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## **Colquitt County School System Names 2021 REACH Scholars**

MOULTRIE, GEORGIA – November 1, 2021 – Former Governor Nathan Deal launched REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) in 2012 as a key initiative of Complete College Georgia. School systems partner with REACH and identify academically promising eighth-grade students to receive REACH Scholarships. Scholars are paired with a mentor and an academic coach through high school. Scholars must maintain good grades (2.5 GPA), behavior, and attendance. Upon graduation from high school, scholars are awarded up to a \$10,000 scholarship to be used at a Georgia HOPE-eligible two- or four-year college. Some colleges have pledged to double or triple the scholarship for REACH Scholars.

"The REACH Scholarship Program is the most rewarding program that I have had the privilege of coordinating during my many years in education. REACH gives hope and opportunity to so many students who may not have considered post-secondary education. The Colquitt County community and students will reap the benefits of REACH for years to come," commented Dr. Irma Townsend, Assistant Superintendent of Student

Services/REACH Coordinator.

The 2021 Colquitt County REACH Scholars were named on Monday, November 1, 2021 and are pictured left to right:

Front row: Yoahlibeth Perez-Martinez, Na'Ryan

Sumlin & Zachariah Palmore.

Back row: Emanuel Buena-Tepetate, Samir

Davis & Alexis Barge Jr.

For more information about the REACH Georgia Scholarship, please visit www.reachga.org.

