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2013 Scholarship Recipients
($2,500 Award)

Najé Crawford graduated from Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School in Washington, DC in the top 10% of her class. She is a very serious student with a passion for learning and trying new things, and she has a strong G.P.A. in some very rigorous courses. Her references reported that she is a mature leader who encourages her peers. We were impressed by Naje’s extensive community service, her exceptional commitment and achievements in the Air Force Junior ROTC program, her musical skills (she plays saxophone, violin and trumpet) and her warm personality! Najé attends Bowling Green State University.

Shawneil Kegler is a graduate of Arundel High School in Gambrills, Maryland. She was been described as hardworking, dependable, resilient, and a good role model and motivator for her peers. She is also resourceful and has provided a lot of service to her community, including leading young women, tutoring children, and collecting shoes for those who need them. She is proficient in Spanish and American Sign Language. We were truly blown away by Shawneil’s determination to succeed, in spite of the challenges that she has faced. It was a pleasure to experience her honest, mature personality that showed through during our interview! Shawneil attends the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
Autum Nurse graduated from Clarksburg High School in Clarksburg, Maryland. Her references have described her as a leader and a good citizen who is independent, responsible, organized, mature and determined. Although she participated in a lot of school activities, including several sports, and provided a lot of community service, she maintained strong grades in a number of very challenging courses. We were impressed by the type of community service that she performed, including working with senior citizens and serving as an election judge in the 2012 Presidential Election. We are very proud of Autum’s growth as a person and as a serious scholar! Autum attends Montgomery College.
Armonté Butler graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC, where he was one of twelve students to earn an International Baccalaureate diploma this year. Those who submitted recommendation letters on his behalf described him as a strong scholar, a dedicated and conscientious leader and a multi-talented individual who is an inspiration to others. We were very proud of Armonte’s academics and community service and were elated to learn that he is a first-generation college student and that as a 2013 Posse Scholar, he is the recipient of a four-year tuition scholarship to Sewanee University!

Tatiana Johnson attended Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. In speaking with her, we were impressed by her strong character and confidence and by her intellectual achievements while faced with huge challenges! We were impressed by Tatiana’s many leadership positions and her extensive range of community service experiences, including several with very high levels of responsibility. We congratulate her on being offered a job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after she graduates from college! Tatiana attends Towson University.

Andranae Nelson attended Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC, where she ranked 11 out of 75. She was the sophomore class Vice President, the senior Class President, was very involved in school activities, and was a member of three honor societies (National, Spanish, and Math). She plays violin and is proficient in Spanish. Andranae is also a strong community worker (with over 400 hours of community service) and a community advocate who held leadership positions in the National Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking and Boys & Girls Club #14. We are excited that she is the recipient of a four-year Posse Scholarship to Bucknell University!