

**Commencement Ceremony
of
Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy
AND
B.E.S.T. Academy at The Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Institute**



*“Igniting Purpose through
Leadership, Scholarship, and Service”*

**Wednesday, the Twentieth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Six
Seven O'Clock in the Evening**

**Georgia Institute of Technology
McCamish Pavilion | Atlanta, Georgia**

**Mrs. Eulonda Washington, Principal
Mr. Robert Williams, Principal**

Audience Code of Conduct

It is the right of every senior and all other involved persons to expect a dignified commencement worthy of their time, effort, and financial investment. This occasion should reflect the highest possible excellence in accordance with established etiquette and protocol. Anything less defeats the real purpose and nullifies the unique educational value of commencement. To provide deserving, memorable moments to be treasured throughout the life span of the graduates, there must be cooperation between participants, planners, and the audience. The audience can pay their personal love and respect to their loved ones, as well as to all graduates, by following the guidelines listed below:

1. Do not reserve seats by placing personal possessions in them. Occupy only the seats in which you, your family, and your guests are seated.
2. Follow the directions of the ushers and guides.
3. When names are called to issue diplomas, it is important that each family has an opportunity to hear its graduate's name. Save your applause until all diplomas and honors have been presented.
4. Refrain from blocking the view of others by standing, taking photographs, bringing balloons into the venue, or otherwise obstructing the processional.
5. Refrain from any conduct that might detract from the ceremony (catcalls, yelling, obscene gestures, etc.).
6. Use common courtesy in relation to other members of the audience.
7. Remain seated for the recessional.

NOTE: Any person suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol is subject to removal by the proper authorities.

**2025-2026
Special Honors and Awards**

Valedictorian.....	Keirstyn Smith
Salutatorian.....	Sacarra Burts
Principal's Award.....	To Be Announced
Star Student.....	Sacarra Burts
21+ ACT.....	Sacarra Burts, Reyna De'Vega-Matamoros, Lailah Mackson, Aryanna Maymi-Booker, Kira Rivera, Keirstyn Smith, Mikalah Tidwell
1100+ SAT.....	Sacarra Burts, Lailah Mackson, Kira Rivera, Mikalah Tidwell, Gabrielle Francis, Lauren Miller, Keirstyn Smith



**2025-2026
Candidates for Graduation**

Armstead, Thomia 4,7,16,18	Jones, Amariyah 4,7,12,16,20
Asberry, Taniya 16,22	Joseph, Charlize 4,6,7,11,12,16,17
Barry, Djamila 4,6,7,12,17	Keith, Madison 4,6,17
Brooks, Alexandria 4,7,18,22	Kirksey, Aaliyah 22
Burts, Sacarra 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17, 19,21,22,25	Lee, Miracle 3,4,6,7,9,10,11,17,18,22
Butts, Armani 4,6,11,12,16,17,18,22	Louis, Amunique 4,7,12,18,20,22
Byrd, Nylah 4,7,10,16,17,18,20,22	Lowe, Jordan 4,7,10,11,12,22
Cain, Kamyra 22	Mackson, Lailah 4,7,8,10,11,14,17,21
Capers, Ki'Miah 4,6,7,11,12,18,20,22	Maymi-Booker, Aryanna 4,6,8,17
Centeno-Torres Kimberly 3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,14,17,22	Miller, Lauren 3,4,6,7,8,10,16,17,21
Copeland, Zaria 4,6,10,16,18,22,25	Moss, Sasha 4,7,11,12,16
Dabney-Shaw, Ja'kyra 7,12,16,22	Parker, Reign 7,22
Darden, Ahmani 11,12,22	Rivera, Kira 4,6,7,8,12,17,22
Davis, Zaria 4,6,7,11,18,22	Shoate, Kyla 6,7,10,22
De'Vega-Matamoros Reyna, 3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11, 12,14,16,17,18,22,24,25	Smith, Briana 3,4,6,7,9,12,16,17,18
Edwards, Miracle 7,12,22	Smith, Keirstyn 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14, 15,17,21,23,25
Foreste, Cavonna 4,7,11,18,22	Smith, Kelsey 4,6,7,10,12,17,18,20
Foster, Allyson 7,10,20,22	Smith, Mekiya 7
Francis, Gabrielle 3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,16,17	Stringfellow, Eriyann 4,10,12,16,18
Gray, Jada 4,16	Taylor, Sabrina 4,7,10,14,16,18,22
Griffin, Jakela 7,11,22	Tidwell, Mikalah 3,4,5,6,8,9,17,25
Griggs, Zyria 4,10,11,12,16	Tolbert, Makiyah 4,6,11,12,18,22
Hutchinson, Joi-Shia 7,12,16,22,25	White, Kimberly 7,22
	Whitney, Lamari 4,11,12,16

