



## **ScholarCHIPS, Inc.**

### **2022 Awardees Bios**

#### **Miss Ashari Ebron**

Ashari Ebron was born in Washington, DC. She graduated from Suitland High School in Prince George's County, Maryland. Ashari is an honor roll student, student athlete playing volleyball and softball, and was recently inducted into the National Honors Society. Ashari worked her way from junior varsity softball to Varsity. Coach Bagley uplifted Ashari as "focused and determined." "I admire her dedication. She is full of energy, always ready to learn something new and always kept a smile on her face." Ashari was also accepted into Suitland High School's nursing program.

When asked why she wants to go to college Ashari sighted, influence and inspiration from her mother and wanting to be a leader and set a positive example for her younger sister. Ashari said "Pursing a college education would mean so much to me – it will be an accomplishment in my life after high school. A college education is very critical to my success, especially in today's workforce, a degree is necessary and a requirement for my career choice. Higher education will award me with financial gain, career and personal satisfaction and job stability."



Ashari will attend Morgan State University to major in a focus area to help her pursue Neonatal Nursing.

#### **Miss Diana Frenkel**

Diana Frenkel originally hails from Israel and is of Jewish heritage. She graduated from Eshel Hanasi Regional School as an A student. Diana works as a Hebrew Teacher at MOED afterschool in Chevy Chase, Maryland. She also has worked as the catering manager at Shouk Restaurant in Washington, DC. Diana has quite a few passions, one of which is cinematography. Diana loves creating videos and documenting her family and friends. She cited in her application, "I have a deep reverence for this art form... I learned to treasure the opportunity to create artistic and aesthetic content that exposes critical issues and initiates dialogues." During high school, Diana volunteered as a youth movement located in her city's low socio-economic status neighborhood and served as the middle school group's counselor – creating a safe space for them to do their homework and hang out with friends. Diana dreams of opening a café where at-risk teens can simultaneously break down barriers and provide for their families. One of Diana's film teachers said, "Diana is a charming, sociable and natural leader, helping everyone, encouraging and supportive. She is a serious, in-depth, inquisitive and enthusiastic student and her contribution to theoretical lessons has been great."



When asked why she wants to go to college, Diana said, “I want to study entrepreneurship and develop my financial literacy, creativity and business skills” – all skills which will help Diana be able to help at-risk youth and children in her hometown of Israel. Through her college education she will be able to demonstrate to learn from students from diverse backgrounds and inspire the youth people she works with to know that everything is possible. Diana wishes to use her experience working, living and studying in the U.S. to inspire youth to DREAM BIG! Diana hopes to return to Israel as a world citizen and create spaces where people feel safe and a sense of belonging – where they are genuinely free to be themselves, without any secrets to keep.”

Diana will attend Chapman University to study Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

### **Mr. Noble Wilson Gale**

Noble Wilson Gale was born in Alexandria, Virginia and graduated from DC International School in Washington, DC. Noble was accepted into DC International School’s esteemed International Baccalaureate program. As a high school student, Noble served over 100 volunteer hours via the Kappa League at A Wider Circle, preparing 50 care packages by himself) and the Capital Area Food Bank. Noble also served as volunteer at Bread for the City preparing care packages and sorting donations, wrote book reviews to provide to other teens for suggested readings at DC Public Library and assisted in cleaning up Shephard Parkway in Southeast, DC via Ward8Woods. Ms. Sharee Sanders describes Noble as “a disciplined and dependable young man. He is also a positive example for his younger brother. He is empathetic, compassionate and concerned for the welfare of others.”

When asked why he wants to go to college, Noble says, “Obtaining a college degree will give me the tools I need to positively impact society and my community. Earning my college degree will also afford me the opportunity to gain a solid economic position and build wealth for myself, family and community to help provide opportunities that are not easily obtainable to those affected in struggling communities due to socio-economic factors. Sharing my story will hopefully motivate others to keep pushing despite life’s challenges, specifically children with an incarcerated parent.”

