

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
OCQUIANNA DANYELLE SUGGS
GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLAR
CLASS OF 2013**

- WHEREAS:** The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program selects 1,000 talented students each year to receive scholarship funds for use at any college or university of their choice; and
- WHEREAS:** Gates Millennium Scholars receive personal and professional development through their leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career; and
- WHEREAS:** The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 54,000 student applications were received for the graduating class of 2013, marking this year as the largest and most competitive group of candidates in the history of the program; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is honored to recognize Ocquianna Danyelle Suggs as a recipient of the 2013 Gates Millennium Scholarship in the amount of \$500,000; and
- WHEREAS:** Ocquianna Suggs is also eligible to receive additional scholarship funds to pursue her graduate studies on the master's and doctoral levels; and
- WHEREAS:** Ocquianna Suggs will be attending Albany State University in the fall of 2013 and will double major in Criminal Justice and Forensic Pathology; and
- WHEREAS:** Ocquianna Suggs is recognized for her academic perseverance and commitment to maintaining a 3.8 GPA since her Freshman year of High School as well as receiving an additional four scholarships to assist in her undergraduate studies; now
- THEREFORE:** I, SONNA SINGLETON, Commissioner on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby commend, recognize, and congratulate Ocquianna Danyelle Suggs as a recipient of the 2013 Gates Millennium Scholarship. You are a true community leader and inspiration to all students. I encourage all Clayton County citizens to join me in wishing you the best of luck in your college endeavors and future career aspirations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 14th day of May in the year two thousand thirteen.

Sonna Singleton, Commissioner