

# **Georgia Forensic Coaches Association**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Varsity State Championships  
Westminster Schools  
Atlanta, GA  
March 9-10, 2012**

**Mario Herrera, Tournament Director  
Jenny Heidt, Tournament Host  
Richard Bracknell, Individual Events Tab Room Director  
John McClellan, Public Forum/Lincoln Douglas Debate Tab Room Director  
Jeffrey Miller, Policy Debate Tab Room Director**

# Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Varsity State Championships

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2012 GFCA Varsity State Championships!

This letter comes to you after quite a bit of thought. Jeff Miller asked me to have the letter completed much sooner than he actually received it. I was, and am, unsure what to say. Should this be a "thank you" letter to the GFCA for allowing me to serve as president for the last two years? Should it be a "State of Debate" letter? Should I offer ideas, insights, reasons? Should it be formal and efficient?

No.

For those who are unaware, I have some shocking news. I used to work for Disney. I know, big surprise. I also am a huge fan of Disney animated films. The reason *why* I am, however, may surprise.

I am NOT a huge fan of a Disney Happy Ending. They are predictable, syrupy and just too... Happy. Instead, I prefer the back story of those Disney films. I like the Disney formula that seems to work on audiences, even after 80 years. There is a struggle, an unexpected friendship, a reliance on truth and possibility, acknowledgement of personal hubris and doubt, a decision, moral culpability and, finally, a goal within reach. The next movie changes things a bit, but only slightly. And the formula is the same every single time, whether it be embraced by a hound dog, found by a lost boy, launched by a flying elephant or sung by a crooning cricket. You know that everything will be alright in the end, despite the travails along the way.

I see my time as president in the GFCA as following that formula, at least I like to think it does. There was a struggle of a sort as we broke away from the GHSA. Meeting people from all over the state and finding new friends while growing existing ones was a wonderful experience. Acknowledging that differences in programs are not our weakness but our strengths as an association brought me some clarity. Deciding that it is time for the next leader to take the reins kept me real and humble. By realizing that the goals of such an organization are both personal and collective, much was accomplished by all. With the amount of intellectual capital in this state, we are bound for any number of happy endings.

I am proud to be part of such an organization, and I thank you for sharing your thoughts, concerns, ideas and personalities. It has been a pleasure serving as your president for the last four years.

The best of luck to all this weekend. I wish all of you continued success both during and after the tournament.

Yours,

Mario Herrera  
President  
Georgia Forensic Coaches Association

# GFCV Varsity State Championships Schedule

As Always... It's subject to change. Please do not leave campus.

## Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 11:45-12:00pm | Opening Assembly in McCain Chapel       |
| 12:15-2:15pm  | Debate – Round 1                        |
| 2:30-4:30pm   | Debate – Round 2                        |
| 4:00pm        | Extemp Prep in C                        |
| 4:30-6:00pm   | Speech – Round 1                        |
| 5:30-7:30pm   | Debate – Round 3 (High/Low off Round 2) |
| 7:00pm        | Extemp Prep in C                        |
| 7:30-9:00pm   | Speech – Round 2                        |
| 8:00-10:00pm  | Debate – Round 4 (High/Low off Round 3) |

## Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 7:30am         | Extemp Prep in C  |
| 8:00am-9:30am  | Speech – Round 3  |
| 9:30am-11:30am | Debate – Round 5 (High/Low off Round 4)                         |
| 10:30am        | Extemp Prep in C  |
| 11:00-12:30pm  | Speech – Round 4  |
| 12:30-2:00pm   | Public Forum Octofinals, Lincoln Douglas Quarterfinals          |
| 12:30-2:30pm   | Policy Octofinals   |
| 1:00pm         | Extemp Prep in C  |
| 1:00pm-2:30pm  | Speech – Round 5  |
| 2:30pm-4:00pm  | Public Forum Quarterfinals, Lincoln Douglas Semifinals          |
| 3:00pm-5:00pm  | Policy Quarterfinals  |
| 3:00pm         | Extemp Prep in C  |
| 3:30pm-5:00pm  | Impromptu and Prose/Poetry Semifinals; Finals in all other IE's |
| 4:15pm-5:15pm  | Public Forum Semifinals, Lincoln Douglas Finals                 |
| 5:15pm-7:15pm  | Policy Semifinals   |
| 5:00pm-6:15pm  | Public Forum Finals   |
| 5:00pm-6:30pm  | Impromptu and Prose/Poetry Finals                               |
| 7:30pm         | Awards Ceremony in McCain Chapel                                |
| 8:30pm-10:30pm | Policy Finals   |



