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2019 Scholarship Recipients (\$2,500 Award)

Deanna Dickens graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Washington, DC. At Dunbar, she was a member of the Student Government Association and the Art Club and volunteered to assist underclass students in the Saturday Environmental Academy. She pursued rigorous courses, and completed over 100 hours of community service that included tutoring Latino students with the Latino Student Fund and feeding the homeless with Food and Friends. Deanna's references have described her as intelligent, conscientious, dedicated, caring and hard-working. Deanna will attend Kennesaw State University in Georgia. She loves numbers and plans to become a forensic accountant.

Taniah Duvall is a graduate of Central High School in Seat Pleasant, Maryland. In high school, she pursued a rigorous International Baccalaureate program and served as president of the Student Government Association, where her duties included planning a women's empowerment event and her school's Spirit Week. She mentored young boys, served as the dance team captain, participated in the Howard University Upward Bound enrichment program and served as a NAACP Youth Council leader. Taniah has been described as a critical thinker with an exceptional work ethic who gives 150%. She will attend Benedict College in South Carolina and plans to major in Business.

Makayla Graham graduated from the Thurgood Marshall Academy in Washington, DC. She has been described as a mature, hard-working, devoted student and a confident leader and role model for her classmates. She volunteered as a mentor for young students, was a peer tutor, assisted senior citizens, and planned community service projects and events for the U.S. Dream Academy and the College Success Foundation. Her references describe her as a well-rounded, conscientious student who triumphs over challenges and who is a passionate leader. Makayla will attend Clark Atlanta University, where she plans to major in Business.

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Mikayla Guile graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland. In high school, she was a consistent Honor Roll student, a member of the Drama Club, participated in Mock Trial, studied Japanese, and volunteered in the school library because of her love of books and her desire to help people. She excelled academically and tutored other students. She is strong in STEM courses, loves literature, and has written her first novel. She has been described as multi-talented, focused, disciplined, well-read, and hard-working with a thirst for learning and the ability to overcome obstacles. Mikayla will attend Temple University Honors College as a Biology major and will pursue a career in forensic serology.

Torrance Hill, III graduated from South County High School in Lorton, Virginia, where he was an A/B Honor Roll student. He loves playing football as an outlet and never gave up when faced with recovering from two ACL injuries in high school. He is a strong student, has been a mature leader in football and track, is a relentless player who never takes a day off, leads by example, is selfless, humble, caring and patient. Torrance also loves giving back to his community and has mentored young teens, co-managed a soccer team, worked with children at church, and volunteered at a nonprofit bicycle shop. He will attend Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina, where he plans to study international and national security and play on the football team.

Dionte Lewis graduated from McKinley Technology High School in Washington, DC. During his tenure at McKinley, he worked hard and played football and was determined not to be average and to follow his dreams. He mentored children for four years, fed the homeless, assisted with a community garden and was a member of Big Brothers. He has been described as positive, driven, personable, well-rounded, and determined to succeed when faced with challenges. He says that adversity made him who he is today, and he is blessed to be the first in his family to go to college. Dionte will attend Morgan State University and plans to study Business and Engineering.

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Jade Lyda graduated from Bullis High School in Potomac, Maryland. She attended Bullis on a full academic scholarship, and she was on the Honor Roll and had perfect attendance all four years. She participated in multiple high school sports, including track, lacrosse, field hockey and cheerleading. She is passionate about working with children and the elderly and has participated in many community service projects that involved mentoring, tutoring and character building, including Polish Girlz, which paints the fingernails of nursing home and hospital residents, including children. She is mature, ambitious, intelligent, motivated and a proud beneficiary of Hope House, which takes young people to visit their incarcerated parents in prison. Jade will attend Widener University in Philadelphia and plans to study Psychology.

MacKenzie Robinson graduated from James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. At Blake, she was a strong student who had great grades in challenging courses. She was a self-starter, respected by her peers, energetic, and a team player with high leadership qualities. She played on the Varsity softball and the Varsity field hockey teams for three to four years each and served as the captain of both teams. She served her community by feeding the homeless, assisting special needs students at school and mentoring other students. MacKenzie will attend Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, where she will study Psychology and play softball for the Hood Blazers. She would like to become a middle school guidance counselor or public school psychologist whereby she can help kids who need support and guidance. She is also interested in the field of Occupational Therapy.

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Bria Thompson graduated from St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, Maryland. She was on an academic scholarship and maintained excellent grades in a rigorous IB program, in spite of an ACL injury that required a lot of physical therapy and a very long recovery period, including a wheelchair and crutches. She has been described as an intelligent, passionate student and an amazing storyteller and listener with excellent social and communication skills. Her community service projects included managing stage plays at school, producing a micro-documentary on diabetes in the African-American community, and producing a YouTube documentary on public health awareness and disease prevention. She also served as the golf team captain and was a member of the Black Awareness Club. Bria will attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California where she will major in Film, as she aspires to open a film production company.

Ta'Tyani Anyé Young graduated from James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. She excelled in many rigorous courses and is strong in theater, music, film, English, media arts, public speaking and many other areas. She has been described as caring, poised, motivated, persistent, intelligent, and professional, and she is respected by her peers and teachers. She has exhibited enormous community leadership with Rebuild Dominica, which provided hurricane relief, including repairing roads, providing medical and school supplies, and raising funds through festivals that she planned. She is a strong writer, an outstanding stage performer and has produced brilliant scripts. At the age of 14, she wrote a book, Teen Guide to Living with Incarcerated Parents, which was published last year. Anyé will attend the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and will study film production.