Khajae Carter graduated from The Seed School of Maryland, a college prep boarding school in Baltimore, Maryland. At The Seed School, she gracefully balanced her rigorous academic coursework with her community service and extra-curricular activities. She far exceeded her school’s community service requirement of 100 hours by earning 297 community service hours! We were very impressed that at age 13, Khajae founded her own non-profit, the Carter Foundation, which provides services for youth with incarcerated parents and for which she was awarded the Unsung Hero Award by Senator Barbara Robinson. Her references have described her as determined, well-rounded, responsible, compassionate, engaging, and confident. Khajae will attend Baltimore State Community College for two years, and then the University of Baltimore, where she plans to major in Business. She wants to eventually start another non-profit, Big Sister/Little Sister.

E’Nyjaiah Fields is graduated from KIPP DC College Preparatory in Washington, DC. In high school, she maintained a very high GPA in challenging courses and was the leader of her school’s service chapter of the National Honor Society. She was active in her church choir, tutored her classmates, and volunteered with Horton’s Kids, where she cooked homemade meals for Loaves & Fishes, helped to clean up Ward 8, and participated in clothing, food and toiletry drives. E’Nyjaiah has been described as mature, honest, resilient, hard-working, and fun-loving. She has a passion for helping children and serves as a role model for her younger siblings and youth in her community. She will attend Vassar College, where she has a full ride and plans to major in Psychology. She looks forward to having a career helping youth as a psychiatric social worker.
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Arial Alston graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda, Maryland. She is strong in science, loves drawing and painting, and has played on her school’s Junior Varsity volleyball team. Aerial has excellent grades in many academically rigorous courses. She has been described as confident, upbeat, mature, caring, organized, ambitious, and committed, and she has been a wonderful, responsible caregiver for her grandmother on the weekends for the past year and a half. She has also selflessly worked two jobs, where she is a trusted employee, to support her family’s needs since age 16. Aerial will attend her dream school, Virginia Commonwealth University, as a Forensic Science major, after which she plans to pursue a Master’s degree to maximize her potential. She looks forward to representing African American women in the field of forensic science.

Anahjah Boone graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC, where she maintained outstanding grades in numerous Honors and AP courses and was very strong in STEM. She also played basketball, golf and softball. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Math Honor Society and earned awards in Spanish and Latin. Anahjah loves giving back to her community and has tutored 5th to 7th graders in reading and math. Throughout high school, she was a Girl Scout, and she is currently pursuing her Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. Anahjah has traveled internationally to Ghana as a student ambassador for College Bound, to Panama with her basketball coach, and spent six weeks in Finland with the American Field Service. She will attend Xavier University under the Presidential Scholarship, and she plans to become a cosmetic dentist.
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Althea Guevara graduated from Forest Park High School in Woodbridge, Virginia, where she received an Advanced Studies Diploma. During her tenure at Forest Park High, she maintained good grades and performed lots of community service as a volunteer at the Potomac Community Library and the Northern Virginia Sentara Medical Center. She was an active leader in school as a member of the Key Club, the National Art Society and Youth in Action. Althea has been described as responsible, high-spirited, motivated, passionate and hard-working. She is respected by her peers for being kind and conscientious. We have been told that she is a natural-born leader who has held numerous offices in high school and always rises to the occasion. Althea will attend Northern Virginia Community College for two years and then transfer to George Mason University to study Graphic Design with a minor in Information Technology (IT).

Jiyah Jarrett graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland. In high school, she worked on the Yearbook Committee, the Debate Club, and the Student Council, was on the track team, helped to paint her school, and served meals to the homeless. Jiyah finds joy in solving problems and is a proud beneficiary of Hope House, which takes young people to visit their incarcerated parents in prison. She has been described as a responsible leader with an infectious personality and excellent oral communications skills. She is proficient in American Sign Language, has a love for the deaf community, and aspires to own a business that provides sign language interpreters and develops useful technology to benefit peoples who are deaf. Jiyah will attend Norfolk State University and plans to major in Entrepreneurship and minor in Accounting.
Kamryn Kiser graduated from Bowie High School in Bowie, Maryland, where she succeeded in getting excellent grades while taking a heavy load of advanced courses. She has been described as an incredible student who has unlimited potential, ambition and drive. She aspires to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother, who was a teacher and a principal. An accomplishment at that Kamryn is proud of and that we were very awed by was that she wrote to President Obama in 2015 to request clemency for her father, and her efforts resulted in his release after serving 14 years out of his 23-year sentence. She served her community by volunteering with a Girl Scout troop to assist with cookie sales and troop meetings, and she also volunteered at church and babysat. Kamryn will attend Towson University, where she will major in Elementary Education and then use her skills to motivate young children. Following her undergraduate education, she plans to pursue a Master’s degree.

Andrianna Lovelace graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC, where she was an Honor Roll student who completed rigorous courses and took on extraordinary leadership roles in the community. She helped to create a resource book for the LGBTQ community at City at Peace; served on the Teen Advisory Group at Shaw Library, performed office duties at College Bound, served as a running volunteer for Girls on the Run, and tutored underserved middle schoolers at Higher Achievement. She has been described as a hard-working person who takes advantage of every opportunity, is determined to succeed academically, and is a devoted community leader who advocates for herself and others. Andrianna will attend Hampton University, where she plans to major in Public Policy. She aspires to become a sports attorney.
Camryn Matthews graduated from Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. She played volleyball in high school and received many academic recognitions, including Honor Roll, Key Club, National Honor Society and the Principal’s Roll. She is very proud that she was accepted into the National Youth Leadership Forum on Business Innovation, a six-day summer program at Yale University that focused on how business ideas are created and brought into reality by entrepreneurs. She appreciated that the program at Yale enabled her to have a college-like experience, as well as an introduction to the business world. She also worked as a volunteer intern at a tax preparation service, where she learned to research tax laws and the inequity of lower versus higher income households and assisted with projects to support families who are experiencing homelessness. Camryn has been described as caring, resilient, optimistic, fearless, balanced and enthusiastic. She will attend Trinity University as a Convoy Scholar, and she plans to study Pediatric Nursing.

Jasona Wiseman graduated from Richard Wright Public Charter School in Washington, DC. In high school, she was a high achiever, ran track, served on the Student Government Association, and demonstrated her leadership skills as captain of the cheerleading team, where she was a motivator for the team. She also volunteered with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has been described as well-rounded, determined, hard-working, intelligent and inquisitive. Jasona was active in school activities and was known to arbitrate disagreements between her friends. Her dream is to become an attorney so that she can influence law and policy. She will attend Alabama State University.