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## DCSD Class of 2025 Records Over \$200 Million in Scholarship Offers - a Whopping 378% Increase This Year

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)- DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) seniors just rewrote the record books, earning \$200,807,198 in college scholarships, which is up from \$42 million last year. The milestone, announced by Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton during graduation ceremonies last week at Georgia State University's Convocation Center, marks a 378 percent year-over-year surge!

"We are incredibly proud of our DeKalb County Schools Class of 2025 graduates and their impressive scholarship earnings," Dr. Horton said. "Their success shows what's possible when adults create intentional systems that empower students to thrive. Being purposeful truly makes all the difference."

Under Dr. Horton's leadership, DCSD introduced the <u>Post-Secondary P.U.S.H. Plan</u> to increase college and career exploratory opportunities for all high school scholars this year. Through the P.U.S.H. Plan, the District intensified its focus on aligning curriculum with high academic standards and expanding post-secondary supports, including scholarship navigation workshops and one-on-one counseling.

This year, an incredible six DCSD schools surpassed the \$10 million mark in scholarship offers, led by Chamblee High (\$27.7 million), Dunwoody High (\$16.9 million), Lakeside High (\$16.6 million), and Arabia Mountain High (\$14.9 million). The chart below shows each high school's scholarship amounts as of May 27. These totals are continually increasing as more awards are added.

School	Scholarship Offers	School	Scholarship Offers
Arabia Mountain High School	\$14,926,264	Lithonia High School	\$14,607,183
Cedar Grove High School	\$9,294,005	MLK, Jr. High School	\$5,566,513
Chamblee High School	\$27,681,352	McNair High School	\$4,935,457
Clarkston High School	\$9,298,862	Miller Grove High School	\$4,054,093
Columbia High School	\$6,297,972	Redan High School	\$7,559,038
Cross Keys High School	\$7,780,374	SW Dekalb High School	\$6,287,483
DeKalb Early College Academy	\$6,301,158	Stephenson High School	\$6,521,507
DeKalb School Of The Arts	\$6,155,047	Stone Mtn High School	\$6,443,756
Druid Hills High School	\$10,534,268	Tapestry Public Charter	\$264,192
Dunwoody High School	\$16,927,160	Towers High School	\$3,080,676
Elizabeth Andrews High School	\$287,224	Tucker High School	\$9,420,333
Lakeside High School	\$16,583,281	Grand Total (May 27)	\$200,807,198