# PEARLS & WISPOM

# 30TH ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION



### TUESDAY, MAY 18

7:00 - EYC Awards and Scholarship Event with Keynote Speaker Erik Moses(President, NASCAR)

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## **CONGRATS TO BRYANT-TAYLOR STEM SCHOLARS!**

Imani Campbell, The University of Oklahoma, Mgmt Information Systems- May 2021 Graduate

Thomas Williams, Morgan State University, Industrial Engineering- May 2021 Graduate

Farhana Alam, George Washington University, Neuroscience
Nia Anderson, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Biology
Camille Haynes, Grambling State University, Biology
Essence Kendall, North Carolina Central University, Biomedical Sciences
Mykaila Lofton, Spelman College, Chemistry
Autumn Parrish, North Carolina Central University, Nursing

Ndubuisi Agbaeruneke, West Virginia University, Mechanical Engineering Jordan Jenkins, Xavier University of Louisiana, Chemistry

Dana Page, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Statistics

Mikayla Sharrieff, Spelman College, Engineering & Mathematics

Simone Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University, Health Science

Toya Tanner, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Biology

Malcolm Tucker, Morehouse College, Computer Engineering

Anahjah Boone, Xavier University of Louisiana, Chemistry
India Gerald, Temple University, Biology
Shana Grant, Spelman College, Biochemistry
Sydney King, Xavier University of Louisiana, Chemistry
Mekhai Morrison-Gaskins, University of Rochester, Computer Science
Schalom N'da, Penn State University, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences
Lauren Stewart, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Engineering

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EDUCATION IS
OUR PASSPORT
TO THE FUTURE,
FOR TOMORROW
BELONGS TO THE
PEOPLE WHO
PREPARE FOR
IT TODAY

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Congratulations Graduates
Cheryl & Larry Smith



## Congratulations College Bound

30<sup>th</sup> Annual End of Year Celebration

May 18, 2021

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am pleased to extend congratulations to the College Bound Class of 2021 on the completion of your academic experience in Academic Mentoring and Virtual Mentoring.



Each of you deserves a hearty commendation for your discipline. tenacity, and drive. Your dedication to completing the program is a testament to your ability to focus on the end goal, despite the unprecedented history we are currently living. While staying current to the news of the day is important to your civic participation, preparing for your college level education is similarly critical to your future success.

The work you have just completed will lay the foundation for the achievements you will encounter in the future. You made a conscious choice to join the College Bound program. Just that decision says a lot about you. Thank you for serving as a role model to others. It is students like you who will ensure that our city remains strong, resilient, and home to tomorrow's problem-solvers. May you continue to serve as a beacon of light in service to others.

On behalf of the 712,000 residents of Washington, DC, I wish you a joyful end to the academic year celebration and a bright future.

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#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL





To the students, staff, and volunteers of College Bound:

As Attorney General for the District of Columbia, I extend my sincere congratulations on your 30th Annual End of Year Celebration.

For the past 30 years, College Bound has provided academic mentorship to DC-area students and supported them as they worked toward graduating high school and then earning college degrees. This program not only helps our young people get into college—it prepares them to succeed there.

Despite unprecedented difficulties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, College Bound continued to serve 170 area high school students and 100 more college students this year, shifting to fully virtual operations. You should be extremely proud that even a global pandemic did not stop you from helping each one of your high school seniors graduate and get into college, as you have done each year for more than a decade.

This End of Year Celebration acknowledges the hard work of students—who persevered through an extremely challenging school year—and honors their ability to overcome obstacles and accomplish great things. It also recognizes the critical role mentors played in their academic journeys and in preparing them to succeed in college and beyond.

Congratulations to current students and alumni on completing another academically successful year and to all of the volunteers and community partners who make this program possible. Thank you to the College Bound team for 30 years of service to our community, and congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone. Enjoy this celebration—you have earned it!

Sincerely,

Karl A. Racine Attorney General for the District of Columbia



## Congratulations College Bound!



May 18, 2021

#### Friends, Family and Guest:

Congratulations to all of the students commemorating this 30th Annual End of Year Celebration! Three decades of commitment to advancing students in higher education is quite the milestone.

