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Lanaya Banks graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC. At Banneker, she pursued rigorous courses, served as J.V. basketball captain, and completed over 300 of community service that included tutoring elementary school students and managing meals for adults with alcohol and drug dependencies. Lanaya's references have described her as confident, mature, determined, thoughtful and ambitious. As a participant in the Young Women's Project, she stood out as a hard-working, passionate and patient leader who provided training and positive encouragement to her peers. Lanaya loves mathematics and aspires to become an engineer. She attends Tuskegee University.



Tianna Durant is a graduate of Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, MD. At Wise, she served on the student government association, served as a mentor, and participated in food drives. She has been described as an intelligent, hard-working, creative thinker who demonstrates commitment and strong character in all that she pursues. Tianna has been a leader, a positive role model, and an advocate and conflict manager among her peers. Her future goal is to become a child psychologist or a social worker with a child welfare specialization. She also wants to explore ways to use her love of dance to help children who struggle with difficult issues. Tianna attends Saint Augustine's University.

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Marqia Gaskins graduated from Dunbar High School in Washington, DC. There she served as Senior Class President, a role where she grew personally and developed many leadership skills. She is known to be mature, intelligent and tenacious and has continuously been on the Honor Roll. Marqia is a passionate dancer, has served as dance team captain, and dreams of being a college dancer. She plans to major in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and minor in Business, as she wants to impact young people's lives by starting her own non-profit business to help youth from broken homes and communities know the value of self-love and confidence. Marqia attends North Carolina Central University.



Antania Hester is a graduate of Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, MD. In high school, she played multiple sports and participated in the student government association. She has been described as a motivated, eager, goal-oriented student who is a leader among her peers. Antania is very proud that she was given the opportunity to speak at her high school graduation after being named “Most Improved Student” for the Class of 2018. For two years, she volunteered as a youth counselor at an aftercare facility, helping kids with their homework and activities. Antania is passionate about learning, and she aspires to become a great nurse practitioner. She attends Saint Augustine's University.

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Shayla Richardson graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC. She earned multiple hours of community service hours by working in a hospital, working with children, and participating in a leadership development program. She works well with her peers and serves as a role model to students in her community. She is a motivated student with a positive attitude and a passion for helping others. She plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Ph.D. in Nursing and aspires to become a neonatal nurse. Shayla attends North Carolina A&T State University.



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Jonnay Berry is a graduate of Ballou High School in Washington, DC. In high school, she participated in cheerleading and band. She has been described as well-rounded and focused, as well as a high-achieving student and talented, writer, literary critic and poet. Jonnay has served as a medical center volunteer and a peer leader at her church, where she participated in food drives and assisted with youth outings. She is a team player who is willing to take on challenges. Jonnay aspires to be an OB/GYN. She attends Central State University.

Mirna Maldonado graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC. She was an Honor Roll student and served as captain of her high school's champion cheerleading team. She is proud of her participation in a study abroad program in the Dominican Republic which gave her a new perspective on life. She has been described as ambitious, intelligent, determined and talented. She has earned many hours of community service while tutoring and mentoring young children and assisting Dreamers with training and composing testimonies at the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Lizzy aspires to become a psychologist and hopes to improve lives around the world with her work. She attends the University of Maryland – College Park.



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Raheem Roberts is a graduate of Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC. At Banneker, he pursued rigorous courses and provided exceptional service to his school and community while earning over 800 community service hours! His references have described him as analytical, humorous, dependable and hardworking. He has natural leadership abilities, and has mentored other young black males, including a freshman student who he supported in his transition to Banneker's rigorous academic program. Raheem plans to major in Business, and he wants to build his own company, through which he will undoubtedly find ways to support the community. He attends Capitol Technology University.