Saturday Lunch Provided By Newk's Café

<http://www.newkscafe.com/index.php/locations/page/atlanta-brookhaven/>

# 2012 GFC A Coach of the Year

## Debate Coach of the Year:

**Bill Batterman, Woodward Academy**

**Maggie Berthiaume, Woodward Academy**

**Shunta Jordan, Pace Academy**

**Ned Granville, Roswell High School**

**Mario Herrera, Henry W. Grady High School**

**Jeffrey Miller, Marist School**

## Speech Coach of the Year:

**Bill Swafford, Lee County High School**

**DeAnne Varitek, Central Gwinnett High School**

## Past Winners

|      |                            |                                   |
|------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1983 | Sandra Worthington Silvers | Calhoun High School               |
| 1984 | Martha Dye                 | Lee County High School            |
| 1985 | Bruce Rogers               | Northside High School             |
| 1986 | Eric Brannen               | Westminster Schools               |
| 1987 | Paula Nettles              | Woodward Academy                  |
| 1988 | Chuck Spurlock             | Pace Academy                      |
| 1989 | Richard Bracknell          | Carrollton High School            |
| 1990 | Ted Carter                 | Lee County High School            |
| 1991 | Lionel Clark               | Pickens County High School        |
| 1992 | John McClellan             | Warner Robins High School         |
| 1993 | Leslie Watkins             | Brookwood High School             |
| 1994 | Chris Wheatley             | Pace Academy                      |
| 1995 | Barbara Wilson             | Rome High School                  |
| 1996 | Phillip Wertz              | Thomas County Central High School |
| 1997 | Medgar Roberts             | Hart County High School           |
| 1998 | Donald Rhodes              | Houston County High School        |
| 1999 | Martha Kelley              | Dublin High School                |
| 2000 | Chuck Heywood              | Lakeside High School              |
| 2001 | Kenneth Grodd              | St. Pius X Catholic School        |
| 2002 | Allan Hayes                | Trion High School                 |
| 2003 | Frank Seaver               | Woodward Academy                  |
| 2004 | Lisa Willoughby            | Henry W. Grady High School        |
| 2005 | Adam Smiley                | Chattahoochee High School         |
| 2006 | James Holt                 | Camden County High School         |
| 2007 | Lee Robinson               | Lincoln County High School        |
| 2008 | Beth McMahon               | Milton High School                |
| 2009 | Beverly Kelly              | Fayette County High School        |
| 2010 | Jenny Heidt                | Westminster Schools               |
| 2011 | Debate: Matt Bartula       | Sequoyah High School              |
|      | Speech: Mario Herrera      | Henry W. Grady High School        |

# The GFCA would like to honor those individuals who are retiring at the end of the 2011-2012 season

**Bill Swafford, Lee County HS:** Mr. Swafford began his coaching career 43 years ago at Wheatridge High School, Colorado. Two days before the school year, he found out he was directing a speech and debate program. As a novice coach, he lead his top policy debate team to the State Runner Up title. He coached all throughout Colorado, Kentucky and Indiana before he made his way to Albany High School where he coached his oldest son to many successes. He then found himself at Lee County High School, where he was able to coach his younger son. Kyle Constable, one of his students, had this to say about Mr. Swafford: "Aside from my father, no other man has had such a significant impact in my life as Mr. Swafford. He has worked with me for countless hours after school, on weekends, and even over multiple summer breaks. Without his help and critiques, I would be nowhere near the public speaker I am today. Instead, I would still be the stumbling and bumbling freshman who had a propensity to talk too much. For having such an impact, I can never thank him enough. And even though he's retiring this year, he still will remain committed to coaching the team and, hopefully, continuing to lead them to more victories across the state and country"

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## Georgia Forensic Coaches Association Coaches Hall of Fame

### Inducted 1994

Chester Gibson  
Thomas Glenn Pelham  
Sandra Worthington Silvers

### Inducted 1995

Martha Dye  
Jackson Farabee  
Ted Wolfe

### Inducted 1996

Elizabeth Hall-Vickery  
Bruce Rogers  
Paul Slappey

### Inducted 1997

Charles Clark  
Mickey Foreman

### Inducted 1998

George Mengert  
Paula Nettles  
Melissa Maxcy Wade

### Inducted 1999

Eric Brannen  
Ted Carter  
Gail Ingram  
Philip Wertz

### Inducted 2000

Betty Maddox  
Larry Moss  
Carlton Thomas

### Inducted 2001

Richard Bracknell  
Rich Edwards  
Leslie Watkins

### Inducted 2002

Chris Wheatley

### Inducted 2003

Sarah Finger

### Inducted 2004

Helen McClellan

### Inducted 2006

Anne Duke

### Inducted 2007

John McClellan  
Mary "Lisa" Willoughby

### Inducted 2010

Charles Heywood  
Lenalee Robinson

### Inducted 2011

Jim Wade

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## **Georgia Forensic Coaches Association Cups of Excellence Recipients**

The Cups of Excellence Awards are given to the school in each size classification who qualified the most number of students to the State Championships. Each award is named after a GFCA Hall of Fame coach.

