**Jada Frazier** is a graduate of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC. Her teachers and mentors have described her as disciplined, driven and willing to challenge herself. She is an accomplished vocalist in her school’s Vocal Music Department and has performed in numerous venues around the city and country. Despite her rigorous curriculum that requires her to devote long hours to physically and mentally demanding vocal classes, rehearsals and performances, she has strong academics in some very challenging courses and has done extensive community service. We were amazed that Jada is also member of the women’s crew team at another school, which requires her to be on the water for practice at 5:00 a.m. In addition, she and her friends created a Women’s Empowerment Club to help uplift young women at her school. She is very proud of her quest to establish a non-profit to help young children to improve reading proficiency. She is looking forward to being the first person in her immediate family to graduate college, and she aspires to pursue a career in psychology or neurology. Jada attends the University of Richmond.

**Delfon Hare, Jr.** graduated from Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park, Maryland. His references describe him as smart, personable and ambitious. He is a compassionate leader and team player who has participated in numerous community service activities, including a volunteer camp assistant at the Maryland National Capitol Parks and Planning Commission. He has outstanding time management, administrative and communications skills, and also the ability to work well under pressure. Delfon is proud that he will be the first person in his family to attend college, and he is looking forward to the experiences that he will have there, including finding his passions, meeting and networking with diverse people from all over the world, and exposure to many career choices. His wants to pursue a career in the field of business. Delfon attends Morgan State University.
Jasmine Harris graduated from McKinley Technology High School in Washington, DC. She has a passion for literature, and is an avid reader. She also loves writing and wants to pursue a career in journalism. Her references have described her as intelligent, mature, warm, compassionate, talented, socially active, conscientious and determined. She has participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, including a summer internship at the World Bank. We admire her support of her peers and her work with children, particularly the Global Kids organization. We were very inspired to learn that Jasmine has gained strength and resilience through some extreme personal trails and hardships. In college, she looks forward to learning and growing, while experiencing a new kind of freedom and being exposed to her passion of writing. Jasmine told us, “College would be a safe haven for me to practice my skill and develop it into an art pleasing for eyes all over the world.” Jasmine attends Bowie State University.

Ahnyah Phillips is a graduate of Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. She has been described as outgoing, ambitious, organized and athletic. She is a team player who exercises sound judgment and demonstrates commendable leadership and caring when working with children in her community, when role modeling for her younger siblings, when serving as a lifeguard, or when working as an intern at a dental office. We were excited to learn that Ahnyah always strives for excellence! She demonstrated tremendous diligence and strong commitment in high school when she participated in two sports (cheerleading and volleyball), while earning good grades in some very challenging courses, along with balancing her social life. Ahnyah believes that attending college will be one of the most rewarding experiences of her life, and she aspires to become a medical doctor. Ahnyah attends Clark Atlanta University.
Delicia Williams is a graduate of Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy-Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. She has been described as a hardworking student who quickly became a role model for her peers. She is dedicated to community service and has volunteered at the Lamond Recreation Center for four years. Delicia’s references have said that she is a natural leader and a good team player, that she is diligent and lively, and that she can multitask with ease. She has natural academic ability, as reflected in her strong grades, and she constantly challenges herself, while seeking to improve her own capacity, as well as make positive changes to her surroundings. We are very proud of Delicia’s ability to push beyond some difficult circumstances to attain her goals, and of her desire to set a strong example for her younger siblings as she succeeds in her future endeavors. She aspires to become a defense attorney. Delicia attends Virginia State University.
Michaela Lewis graduated from Central High School in Seat Pleasant, Maryland. She has been described as an intelligent, poised, mature, independent, and compassionate young woman who always strives for excellence and achieves it. We were impressed that Michaela is a successful IB student who consistently earns Honor Roll status, while also participating in varsity cheerleading and serving as an assistant coach for her high school varsity basketball team. She has a strong commitment to doing community service, including feeding less fortunate people, working with the elderly, and serving as a manager for the boys’ basketball team at an elementary school. Michaela has also been described as a well-rounded individual with strong leadership potential that is enhanced by her participation in LearnServe International, where she learns the value of social entrepreneurship and civic engagement. She aspires to become a psychologist. Michaela attends Hampton University.