College Bound has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships, providing students with amazing educational opportunities. This organization's commitment to preparing students in our region for higher education makes a big difference. Because of the contributions of partners, parents, and other supporters, 100% of the Class of 2021 is graduating from high school and all have received at least one college acceptance. That is quite the accomplishment.

I encourage you to take to heart the 'Pearl of Wisdom' from Hall of Fame football coach Bear Bryant "If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards."

I join with you in recognizing the hard work of all the College Bound graduates. Have a joyous celebration!

Phil Mendelson



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Transportation and the Environment
Recreation, Libraries and Youth Affairs
Housing and Executive Administration

May 18, 2021

#### College Bound, 30th End of Year Celebration



As Councilmember of Ward 5, I congratulate and celebrate with you on your 30<sup>th</sup> year of strengthening, encouraging, and preparing students in the Washington metropolitan area who pursue a college education.

I commend the participants of College Bound's Academic Mentoring Program. I applaud this year's class on working towards achieving a 100% graduation rate and the preparing your members to receive acceptance letters from the college of their choice. Because of your belief in young people, you have awarded scholarships to many worthy students.

College Bound's continued efforts to affect change in the lives of youth through mentorship and volunteering has been invaluable, especially for the future trajectory of our city. It is my hope that you will take a moment to reflect on all that you have accomplished over the last 30 years with a sense of pride and joy. You have instilled a commitment to excellence, diligence, and integrity in the lives of so many young people.

I appreciate the opportunity to celebrate this philanthropic organization. May the staff and participants of College Bound Inc. continue to flourish in all future endeavors.

Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie



#### Congratulations College Bound 30th End of Year Celebration

I want to extend my warmest congratulations to the 2021 graduates and College Bound on its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual End of the Year Celebration.

Education our children is our greatest responsibility as a city and last year was particularly challenging for student and teachers. Everyone has worked so hard in a really tough and I couldn't be prouder.

College Bound has played a critical role during this global pandemic and I'm honored to support your mission. I continue to be in awe of your remarkable record of 100% high school graduation and college acceptance rate.

To the 2021 graduates, please remember that the work you've done is going to pay for the rest of your lives. I wish you all the best of luck.





## COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING 1350 PENNSLYVANIA AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 106 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

May 18, 2021

College Bound 128 M Street NW #220 Washington, DC 20001

I write to congratulate the College Bound community on its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual End of Year Celebration and to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the College Bound Class of 2021.

Civil rights leader Malcolm X was quoted as saying that "education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." These words ring true today through your generous actions and advocacy.

Over the last three decades, the College Bound community has worked steadfastly to ensure that the children and youth of the District of Columbia receive the education and support they need to lead their most fulfilled lives. Perhaps even more outstanding, College Bound simultaneously equips these individuals with a strong sense of community and a strong commitment to giving back.

The dedication demonstrated by College Bound's volunteers, staff, and leadership is a shining example of what we can become with support from others who believe and nourish our talents.

Thank you so much for all you have done, particularly during the past year, where a global pandemic has caused you to think more creatively to continue on your mission. Please know how deeply your work is valued.

My Deepest Gratitude,

Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2



## COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Mary M. Cheh
Councilmember, Ward 3
Chair, Committee on Transportation & the Environment

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May 18, 2021

College Bound 128 M Street NW Suite 220 Washington, DC 20001

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the attendees of the Annual End of the Year Celebration. It is an honor to offer congratulations on behalf of the residents of Ward 3 and the Council of the District of Columbia.

I would like to take a moment to thank College Bound for its continued service and dedication to improving our community. Since 1991, College Bound has done the important work of educating District students and providing those interested in attending college an outlet in which to receive tutoring, mentoring, and guidance. The celebration today is especially important because your attendance recognizes these students that have worked so hard, even in the midst of these challenging circumstances. We should all take this opportunity to thank College Bound for its unwavering dedication to the next generation.

Congratulations on what I'm sure will be a successful event, even virtually!

Regards,

Mary M. Cheh Councilmember, Ward 3





#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING 1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20004

Charles Allen Councilmember, Ward 6

Chairperson
Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Co-Chairperson
Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

Committee Member Business and Economic Development Health Transportation and the Environment

May 18, 2021

Kenneth Ward Executive Director College Bound 128 M Street, NW Suite 220 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Ward,

I am pleased to offer my congratulations to you and College Bound on its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual End of the Year Celebration. College Bound has been instrumental in helping DC youth achieve their dreams and goals and has been a positive force throughout the city.

