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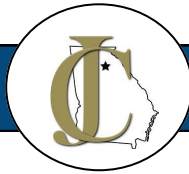
The REACH Georgia Scholarship “rewards students for self-accountability, promotes parent involvement and provides motivation and support; all factors that we know are critical in student educational achievement,” said Governor Nathan Deal at the launch of the program.

REACH Georgia is the State of Georgia’s first needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program, launched by Governor Nathan Deal as a key component of the state’s Complete College Georgia Initiative.

REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) Georgia’s mission is to ensure that Georgia’s low income, academically promising students have the academic, social, and financial support needed to graduate from high school, access college, and achieve postsecondary success.

Currently in 134 school systems throughout the state, REACH Georgia’s goal is to be in all 180 Georgia school systems and support more than 3,000 students throughout Georgia, as well as aggressively targeting our foster youth students.

REACH Georgia is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA), a companion student finance entity of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC). GSFC is the state agency that administers the HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program as well as other state- and lottery-funded financial aid programs.



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Special thanks for the table pieces used at today’s signing ceremony.

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Special thanks for the flowers for today’s ceremony and reception.

# REACH Scholars 2023 Cohort



# Congratulations

Ivan Altamirano

Alex Diaz

Joseph Hanley

Sarah Martin

Manuelis Villalobos Chaparro

Programs proudly provided by  
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## Meet Our Scholars

### Ivan Altamirano

*West Jackson Middle School*

Ivan is the son of Oscar Altamirano and Marycruz Maldonado. Ivan enjoys playing soccer for Jackson County Alliance. He is also in band and is looking forward to being in the marching band in high school. His future plans are to become an architect. He hopes to move to a large city and design plans for buildings. To further his education, Ivan plans to attend the University of Georgia to pursue a degree in architecture.

### Alex Diaz

*West Jackson Middle School*

Alex is the son of Martha Venegas Diaz and Alavor Diaz. He is very thankful for his parents because they motivate him to be a better person. Alex enjoys playing soccer and dreams of representing the United States as a member of the US Soccer team one day. He also enjoys playing basketball and football with his friends. Alex is a member of FFA. He finds the trips to the University of Georgia rewarding and educational. Alex plans on owning a farm. To further his education, Alex plans on attending the University of Georgia to pursue a degree in business management.

### Joseph Hanley

*East Jackson High School*

Joseph is the son of Joshua and Jennifer Hanley. Joseph is very appreciative of his parents. He is especially proud that his father and his mother are academically strong. Joseph is a member of the East Jackson cross country, track, and football teams. He plans to try out for basketball this year. Joseph dreams of having a career in the medical field by becoming an RN and eventually a surgical technician. To further his education, Joseph plans on attending Athens Tech, the University of Georgia, or Georgia Tech.

### Sarah Martin

*East Jackson High School*

Sarah is the daughter of Corey Martin and Mavis Brown. Sarah is involved with the American Sign Language club and hopes to one day be fluent in sign language. She is also a member of the Extra Special People club. Through this club, she spends her time planning and assisting with events that help people with disabilities attend summer camps. Sarah is also a member of the Relay for Life Committee. Sarah dreams of one day making a difference in the classroom. To further her education, Sarah plans on attending the University of North Georgia to pursue a degree in education.

### Manuelis Villalobos Chaparro

*West Jackson Middle School*

Manuelis is the daughter of Manuel Villalobos and Anahis Chaparro. Manuelis is a member of the West Jackson chorus. She also plays for a private soccer club. Manuelis dreams of one day working in the medical field. To further her education, Manuelis plans on attending the University of Georgia to pursue a degree in medicine and hopes to transfer to a medical school to fulfill the requirements of being a cardiologist.

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## Schedule of Events

### Celebration

East Jackson High School Pride of the Eastside, Master Chorus, Cheerleading Team, BETA, and Student Council

### Welcome

Mrs. Chanda Palmer, Principal of East Jackson High School

### Pledge of Allegiance

East Jackson High School ROTC

### National Anthem

East Jackson High School Chorus

### Mission Statement

Mrs. Chanda Palmer

### Jackson County Schools' Path to Success

Dr. April Howard, Superintendent of Jackson County Schools

### REACH Georgia

Governor Nathan Deal

### REACH Scholars

Dr. April Howard

### REACH Scholars—West Jackson Middle

Dr. Melissa Conway, Principal of West Jackson Middle School

### REACH Scholars—East Jackson High School

Mrs. Chanda Palmer

### REACH Scholars—Signing Ceremony

Please join us for a reception in the East Jackson Media Center following the ceremony.