Robinson Rewards donates these cups to the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association. Special thanks to Claude for his hard work on our trophies! Congratulations to the winners!

| <b>Year</b> | <b>School Name</b> | <b>City</b> | <b>Head Coach</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
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### **Helen McClellan Division (500 or fewer students)**

|      |                            |            |               |
|------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011 | Lincoln County High School | Lincolnton | Lee Robinson  |
| 2012 | Pace Academy               | Atlanta    | Shunta Jordan |

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### **Sandra Silvers Division (500 – 1000 students)**

|      |               |         |                |
|------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| 2011 | Lovett School | Atlanta | Ann Swartz     |
| 2012 | Marist School | Atlanta | Jeffrey Miller |

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### **Ted Wolf Division (1000 – 1500 students)**

|      |                            |         |               |
|------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2012 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |

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### **Philip Wertz Division (1500 – 2000 students)**

|      |                            |              |                |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | Fayette County High School | Fayetteville | Jeffrey Miller |
| 2012 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Hickey    |

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### **Leslie Watkins Division (2000 or more students)**

|      |                        |            |             |
|------|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 2011 | Alpharetta High School | Alpharetta | Amy Waldman |
| 2012 | Alpharetta Speech Team | Alpharetta | David Gay   |

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# **GFCA Student Congress State**

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**March 24, 2012**

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## Georgia Forensic Coaches Association

### N. Bruce Rogers President's Cup

The N. Bruce Roger's Presidents Cup is a traveling Trophy Award given to the school with the highest number of rounds at the State Tournament. Each year your school's total number of rounds rolls over to the next year. A school can only win the trophy once in five years.

Here are the standings entering the 2012 State Championship:

|                  |  |    |
|------------------|--|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Lee County High School                     | 96 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Fayette County High School                 | 90 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Alpharetta High School                     | 82 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Starr's Mill High School                   | 74 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Sequoyah High School                       | 63 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Carrollton High School                     | 59 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Johns Creek High School                    | 30 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Lincoln County High School                 | 28 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Chattahoochee High School                  | 28 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Central Gwinnett High School               | 27 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Northview High School                      | 27 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Pace Academy                               | 27 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Westminster Schools                        | 26 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Houston County High School                 | 24 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Gwinnett School                            | 20 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Warner Robins High School                  | 20 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | McEachern High School                      | 19 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Lakeview Academy                           | 18 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Lassiter High School                       | 17 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Jackson High School                        | 15 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Walton High School                         | 15 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Dunwoody High School                       | 13 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Greater Atlanta Christian Schools          | 12 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Marist School                              | 12 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Evans High School                          | 11 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Parkview High School                       | 11 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | St. Pius X Catholic School                 | 10 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Woodward Academy                           | 9  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Southwest Dekalb High School               | 7  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Milton High School                         | 7  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | North Cobb High School                     | 6  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Roswell High School                        | 6  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Wheeler High School                        | 6  |
| 33 <sup>rd</sup> | Griffin High School                        | 5  |
| 33 <sup>rd</sup> | Riverside Military Academy                 | 5  |
| 35 <sup>th</sup> | Henry W. Grady High School ( <b>2011</b> ) | 0  |

2011 Champion: Henry W. Grady High School with 156 rounds.

## 2012 Participating Schools and Coaches

Allatoona High School  
Alpharetta Debate Team  
Alpharetta Speech Team  
Cairo High School  
Carrollton High School  
Central Gwinnett High School  
Chattahoochee High School  
Dunwoody High School  
Fayette County High School  
Greater Atlanta Christian School  
Gwinnett School of Math, Science and Technology  
Henry W. Grady High School  
Houston County High School  
Jackson High School  
Jasper County High School  
Johns Creek High School  
Lakeside High School  
Lee County High School  
Lincoln County High School  
Marist School  
North Hall High School  
Pace Academy  
Pope High School  
R.W. Johnson High School  
Rockdale Magnet School  
Roswell High School  
Sequoyah High School  
St. Pius X Catholic High School  
Starr's Mill High School  
The Walker School  
Tift County High School  
Warner Robins High School  
Westminster Schools  
Wheeler High School  
Woodward Academy

Coach: Tyler Gwynn  
Coach: Adam Smiley, Muhammed Al-Ahmar  
Coach: David Gay  
Coach: Hank Smith  
Coach: Richard Bracknell  
Coach: DeAnne Varitek  
Coach: Garrett Abelkop, Rebecca Rivera  
Coach: Kevin Travis  
Coach: Brianne Henry, Kahlilah Pagan  
Coach: Matt Fincher  
Coach: Ryan Vamplew  
Coach: Mario Herrera, Lisa Willoughby  
Coach: James Brock, Ken Cavanaugh  
Coach: Laura LaChappelle, Nick Malone  
Coach: Tyson Harty  
Coach: Jeremy Spiegel  
Coach: Susan Rutt  
Coach: Bill Swafford  
Coach: Lee Robinson  
Coach: Jeffrey Miller, Athena Murray  
Coach: Steven Wang  
Coach: Shunta Jordan, Jordana Sternberg  
Coach: Trisha Fuller  
Coach: Charity Wang  
Coach: Cherri Ullo  
Coach: Ned Granville  
Coach: Matt Bartula, Jamie Wills  
Coach: Sean Hiland  
Coach: Sean Hickey, Brandon Kendall  
Coach: Clay Stewart  
Coach: Tonya Tift  
Coach: John McClellan  
Coach: Jenny Heidt  
Coach: Laura Astorian, Stephanie Miller  
Coach: Maggie Berthiaume, Bill Batterman



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# 2012 Varsity State Tournament Participants