Thank you for your commitment to education and for supporting so many young people in DC with your guidance and encouragement. Through the years, College Bound has equipped so many scholars with the essential tools to achieve their future endeavors. I wish you many more years of continued success. Have a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6

Chairperson, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Co-Chairperson, Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery





## COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING 1350PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

VINCENT C. GRAY
Ward 7 Councilmember
Chair, Committee on Health
Co-chair, Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

Committee Member: Business and Economic Development Judiciary and Public Safety



#### **Congratulations to the College Bound Graduating Class of 2021!**

As former mayor and current Ward 7 Councilmember, it is an honor to congratulate the College Bound Class of 2021 on the very special occasion of your graduation and completion of the College Bounds Academic & Virtual Mentoring program during this global pandemic.

During this challenging time, your graduation and program completion is that much more of a significant celebratory event! I hope you will celebrate this major accomplishment, the heartfelt memories you have gained and the big dreams for the future that you have.

As you receive your diploma, take time to reflect on your time spent as a high school student. More importantly, find ways to thank your teachers for the work they had you do; you will appreciate it later. Thank your friends who helped you create moments that will last a lifetime. Thank your parents and adult caregivers for their support and reassurance. They, perhaps more than anyone, have helped to make you who you are today.

Your high school graduation and completion of the College Bound Academic and Virtual Mentoring Program is not the end of your journey. It is the beginning a worthwhile adventure. Although we are going through difficult times, believe in yourself and remember that you are destined for more great things! Congratulations!

Best wishes.

Vincent C. Gray

Dreams & dedication are a powerful combination

You'll go far and reach your goals because you have these in the bag!

Keep it up, dreamer.

The Leo Lawless Memorial Scholarship Fund





#### Erik A. Moses, Keynote Speaker

On August 21, 2020, Dover Motorsports, Inc. named Erik A. Moses President of Nashville Superspeedway, becoming the first Black man to hold that title at any NASCAR track. Moses is leading the efforts to reopen and revitalize the Nashville Superspeedway to host an annual NASCAR race weekend beginning June 18 - 20, 2021 and to develop a robust and exciting event calendar for the facility. The best drivers in America will compete in a triple header of races – including the Rackley Roofing 200 Truck Series race, the Tennessee Lottery 250 Xfinity Series race and the Ally 400 Cup Series race. Originally opened in 2001 but dormant since 2011, the Lebanon, Tennessee based facility has never previously hosted Cup Series racing and the Ally 400 will be the first NASCAR Cup Series race in the Nashville market since 1984.

Prior to joining Dover Motorsports, Moses served as the founding President of the DC Defenders of the XFL. In that role, he was responsible for all aspects of the team's business operations and fan engagement, including ticket sales, corporate partnerships, marketing, content, communications and community engagement, and the game day experience.

Over the last decade, Moses served as Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Sports, Entertainment & Special Events for Events DC, where he managed many of its facilities and worked to attract major events to those venues, including Nationals Park, the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and Festival Grounds, the DC Armory, the Entertainment & Sports Arena, Gateway DC Pavilion, and RISE Demonstration Center. Moses also led Events DC's corporate partnerships initiative that connected the organization with brands such as AT&T, PepsiCo, Lyft, Red Bull, Hilton, RCN, and the DC Lottery. Before the 2009 merger that created Events DC, Moses was CEO of the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission. In addition to leading its merger with the Washington Convention Center Authority, Moses oversaw the completion of the construction of Nationals Park, the launch and development of the Military Bowl, the creation and launch of the AT&T Nation's Football Classic, and was the catalyst behind the public-private partnership which developed the Skate Park at RFK Stadium.

Prior to beginning his career in sports and entertainment, he served as the Director of the District of Columbia's Department of Small and Local Business Development and began his legal career in private practice with Dow Lohnes PLLC. He then joined America Online, Inc. where he served as legal counsel and as a director of business development. Moses has served as Of Counsel at the DC based law firm of Fisch Sigler, LLP and as an adjunct professor in the Sports Industry Management Program at Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies. He serves on the board of directors for the DC Jazz Festival, the Military Bowl Foundation, and previously served on board of the US Tennis Association – MidAtlantic Section.

