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## GIVE EAST HOSTS JOB FAIR

BY NICHOLLE SUAREZ

GIVE Center East hosted a job fair on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in which employers from around the area were invited. In order to participate, students were required to dress in business attire and have an updated resume. Some of the employers who were at the job fair were: Gwinnett County Court/ POs, Year Up, Corporate Specialty, Telecom Mechanical Solution, Elevate Master Coaching, Target, US Navy, Magic Summer Camp, Gwinnett County Parks and Rec. and Fulton County Police Department. continued on page 4.

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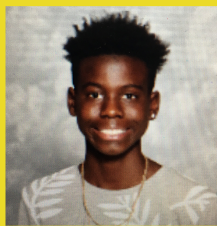
"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond."

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Kaden Young	Brian Nolasco

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Chris Tony	Nickulis Jones
Silsela Azizullah	Dwight Foster
Safiyatou Diallo	Markayla Johnson
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Evan Sapp	Delaun Berry-Cherry
Renee Mae Hanney	Daniel Rios

# GIVE East Names Teacher of the Year

by Markyla Johnson

Vernita Moore is our teacher of the year for the 2018-2019 school year! Ms. Moore is a native Floridian - born and raised in Palm Beach County. She has three siblings – Jessica, Darryl & Dwayne. She graduated from Florida A&M University, a historically black university, with a degree in business education. She believes teaching has the most far-reaching impact of all professions. She became an educator because of the teachers she had throughout her elementary, middle, and high school years. Ms. Moore has degrees in Specific Learning Disabilities, School Counseling, and Educational Leadership. Not only is she a teacher but she is a mother of two sons, Markkus, also a FAMU graduate, and Maleek, a junior at Valdosta State University. Ms. Moore loves HGTV. Some of her favorites are Fixer Upper, House Hunters, Property Brothers and My Lottery Dream Home. I recently interviewed Ms. Moore about this great honor and her love for teaching. When asked, she is quick to explain her motivation as being able to “connect with students” and impact their lives on a daily basis, citing humility as her greatest strength. She is constantly seeking ways to engage students by using technology and student collaboration.

Ms. Moore likes to extend learning beyond the classroom by going on field trips and thinking “out of the box.” The journey to winning Teacher of the Year begins with the nomination process. After being nominated by at least one of her peers, Ms. Moore submitted an application and it was reviewed and rated.



The top three applicants were voted on by the certified teachers at the school. As the 2019 GIVE East Teacher of the Year, Ms. Moore describes herself as “an ambassador for the teaching profession.” She will represent the profession positively and support other teachers. Her goal is to improve the school in whatever ways she can. According to Ms. Moore, this does not add pressure to her because it is an honor to make improvements that help students get a better education. Her ideal school is one where students and teachers are excited about education. She thinks that GIVE East is a great school because it offers so much to students like after school activities, a PBIS program, mentoring, and “flexible learning structures.” According to Ms. Moore, GIVE East is “well on the way to perfecting how it meets the needs of students, their families, and our community.” Ms. Moore has been at GIVE East for three years now. She is not certain what the future holds, but knows that it will involve impacting the lives of students and teachers.

Ms. Moore loves to "connect with students" and impact their lives on a daily basis.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

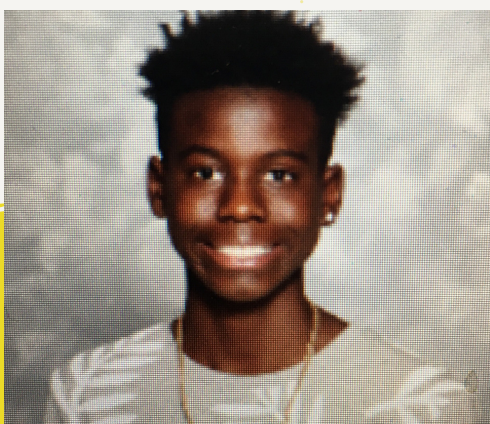
A person does not have to look far to find an exemplary senior student at GIVE Center East.

Nate Morris can often be seen smiling down the halls of the school or working fervently on his studies in the classroom. He lovingly speaks of his mother and sister, calling his mother his hero and role model.

