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**DeRonte Craig** graduated from Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. He has been described by his recommenders as an intelligent, dedicated, responsible scholar athlete who succeeds academically and is also involved in his community. He has volunteered a lot of time to his community by tutoring and mentoring at his church and with the senior adult program in Arlington County. DeRonte wants to pursue a career as an anesthesiologist, and he also wants to establish a non-profit program to assist homeless people with obtaining housing, while giving them opportunities to become self-sufficient and incorporating stability in their lives. DeRonte attends Bowie State University.



**Mahni Hellams** graduated from Eastern Senior High School in Washington, DC. She has been described as a mature, self-less young woman of remarkable character who exhibits poise, confidence and strength in the midst of adversity. As a high school sophomore, Mahni was chosen to be an international student ambassador to Malawi, Africa, where she helped to build a school. She was very dedicated to raising funds for the school construction, and she served well, while taking risks and challenging herself on physical and personal levels. She has also traveled to Australia and New Zealand, was a strong leader in both track and field and volleyball. Mahni has enrolled in some very challenging science courses and wants to study kinesiology. Mahni attends Barry University.

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**Autumn James** graduated from Huntington High School in Huntington, Maryland. She is an exceptional scholar, has taken many Honors and Advanced Placement courses, has received many honors and awards, and was a constant honor student. She has been described as dependable, personable, trustworthy, hard-working, considerate and nurturing to those around her. She is proud that she was a member of the varsity tennis team throughout high school. She has worked with children and senior citizens in her community and has raised money for Alzheimer's research. We were impressed that she received 14 ribbons for various ROTC achievements and was ranked Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class by the end of her sophomore year in high school. Autumn aspires to become an attorney. She attends Spelman College.



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**Divine Brooks** graduated from Indian River High School in Chesapeake, Virginia. She has strong character and took her responsibilities very seriously as an Educational Intern who assisted a teacher at a local primary school. She has excellent communication skills, is enthusiastic, and loves to help others. Divine is very proud that she was able to maintain her honor roll status, was nominated for the National Honor Society of High School Scholars, and graduated as an honor student. She has volunteered at food banks and has often provided community tutoring. She loves all kinds of dance (ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop), which she studied for 10 years. She also played softball for 12 years and can speak Spanish. Divine attends Virginia Wesleyan College.

**Marshawnae Stokes** graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High school in Baltimore, Maryland. She has been described as a very hardworking student who excels in rigorous classes and has an impressive repertoire of experiences and achievements. She is an intellectual, conscientious students who reads extensively and has an admirable passion for knowledge and a commitment to excellence. We were impressed that Marshawnae has received certification as an Emergency Medical Responder, as well as a CPR/first aid certification. In addition to her excellent academic accomplishments, she is very proud of her religious growth, and she is involved with the praise dance ministry, choir and usher board. Marshawnae aspires to be a pediatric surgeon. She attends Baltimore Community College.



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**Sadiah Wilkes-Crawford** graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington, DC. She has been described as one who has a passion for learning and trying new things. She is a leader who is willing to step outside of her comfort zone, and she also has the ability to influence and motivate others in positive ways. She is enthusiastic and committed to her school and community, and she has volunteered as a YMCA counselor and a peer leader. She has participated in numerous activities, including a college enrichment program where she worked with younger student to help them to prepare for college while she prepared simultaneously. She was also involved in the art club, dance team, band, student government, and her high school softball and volleyball teams. She attends Alabama State University.