Graduation Denotations

- Valedictorian
- Salutatorian
- With Highest Honors- 90 and above
- Honors - 83 and above
- Board of Education Scholar-Top 10%
- Career Academy/Dual Enrollment
- CTAE Pathway Completer
- SAT 1100 or More/ACT 21 or Above
- National Honor Society
- Beta Club
- World Language Pathway Completer
- 6th – 12th Grade Academy Student
- Star Student
- World Languages National Honor Societies
- STEM Honor Society
- Fine Arts Pathway Completers
- HOPE Scholar (Amounts vary based on institutions)
- Scholar Athlete
- Technical Certificate of Completion
- Atlanta College and Career Academy
- Math Honor Society
- JROTC Academy Completers
- POSSE Scholar
- REACH Scholar
- English Honor Society

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Class of 2026 Scholarships

Student	College/University	Type	Years	Award Amount	
Armstead, Thomia	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000	
	Piedmont College	Academic	4	\$48,000	
Asberry, Taniya	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000	
Barry, Djamila	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720	
	Brenau University	Academic	4	\$62,000	
	Tennessee University	Academic	4	\$26,000	
	Salem College	Academic	4	\$96,000	
	Benedict College	Academic	1	\$10,000	
	Johnson & Wales University	Academic	4	\$100,000	
	Clark Atlanta University	Academic	4	\$36,000	
	Alabama State University	Academic	4	\$33,312	
	Wesleyan College	Academic	4	\$48,000	
	Cheyney University	Academic	1	\$3,858	
	Brooks, Alexandria	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
Achieve Atlanta Scholarship		Academic	4	\$20,000	
Burts, Sacarria	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
	Mercer University	Academic	4	\$128,280	
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
Butts, Armani	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720	
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
Byrd, Nylah	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720	
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
	Salem College	Academic	4	\$96,000	
	5 Strong Scholarship-Alabama State University	Academic	4	\$66,624	
Cain, Kamya	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720	
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000	
Capers, Ki'Miah	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000	
Centeno-Torres, Kimberly	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
	University of the Pacific	Academic	4	\$124,000	
	Wesleyan College	Academic	4	\$52,000	
	Toccoa Falls College	Academic	4	\$36,000	
	Southeast Missouri State University	Academic	4	\$14,000	
	Hendrix College	Academic	4	\$104,000	
	University of La Verne	Academic	4	\$100,000	
	Dominican University of California	Academic	4	\$104,000	
	Le Moyné College	Academic	4	\$88,000	
	Brenau University	Academic	4	\$62,000	
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720	
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
	Dabney-Shaw, Ja'kyra	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Academic	4	\$80,000	
	Xavier University	Academic	4	\$106,000	
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
Darden, Ahmani	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000	
	Western New England University	Academic	4	\$120,000	
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
Davis, Zaria	Hartwick College	Academic	4	\$28,000	
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720	
De'Vega-Matamoros, Reyna	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720	
	Louisiana State University	Academic	4	\$61,250	
	Kansas State University	Academic	4	\$35,388	
	Benedict College	Academic	1	\$10,000	
	Piedmont University	Academic	4	\$76,000	
	University of Arkansas	Academic	4	\$75,600	
	Brenau University	Academic	4	\$66,000	

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De'Vega-Matamoros, Reyna (cont.)	Alabama State University	Academic	4	\$40,000
	P. Phasions Foundation Wardrobe Scholarship		1	\$1,500
Edwards, Miracle	Tennessee State University	Academic	4	\$26,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
Foreste, Cavonna	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
Foster, Allyson	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
Francis, Gabrielle	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
Gray, Jada	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
Griffin, Jakela	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	Francis Marion University	Academic	4	\$43,536
Griggs, Zyria	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
Hutchinson, Joi-Shia	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
Jones, Amariyah	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Fisk University	Academic	4	\$20,000
Joseph, Charlize	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Wingate University	Academic	4	\$118,000
Keith, Madison	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Kirksey, Aaliyah	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	Bradley University	Academic	4	\$104,000
	Brenau University	Academic	4	\$62,000
	Wingate University	Academic	4	\$118,000
	Wesleyan College	Academic	4	\$52,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Maryville University of Saint Louis	Academic	4	\$88,000
	Berry College	Academic	4	\$80,000
	Southeast Missouri State University	Academic	4	\$14,000
Washington College	Academic	4	\$160,000	
Lee, Miracle	Wesleyan College	Academic	4	\$52,000
	Sweet Briar College	Academic	4	\$68,000
	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Academic	4	\$96,000
	Tennessee State University	Academic	4	\$26,000
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	Zeta Phi Beta Scholarship	Academic	1	\$1,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
	Tennessee State University	Academic	4	\$18,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$4,000
Lowe, Jordan	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Mackson, Lailah	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Maymi-Booker, Aryanna	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
Miller, Lauren	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
Moss, Sasha	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Wingate University	Academic	4	\$108,000

