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### **A Celebration of Excellence: RPS Honors its 2016 Valedictorians**

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Richmond Public Schools (RPS) honored its 2016 valedictorians at the district's annual Valedictorian Luncheon, held May 19 at the Science Museum of Virginia. The luncheon was sponsored by Capital One.

The program featured special performances by Franklin Military Academy students as well as a [special video tribute](#) honoring the valedictorians.

As a group, this year's valedictorians compiled a 4.4 grade point average and earned over two million dollars in scholarships to pursue postsecondary education opportunities. Chris Gabbert, of Richmond Community High School, is the citywide valedictorian. Gabbert, who holds a 4.93 grade point average, will attend Virginia Commonwealth University this fall and plans to major in biology.

This year's complete list of RPS high school valedictorians and their respective grade point average (GPA) are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>College Choice</b>
Natasha Coleman	4.74	Thomas Jefferson High School	University of Virginia
Emma Silverman	4.61	Open High School	The College of William and Mary
Stefan Woodson, Jr.	4.5	John Marshall High School	University of Virginia
Regena Walker	4.49	George Wythe High School	Virginia Commonwealth University
Brooke Hunter	4.41	Huguenot High School	James Madison University
Jocelyn Lee	3.98	Franklin Military Academy	Hampton University
Willie-Lee Triania Molle-Bette Young	3.75	Armstrong High School	Virginia Commonwealth University

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