Erik received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law. He is a member of the bar in both Maryland and the District of Columbia. Erik is married to Mioshi James Moses and is the father of Evan and Ethan Moses.

## PFARLS & WISPOM

Opening	Jordyn Middleton (CB'21) and Jackson Lewis (CB'23)	
Parade of Seniors		
Welcome	Kenneth A. Ward, Executive Director	
Student Performance	Matthew Adams(CB'21)	
Virtual Mentoring Program Greetings	Danae Green(CB'19, Temple University'23)	
	Simone Smith (CB'19, Virginia Commonwealth University'23)	
Introduction of Keynote	Isaiah Bowman (CB' 22)	
Keynote Address	s to Class of 2021	
Mr. Eril	k Moses	
Hall of Fame	Anthony Chapman (CB'21)	
Department of Forensic Sciences		
Community Leadership Award	Lalah Choice(CB'21)	
Dr. LaQuan	dra Nesbitt	
Academic Mentoring Site Recognition Awards		
Outstanding Partner, Team Work, Most Committed Student, Exemplary Student		
Scholarship Awards	Samanatha Beale, Volunteer Coordinator	
	Jasmine Chance, Program Coordinator	
	Michelle Miguel, Virtual Mentoring Program Coordinator	
	Owen Lanphear, Program Coordinator	
	Cindy Soto, Program Coordinator	

#### **Archie Rich**

#### Board Chair, Board of Directors



Welcome to College Bound's Annual End of Year Celebration. This is a particularly noteworthy occasion this year because with it College Bound marks three decades of service to the thousands of DC Public and Charter high school students and their families with entry into college and, importantly – thanks to our generous donors –, money to pay for it! In this, my third year as Board Chair of College Bound, I have the privilege and honor once again to formally invite you on behalf of the dedicated members of our Board of Directors and Executive Team to join with us in celebration of the continuing work of College Bound to inspire, encourage, uplift, teach and support our public and charter high school student participants towards scholastic achievement that leads to college admission and the attainment of a college degree. This evening is a glimmering light that shines in the crowns of scholastic achievement worn by our students for their hard work through difficult years of their matriculation in high

school to reach graduation and enter into college. This light also shines forth as a beacon and guide to so many of our children who need that light to brighten their paths into possibilities that may otherwise be darkened by forces and circumstances that obscure them. This celebration gives voice to our pride in them, our hope in them and our trust in them as they charge courageously forward not only into bright futures for themselves but into leadership to brighten the futures of many to follow them in the new paths forged by their achievements. So to all the students and, of course to their dedicated parents and families, We Salute You!

This occasion also provides the College Bound Board and Staff to express our deep appreciation to the support of our generous donors. Without your unrelenting support, we could not stand here in this celebratory moment with the great history of achievements we celebrate, nor continue our sojourn towards achievements for even greater numbers of our students in the future. Your donations are absolutely essential to our work.

As each of you contemplate giving for the first time, or giving more, please consider that the smallest light brightens more as the environment around it darkens. This pandemic, and the political, social and economic climate-change ushered in with it has changed this country in immeasurable ways. Let it be said of us that in this moment that the only way these transformative pressures have changed the resolve of our donors at College Bound was to strengthen it! I encourage each of you to peruse our website at <a href="https://www.collegebound.org">www.collegebound.org</a> "early and often" to become informed, and keep informed, about the many exciting activities and events throughout the year in which we enjoy the participation and engagement of civic, community and business leaders, parents, teachers, mentors, donors and other supporters. The closer you get to College Bound, the more you'll begin to see that, in addition to its outstanding core tutoring and mentorship programs, College Bound's "recipe" for cultivating excellence in our students draws "ingredients" from every sector of our vibrant community.

Lastly, please join us this evening in congratulating our honorees, the DC Department of Forensic Sciences, our Hall of Fame Awardee; and Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, the recipient of College Bound's annual Community Leadership Award. Their relentless dedication to community service through inspiring, encouraging, supporting and, indeed, empowering new generations of leadership is truly exemplary and most deserving of our grateful recognition.

