

GRSP CONNECT



GRSP BY THE NUMBERS

**38**

International Students
in the class of 2026.
They represent 20
countries around
the world

**79**

Rotary Clubs Across
the State of Georgia
are Sponsoring
Students in the Class
of 2026.

**80**

Years of Bringing
Nations Together. GRSP
was established in 1946
by William A. Watt, Sr.
of Thomasville.



Student Spotlight

HARIESH

Name: Hariesh Jeyakumar

Country: Sri Lanka

College: Georgia Gwinnett College

Sponsoring Club(s): Gwinnett Co



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What has surprised you most about Georgia?

One thing that surprised me the most in Georgia is how green it is. I didn't expect to see so many trees, especially in the more developed areas. I was also surprised by how hot the weather could be.

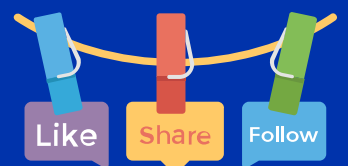
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Alumni Spotlight

BIRGITTE

Name: Birgitte Illum

GRSP Year: 1989–1990

Country: Denmark

College: Valdosta State University

Sponsoring Club(s): Thomasville

Now Living In: Denmark

Current Profession: IT-partner at Aarhus University and GRSP coordinator for Rotary Denmark

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Paying my
gratitude
for GRSP
forward
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HOST FAMILY CORNER

Supporting Homesick Students

- Check in regularly.
- Help them share their culture.
- Celebrate holidays from their home country.
- Encourage connections with family.
- Empower independence in getting out on campus, establishing routines, and making new friends.
- Remember: The GRSP Office is always available to help!



MORE GOOD THINGS AHEAD

The next chapter is already taking shape, and we'd love for you to be part of it.

Student Weekends

Be sure to communicate your student's travel to and from the weekend with the GRSP Office. GRSP Bus available.



Coming Up

Oct 16-18 Hue Thomas International Student Weekend in Savannah

Nov 5-8 Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend

Thank you

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Peachtree City for hosting the students September 18-20



Attend something cool or see our students in action? Send us photos for the newsletter! Email us at grsp@grsp.org

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Foundation Focus

Fresh updates, shared wins, and everything bringing us closer together.



Power of Generosity

\$37,150

pledged at Conclave 2026



Are you a Will Watt Fellow or a Ronnie Waller Fellow? If you don't know, email the GRSP office at grsp@grsp.org



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August 21-23, 2026
Savannah, Georgia