As of Tuesday March 6, 2012

## Policy Debate

| Student                                  | School                       |
|--|------------------------------|
| Reuben Lack - Anushka Panday             | Alpharetta High              |
| Ji-Yeon Hyun - Priyanka Ghosh            | Alpharetta High              |
| Priyanka Juneja - Kal Thakore            | Alpharetta High              |
| Naveena Karusala - Suraj Sehgal          | Alpharetta High              |
| Tyler Angelier - Bailey Duggan           | Cairo High School            |
| Kanisha Hicks - Casey Lewis              | Cairo High School            |
| Josh Michael - Tyler Wharton             | Carrollton High School       |
| Taylor Strickland - Tommy Jordan         | Carrollton High School       |
| Melody Rose Simpson-Jiles - Matthew Pack | Central Gwinnett High School |
| Maria Zapata - Tyler J. Mauro            | Central Gwinnett High School |
| Will Caplan - Alex Duncan                | Chattahoochee High School    |
| Leslie Chou - Sachin Kanetkar            | Chattahoochee High School    |
| Robert Galerstein - Hayley Hopkins       | Dunwoody High School         |
| Hardika Dhir - Misbah Lalani             | Dunwoody High School         |
| Holden Choi - Ben Dean                   | Henry W. Grady               |
| Zoe Hamilton - Samantha Chiang           | Henry W. Grady               |
| Flora Patel - Cameron Henderson          | Houston County High School   |
| Carly Moore - Gaspar Ramirez             | Houston County High School   |
| Jaron Matthews - Gabriel Ramirez         | Houston County High School   |
| Somya Tirath - Chetan Hebbale            | Johns Creek High School      |
| Jenny Post - Marcus Azimi                | Johns Creek High School      |
| Sean Foley - Kelly Tieu                  | Johns Creek High School      |
| Ofir Stolarski - Jake Davis              | Johns Creek High School      |
| Libby Mandarino - Sydney Chung           | Marist School                |
| Brendan Phillips - Sterling Desantis     | Marist School                |
| Claire Mills - Rachel Thurston           | Marist School                |
| Sydney Apple - Chandler Apple            | Marist School                |
| Jordan Epstein - Victor Skenderi         | Pace Academy                 |
| Brian Klarman - Lauren Sukin             | Pace Academy                 |
| Jack Bowen - Paula Cheng                 | Pace Academy                 |
| Sarthak Mohaptra - Shadman Uddin         | Roswell High School          |
| Nathan Rice - Alex Luczkow               | Roswell High School          |
| Randy Chabot - James Hamill              | Sequoyah High School         |
| Kristin White - Paige Miller             | Sequoyah High School         |
| Amy Chainani - Parth Patel               | Tift County High School      |
| Dillon Hall - Bryant Wang                | Westminster Schools          |
| Daniel Kreuz - Lucy Zhang                | Wheeler High School          |
| Jason Sigalos - Rahim Shakoor            | Woodward Academy             |
| Karthik Srinivasan - Nasir Nanjee        | Woodward Academy             |
| Alex Duner - Zoi Rosado                  | Woodward Academy             |

## Public Forum Debate

| Student                                   | School                          |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Jesse Freeman - Joshua Dreiling           | Carrollton High School          |
| Hadiyah Grubish - Symantha Dawson         | Carrollton High School          |
| Courtney Thornton - Austin Rosenbaum      | Carrollton High School          |
| Ryan Veccie - Yosef Shelbayah             | Fayette County High School      |
| Kris Wilson - Menaka Reddy                | Fayette County High School      |
| Marquay White - Jonathan Powell           | Fayette County High School      |
| Phylicia Carter - Joseph Lennon           | Fayette County High School      |
| Isiah Hill - Tahir Riggins                | GACS                            |
| Riley Erickson - Ellen Ericson            | Henry W. Grady                  |
| Salome Kakalashvili - Katherine Zakharova | Henry W. Grady                  |
| Grace Power - Olivia Veira                | Henry W. Grady                  |
| Alex Basterash - Taylor Earnhardt         | Jackson High School             |
| Craig Harwell - DJ Mayfield               | Jackson High School             |
| Aidan Price - Joe Green                   | Jackson High School             |
| John Niedzwiecki - Liam Torpy             | Marist School                   |
| Ryan Marinos - Jackie Chung               | Marist School                   |
| Harper Beckham - Dani Varn                | Pope High School                |
| Meg Taylor - Amy Jones                    | Pope High School                |
| Matt Angulo - Schuyler Morales            | St. Pius X Catholic High School |
| Alison Denzer-King - John Weber           | St. Pius X Catholic High School |
| Sean Fahey - Candace Siegworth            | St. Pius X Catholic High School |
| Katie Mannen - Keller Sheppard            | St. Pius X Catholic High School |
| Rebecca Polzin - Courtney Wesa            | St. Pius X Catholic High School |
| Faiz Aly - Walter Tamminen                | Starr's Mill High School        |
| Georgia Brunner - Greg O'Brien            | Starr's Mill High School        |
| Annefloor deGroot - Ryan Williams         | Starr's Mill High School        |
| Maud deGroot - Vicki Justice              | Starr's Mill High School        |
| Taylor Martin - Mallory Hu                | Starr's Mill High School        |
| Jacob Martin - Daniel Temple              | Starr's Mill High School        |
| Ryanne Popken - Cecilia Cerja             | Warner Robins High School       |
| Franklin Killian - Kaleb Segoe            | Warner Robins High School       |
| Janay Garrett - James Walker              | Warner Robins High School       |
| Cole Conner - Cassie Malcolm              | Warner Robins High School       |

