



## ScholarCHIPS Class of 2021 Biographies



**Eniyah J. Brown** graduated from Benjamin Banneker Senior High School in Washington, DC. Benjamin Banneker is a Blue-Ribbon International Baccalaureate Public High School in Washington, DC. At Banneker, Eniyah participated in several extracurricular activities such as providing tutoring services to students at Jefferson Middle School, playing on Banneker's Varsity Basketball team. Eniyah impressively maintained Honor Roll throughout her high school career.

Eniyah attended Jefferson Middle School so consequently, Eniyah wanted to give back to teachers who helped her and students coming behind her. Eniyah also served as the Youth Usher Board Leader at The New United Baptist Church and as a dancer on the liturgical dance troupe. Eniyah also assisted with feeding the homeless, cleaning the church, and preparing speeches for the congregation. Eniyah is a strong reader, writer, and speaker.

Eniyah's believes her passion and commitment to activities she participates in makes her a successful leader. Eniyah worked for three years in the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program. Her intellectual curiosity is one of her stand-out traits. Eniyah's teachers at Benjamin Banneker High School stated that she was a key asset to the class. Eniyah was always prepared for class and helped to lead class discussions. Eniyah supports her views and ideas with textual evidence and is able to disagree with her peers in a respectful manner.

Her teachers speak of Eniyah as a born leader with a sense of calm, an opening and welcoming personality and a zest for life that is infectious. These characteristics are often displayed in her dedication to community service, athletics, and scholarly activity. Eniyah plans to attend North Carolina Central University this fall.

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*"The Tassel is Worth the Hassle"*

**Christian Knight** graduated from Ron Brown High School in Washington, D.C. Christian had a significant community experience at the age of thirteen years old, through his work with “Life Pieces to Masterpieces” when hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery for approximately 100 homeless families. After having that experience, Christian’s view of the world changed from that day forward. Christian’s mantra is “live a life of service to others!”

Christian continued his work with Life Pieces to Masterpieces, becoming one of their public speakers. Christian was dubbed “Brother Perseverance” because of his life experience and all that he has overcome in his life.



Christian participated in the Marion Barry Summer youth Employment Program (SYEP) from 2018 to 2019. Christian nominated as representative of DC for the Verizon Stem Program, and volunteered at Israel Baptist Church, PEPCO Boys and Girls Club, WMATA Risk Management, Student Celebration Committee at Ron Brown High School, and the Zoo Lights Project at the National Zoo.

Christian is determined to attend college to enhance his personal and professional experience through advanced education. Christian is looking forward to learning new things such as music theory and risk management.

Christian understands the next chapter of his life will be his biggest growth period. Christian intends to use his life experience and education to benefit his development and assist others that are not as fortunate. Christian plans to attend the University of the District of Columbia this fall.



**Estreya Ramos Garcia** graduated from High Point High School in Prince George's County, Maryland. Estreya currently works as an Assistant Teacher at the Horizon Childcare Center. In this role she organizes activities, develops curriculum, and routines to ensure that the children have a great balance of physical activity, rest and playtime.

Estreya has volunteered at the International Student Counseling Office where she helped parents and counselors to complete necessary forms,

provided translation services, and scheduled appointments for parents. In addition, she has served as a mentor to special needs children, ages 8-10, at the James E. Duckworth Regional School, taught Sunday School at St. Mark's Sunday School and participated in the High Point High School's Pre School Lab Program.

Estreya completed the Bring Your 'A' Game Certification Program with a focus on foundational workplace skills and work ethic practices and principles. Estreya completed a training program called Including All Children and the Americans with Disabilities Act Course, where she learned the requirements of ADA and inclusionary practices. Lastly, Estreya completed a Citizenship Training Program under the Air Force ROTC Program, a program designed to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, community service, instill personal responsibility, build character and self-discipline. One of her teachers describes her as a conscientious, highly motivated young lady with exceptional abilities in the area of child development. Estreya plans to attend Prince George's Community College in the fall for two years, and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

**Amaya Tatum** graduated from Washington Latin Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. With the encouragement of her teachers and schoolmates, Amaya joined the Honors Course of Study while attending Washington Latin PCS. Amaya earned Honor Roll distinction, Cum Laude for the National Latin Exam, Model Citizen Award, and most improved in Cheerleading. Additionally, Amaya served as a Research Intern at Children's National and designed a research poster directed at fetal growth through Volumetric MRI.



Amaya joined the Justice League in her senior year of high school. The Justice League is a club dedicated to mitigating injustices within the school. She took the opportunity to start a program targeting the partnership with 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders focusing on mentorship.

Amaya aspires to become an Obstetrician. Amaya wants to focus primarily on women's health. Amaya noticed there are not many African-American women represented in the field. Amaya conducted her own research looking at maternal mortality rates to the national averages, weighing the differences between black and white women (MMR).

Amaya knows college is the most important step in her life because it will improve her life and will change the lives of others for the better. One of Amaya's teachers describes her as a distinguished leader who is mature, intellectually curious and tenacious. Amaya plans to attend Spelman College this fall.





**Trinity Ware** graduated from Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. Trinity served as a stage manager at Charles Herbert Flowers High School Drama Club. In this role she conducted clerical tasks, provided performance coaching and feedback to cast members, supervised rehearsals, and ran deck tracks for each performance from 2018-2020. She even created a guaranteed ride home program, where she organized a car pool system to ensure that Drama Club students would have rides home after rehearsals.

Trinity has a generous spirit for giving and organizing community events. At the Social Distant Learning Lab, Trinity created a program to assist elementary-aged students with the struggles of distant learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and served as an online tutor. Trinity's recommenders describe her as highly motivated, very responsible, and a mature young lady.

Trinity was recommended by her state school to participate in the Talented and Gifted Program which began in the first grade. Trinity's journey in the program allowed her to experience being among an elite group of students. Trinity has received multiple Awards such as Future Leader of AME, Most Improved Student Award, Most Influential Creator Award, Honor Roll, Drama Leadership Award, Lead Editor Award, Most Improved Actor Award, and Team Leader Project Award.