

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
GOLD MEDALISTS OF THE
NAACP's ACT-SO PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS:** Clayton County's NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students; and
- WHEREAS:** The ACT-SO program is dedicated and committed to community volunteers and business leaders, serving as mentors and coaches for promoting academic and artistic excellence. There are 26 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, and performing and visual arts; and
- WHEREAS:** Six students from Clayton County schools have been selected as Gold Medalists and will attend the ACT-SO National Competition in July 2012 in Houston, Texas; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County gold medalists include Ishmael Williams from Forest Park High School in Drawing, Anita Bennett from Mt. Zion High School in Drama, Michael Morris from Mt. Zion High School in Dance, Mercedes Elston from Mt. Zion High School in Music Vocal Contemporary, Aspen Evans from Mt. Zion High School in two categories, Poetry and Photography, and Whayne Clarke from Lovejoy High School in two categories, Music Composition and Music Instrumental Contemporary; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County ACT-SO gold medalists will showcase their talents on June 23, 2012 at the Georgia Archives. Sponsorships, which allow students to travel to the national competition, will be highlighted in a Showcase Booklet; now
- THEREFORE:** I, SONNA SINGLETON, Commissioner, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby congratulate and recognize the Clayton County ACT-SO Gold Medalists of 2012. I wish you the best of luck at the national competition as you continue representing on behalf of your school, community, friends, and family.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 12th day of June in the year two thousand twelve.

Sonna Singleton, Commissioner