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In a ceremony held at Northview High School in April, Student Leadership Johns Creek celebrated the class of 2015 as they completed the program and welcomed the class of 2017.

Mayor Mike Bodker, Fulton County Schools Deputy Superintendent of Academics Rob Anderson, and noted civic leader Roger Wise were all guest speakers. Among our graduates from the class of 2015 was Northview High School Valedictorian Sumit Sohani whose brother Rohan will be representing Northview in the class of 2017. Listed below is the class of 2017:

#### **CENTENNIAL:**

Luis Camarillo-Hernandez, Meghan Dougherty, Arantza Echauz, Grace Hebermehl, Tegan Kelly, Ashwin Rathie, and Jonathon Whitacre

#### **CHATTAHOOCHEE:**

Sekani Adebimpe, Delaney Burke, Sarah Chen, Olivia Erickson, Ananya Ghose, Swati Gupta, Neha Joshi, Cecily Mohammed, Philip Pyo, Sam Ramesh, Chloe Suh, and Benjamin Weiser

#### JOHNS CREEK:

Annabelle Clarke, Emma Grace Crumbley, Lauren Garrett, Sarika Gowda, Randi Jelleme, Rachael Jones, Koosha Kermani, Markiella Lancaster, Jai' La Mercer, Amanda Morris, Farid Nat, Brian Sui, Parth Thakkar and Julia York

### NORTHVIEW:

Ruth Austin, Vidya Ganapathy, Amy Jiang, Anthony Jones, Shirin Kuppusamy, Sherry Liang, Sally Pan, Noah Shiffman, Rohan Sohani, Sanjay Sridhar, Liz Wong, Larry Yan, and Raymond Zhu



Sumit Sohani, Northview's 2015 Valedictorian

Student Leadership will host an all-day leadership retreat for our student leaders on August 8th. We are fortunate again this year to have some wonderful sponsors including Program Date sponsor Emory Johns Creek Hospital and Kick-Off Retreat sponsor Gwinnett Medical Center.



### PAGING AT THE SENATE

## by: Ahiliya Nat JCHS Student Leadership ~ Class of 2016

Walking into the George State Capitol early that February morning, I felt a rush of excitement but also that butterflies-in-your -stomach type of feeling. Growing up wanting to work with the government, I was extremely excited to have the opportunity to page for Senator John Albers through Student Leadership Johns Creek. I went in there wanting to learn more about the legislative process and gaining exposure to the type of work that I see myself pursuing in the future.

Although I did not know anyone there, it was easy to make friends because all of these students had the same interests as I did, so it was easy to connect with them. Truth be told, once we actually started to page, there was no time for socializing. We were running from place to place, transferring lobbyists' messages to their respective senators, making sure that the senators had what they needed, and trying to battle the enormous crowd of visitors, lobbyists, and staff that had gathered outside the Senate chambers.



Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, Ahiliya Nat, & Senator John Albers

The highlight of the day was actually being locked in the Senate chambers. The rule is that once the Senate starts voting or doing something that it does not want the public hearing yet, the guards close the chamber doors and no one is allowed inside or outside. So, while I was giving a message to a Senator, the doors closed and I was caught in the chamber for another 20 minutes. However, these 20 minutes were some of the most insightful of the day. I had the opportunity to hear the work that the Senate had done for veterans. Ironically, the people that were involved/speaking on this were Mr. Roger Wise, who helped me through the whole paging process, and Senator Albers, who I was paging for. I absolutely loved being able to see how the implementation of the work that the Senate does can have such a huge impact in the community and community members' lives.

After this experience, I am sure that I would return again next year. All of the Senators and the paging staff were beyond helpful and kind. They eased all my initial worries and made me enjoy the few hours I had more than I could have imagined. I recommend that any student who has a strong interest in the government should page for the Georgia Senate or House of Representatives.



Governor Jeb Bush & Sydney Dangremond

# PAGE PARTICPANT EXPERIENCES NATIONAL POLITICS AT CAPITOL

Sydney Dangremond, a Johns Creek High School Student Leadership participant from the class of 2016 was also lucky enough to be part of the Page program, by chance during her particular day under the Golden Dome presidential hopeful Jeb Bush was in attendance. Sydney met Governor Bush and was also lucky enough to meet some media members as well, who allowed her to use their equipment to record a video about her experience. We encourage you to click on the link below and watch Sydney's impressive telecast.

## A DAY UNDER THE DOME

# STUDENT LEADERS SEEN AROUND THE CREEK



Student Leadership Johns Creek—Class of 2015 Graduates



Brittany Dargis (Class of 2016) & Mayor Mike Bodker at Graduation Celebration



City Day—Forensics Lesson



Student Leaders volunteered at the Day of Service blood drive project on May 9th. Student volunteers included: Randi Jelleme (JCHS), Emma Grace Cumbley (JCHS), Saitej Guttikonda (Chattahoochee), Chloe Suh (Chattahoochee), Bobbi Hebermehl, (Centennial) Larry Yan (Northview), Parth Thakker (JCHS) and Brian Sui (JCHS)



Program Date at Emory Johns Creek Hospital



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