Sincerely, Archie Rich II, Board Chair

#### **Kenneth Ward**

#### Executive Director



#### GRACE.

Something I've only rarely and begrudgingly allowed myself as I've raced through life full steam ahead. However, the last year has taught me the importance of generously extending grace, not only to others but also to myself. After all, as a friend often reminds me, there's a reason why airline safety instructions direct us to give ourselves oxygen first.

Every day and every year of our lives is different, but the past 15 months have mercilessly challenged us like no other. As a result, I've had to relearn the importance of grace and why it's absolutely critical to maintaining my physical and mental wellbeing. I've talked extensively about developing the ability to "pivot", which I think is an essential skill to employ in our personal and professional lives, but the last year has taught me that giving myself and others the permission --and freedom-- to not be perfect has allowed me to foster deeper conversations and build stronger relationships. It's allowed me to remind the numerous people I engage with to know that "it's ok", we all struggle, but we don't give up.

This "covid year" has been a stark reminder that we are all going through stuff, but we are not going through it alone. In fact, the pandemic has forced us to remember that our positions or status do not serve as safeguards against the coronavirus and that there are still deep inequities in our society. It's shown us that the actions of one do indeed affect the whole. No man is an island.

I salute the College Bound family, especially the Class of 2021, for their ability to continue pressing forward throughout this historically traumatic year. Your tenacity and resolve will serve you well throughout your lives and don't ever forget that you are enough.

This past year, we have also been forced to endure a relentless barrage of threats, both individually and as a community. From the murder of George Floyd to the storming of the US Capitol, we've had no choice but to examine our views on democracy in America. I think that members of the College Bound family understand that the collective is stronger than the individual and that the beauty and strength of both our community and our country is its diversity. We know that voting is a fundamental right for all and that when the people's voices are heard, fear and hatred NEVER win.

The work that we do at College Bound validates all people, but we know that the students we serve will face additional hurdles that are deliberately placed in their paths. With our support, the students that we serve **WIN**, proving that opportunities are all they need, not only to succeed but to thrive.

Our awardees, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt and the D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences, have poured into our work and the local community in powerful ways. Their work has and continues to save and transform lives. Our keynote speaker, Mr. Erik Moses, sets the bar high and continues to be an amazing trailblazer.

On behalf of the Class of 2021, I thank Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor for sharing her wisdom and love with us again this year; you are incredible. To the College Bound Board members, thank you for rolling up your sleeves and assisting me, in our 30th year, to move College Bound forward in new ways. I certainly could not do this work without our mentors and staff, so thank you for your commitment and for answering the call to do this work.

Let us always remember that when we give ourselves and each other grace, we grow and demonstrate the power of unconditional love to build a more just, equitable, and perfect community. And as we continue to move forward, may we always remember that love is undefeated.

Kenneth Ward Executive Director, College Bound 18 May 2021

#### **Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor**

#### Graduate Speaker



#### Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice,

was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university's highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She thereafter served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979–1984.

She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she was an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. She then served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

#### **Department of Forensic Sciences**

#### Hall of Fame Recipient



The Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS) was established by the "Department of Forensic Sciences Act of 2011" by the District of Columbia City Council and became operational as an agency on October 1, 2012. The Department's mission is to provide "high-quality, timely, accurate, and reliable forensic science services...[using] best practices and best available technology; a focus on unbiased science and transparency; and the goal of enhancing public safety." The DFS consists of the Forensic Science Laboratory Division, the Public Health Laboratory Division, and the Crime Scene Sciences Division. Housed in the new Consolidated Forensic Laboratory at 401 E Street SW, the DFS is co-located with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME).

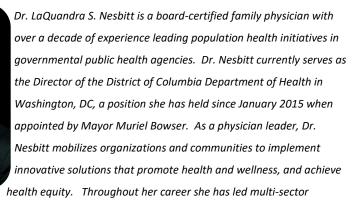
The DFS provides science services upon request to District agencies, including the Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Health, the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, as well as to other law enforcement or investigative agencies.

A 2009 National Academies of Science report, "Strengthening Forensic Science in the US: A Path Forward," made numerous recommendations for improving the forensic sciences, including independence of forensic laboratories from law enforcement and mandatory accreditation. As the first independent forensic agency to be created since the 2009 NAS report, the DFS intends to pursue the goals of transparency, quality, accuracy, and scientific professionalism to inform the public with effective science.

Since 2019, the DFS has partnered with College Bound to provide life changing services to the program's participants. We are honored to bestow the 2021 Hall of Fame Award to this amazing group of professionals.

#### Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt

#### Community Leadership Award Recipient



collaborations to address innovation in healthcare delivery and its impact on high cost, high need and other special populations; the integration of public health and health care; and the impact of medical marijuana and decriminalization of marijuana possession on the public's health. Prior to her role in DC, Dr. Nesbitt served as the Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness where she led initiatives focused on Affordable Care Act implementation and violence prevention.

Dr. Nesbitt received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Michigan, her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health in Health Care Management and Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed an internship in family medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University and completed the remainder of her family medicine residency in the University of Maryland's Department of Family Medicine where she served as chief resident. Dr. Nesbitt completed her fellowship training with the Commonwealth Fund Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

We are pleased to present the 2021 Community Leadership Award to Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt



## College Bound EYC 2021





#### **Special Guests**



Jordyn Middleton Site: Walker Memorial School: Benjamin Banneker Academic HS Grade: 12th

#### Masters of Ceremonies



Jackson Lewis Site: Sherwood Recreation Center School: McKinley Technical HS Grade: 10th

#### Student Performer



Matthew Adams Site: Walker Memorial School: Phelps ACE HS Grade: 12th

#### **Student Ambassadors**

#### 2020-21



**Shaina Adams**Site: American Institutes for Research

School: Woodrow Wilson HS

Grade: 11th







Zariah Bailey

Site: Beacon House

School: Frederick Douglas HS

Grade: 10th



Site: Beacon House School: Washington Latin Public Charter

Grade: 11th

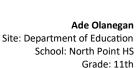




Kaela Briscoe

Site: Department of Education School: Benjamin Banneker AHS

Grade: 11th





#### **Student Ambassadors**

#### 2020-21



**Nina Enwesi**Site: Department of Forensic Sciences

School: College Park Academy

Grade: 10th







Paul DeLeon

Site: PNC

School: Woodrow Wilson HS

Grade: 11th







Laila Hood

Site: Sherwood Recreation Center

School: Suitland HS

Grade: 11th

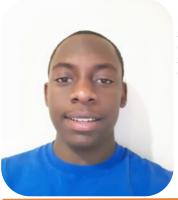


**Jackson Lewis**Site: Sherwood Recreation Center

School: McKinley HS Grade: 10th

#### **Student Ambassadors**

#### 2020-21



Isaiah Bowman Site: Walker Memorial Baptist Church School: Benjamin Banneker ACHS

Grade: 11th

Kalynn Tobin Site: Walker Memorial Baptist Church School: Calvin Coolidge Grade: 10th



## Dress 2 Protest- My City, My Voice T-Shirt Design Winner

I present to you our roots! We are history, rooted in blackness and greatness. This tree is composed of the metro DC train lines that symbolize our journey of upward mobility and critical thinking, despite the racial drama we've been dealt. From the lines sprout branches that interlock and produce leaves of growth. This tree is planted in the African continent and in words that read "Rooted". Looking closely at the words, R illustrates the playboy bunny ears that were created by a black fashion icon and trailblazer, Zelda Wynn Valdes, the two Os represent the Sumner school, one of the first elementary schools to teach Black Americans, the T illustrates a tie of professionalism as we continue to seek opportunities for ourselves and families, and the D represents Ben's chili bowl, a staple within our black community and a black owned business that is still standing.