It hasn't, however, always been easy for him to smile. Nate began his journey to the GIVE Center at Dacula High School, where he began to make bad decisions. "I just started doing stupid stuff, really for no reason," claims Nate. He was eventually arrested for drug possession and went to jail for the first time in his life.

This was a life changing experience for him, one that he did not want to experience again.

He eventually found himself on probation.



After several negative altercations at his high school he was sent to the GIVE Center for the first time. He completed his time here and returned to Dacula High School where he soon found himself in trouble again. He returned to GIVE for the second time in 2018 but this time with a different attitude. He decided to make the best of things.

He has gotten serious about his classwork, even working to move ahead. He encourages other students to do the same. "We can take advantage of the small classes and get more support here," he says about the school. He says it is worth it to put in the effort in order to be successful.

Nate has big hopes for the future.

He plans to attend college here in Georgia, where he will obtain a degree in Business Management. He eventually hopes to move to California where he will own his own business. Failure is not an option as far as he is concerned. Nate is currently successful in his classes and is also a member of Jaguar Productions, the school news club.

He looks at the GIVE Center as being a positive experience for him.

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Many of them were hiring on the spot, having applicants fill out information on the computers in the media center. Students were able to showcase their ability to participate in a successful interview and ask the employers what they look for in an employee.

Representatives from the Fulton County Police department and the Atlanta Police Department stated that they are looking for individuals who are hard working, honest and trustworthy. Individuals who apply for this job need to be able to think quick and have a lot of patience because they are dealing with the public. TJ Maxx representatives are also looking for honest individuals who are punctual and family friendly. One common theme that all of the employers were seeking in an employee was good work ethic. The Navy representative cited that these same qualities would make a good soldier. The Navy, however, requires a background check. You have to be a senior in order to enlist early. Age requirements for the Navy are 17-39 years old. All of the employers mentioned diversity as being favored in the hiring process. Many students from all grade levels attended the job fair. They were able to walk around and talk with the representatives. The overall reception of the fair was favorable. Ayanna Smith liked the many different types of organizations that were represented, with Magic Summer Camp being her favorite. Axel Bonilla thought being able to talk to different employers was a fun experience. Dezmond Bailey agreed that it was a great way to network with companies in a relaxed, no pressure environment. Most of the employers agreed to return next year.



Kahleil Johnson spoke to many of the companies.



Axel Ecklund Perez talks to a Navy recruiter.





# What do you think?

Do you have an opinion you want to share about school, life, being a teenager? Submit your thoughts to Ms. Meaders or Ms. McDaniel or e mail it to [jodi\\_l\\_meaders@g.gcpsk12.org](mailto:jodi_l_meaders@g.gcpsk12.org).

Dress code has been a big part of schools for a long time. It is also one of the biggest controversies that schools and students have had to deal with. School Dress code was established in American schools in 1969 by the U.S. Supreme Court. It was introduced to provide safety for students and to create a more professional environment. Although many people may agree with having a dress code, it may not actually be the best of ideas. Having a dress code can limit students' comfort therefore making them less productive. When a student starts being less productive their grades drop and that results into failing a class. Students have to be comfortable during the day in order to work diligently, and to make sure they are academically successful. Comfort is very important for focus and it should not have to be messed with just for a dress code. Dress code violates the 1st amendment which is freedom of speech. Students should be able to wear whatever they want and express themselves in their own ways. Dress code limits students creativity and makes the school look boring and depressing, and that is an environment students would not like to be a part of.

