady varsity boys basketball team** made it to the second round in the state playoff for the first time since 2001.

The **Grady girls track team** came in 4th in the state for the 2006 AA championships. Teannah Holland won first place in the discus and second place in shotput. Jamera Henderson won 3rd place in the high jump and 4th place in the 100 hurdles. Girls 4X100 team (Latecia Wimdy, Ebony Foster, Nina Mickelbury and Tiffany Wilson) placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

The **Grady boys track team** placed fifth in the 2006 AA state championships. Wes Vernon finished off his Grady career with personal bests as he won the 3200 in 10:00 and finished 3rd in the 1600 at 4:31. Collier Johnson closed off his Grady career with his best effort and a school record of 1:57.20. Sophomore Kari Kemp set a new school record in the 300 meter hurdles,

running 40.73. In the finals, he finished seventh to take home a medal. Kari also ran a personal best of 50.44 in the 400 at the region meet.

The **Grady High football team** was named Channel 11's Team of the Week and was televised on CSS Sports Network.

The **Grady girls soccer** team won its first state playoff game, beating Model High School 3-1 on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **OTHER:**

Grady's **Program for Exceptional Children** has three students dual-enrolled at Atlanta Technical College: Alex Davis, Jake Kubler, Richard Brandon. Four PEC students are participating in a Work Adjustment Program at the Bobby Dodd Center: Avery Pass, Lloyd Howell, Chris Sanders, Chris Stanley. Four PEC students are participating in a work/study program at the Renaissance Hotel: Jacqueline Durden, Teontry Gilbert, Chris Daniel, and Desmond Owens.

**Ashley Tannehill** selected as the **Four Seasons' Teen Concierge** and featured on the front of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* Metro section on December 1, 2005.

Grady teachers and students were awarded **scholarships** to take classes at the **Atlanta College of Art**. Congratulations go to Ms. Wadsworth, Mr. Curtis, Ms. Goodvin, and Carson Hale.

Mrs. Gilchrist-Young was a semi-finalist in the **APS Teacher of the Year Competition**.

Grady High School is the first Atlanta Public School to build a **Habitat for Humanity** home. The home was completed in January 2006. Forty four students contributed 650 person-hours of volunteer work to earn community service credit and help a family own a home.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Frank McCourt** spoke with Grady students on January 11, 2006.

Grady High Senior **Michael Parks** designed the **winning logo** for the Atlanta Reads: One Book, One Community citywide literacy program sponsored by the City of Atlanta. The Atlanta Public Schools will incorporate the winning book, "Run with the Horseman," by Ferrol Sams into its 2006-2007 curriculum and all rising seniors will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Several Grady students were recognized at the May 5th **Georgia Student Media Festival**: Miles Keeney-Ritchie and Zachary Johnson's project "Jazz on the Bricks" and Jerica Allen and Marcus Brooks' "Thriller" will advance to the International Student Media Festival (ISMF), which will be held in Dallas, Texas in October 2007. John Taylor's project, "The Internet" was also a top-rated project.

In the 2006 **Creative Writing Contest** sponsored by the Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Grady had two winners. **Angela Oliver** won first place for her entry "Tribute Poem" and **Cornelia** Hemmingway won third place for her entry "I Got the Blues" in the 2006.

**Katie Gaslowitz** was Grady's **Star Student**, an award that recognizes the highest SAT score in each school. Katie selected **John Brandhorst** as the Star Teacher (teacher who has had most positive influence on the Star Student).

Ten sophomores were selected by SRT-5 to participate in a program called **Close Up**, which is dedicated to teaching students how to become community leaders and activists. The students were rewarded with an all inclusive paid **trip to Washington D.C.** from 5/7-5/13 where they participated in leadership development workshops and met both representatives Cynthia McKinney and John Lewis. The students are Quantavius Baker, Quandarius Baker, Chinetta Buford, Bianca Epps, Daniel Few, Demarcus Holt, Keshavion Durden, Krystal Mathis, Shacara Hill and Monique Rochell.

