

Students Selected to Represent KDS at the 128th Continental Congress

KDS DAR School is pleased to announce Georgia Turner and Ben Sutton as its 2019 Continental Congress Representatives. Following a rigorous selection process, Georgia and Ben, KDS juniors, were chosen to represent the school during the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's 128th annual Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., this June.

All junior students were invited to apply for this honor. Applicants' names were passed on to a nominating committee, resulting in ten finalists who were interviewed by a panel comprised of members of the KDS Executive Committee, Administrative Staff, and High School faculty.

Georgia Turner is the 17-year-old daughter of Tilghman and Diana Turner. She has been a student at KDS since Kindergarten. An excellent student, Georgia holds a GPA of 4.30 and is ranked 5th in the junior class. Her favorite subject in school is English because she loves to read. Georgia's future plans are to attend Jacksonville State University to pursue a degree in computer science in hopes of someday working for the government in cyber security.

Georgia is a very active young woman, participating in many extra-curricular clubs such as National Honor Society, DAR Patriot Ambassadors, Beta Club, Leo Club, and Math Team. She is a charter member of the Gunter Mountain Society, Children of the American Revolution, and currently serves as president of the Patriot Historical Society. Georgia also plays on the Varsity Tennis team and enjoys baking and playing the piano.

When asked to share her thoughts on what makes her school special, Georgia said, "Attending KDS has taught students strong patriotism and love of country, which should be at the forefront of every American's education in my opinion."

KDS junior Ben Sutton is the 17-year-old son of Chris and Tammy Sutton. Ben has attended KDS since Kindergarten. He is ranked near the top of his class and has a cumulative GPA of 4.02. Ben's favorite subject is history because his family of teachers, historians, and DAR members has encouraged a love of learning about the past. After high school, Ben would like to attend the University of Alabama or Auburn University to pursue a degree in either engineering or architecture.

Ben is a member of the Varsity Baseball and Track teams and participates in a number of extra-curricular and volunteer activities including National Honor Society, Leo Club, FBLA, and Marshall County Youth Leadership. He is a Peer Helper, has volunteered for several years as a Special Olympics "Buddy", and has escorted a fellow KDS student to the Tim Tebow Foundation "Night to Shine".

Ben is extremely involved with his church group and is an active participant in the Lads to Leaders program. He is also a charter member of the Gunter Mountain Society, C.A.R.

Sharing his thoughts on what makes his school unique, Ben said, "As a KDS student, I have come to realize what a privilege it is to attend a school as historic and patriotic as ours. From my early years here, all the way up to my final years of high school, my classmates and I have been brought up to appreciate and respect our country far more than any other school."



KDS Juniors Georgia Turner and Ben Sutton



The ten finalists were, from left to right: Will Stewart, Mikaila Scott, Drew Aultman, Alayna Rice, Kyle Saylor, Erin Martin, Ben Sutton, Nicole Filmore, RJ Myers, and Georgia Turner