### Lincoln Douglas Debate

| Student             | School                     |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Scarlette Cella     | Fayette County High School |
| Alex Allen          | GSMST                      |
| Brandy Clower       | GSMST                      |
| Luis Cotto-Quinones | GSMST                      |
| Jessica Alexander   | Henry W. Grady             |
| Rachel Citrin       | Henry W. Grady             |
| Tiger Li            | Henry W. Grady             |
| Jamie Reid          | Henry W. Grady             |
| Zoe Schneider       | Henry W. Grady             |
| Andrea Bieytes      | Johns Creek High School    |
| Steven Kodish       | Johns Creek High School    |
| Brandon Motter      | Johns Creek High School    |
| Johann Chancey      | Lee County High School     |
| Cy Lamb             | Lee County High School     |
| Caden Kluge         | Sequoyah High School       |
| Brent Huang         | Starr's Mill High School   |
| Jacob Nails         | Starr's Mill High School   |
| Lexi Nails          | Starr's Mill High School   |
| Mohini Chakravorty  | The Walker School          |

### Extemporaneous Speaking

| Student              | School                     |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Alex Baldwin         | Carrollton High School     |
| Brennan Mancil       | Carrollton High School     |
| Sana Surani          | Fayette County High School |
| Rayhan Merani        | GSMST                      |
| Mallory Akard        | Henry W. Grady             |
| Ben Simmonds-Malamud | Henry W. Grady             |
| Isabelle Taft        | Henry W. Grady             |
| Victoria Donahue     | Lakeside High School       |
| Kyle Constable       | Lee County High School     |
| Sagar Darira         | Lee County High School     |
| Shivani Patel        | Lee County High School     |
| Adam Jones           | North Hall High School     |
| Dilan Garcia         | R.W. Johnson High School   |
| Taylor Price         | Sequoyah High School       |
| Valerie Harrison     | Starr's Mill High School   |
| Emily Myers          | Starr's Mill High School   |

### **Dramatic Performance**

| <b>Student</b>         | <b>School</b>          |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nicole Hepp            | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Xarumy Hincapie        | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Tyara Hooks            | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Luke Tieslau           | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Kara von Schnackenberg | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Quameeha Grandoit      | Henry W. Grady         |
| Rex Petersen           | Henry W. Grady         |
| Hugh Slaton            | Lee County High School |
| Zola Holmes            | North Hall High School |
| Anna Williams          | North Hall High School |
| Morganne Stuart        | Sequoyah High School   |
| Jaleesa Williams       | Sequoyah High School   |

### **Humorous Interpretation**

| <b>Student</b>       | <b>School</b>                |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Nive Gupta           | Alpharetta Speech Team       |
| Dallas Mahan         | Alpharetta Speech Team       |
| Cameron Morton       | Alpharetta Speech Team       |
| Natalie Nuckolls     | Alpharetta Speech Team       |
| Talha Abid           | Central Gwinnett High School |
| Dominic Maraschiello | Central Gwinnett High School |
| Malia Villanueva     | Central Gwinnett High School |
| Rex Petersen         | Henry W. Grady               |
| Stallian Cagle       | Lee County High School       |
| Zola Holmes          | North Hall High School       |
| Adam Jones           | North Hall High School       |
| Anna Williams        | North Hall High School       |
| Suzanne Lawrence     | Sequoyah High School         |

### Duo Interpretation

| Student                                  | School                 |
|--|------------------------|
| Tate Rehklau - Saxony Rehklau            | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Kara von Schnackenberg - Brittany Kamson | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Xarumy Hincapie - Joey Bodeep            | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Tyara Hooks - Cameron Morton             | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Hope Dagher - Frankie Cerinetti          | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Ryane Hines - Sierra Intoccio            | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Luke Tieslau - Natalie Nuckolls          | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Grant Farsi - Schyler Osthoff            | Alpharetta Speech Team |
| Thomas Cox - Alex Baldwin                | Carrollton High School |
| Jahra Gholston - Marius Jackson          | Henry W. Grady         |
| Tori Teadt - Stallian Cagle              | Lee County High School |
| Hugh Slaton - Alan Un                    | Lee County High School |

