

## Rome High Announces Governor's Honors Semi Finalists



Rome High School 11th grade counselor and district coordinator for the Governor's Honors Program, Melody Burse, was given the names of the students who have reached the semifinals in this year's Governor's Honors Competition.

"The students we announced today were chosen from the students we nominated early in the school year," Burse said. "We were able to nominate nine students in the first round which required them to complete an interview process. There were 32,000 students nominated at the state level, so the competition was very stiff. From the 32,000 students, 1700 have been named semifinalists statewide."

The next step for the students at Rome who were named semifinalists is the state level interviews and auditions. The interviews will take place at Berry College. Students will interview with college professors and other professionals who will work with the students eventually named as winners of the Governor's Honors Program. Over the summer, winners will attend a conference where they work with other students in their area of study and learn from adults who are working in the field.

Rome High School's Governor's Honors Semifinalists are:

Bronwyn Matlick (Social Studies)

Lillian Hubbard (Theater)

Guillermo Ramirez (French)

Ewan Parker (Social Studies)

"I am honored to announce our winners but I am not really surprised," Burse said. "We have so many great students here at Rome High and our students who were nominated are the cream of the crop. So, to have the number we have going to the next level of the competition is really a huge accomplishment for us. We have four students named as semifinalists, so that is nearly half of our nominations. I am so proud of these students and what they have been able to accomplish."