Mr. Legagneur established a partnership with Coca Cola and its law department which will design an internship position for a Grady High student next summer who shows promise in law and related interests. The program will begin again in the fall and will expand with a few additional companies.

### **MOCK TRIAL and DEBATE:**

**Mock Trial** won state in 2005; placed sixteenth in the nation; won regions for eighth straight year.

**The Grady High School Mock Trial Team**, winners of the 2005 Georgia High School Mock Trial State Championship, was recognized by Governor Sonny Perdue at the State Capitol on September 12, 2005. Members of the team include Curry Andrews, Marcus Brooks, Sean Corley, Josie Duffy, Katherine Hagan, Kimberly Hagan, Kenny Jones, Laura Jones, Janna Kaplan, Caroline McGlamry, Dyci Manns, Katalin Ritz, Walker Rick, and Matt Westmoreland. Lawrence McCurdy is the team instructor.

**The Grady Mock Trial Team** was honored by the State Board of Education for their perennial success over the past ten years. The team competed in their ninth consecutive regional championship on Saturday, February 18, 2006, at the Fulton County Courthouse.

**The Grady Mock Trial Team** won the **Metro Atlanta Regional Championship**. The victory marked the team's eighth straight regional championship and the ninth win in ten years. Senior Matt Westmoreland and junior Curry Andrews each won three outstanding attorney awards, while sophomore Alix Joselyn and freshman Ryan LaMotte each won two outstanding witness awards. The team advances to the state competition, which will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sept 10 Westminster Novice\JV Debate One Day Tournament**

First Place Novice Policy Team-Minh Lam and Bree Gray-Jordan

Third Place Novice Policy Team-Taylor Fulton and Sarah Bufkin

First Place Novice Speaker-Minh Lam

Third Place Novice Speaker-Bree Gray-Jordan

Fifth Place Novice Speaker-Sarah Bufkin

Tenth Place Novice Speaker-Bachi Quinonez

### **Sept 16-19 Wake Forest University, National Earlybird Tournament**

Double Octafinals Varsity Policy Debate-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman

Octafinals Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate-John Helsel

**Sept 23- 24 Warner Robins High School**

First Place Novice Policy Debate-Minh Lam and Bree Gray-Jordan  
Sixth Place Novice Policy Debate-John Holland and Daniel Matthews  
First Place Novice Speaker Bree Gray-Jordan  
Second Place Novice Speaker-Minh Lam

**Sept 30-Oct 1 Brookwood Maroon and Gold Classic\***

Quarterfinals Lincoln Douglas Debate-John Helsel and Brandon Sheats  
Semifinals Varsity Policy Debate All State Qualifier -Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman  
Seventh Place Varsity Policy Speaker-Jeffrey Thomas  
Octafinals Junior-Varsity Policy-Alexis Armand and Marty Styles  
Minh Lam and Bree Gray-Jordan  
Semifinals Novice Policy-Sarah Beth McKay and Curry Andrews  
Fourth Place Junior Varsity Policy Speaker-Curry Andrews  
Fifth Place Novice Policy Speaker and Team-John Holland

**Oct 7-8 Sandra W. Silvers Classic-Calhoun, GA**

Tournament Champions Novice Policy Debate-John Holland and Daniel King  
Third Place Speaker-Novice Policy-John Holland  
First Place Dramatic Interpretation-Earl Gourdine  
Second Place Extemporaneous Speaking-Michael Robinson

**14/15 Winfield Scott Debates at Starr's Mill V, JV, N, LD, PF, C, IE**

Tournament Champions Varsity Policy-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman  
First Place Varsity Policy Speaker-Jeffrey Thomas  
Sixth Place Varsity Policy Speaker-JerMeen Sherman  
Finalist Junior Varsity Policy-Bree Gray-Jordan and Minh Lam  
Sixth Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Bree Gray-Jordan  
Finalist Novice Policy-Sarah Bufkin and Taylor Fulton  
Sixth Place Novice Speaker-Sarah Bufkin  
First Place Lincoln Douglas Debate-John Helsel  
Semi-finalist in Extemporaneous Speaking- Michael Robinson  
Third Place Humorous Interpretation- Hannah Snowden  
Third Place Sweepstakes- Grady Debate Squad