### Impromptu Speaking

| Student              | School  |
|----------------------|---|
| Michael Roberts      | Allatoona   |
| Sven Leicher         | Alpharetta Speech Team                            |
| Brennan Mancil       | Carrollton High School                            |
| Nicole Bradly        | Central Gwinnett High School                      |
| Dominic Maraschiello | Central Gwinnett High School                      |
| Yosef Shelbayah      | Fayette County High School                        |
| Ty Zanders           | Fayette County High School                        |
| Isabelle Taft        | Henry W. Grady                                    |
| Olivia Aldridge      | Jasper County High School                         |
| Daniel Darity        | Jasper County High School                         |
| Feiyi Xu             | Jasper County High School                         |
| Phillip Bagley       | Lee County High School                            |
| Johann Chancey       | Lee County High School                            |
| Kyle Constable       | Lee County High School                            |
| Alan Un              | Lee County High School                            |
| Timothy Bellows      | North Hall High School                            |
| Madison Copeland     | North Hall High School                            |
| Joshua Tu            | North Hall High School                            |
| Aaron Barron         | Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology |
| Katlyn Firkus        | Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology |
| Sarah Carnes         | Sequoyah High School                              |
| Serena Huskey        | Sequoyah High School                              |
| Valerie Harrison     | Starr's Mill High School                          |
| Emily Myers          | Starr's Mill High School                          |
| Cole Conner          | Warner Robins High School                         |
| Brittany Menefield   | Warner Robins High School                         |

### Prose & Poetry

| Student           | School  |
|-------------------|---|
| Nicole Bradly     | Central Gwinnett High School                      |
| Jazmin Carr       | Fayette County High School                        |
| Lana Cook         | Fayette County High School                        |
| Cecilia Robinson  | Fayette County High School                        |
| Sarah Dillard     | Henry W. Grady                                    |
| Jahra Gholston    | Henry W. Grady                                    |
| Marius Jackson    | Henry W. Grady                                    |
| Qri Montague      | Henry W. Grady                                    |
| Jessica Turner    | Jackson High School                               |
| Chelsea Kamplain  | Jasper County High School                         |
| Tori Teadt        | Lee County High School                            |
| Alex Western      | Lincoln County High School                        |
| Stephanie Armour  | North Hall High School                            |
| Vanessa Cortez    | North Hall High School                            |
| Thanh Hoang       | R.W. Johnson High School                          |
| Christian Ramirez | R.W. Johnson High School                          |
| Kierston Jackson  | Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology |

**More than 250 students are competing this weekend for a State Championship!  
Good luck to all!**

## The GFCA State Championship Historical Archive

Since 2002, the GFCA has awarded 155 State Championships. Every year, 31 additional State Champions are added. The concept of a state championship awarded by the coaches association originated from Steve Stein, former coach at Chattahoochee High School, and Lisa Willoughby, coach at Henry W. Grady High School.

| Year   | School Name                | City           | Coach(es)                        |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Varsity Policy Debate (GFCA started to recognize in 2005)</b> |                            |                |                                  |
| 2005   | Chattahoochee High School  | Johns Creek    | Adam Smiley, James Herndon       |
|  | McIntosh High School       | Peachtree City | Gwin Jordan                      |
|  | Westminster Schools        | Atlanta        | Jenny Heidt                      |
|  | Pace Academy               | Atlanta        | Chris Wheatley, Shunta Jordan    |
|  | Trion High School          | Trion          | Kevin Trobaugh                   |
| 2006   | Brookwood High School      | Snellville     | Leslie Watkins                   |
|  | Chamblee High School       | Chamblee       | Susan Mistretta                  |
|  | Westminster Schools        | Atlanta        | Jenny Heidt                      |
|  | Pace Academy               | Atlanta        | Shunta Jordan                    |
|  | Trion High School          | Trion          | Kevin Trobaugh                   |
| 2007   | Chattahoochee High School  | Johns Creek    | James Herndon, Luke Hill         |
|  | Woodward Academy           | College Park   | Frank Seaver, Avery Dale         |
|  | Chamblee High School       | Chamblee       | Susan Mistretta                  |
|  | Pace Academy               | Atlanta        | Shunta Jordan, Mike Greenstein   |
|  | Trion High School          | Trion          | Kevin Trobaugh                   |
| 2008   | Chattahoochee High School  | Johns Creek    | James Herndon, Luke Hill         |
|  | Woodward Academy           | College Park   | Roy Levkovitz, Whit Whitmore     |
|  | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta        | Lisa Willoughby                  |
|  | Pace Academy               | Atlanta        | Shunta Jordan, Scott Phillips    |
|  | Trion High School          | Trion          | Kevin Trobaugh                   |
| 2009   | Milton High School         | Alpharetta     | Jeremy Spiegel                   |
|  | Fayette County High School | Fayetteville   | Jeffrey Miller                   |
|  | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta        | Lisa Willoughby                  |
|  | Calhoun High School        | Calhoun        | J. Lane Bearden                  |
|  | Pace Academy               | Atlanta        | Shunta Jordan, Jordana Sternberg |
| 2010   | Chattahoochee High School  | Johns Creek    | Maggie Berthiaume, Lauren Vevoda |
|  | Marist School              | Atlanta        | Cheryl Stanga                    |
|  | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta        | Lisa Willoughby                  |
|  | Westminster Schools        | Atlanta        | Jenny Heidt                      |
|  | Pace Academy               | Atlanta        | Shunta Jordan, Jordana Sternberg |
| 2011   | Woodward Academy           | College Park   | Roy Levkovitz, Bill Batterman    |