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Moss, Sasha (cont.)	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Parker, Reign	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Rivera, Kira	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Albion College	Academic	4	\$136,000
	University of Memphis	Academic	4	\$40,000
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
Shoate, Kyla	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Smith, Briana	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Francis Marion University	Academic	4	\$43,536
	Antioch College	Academic	4	\$80,000
	Nazareth College	Academic	4	\$88,000
	Young Harris College	Academic	4	\$66,200
	New York Film Academy	Academic	4	\$18,000
	SUNY College at Brockport	Academic	4	\$38,000
	Dominican University of California	Academic	4	\$104,000
	Le Moyne College	Academic	4	\$92,000
	Wesleyan College	Academic	4	\$52,000
	Hendrix College	Academic	4	\$104,000
	University of La Verne	Academic	4	\$92,000
	Mississippi State University	Academic	4	\$48,000
	Grand Valley State University	Academic	4	\$40,864
	Bridgewater College	Academic	4	\$24,000
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
	Bridge to Employment Scholarship	Academic	1	\$1,000
	The College of Wooster	Academic	4	\$140,000
Smith, Keirstyn	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	Boston University	Academic	4	\$341,296
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
Smith, Kelsey	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Maryville College	Academic	4	\$80,000
	Tennessee Wesleyan University	Academic	4	\$56,000
	Virginia Wesleyan College	Academic	4	\$76,000
	Jacksonville State University	Academic	4	\$16,000
	Miles College	Academic	4	\$10,000
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
Smith, Mekiya	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Stringfellow, Eriyann	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Taylor, Sabrina	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Caldwell College	Academic	4	\$84,000
	Alabama State University	Academic	4	\$33,312
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Tidwell, Mikalah	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Mercer University	Academic	4	\$128,280
	Henry McNeal Turner High School National Alumni Scholarship	Academic	1	\$1,500
	New York Institute of Technology	Academic	4	\$124,000
	Howard University	Academic	4	\$119,096
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
	HOPE Scholarship	Academic	4	\$36,720
Tolbert, Makiyah	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Whitney, Lamari	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Johnson & Wales University	Academic	4	\$96,000
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000

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Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Eulonda Washington, *Principal*

Mrs. LaTarsha Mills-McKie, *Assistant Principal*

Adams, Quandra	Grund, Sabrina	Phillips, Edjohnier
Adebiyi, Adeola	Guillory, Patricia	Potter, Audrey
Arthur, Frank	Hardy, Corendis	Rogers, Kasola
Awak, Iniiso	Harris-Hill, Vernise	Rudolph, Jennifer
Baker, Roshawnda	Haynes, Sean	Russaw, Clemmie
Belcher, Felicia	Henry, Stacy	Sanders, Patrice
Blount, Shawnese	Hillblair, Vivian	Seibert, Peyton
Box-Barnes, Marie	Huff, Stephanie	Smith, Kelli
Briem, Kimie	Jackson, Aubra	Smith, Stephen
Brown, Germaine	Johnson, Dana	Stanley, Kristien
Brown, Tonya	Jones, Arthur	Stewart, Kaywana
Butler, Nucian	Jones, Autumn	Stovall, Chun
Cale, Amber	Jordan, Julia	Thompson, Pauline
Carvalho, Aleya	King, LaRhonda	Trimble, Lawana
Cobb, Ebone	Kinlaw, Marscida	Tuitt, Tasharricka
Crossfield, Christopher	Knighton, Jamaal	Wade, Kelli
Davis, Laurie	Lee, Keena	Warren, Cleopatra
Dunn, Alisa	McCrary, Joe	Washington, Ashley
Durdin, Lea	Mills-McKie, LaTarsha	Washington, Eulonda
Elliott, Shelonda	Mitchell, Amani	Watts, Emerald
Ellis, Tanya	Mitchell, Shauna	Williams, Micheal
Feldman, Wendy	Moody, Deandre	Williams, Vicki
Flakes, Jason	Moody, Vanable	Williams-Garner, Drenita
Goggins, Yolanda	O’Connor-Smith, Nadine	Williamson, LaShandria
Goodson, Kelly	Palmer, Carl	Woodard, Cedric
Greenaway, Zanda	Parnell, Taylor	
Green, Shatoya	Payton, Yolanda	

Pledge

As much as I attempt to calm the chaos
Around me called life, I can't
I can only control myself
However, I have been told countless times
That I am intelligent, courageous, strong and beautiful
So, from this moment on, every indelible mark
I make upon myself or my community will
Embody a piece of me
That indelible mark will embody
Intelligence, courageousness, strength and beauty
Because they are what make me!