**Oct 28/29 Woodruff Classic Varsity Policy, University of Florida Blue Key-Varsity LD**

Octofinals Varsity Policy Debate-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman  
Twelfth Place Varsity Policy Speaker-JerMeen Sherman  
Fifteenth Place Varsity Policy Speaker-Jeffrey Thomas

**Nov 11/12 Chattahoochee High School Tournament**

Fourth Place Impromptu Speaking-Mike Robinson  
Octafinals Novice Policy-Billy Baggerman and Bennett Girardot  
Semifinals Novice Policy-John Holland and Daniel King  
Fourth Place Novice Policy Speaker-John Holland  
Semifinals Junior Varsity Policy-Minh Lam and Bree Gray-Jordan  
Sixth Place Junior Varsity Policy Speaker-Minh Lam  
Second Place Junior Varsity Policy Speaker-Bree Gray-Jordan  
Octafinals Varsity Policy-Travis Jones and Alexis Armand  
Eighth Place Varsity Policy Speaker-Travis Jones  
Third Place Varsity Policy Speaker-Alexis Armand  
Tournament Co-Champion Lincoln Douglas Debate Brandon Sheats

**Nov 18/19 Carrollton's Peach State Classic\***

Tournament of Champions Bid, Finals Varsity Policy-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman

Octafinals Varsity Policy Debate-Ramika Gourdine and Robinson Levin

Second Place Varsity Speaker Jeffrey Thomas

Ninth Place Varsity Speaker-Ramika Gourdine

Semifinals Junior Varsity Policy Debate-Alexis Armand and John Holland

Quarterfinals Junior Varsity Policy Debate-Minh Lam and Bree Gray-Jordan

First Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Minh Lam

Fifth Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Bree Gray-Jordan

Fourth Place Dramatic Interpretation- Earl Gourdine

Fifth Place Original Oratory- Elana Schaer

Fifth Place Extemporaneous Speaking- Michael Robinson

Sixth Place Original Oratory- Julia Ducey

#### **Dec 9/10 State University of West Georgia**

Semifinals Varsity Policy-Travis Jones and Jeffrey Thomas

Eighth Place Speaker Varsity Policy-Jeffrey Thomas

Finals Junior Varsity Policy-Bree Gray-Jordan and Taylor Fulton

Semifinals Junior Varsity Policy Debate-Minh Lam and Sarah Bufkin

Second Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Minh Lam

Sixth Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Alexis Armand

Eighth Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Bree Gray-Jordan

#### **Jan 6/8 University of New Mexico Lobo Howl**

John Helsel was a semifinalist in Lincoln Douglas Debate in a national round-robin.

Third Place "Route 66" Sweepstakes Award- Grady Debate Squad

#### **Jan 20/21 Milton Eagle Classic**

Tournament Champion Junior Varsity Policy Debate-Bree Gray-Jordan

Sixth Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Bree Gray-Jordan

Tenth Place Junior Varsity Speaker-Minh Lam

Tournament Co-Champion Lincoln Douglas Debate-John Helsel

Second Place Humorous Interpretation Hannah Snowdon

Semifinals Public Forum Debate Travis Jones and Carson Phillips-Spotts

Finals Duo Interpretation-Ramika Gourdine and Russell Owens

Quarterfinals Junior Varsity Debate-Minh Lam and Alexis Armand

Octafinals Varsity Policy Debate-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman

