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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA EDUCATORS
NAMES STATE STAR STUDENT AND TEACHER WINNERS, RUNNERS-UP

ATLANTA — May 19, 2021 — Riley Durbin, a senior at South Forsyth High School in Cumming, Ga., is the 2021 State PAGE (Professional Association of Georgia Educators) STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student. He named South Forsyth’s Mr. Stuart Reynolds, his 10th-grade Honors Literature teacher, as his STAR Teacher. As this year’s State PAGE STAR Student, Durbin won a $5,000 scholarship from PAGE, and as State PAGE STAR Teacher, Reynolds received a $2,500 cash award from the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation.

Jung Ho Shin, a senior at Bremen High School in Bremen, Ga., is the Runner-up State PAGE STAR Student. He named Bremen’s Mr. Jason Fields, his AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics and AP Psychology teacher, as his STAR Teacher. Shin received a $1,000 scholarship from the PAGE Foundation, and Fields won the $500 Mozelle Christian Endowment Award.
Nineteen PAGE STAR Student Region Winners were state finalists in the annual STAR program for high school seniors.

The search for the State PAGE STAR Student began earlier this school year with the naming of local STAR Students from each of the participating public and independent high schools across the state. In turn, those STAR Students then recognized the teacher who had the most influence on their success as their STAR Teacher.

To obtain the STAR nomination, high school students must have the highest score on any single SAT during their senior year and must be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class, based on GPA. This year’s nominees’ SAT score must be equal to or higher than the 2020 national average scores on the Evidence Based Reading and Writing and Math sections of the SAT.

“Recognizing these outstanding students and their teachers in region events and then at the state event each year is our great honor,” said PAGE Executive Director Craig Harper. “We are pleased to be a major sponsor and administrator for the STAR program to ensure that Georgia’s excellent students and teachers receive the attention they’ve earned through their success.”

Sponsors for the 2021 State PAGE STAR awards are the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation, the Mozelle Christian Endowment, PAGE and the PAGE Foundation.