Creed

I will be on top of my game.
I will stand up and not just fit in.
I will be the greatest influence.
I will take charge of my life.
I will step up and take my throne.
I will positively pressure my peers.
I will leave "common" behind.
I will reject commonality.
I refuse to be regular.
I will distinguish myself.
I will elevate my thinking.
I will set the rules.
I will create the norm.
I will devastate mediocrity.
I will not cheat.
I will not take shortcuts.
I will make the grade.
I will take responsibility for my actions.
I will lead the way nonviolently.

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Valedictorian..... Mykel Smith
Salutatorian..... Maryio Majette
Principal's Award..... To Be Announced
Star Student..... Mariyo Majette
1100+ on the SAT.....Mariyo Majette
ACT 21 or AboveMariyo Majette



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Bennett, Amir 3,9,13,15,26	Milsap, Jamir 4,24,26
Brown-Dodd, Edward 4,8,13,24	Pitts, Darmarkus
Bullock, Jonathan 8,9	Poole, Mekhi 4,23,25,27
Cato Jr., Irvin 4,8,9,11,13	Rios-Montoya, Randy 3,9,13,15,23
Ceaser, III, Deval 8	Rivers, Genaro 8,9
Clark, Zion 4,9,15,26,27	Scott, Brandon 4,11,13,23
Copeland, Marcel 3,8,11,13,23,25,28	Sellers, Daniel 4,25,27
Daniels, Zacorey 4	Smith, Mykel 1,3,5,11,21,25
Huff, Jaiden	Staples, Aarin 3,7,8,11,13,15,23,24
Johnson, Jr., John 3,11,15,21,23,24	Swan, Shamar 9
Majette, Mariyo 2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,13, 15,18,23,24,25,27	Walker, Jaheed 4
McDowell, Jakai 4,9,11	Wilson, Iriee 4,15
	Wilson, Jaekwon

Graduation Denotations

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| 1. Valedictorian | 15. 6th -12th Grade Academy Student |
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| 6. SAT 1100 or More | 20. Posse Foundation Scholar |
| 7. Engineering, Science and Technology | 21. Project Engage |
| 8. CTAE Pathway Completer | 22. Zell Miller Scholar |
| 9. Spanish Completer | 23. HOPE Scholar |
| 10. ACT 21 or Above | 24. Scholar Athlete -80 and above |
| 11. National Honor Society | 25. Dual Enrollment |
| 12. Beta Club | 26. Technical Certificate of Completion |
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Bennett, Amir	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Clark Atlanta University	Academic	4	\$24,000
	Tuskegee University	Academic	4	\$32,000
	Brenau University	Academic	4	\$68,000
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	National/Local	4	\$20,000
Brown-Dodd, Edward	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	National/Local	4	\$20,000
Cato Jr., Irvin	South Carolina State	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	National/Local	4	\$20,000
Ceaser, III, Deval	South Carolina State	Gap Scholarship	4	\$4,000
Clark, Zion	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	National/Local	4	\$20,000
Copeland, Marcel	Merit Scholarship		4	\$50,720
	Merit Scholarship		4	\$60,000
	Merit Scholarship		4	\$40,000
	Georgia State Foundation		4	\$124,160
	Southern Excellence Award		4	\$500.00
	Henry McNeal Turner High School			
	National Alumni Scholarship		4	\$500.00
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship		4	\$20,000
Daniels, Zacorey	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship		4	\$20,000
Johnson, John	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Eastern University	Academic	4	\$100,000
	Wingate University	Academic	4	\$96,000
	Tennessee Wesleyan University	Academic	4	\$60,000
	Freed-Hardeman University	Academic	4	\$30,000
	Southeast Missouri State University	Academic	4	\$14,000
	University of Missouri-St Louis	Academic	4	\$24,000
	Young Harris College	Academic	4	\$66,200
	Anderson University (South Carolina)	Academic	4	\$40,000
	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Academic	4	\$30,000
	Francis Marion University	Academic	4	\$43,536
	Robert Morris University	Academic	4	\$96,000
	Newman University	Academic	4	\$64,000
	Miles College	Academic	4	\$10,000
	Clark Atlanta University	Academic	4	\$40,000
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	Academic	4	\$48,000	
Newman University	Academic	4	\$100,000	
Louisiana State University	Academic	4	\$52,000	
Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000	
Majette, Mariyo	Southern University and A & M College	Academic	4	\$130,264
	South Carolina State University	Academic	4	\$50,720
	Achieve Atlanta Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000

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	Merit Scholarship	Academic	4	\$20,000
Poole, Mekhi	Merit Scholarship	Academic	4	\$50,720
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