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*Project GRAD Atlanta Scholars Top the List of
Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipients!*

ATLANTA- May 10, 2012- Ten Project GRAD Atlanta Seniors attending the three Project GRAD Atlanta/Atlanta Public Schools high school campuses have earned the highly-coveted 2012 Gates Millennium Scholarship! The ten scholarship-winning Project GRAD Scholars are: **Juwan Bolton, Brittany Brown, Maya Knight, and Wade Ruff** of Booker T. Washington High School; **Cesar Chaves** of Carver School of Health Sciences and Research; **Ashley Thomas** of Carver School of the Arts; **Makeeva Walker** of Carver Early College; **Amber Davis** and **Sandra Porter** of The South Atlanta School of Health and Medical Sciences; and **James Atkins** of The South Atlanta School of Computer Animation and Design.

Each year, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program selects 1,000 students nation-wide to receive a scholarship to attend any college or university of their choice. The Gates Millennium Scholarship provides a full scholarship to minority students, which supports their academic aspirations from undergraduate study all the way through doctoral program completion.

Twenty-two Atlanta Public Schools students received the Gates Millennium Scholarship in 2012; APS has the third highest number of award recipients in the country. For the third year in a row, Project GRAD Scholars have received the overwhelming majority of Gates Millennium Scholarships, among all students within the Atlanta Public School District.

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The Project GRAD Atlanta Writing Skills Development Lab has been instrumental in assisting these Scholars, for the past three years, with the production of award-winning applications for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. The Project GRAD Atlanta Writing Skills Development Lab was developed by Project GRAD Atlanta to improve the quality of Project GRAD Scholars' college and scholarship applications, along with the number of graduates from GRAD high schools who are poised for success in a postsecondary environment.

About Project GRAD Atlanta

Project GRAD Atlanta is a non-profit organization whose mission is to collaborate with the Atlanta Public Schools in order to increase the number of students graduating from high school and college. Project GRAD Atlanta provides critical academic, behavioral, social services, and college access interventions for traditionally-underserved populations of students from economically-disadvantaged communities attending the Atlanta Public Schools.

Project GRAD Atlanta provides up to \$4,000 in college scholarship dollars to students who earn its Brumley-GRAD Scholarship. Project GRAD Atlanta has successfully impacted high school graduation rates by helping students and their families understand that college is attainable. As a result of GRAD's proliferation of a college-bound culture within the Atlanta Public Schools, nearly 1,800 Brumley-GRAD Scholarship recipients have earned the opportunity to attend two-year and four-year colleges across the country. Project GRAD Atlanta is proud to be a scholarship-granting organization that has awarded over \$1.9 million in scholarships, to date.