



Magnetic Force

October 2021

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Congratulations!

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Noah Flanagan
Soumit Guntupalli
Ryan McKee
Dandre Varela
Paige Woodham

National Merit Commended

Daniela Binns
Ryan Gregory
Elijah Luke Gunter
Hannah Huff
Naa Norkai Orgle
Ellie Ray
Damiano Salgado



Pictured from from left to right :
Paige Woodham, Soumit
Guntupalli, Noah Flanagan
Ryan McKee, Dandre Varela,
and KMHS Principal Mr. Nathan
Stark

National Merit Scholarship website

Magnet Students Compete!

Congratulations to John Chow (Class of 2022)!

Earlier this month, John was accepted into the All-National Band on euphonium. Each year numerous KMHS band students are recognized at the district level, and at Georgia All-State Band; however, John is now recognized as one of the top instrumentalists in the entire country. Read more on the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Honor Ensembles website.



**All-National
Honor Ensembles**



Congratulations to Ryan McKee (Class of 2022)!

**Mustang Cross
Country**

On September 11, 2021, Ryan was 2nd in the Big Peach Mustang Stampede- this is the second fastest KMHS all-time in a 5k with a time of 15:53. Ryan was first on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the 5th Annual

Wire2Wire running XC Invitational hosted by Cartersville High School in Dellinger Park, Cartersville, GA with a time of 16:14, a new course record!

Magnet Applications

Now accepting applications
for the Class of 2026!

November 1 from 6:30-8:00 PM:
VIRTUAL Prospective KMHS Magnet
Student Night for 8th graders and
their parents- [click HERE](#) to REGISTER
for the Virtual Open House.
[click HERE](#) to access the Magnet
Application



Magnet Student Advisory Board



Standing (left to right): Winnie Matanmi, Dehlia Placie, Lily Tow, Donavan Vincent, Jacob Clay, & Brendan Sheppard.
Front (left to right): Jair Robles & Heather Marakovits

Each spring Magnet Freshmen may apply for a position on the board. Students on the Magnet Advisory Board communicate with peers and work with Dr. Ingle to organize event and activities, and to discuss potential opportunities for magnet students.

October 2021 MAGNET STUDENT & TEACHER of the Month

Each month, teachers are nominated by Magnet Students; Magnet Students may be nominated by Magnet Students or teachers.



Amoache Adonle (Class of 2024) is amazing. I am on the Magnet Student Advisory Board, and I nominate her because she is an exemplary magnet student. Amoache works hard, and she always puts effort into studying. She brings a light and a smile to everyone who is around her in class, making school much more enjoyable for those who get to be in class with her. She shines bright despite the challenges of school, homework, and the pressures that come from magnet. I nominate Amoache for Magnet Student of the Month because she represents the best characteristics of being a magnet student.



Ms. Karen Kline exemplifies teacher of the month because no matter what we are working on in class, she always answers questions and explains until I understand the Algebra II concepts. Whenever we are completing a lesson and I have a question she will always answer it no matter how many questions I ask. Even when we are involved in activities around the room, whenever I don't understand something she will stop what she is doing, will explain the concept to me, and even work out the problem with me step-by-step so that I understand it. Even while keeping the class on task, she let's us communicate while we do our work and will even join in on the conversations sometimes which makes her class fun to be in.



FINAL EXAMINATION FAQs

Fall Semester Final Exams: December 16 & 17

- Final exams administration occurs the last two days of the fall semester.
- Exams are not given early.
- Students who miss an exam due to an excused absence will take the exam in January, and must communicate with their teacher.

Junior Advisement

Junior advisement is starting **next week!** During each individual appointment, students will outline a plan of study for the remaining semesters of high school and discuss how to prepare for senior year. Last week, letters were mailed home to parents of magnet juniors.



Junior list of "To-Dos"

- Juniors please visit Mrs. LaRoy's post in the Magnet Class of 2023 Edmodo group for the appointment schedule and other important information related to junior advisement.
- Attend a virtual college fair (<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/>)
- Schedule campus visits/tours
- Register for the SAT and or ACT
- Plan ahead
- Identify a list of colleges on Naviance
 - Safety
 - Target
 - Reach
- Create a time-line
- Document experiences
 - How have you spent out of school time?
 - What have you learned about yourself through COVID?
- Start thinking about your story- your essay. Review prompts from **Common App**
- In late spring- chat with two teachers about recommendation letters for next fall.

A Magnet Student **Internship and Research** informational meeting was held October 12. During the meeting several seniors shared their

experiences related to securing an internship and planning their research; additionally the internship and research teachers shared information and all answered student questions. Dr. Ingle shared related information in her October 15 Edmodo post. There will be a magnet parent/student rising senior meeting (covering internship, research, and college applications) in early spring semester- watch for details on Edmodo.