Noble plans to attend Morgan State University to pursue a degree in Business Management or Public Safety. After which, Noble aspires to enter the fire academy to serve as a firefighter/first response.



### **Mr. Jerome Hinkle, Jr.**



Jerome Hinkle, Jr. was born in Washington, DC. He graduated Salutatorian from KIPP DC College Preparatory, meaning that Jerome ranked second highest in academic performance in his entire high school graduating class! Jerome is also an accomplished student athlete. In 2021 and 2022, he was the Cross Country and Track and Field Co-Captain and won the 2020 Running Panther Leadership Award. Jerome was inducted as a member of the National Honor Society and was a participant in Upward Bound at Howard University since 2019. In addition, Jerome served in the Student Government Association from 2018 until graduation, in SY2019-20 as Treasurer, in SY2020-21 as Vice President and SY2021-22 as Co-President. Jerome was also a member of the National Academy of Finance Program at KIPP DC College Preparatory.

Mr. Marcus Mitchell, the National Academy of Finance Career Lead Teacher describes Jerome as “a young man with unwavering integrity and character, with self-awareness and grace. Jerome commits to his own learning. For him, learning occurs both in and beyond the walls of the classroom.” When asked why he wants to go to college Jerome says, “College is the next step I need to take to make life better for myself. I want to go to college in hopes to one day help families in a situation like mine, to help prevent the cycle of trauma I experienced, and to make the world a better place.”

Jerome desires to become a relationship psychologist. Jerome will attend North Carolina A&T to major in Psychology.

### **Miss Madison Phillips**

Madison was born in Silver Spring, Maryland. She graduated from Dr. Henry Wise High School in Prince George’s County, Maryland as an honor roll student. Madison was a competitive cheerleader while in high school and volunteered at Charlie’s Place Soup Kitchen and We Are Family, a grocery delivery for senior citizens. Mr. Brian Makell, Assistant Principal at Dr. Henry Wise High School says that, “I have watched Madison grow and mature into the poised, focused, and goal-oriented young lady she is today. Madison’s drive and ambition will aid her on the road to success!”

When asked why she wants to go to college Madison shares, “I have realized how much I enjoy learning! Having a college education will help me excel in the workforce, and help me attain economic stability. I am also interested in the personal growth that college will provide. Being able to live and learn with people who are very different from me will expose me to different perspectives and opinions.”



Madison will attend The University of Maryland Eastern Shore.



## **Miss Anna Tovchigrechko**



Anna Tovchigrechko is of Ukrainian and Russian decent. Anna was born in New York, NY and graduated from Sherwood High School as an honor roll student. Anna is a student athlete. She was active in both Junior Varsity and Varsity Track and Field throughout her entire high school career and she was also a part of the dance team and has received awards for both solo and group dance competitions. Anna was both a member of and the President of the Spanish Honors Society. Also, Anna is the Founder and President of Helping Hands.

Anna has volunteered with Prison Fellowship, one of the nation's largest faith-based organizations that provides supports for incarcerated individuals and their children and families and leads both local and national advocacy efforts for restorative justice. When she was a junior in high school, Anna raised a whopping \$7,000 to provide Christmas presents to over 300 children with incarcerated parents, via Prison Fellowship's renowned and beloved Angel Tree program, through an organization that Anna started in high school during the COVID-19 pandemic called Helping Hands. Today, Helping Hands has over 100 members from several high schools throughout Montgomery County. Anna has been featured on ABC7, on NBC

Washington and in the Bethesda Magazine for her work.

Anna says, "Going to college will let me pursue and research my questions, and expand Helping Hands. A college education will help me gain the knowledge and skills I need to know to continue my passion for helping people impacted by incarceration or other unforeseen events, and dissecting the issues surrounding crime and addiction... College is a place of new beginnings and diverse mindsets."

Anna will attend The University of Maryland College Park.