



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ACADEMIC RECOGNITION DAY

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Regents of the University Systems of Georgia annually recognizes the top students from each of its twenty-six institutions as University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars on Academic Recognition Day; and

**WHEREAS:** Academic Recognition Day celebrates academic achievement and recognition of those students who exemplify what is best about the University Systems of Georgia, the units of which enhance the intellectual, economic, social, civic, and cultural well-being of the entire state through dedicated teaching and research, and excellence in learning; and

**WHEREAS:** The following students, each of whom has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and personal development, have been recognized as University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars, representing their respective institutions for 2026; and

**WHEREAS:** John Neely, University of Georgia; Alexis Keeney, Georgia College and State University; Blanche Taylor McCluskey, Fort Valley State University; Gvantsa Kiknavelidze, Kennesaw State University; Kyla Mesa, Georgia Gwinnett College; Madeline Taylor, Georgia Southwestern State University; Emilyn Slemmons, University of North Georgia; John Ethan Beasley, Middle Georgia State University; Nneka Chiagoziem Otuonye, Georgia State University; Karlee Wells, Georgia Southern University; Madison Brooks, University of West Georgia; Madison Williams, South Georgia State College; Wesley Tsamoh Eze, Georgia Highlands College; Alexander Salgado, College of Coastal Georgia; Elliot Huang, Georgia Institute of Technology; Jenna Williams, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Kristin Backer, Augusta University; Janiya Bordeaux, Columbus State University; Anne Fells, Gordon State College; Alyssa K. Archer, Valdosta State University; Josue Lovo-Machado, Dalton State College; Miriam Santos-Jimenez, Albany State University; Alexis N. Taylor, Clayton State University; Milagros D'Aloisio, Atlanta Metropolitan State College; Carolyn Calhoun, Savannah State University; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2026, as ACADEMIC RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF