Forty students in grades 6-12 were named gold key or silver key winners (Senior Division) at the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) One Academic Fair in the category of Science and Engineering in February represented the APS at the 63rd Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF) in Athens, Georgia. The GSEF was held April 1, 2011 through April 2, 2011. The GSEF is one of a number of learning experiences that help young people meet the challenges of the future. The GSEF provides a stage from which the junior high and high school students of Georgia can demonstrate their serious contributions to the advancement of society and our way of life.

By participating in the Fair, students learn how to isolate important problems and how to attack and solve problems all within the framework of organized, logical thought and study. The path to the GSEF begins at the school level science fair where students have an opportunity to exhibit their research projects. Moreover, if a project showed merit in the local school fair, it may be entered in the APS District Fair. Only the top tiered winners in district fair are eligible to be invited to compete in the GSEF.

The students who represented the APS at the GSEF performance were all commendable. The following students received special recognition and awards for their outstanding performance:

**University of Georgia Environmental Science Department Award Senior Division**

**2nd Place Winners**

Nouhayla Houssaini
Quantavious Griggs

Sponsoring Teacher: Geraldine H. Nix

**Special Recognition Award in Physics and Astronomy**

Jason Lathbury
Sponsoring Teacher: Nikolai Curtis

**Special Recognition Award in Engineering Materials & Bioengineering**

Frederico Adams
Sponsoring Teacher: Tiarra Moore

**Georgia Junior Academy of Science Georgia ISEF Recognition Award**

Jason Lathbury
Sponsoring Teacher: Nikolai Curtis

Jason Lathbury (Grady High School), Nouhayla Houssaini and Quantavious Griggs (Benjamin E. Mays Highs School) will represent Atlanta Public Schools at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in May, in Los Angeles, California.

The Math and Science Department congratulates all the students who participated and all of our APS statewide winners at the GSEF. Also, congratulations are extended to the parents, SRTs, Office of High Schools, principals, teachers, and research scientists for assisting our students in conducting scientific research this past year.