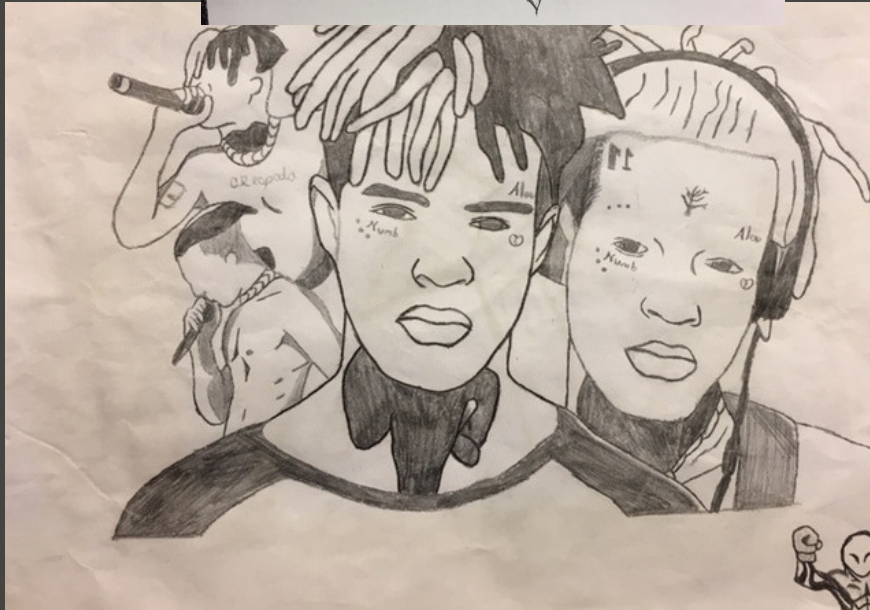
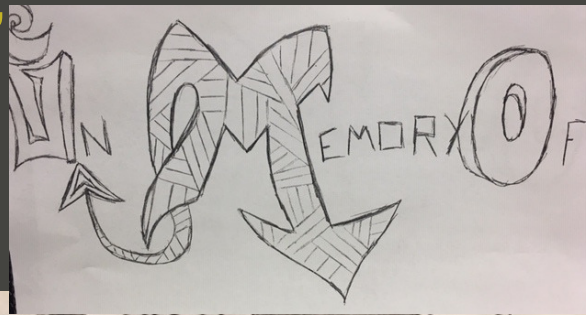
Covering their identity with the same colors and clothing hides their true selves from the world thus making the world plain and boring. Many actually believe that the dress code system that is in place now is sexist. Dress code targets girls and belittles them. More girls are reported for dress code violations than boys are. Boys are just told to pull up their pant while girls get detentions and sometimes even referrals. Dress codes also give out the message that a girl's body is too "distracting" and makes them feel ashamed. Girls should be able to wear whatever they want without having to feel responsible. So maybe dress code is not the best thing ever, and maybe it is time to take the fact of getting rid of it seriously. Getting rid of it would be beneficial and a huge improvement for schools. The student body would be so much happier to express themselves, students would be comfortable, and girls would not have to be ashamed. Getting rid of dress code would be such a great start to a happier future.

Nicholle Suarez-GEAR



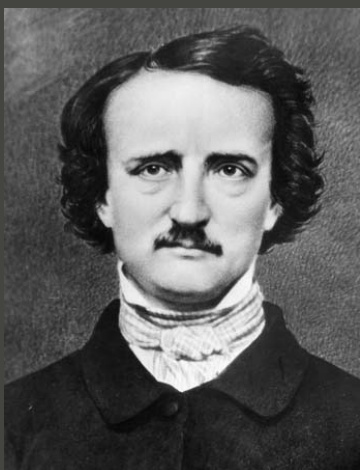
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Jahseh Dwayne Ricardo Onfroy, who goes by XXX Tentacion, was born January 23, 1998, in Florida. He sadly lost his life too soon, on June 18, 2018, caused by a gunshot wound. X was a songwriter/ hip hop rapper. Most of his songs came from the heart, and deep depression. Also many of his fans loved his music because they could relate to his pain and struggle. His passion came from real life experiences which is why X is recognized as an emotional rapper. This helped spark his fame and boost his career. Despite all of the negativity related to Tentacion's name, he claimed that he just wanted to spread positivity. Another rapper in the industry, Tekashi, known as 6ix9ine says "X spreaded nothing but positivity. Nothing but positivity." on an Instagram post. XXX's music was said to have helped many Young teens. Some of X's biggest hits, were "SAD", and "Look at Me." XXX Tentacion will be memorable and missed as a young legend.

## *Madness, Mystery and Murder*



## *Making a Connection*

EDGAR ALLAN POE WAS A MASTER OF MYSTERY AND HORROR. HIS STORIES CLOSELY PARALLEL TO HIS LIFE, WHICH WAS FULL OF TRAGEDY AT A YOUNG AGE. CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO HEAR THE STORY OF "THE TELL-TALE HEART." WAS THE MAN IN THE STORY INSANE? IF HE WERE TO GO TO COURT AND CLAIM HE WAS NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY, BASED ON THE TEXT, WOULD A JURY AGREE WITH HIM?