### **Second Year Policy Debate (Began in 2002)**

|      |                           |             |                                  |
|------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 2002 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Steven Stein                     |
| 2003 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Steven Stein                     |
| 2004 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Steven Stein, Adam Smiley        |
| 2005 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Adam Smiley, James Herndon       |
| 2006 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Adam Smiley, James Herndon       |
| 2007 | Calhoun High School       | Calhoun     | J. Lane Bearden, Ed Williams     |
| 2008 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | James Herndon, Luke Hill         |
| 2009 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Maggie Berthiaume, Lauren Vevoda |
| 2010 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Maggie Berthiaume, Lauren Vevoda |
| 2011 | Pace Academy              | Atlanta     | Shunta Jordan, Jordana Sternberg |
| 2012 | Westminster Schools       | Atlanta     | Jenny Heidt                      |

**First Year Policy Debate with Novice Packet (Began in 2005, Discontinued in 2012)**

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|      |                           |             |                                   |
|------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2005 | Northview High School     | Alpharetta  | Dan Davis                         |
| 2006 | Calhoun High School       | Calhoun     | J. Lane Bearden                   |
| 2007 | Wheeler High School       | Marietta    | Cheryl Stanga                     |
| 2008 | Dunwoody High School      | Dunwoody    | Kevin Travis                      |
| 2009 | Marist School             | Atlanta     | Cheryl Stanga                     |
| 2010 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Maggie Berthiaume, Lauren Vevoda  |
| 2011 | Johns Creek High School   | Johns Creek | Jeremy Spiegel, Sarah Beth Thomas |

**First Year Policy Debate without Novice Packet (Began in 2002, Discontinued in 2008, Restarted in 2012)**

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|      |                           |             |                                  |
|------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 2002 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Steven Stein                     |
| 2003 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Steven Stein                     |
| 2004 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Steven Stein, Adam Smiley        |
| 2005 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | Adam Smiley, James Herndon       |
| 2006 | Calhoun High School       | Calhoun     | J. Lane Bearden                  |
| 2007 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | James Herndon, Luke Hill         |
| 2008 | Chattahoochee High School | Johns Creek | James Herndon, Luke Hill         |
| 2012 | Pace Academy              | Atlanta     | Shunta Jordan, Jordana Sternberg |

**Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate (Began in 2002)**

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|      |                            |              |                               |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 2002 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Lisa Willoughby               |
| 2003 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett                  |
| 2004 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Lisa Willoughby               |
| 2005 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett                  |
| 2006 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett                  |
| 2007 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett                  |
| 2008 | Pace Academy               | Atlanta      | Shunta Jordan                 |
| 2009 | Fayette County High School | Fayetteville | Beverly Kelly, Jeffrey Miller |
| 2010 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera                 |
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera                 |

**Second Year Lincoln Douglas Debate (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                          |              |                              |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 2011 | Johns Creek High School  | Johns Creek  | Jeremy Spiegel, Matt Wilson  |
| 2012 | Starr's Mill High School | Fayetteville | Brandon Kendall, Sean Hickey |

**First Year Lincoln Douglas Debate (Began in 2010)**

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|      |                            |              |                              |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 2010 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera                |
| 2011 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Juliana Wright, Sean Hickey  |
| 2012 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Brandon Kendall, Sean Hickey |

**Varsity Public Forum Debate (Began in 2006)**

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|      |                            |              |                   |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2006 | St. Pius X Catholic School | Atlanta      | Sean Hiland       |
| 2007 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett      |
| 2008 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera     |
| 2009 | Pope High School           | Marietta     | Betty Whitlock    |
| 2010 | Carrollton High School     | Carrollton   | Richard Bracknell |
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera     |

**Second Year Public Forum Debate (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |              |                             |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2011 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Juliana Wright, Sean Hickey |
| 2012 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera               |



**First Year Public Forum Debate (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |         |               |
|------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2012 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |

**Varsity Extemporaneous Commentary (Began in 2005)**

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|      |                            |              |               |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2005 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett  |
| 2006 | Centennial High School     | Alpharetta   | Kelly Parker  |
|      | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera |
| 2007 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera |
| 2008 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett  |
| 2009 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Hickey   |
| 2010 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera |
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera |

**Second Year Extemporaneous Commentary (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |              |                              |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera                |
| 2012 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Hickey, Brandon Kendall |

**First Year Extemporaneous Commentary (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |         |               |
|------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2012 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |

**Varsity Impromptu Speaking (Began in 2004)**

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|      |                            |              |               |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2004 | Centennial High School     | Alpharetta   | Kelly Parker  |
| 2005 |                            |              |               |
| 2006 | Brunswick High School      | Brunswick    | James Holt    |
| 2007 | Pace Academy               | Atlanta      | Shunta Jordan |
| 2008 | Alpharetta High School     | Alpharetta   | David Gay     |
| 2009 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Hickey   |
| 2010 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera |
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera |

**Second Year Impromptu Speaking (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |             |               |
|------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta     | Mario Herrera |
| 2012 | North Hall High School     | Gainesville | Steven Wang   |

**First Year Impromptu Speaking (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |            |               |
|------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta    | Mario Herrera |
| 2012 | Milton High School         | Alpharetta | Lee Redding   |