Octafinals Novice Policy Debate-Sarah Bufkin and Lena James

Eleventh Place Novice Policy Speaker-Sarah Bufkin

#### **Jan 27/29 Barkley Forum for High Schools - Emory University**

Double Octafinals- Ann Douglas White Tutorial-JerMeen Sherman and Jeffrey Thomas

#### **Feb10/11 STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT—Pace Academy**

Fourth Place A, AA, AAA Classification Four Person Team

Second Place AA Team

Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman, Affirmative

Robinson Levin and Ramika Gourdine Negative

First Place Affirmative Team, Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman

Fourth Place Affirmative Speaker- JerMeen Sherman

#### **Feb 17/19 Georgia Northern Mountain District-NFL National Qualifier**

National Qualifier Policy Debate-John Holland and Alexis Armand

National Qualifier Lincoln Douglas Debate-John Helsel

National Qualifier Dramatic Interpretation-Russell Owens

National Qualifier Humorous Interpretation-Hannah Snowden  
National Qualifier Original Oratory- Ramika Gourdine  
National Qualifier United States Extemporaneous Speaking and Student Congress-  
Brandon Sheats  
First Alternate Policy Debate-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman  
First Alternate Public Forum Debate-Lena Brodsky and Emma Din  
Alternate International Extemporaneous Speaking-Mike Robinson  
Alternate Student Congress-Jeffrey Thomas  
Alternate Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation Earl Gourdine

**Feb 24/25 GFCA State Championships**

Second Place State Champion Lincoln Douglas Debate-John Helsel  
National Qualifier Lincoln Douglas Debate-Brandon Sheats and John Helsel  
National Qualifier, Sixth Place State Champion Original Oratory-Ramika Gourdine  
First Place State Champion Humorous Interpretation-Hannah Snowden  
Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament Qualifiers:  
Lincoln-Douglas Debate- Brandon Sheats and John Helsel  
Original Oratory- Ramika Gourdine

**Mar 4/5 University of Georgia**

Octofinals Varsity Policy Debate-Jeffrey Thomas and JerMeen Sherman

**Mar 11-Thurgood Marshall Urban Debates**

Fourth Place Team-Keely Youngblood and Olivia Scofield  
Third Place Speaker-Keely Youngblood  
Eleventh Place Speaker-Olivia Scofield

**Mar 31-Apr 2 Woodward Academy JV & Novice Policy/LD Debate**

Second Place Speaker Novice Policy Debate-Minh Lam  
Octofinals, Fourth Place seed Novice Policy-Minh Lam and Bree Gray-Jordan

**Apr 21/22 Richard B. Russell All State Tournament**

Participants-Minh Lam and Bree Gray Jordan

**April 22 APS/UDL City Championships**

First Place Team, Third Place Speaker Policy Debate-John Holland  
First Place Team and Speaker Lincoln Douglas Debate-Patti Guzman

**Shirley Chisholm Community Activism Debates**

Second Place Team Demarius Walker and Nasirah Asson  
Second Place Speaker Demarius Walker  
Sixth Place Speaker-Nasirah Asson

Sixth Place Team-Keely Youngblood and Olivia Scofield

High School Sweepstakes Award: Grady High School

UDL Public Debate Award: Brandon Sheats

Outstanding UDL Coach-Mario Herrera

National Forensics League All American Scholar-Jeffrey Thomas

National Debate Coaches' Association National Tournament-Quarterfinals Policy  
Debate-Jeffrey Thomas and Jermeen Sherman,

Eighth Place Speaker Jeffrey Thomas

Twelfth Place Speaker-Jermeen Sherman

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Kristina Weems** has been selected as a finalist for the National Achievement Scholarship program.

**Thanh Vu** was one of nine \$5,000 recipients of the 2006 Trumpet Awards.

**Jada Glasby**, a member of the Health Science Academy, received the Goizueta (Coca Cola) Scholarship for \$100,000.

**Alexis Mejia, Elissa Koehl, and Anne Marie Drolet** each received a Presidential Scholarship.

**Carmen Little** received a Gates Millennium scholarship.