College Applications



Upcoming College Fairs and Info Sessions: [CLICK HERE](#)

Some FAQ's from seniors:

- *When will my transcript/letter of recommendation requests be processed?* We process these in the order they are received but also rely heavily on the application deadline.
- *What if the scholarship deadline is before the application for admission deadline?* Indicate that in MyPaymentsPlus
- *What is the "senior survey" in MyPaymentsPlus?* This is your Student Profile Sheet (needed to complete recommendation letters or school reports).
- *How many teacher letter of recommendations do I need?* It varies by college; check their admissions page. Not all colleges require recommendations. Only request letters if the college requires/recommends this. Also, if they do want recs, check how many. They will not accept additional letters.
- *What if I need help with Naviance, how to request transcripts or letters of rec?* [CLICK HERE](#) for quick guide with steps. If still unsure, students should stop by to see their counselor or email their counselor for assistance. Magnet students may also send an Edmodo message to their counselor
- *Where do I look for scholarships?* Many places! You should never pay scholarship search fees or application fees. Check for scholarship opportunities with the college you're applying to as well as within the major, clubs, employer (yours or your parent/guardian), online search engines, etc.
- *How do I apply for HOPE/Zell Miller?* Complete the FAFSA beginning October 1. You must apply; it is not automatically granted.
- *Is my HOPE GPA on my transcript?* No; you must check your HOPE GPA at www.gafutures.org
- *What are the HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, and HOPE*

Grant requirements? All criteria can be found at www.gafutures.org. Also, we must have your social security number on file.

- *When do I fill out the FAFSA? Beginning October 1st at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. This is a FREE application.*

Virtual College Visits

Students should access their Naviance account and select colleges they are interested in. By doing so, they will receive notifications when representatives from their selected colleges host a virtual visit with KMHS students. All students must update their email address in Naviance. Please change it from your Office 365 to your personal email address.



Once logged into Naviance >> About Me >> My Account. Click on the Edit pencil in the "Contact" box, update your email address, click Save. Students may check their weighted and unweighted GPA in Naviance! About Me >> My Account

Important Information & Opportunities

Help is available 24/7 to assist those in crisis! School may be virtual but help is available. Trained counselors are available to help you. Connect with a counselor via one of these crisis lines

- Text line: text HELLO to 741741
- Georgia Crisis & Access Line: 1-800-715-4225
- National Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
- Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
- LGBTQ Youth - The Trevor Project - <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>. TrevorLifeline - 1-866-488-7386 or TrevorText - text START to 678678

HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

- Important: It is essential that students have their social security number on file; otherwise, they will not be eligible.
- Students may check their HOPE GPA by creating an account at www.gafutures.org. This is the only place to check it; it is NOT listed on student transcripts.
- If an error message is received when students check their HOPE GPA, it is likely KMHS does not have their social security number on file. A copy of the social security card is one of the requirements for HOPE/Zell eligibility. Please email Mrs. LaRoy if you find this information needs to be updated.
- Students must apply for HOPE/Zell Miller during their senior year (after October 1st) by completing the FAFSA. Seniors may also may also complete the GSFAPP through www.gafutures.org.
- Info on how you can submit your SAT or ACT scores for Zell: <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/zell-miller-scholarship/>

Magnet Weekly Updates

Don't Miss Out!

Every week Mrs. LaRoy and Dr. Ingle share information via Edmodo (Mrs. LaRoy posts on Tuesday and Dr. Ingle on Friday). If you are not reading the weekly posts, please begin doing so to *avoid missing out on important information and opportunities!*



Share your talents and get involved with the Magnet Academy Foundation! The Foundation organizes magnet events, and supports students and teachers.

Magnet At-a-Glance

November 1: Magnet 8th grade
Virtual Open House

October 2: Election Day- teacher
workday; no classes

November: Junior Advisement with
Mrs. LaRoy and Sophomore
Advisement with Dr. Ingle

November 20-29: Thanksgiving
Break

December 16 & 17: Final Exams

January 3 & 4: Teacher workdays;
no classes

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for our magnet students.*

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For volunteer opportunities **CLICK HERE** or contact the appropriate committee chair:

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KMHS PTSA Website
kmhsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com

College Board
collegeboard.org

Foundation Funds

- 1) Enhance Magnet classroom education with additional supplies.
- 2) Provide out-of-classroom experiences.
- 3) Provide funding for additional training for Magnet Teachers.
- 4) Provide enhanced opportunities for Magnet students to interact and

engage in STEM activities.

5) Identify and promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics programs to better equip students to face challenges of the future.

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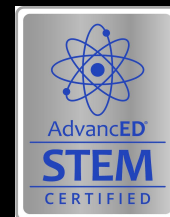
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