**Varsity Humorous Interpretation (Began in 2004)**

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|      |                            |              |                          |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2004 | Centennial High School     | Alpharetta   | Kelly Parker             |
| 2005 | Starr's Mill High School   | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett             |
| 2006 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta      | Mario Herrera            |
| 2007 | Pace Academy               | Atlanta      | Shunta Jordan            |
| 2008 | Alpharetta High School     | Alpharetta   | David Gay                |
| 2009 | Alpharetta High School     | Alpharetta   | David Gay                |
| 2010 | Alpharetta High School     | Alpharetta   | Mary Kay Swartz          |
| 2011 | Evans High School          | Evans        | Steve and Elizabeth Hahn |

**Second Year Humorous Interpretation (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                        |            |                   |
|------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 2011 | Carrollton High School | Carrollton | Richard Bracknell |
| 2012 | Alpharetta High School | Alpharetta | David Gay         |

**First Year Humorous Interpretation (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                              |               |                                    |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 2011 | Central Gwinnett High School | Lawrenceville | DeAnne Varitek, Stephanie Bridwell |
| 2012 | Alpharetta High School       | Alpharetta    | David Gay                          |

**Varsity Dramatic Interpretation (Began in 2008)**

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|      |                            |         |               |
|------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 2008 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2009 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2010 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |

**Second Year Dramatic Interpretation (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |              |                                |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 2011 | Fayette County High School | Fayetteville | Jeffrey Miller, Kahlilah Pagan |
| 2012 | Alpharetta High School     | Alpharetta   | David Gay                      |

**First Year Dramatic Interpretation (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                        |            |                 |
|------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 2011 | McEachern High School  | Marietta   | Connie Holloway |
| 2012 | Alpharetta High School | Alpharetta | David Gay       |

**Varsity Duo Interpretation (Began in 2004)**

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|      |                          |              |                             |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2004 | Cherokee High School     | Canton       | Matt Gantz                  |
| 2005 | Starr's Mill High School | Fayetteville | Sean Bennett                |
| 2006 | Centennial High School   | Alpharetta   | Kelly Parker                |
| 2007 | Lassiter High School     | Marietta     | David Childree              |
| 2008 | Alpharetta High School   | Alpharetta   | David Gay                   |
| 2009 | Alpharetta High School   | Alpharetta   | David Gay                   |
| 2010 | Alpharetta High School   | Alpharetta   | Mary Kay Swartz             |
| 2011 | Starr's Mill High School | Fayetteville | Sean Hickey, Juliana Wright |

**Second Year Duo Interpretation (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |            |                                |
|------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta    | Mario Herrera, Lisa Willoughby |
| 2012 | Alpharetta High School     | Alpharetta | David Gay                      |

**First Year Duo Interpretation (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                          |              |                             |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2011 | Starr's Mill High School | Fayetteville | Juliana Wright, Sean Hickey |
| 2012 | Alpharetta High School   | Alpharetta   | David Gay                   |

**Varsity Original Oratory (Began in 2004)**

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|      |                            |               |                |
|------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2004 | Cherokee High School       | Canton        | Matt Gantz     |
| 2005 |                            |               |                |
| 2006 | Lovett School              | Alpharetta    | Ann Swartz     |
| 2007 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta       | Mario Herrera  |
| 2008 | Northview High School      | Alpharetta    | Ashley Ulrich  |
| 2009 |                            |               |                |
| 2010 | Warner Robins High School  | Warner Robins | John McClellan |
| 2011 | Sequoyah High School       | Canton        | Jamie Wills    |

**Second Year Original Oratory (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                              |               |                                    |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 2011 | Central Gwinnett High School | Lawrenceville | DeAnne Varitek, Stephanie Bridwell |
| 2012 | Central Gwinnett High School | Lawrenceville | DeAnne Varitek                     |

**First Year Original Oratory (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                       |             |                 |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2011 | Lakeview Academy      | Gainesville | Julia King      |
| 2012 | McEachern High School | Marietta    | Connie Holloway |

**Varsity Prose & Poetry (Began in 2010)**

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|      |                            |         |                   |
|------|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 2010 | Jackson High School        | Jackson | Laura LaChappelle |
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera     |

**Second Year Prose & Poetry (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                              |               |                |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School   | Atlanta       | Mario Herrera  |
| 2012 | Central Gwinnett High School | Lawrenceville | DeAnne Varitek |

**First Year Prose & Poetry (Began in 2011)**

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|      |                            |         |               |
|------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 2011 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |
| 2012 | Henry W. Grady High School | Atlanta | Mario Herrera |

**Some statistics regarding the GFCA State Championships****Most GFCA Championships by School**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Henry W. Grady HS | 35 |
| Chattahoochee HS  | 19 |
| Starr's Mill HS   | 18 |
| Alpharetta HS     | 13 |
| Pace Academy      | 11 |

**Most GFCA Championships by Coach**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Mario Herrera | 30 |
| David Gay     | 11 |
| Shunta Jordan | 11 |
| Sean Bennett  | 9  |
| James Herndon | 9  |

35 different schools have won a GFCA State Championship. 57 different coaches have coached a GFCA State Champion.

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