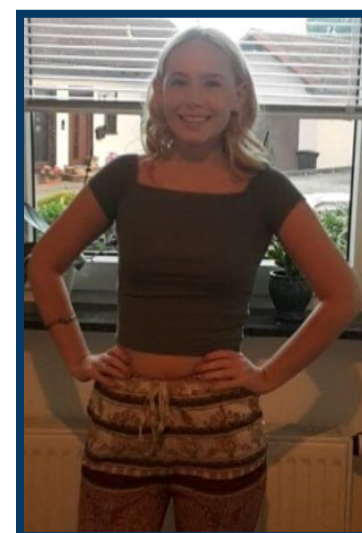




## Student Spotlight: Jenna Schrage

At Foothills, we know that there are as many unique needs for our services as there are students enrolled. Jenna Schrage, a junior at our Baldwin site, is one example of a student who is on a unique path toward graduation. Jeffrey Holloway, co-site director for Baldwin Foothills, calls Jenna an “outstanding” student, and it is not difficult to see why. Jenna is currently enrolled at Foothills and also completing dual enrollment courses through Georgia Military College. Jenna’s story, told in her own words, demonstrates how Foothills is able to meet a variety of needs for the students and communities we serve.

*I am Jenna Schrage, and I am sixteen years old. My dad was previously in the military, so I was raised in Germany. I attended a Department of Defense School because of that. When I moved to Georgia, I chose to enroll in Foothills because I liked the idea that I was able to complete my high school at my own pace. What I love most about Foothills is the flexibility, because I have the ability to do my work from home as well as do my work in the classrooms. Foothills is helping me be successful by allowing me to complete my classes on my own terms, which allows me to attend college at Georgia Military College. Foothills is helping me learn in a way that a regular high school would not be able to because by going at my own pace, I have as much time as I need to complete my assignments.*



## Message from the Superintendent

It seems hard to believe that we are making the final preparations for our second season of graduation ceremonies. Last year, Foothills hosted nine different ceremonies from May-December to allow students and their families the opportunity to enjoy the privilege of wearing a cap and gown to receive their diplomas. Students have the option to purchase class rings and pictures, too. Each ceremony was tailored to the community for each site. If your schedule permits, you will want to attend one of these memorable events. The regional directors and I attend each ceremony. We proudly shake the hand of each graduate who walks across the stage. This season we will host eleven graduation ceremonies. See more information in “Gearing Up for Graduation.”

We have hired the Walton Foothills leadership team! They are in the process of receiving training and starting the hiring process for their staff. Walton Foothills will open in August 2017 ready to serve students in their region. See more information about the exciting things happening in Walton County in “Here We Grow Again.”

Good things are happening at Foothills. We are making a difference one student at a time.

*Dr. Sherrie Gibney-Sherman, Foothills Superintendent*

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## Here We Grow Again: Walton

The newest Foothills site will open in Walton County in August of 2017!

Recently hired co-site directors, Dr. Ginger Jewell and Mr. Bill Ruma, are joined by assistant site directors Celeste Cannon, Tim Kemp, and Rusty Linder. This dynamic leadership team is in the process of receiving training and beginning the hiring process for additional staff.

The Walton site will be located in Monroe Area High School, and a strong partnership has already been established with the principal. The local school districts (Walton and Social Circle) are enthusiastic about the addition of Foothills to their community.

If you know of any students who might be interested in attending the Walton site, they can pre-enroll online. Information on pre-registration for enrollment is available here: <http://www.foothillscharter.org/>



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## Gearing Up for Graduation

While some high schools work hard to host one graduation ceremony, Foothills Education Charter High School works to host a separate graduation ceremony for each site. Last year, we hosted nine; this year, we will host eleven ceremonies.

It is important to us at Foothills that our students and their families are able to experience all of the pomp and circumstance of graduation that they would at a traditional high school. Our students can order class rings and pictures, and they don Foothills blue caps and gowns. We choose to host a graduation ceremony at each separate site, rather than one large ceremony, because we want each ceremony to reflect the sites and communities where our students live.

The different Foothills sites add their own community "flavor" to the ceremonies in a variety of ways. Our Jackson site, for example, has an ongoing collaboration with Leadership Jackson. This group of business leaders in Jackson County works with Foothills students throughout the year on job skills. They, then, sponsor the graduation ceremony, providing decorations, food, and volunteers to serve food to graduates and families. Mentor/teacher Warren Tolbert also plays the piano at the Jackson Ceremony. At the Clarke Foothills site, however, it is the students who add their own flavor to graduation, as they participate in an "open mic" moment during the ceremony.

Each of our sites also chooses a top graduate to give a speech at graduation. The graduates at each site share personal stories of overcoming obstacles and how Foothills served them on their journey to graduation. While any graduation ceremony marks a milestone, a Foothills graduation ceremony is a celebration of perseverance and determination like no other. We would love for you to join us at one, or all, of our graduation ceremonies this spring as we celebrate the class of 2017!



### Foothills Education Charter High School 2017 Graduation Dates

May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Baldwin	6:00 p.m.	High School Theatre
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Madison	7:00 p.m.	High School Theatre
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Barrow	6:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Church
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jackson	7:00 p.m.	High School Theatre
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Clarke	7:00 p.m.	Mell Auditorium Clarke Central High School
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Glynn	6:00 p.m.	<u>Risley Annex Bldg</u>
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan	7:00 p.m.	Morgan Foothills
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Arrendale</u>	10:00 a.m.	Arrendale
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Burruss	10:00 a.m.	Burruss

### *The Foothills Vision*

***Foothills Education Charter High School strives to be an accessible, high-quality high school option that is flexible and responsive to the needs of the People of Georgia and its communities.***