

Press Release: Four Gaithersburg High School Students Medal in ACT-SO Competition

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Gaithersburg High School (GHS) is proud to announce that 4 of their students have received medals in the 2011 NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) competition. 11th grader Caelyn Sommerville won a gold medal in the Contemporary Vocal Music category and will represent Gaithersburg High School and Montgomery County in the national ACT-SO competition in Los Angeles, California this summer. Caelyn also won a gold medal in the Poetry competition.

GHS also had 3 silver medalists in the competition. 11th grader Kelsey Varner won a silver medal in the Photography category, 11th grader Lynique Webster won a silver in the Classical Vocal music category and 9th grader Mohamed Keita won a silver medal in the chemistry/biochemistry category. Mohamed also won a bronze medal in the engineering competition.

ACT-SO is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. It includes 26 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, and performing and visual arts. More than 260,000 young people have participated from the program since its inception.