Artíst: Camoní Mullins

#### **College Bound Senior Class**

2021

Matthew Adams Phelps ACE High School

Zaniyah Bailey Dr. Henry Wise High School

Kunmi Balogun Calvin Coolidge Senior High School

Amaya Berry Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

LaDawnah Best Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

DiMya Budd McKinley Technology High School

Yao Calhoun Washington Latin Public Charter School

Maya Carter Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

Cobi Cash Montgomery Blair High School

Anthony Chapman Thurgood Marshall Academy

Kennedy Childs Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

Lalah Choice Duke Ellington School of Arts

Reniya Coleman Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

Latrell Davin Kipp College Preparatory High School

Kamyia Denson School Without Walls

Eve Ellis Duke Ellington School of Arts

Benjamin Enwesi College Park Academy

Cenaria Fells-Watson Columbia Heights Educational Campus

Terri Franklin Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

#### **College Bound Senior Class**

2020

Jad	а (	George	Washington La	atin Public Cl	harter School

Reggie Grant McKinley Technology High School

Brandon Hall Paul Public Charter School

Derrick Lewis Paul Public Charter School

Maryori Maloney-Lopez Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

Noelle McDougle DC International School

Jordyn Middleton Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

Aryn Monroe Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

Khaliq Muhammad Washington Leadership Academy

Camoni Mullins Oxon Hill High School

Christopher Plummer Dr. Henry Wise High School

Laurence Poole DC International School

Lundyn Ross Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

Moselle Simmons McKinley Technology High School

Kennedy Swann Kipp College Preparatory High School

Aya White DC International School

Kaniyah Williams-Bailey Dr. Henry Wise High School

#### **College Acceptances**

#### 2021

Agnes Scott College

Alabama A&M University

Albright College

Arkansas Baptist College

Baldwin Wallace University

Benedict College

**Boston University** 

Bowie State University

Central State University

Champlain College

Clark Atlanta University

Delaware State University

Dillard University

Elizabeth City State University

Emory University

Fordham University

Frostburg State University

George Mason University

Georgia State University

Grambling State University

Hampton University

Harris-Stowe University

Hollins University

**Houston Baptist University** 

**Howard University** 

Huston-Tillotson University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Jackson State University

Kent State University

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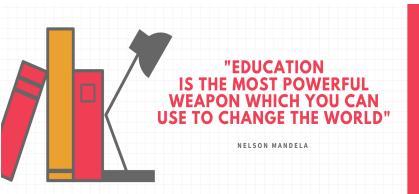
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Jabari Preston	11	Alex Renn
Matthew Adams	12	Josiah Labala
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Amaya Berry	12	Aliya Manjee
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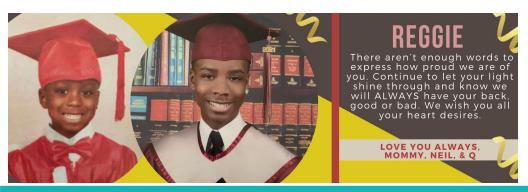
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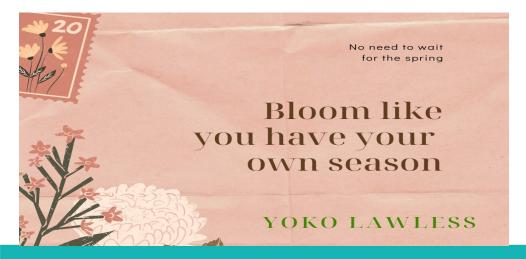
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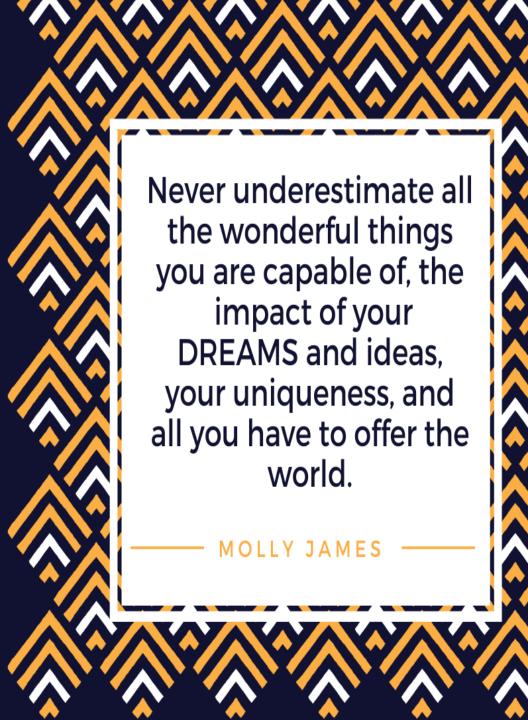






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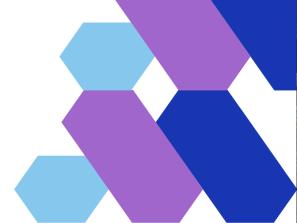


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