

Mahlet Asrat – Wheaton HS
University of Maryland-College Park

A member of the National Honor Society, Mahlet became a certified nursing assistant after completing the Medical Careers Program at Wheaton HS. Since birth, Mahlet has been in treatment for her cleft lip and palate, which is why becoming a pediatrician and helping children is her life's goal.



Diego Hernandez – Albert Einstein HS
Babson College
Diversity Leadership Scholar

Diego is a natural leader whose energy and motivation were evident in his rigorous curriculum, his impact as President of the dance group Latin American Student United (LASU), and his AFLAC internship. He is an AP Scholar and is committed to doing community service, especially working with the elderly. Diego plans to pursue a career in business or accounting.



Samantha Clary – Paint Branch HS
St. Mary's College

Samantha's optimism and energy comes from her passion for learning and the arts. She held leading female roles in plays such as "The Family Guy," "The Curious George," and "Summer Brave" at Paint Branch HS. She is also a passionate environmentalist.



Hayoung Kim – Walter Johnson HS
McDaniel College
Nordstrom Scholar

At Walter Johnson HS, Hayoung was deeply invested in all her activities, from her role as a violinist in orchestra to her church youth group. She has developed an interest in politics and economics and looks forward to studying these subjects in college.



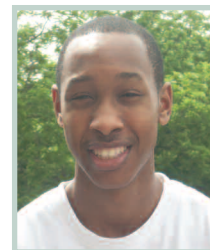
Ana Coello Escoto – Albert Einstein HS
University of Maryland-College Park
Scholars Program
Gates Millennium Scholar

Since coming to the United States from Honduras, Ana has accomplished a great deal. Ana's work ethic earned her the Howard Hughes Medical Internship at the National Institutes of Health where she did biomedical research on a major stress-related hormone. Ana attends the College of Chemical and Life Sciences at UMD.



Brian Koskey – Wheaton HS
Carnegie Mellon University

As the fourth child in a family with six children, Brian knows how to make his mark which he has done as Key Club Vice President, AP Scholar and as a recipient of the Maryland Governor's Top 5% Award. Brian was also a Gates Millennium finalist. He wishes to pursue a career as an engineer.



Liejo Fernandus – Paint Branch HS
University of Maryland-College Park

For the past year, Liejo worked at CVS Pharmacy as a technician. At Paint Branch HS, he was a member of the National Honor Society and the Jabba Version 1.5 dance troupe. This summer, he participated in the UMD Academic Achievement Program.



Seoyoun "Diana" Lee – Walter Johnson HS
New York University

Diana, an AP Scholar with Distinction, has remained on the Honor Roll every quarter in high school. In addition to achieving academic excellence, she is an accomplished cellist, pianist and drummer. She is very active in her church, where she is involved in the youth group, choir and praise band.



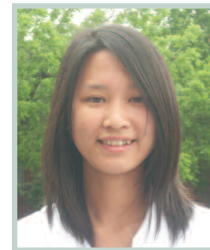
Nahum Goba – Wheaton HS
The University of Virginia

Nahum is a charismatic individual devoted to his mother, academics and community service. For his outstanding leadership in high school, he received the Principal's Award for Most Outstanding Senior. Nahum also received the Superintendent's Leadership Program Internship with the Department of Economic Development for Maryland.



RongZhen Li – Albert Einstein HS
University of Maryland-College Park

RongZhen, who dreams of becoming a civil engineer, moved to the United States from China with her family four years ago. She has been on the Honor Roll every year, while actively involved in numerous extracurriculars and a part-time job. She also received the ESOL Outstanding Achievement Award and the Academic Excellence Award for Science.





Michael Mekonnen – Paint Branch HS
MIT
Ron Brown Scholar

Michael's many honors include being named CDI's first Ron Brown Scholar, winning the GOLD medal for the NAACP SACT-SO competition and the W.E.B. Dubois Award for Academic Excellence, and for being named a National AP Scholar. A scholar-athlete, Michael also played doubles and singles on the Varsity Tennis team at Paint Branch HS.



Anna Roma– Wheaton HS
Bryn Maur College

Anna is not only committed to her academics, as shown by her selection as Class Valedictorian, but she is also eager to try new things. After receiving an Achievement Award for Spanish, Anna challenged herself by learning a third language, Chinese. Anna is passionate about mathematics and science and hopes to pursue a career as a pharmacist.



Samantha Paul – Wheaton HS
Trinity University (DC)

After completing the Medical Careers Program at Wheaton HS, Samantha became a certified nursing assistant. She also earned an Outstanding Attendance Award and a Certificate of Meritorious Service Award for over 300 hours of community service. This summer Samantha worked as a pharmacy technician at CVS Pharmacy.



Jihyo "Annie" Sim – Walter Johnson HS
Boston College

Annie is an AP Scholar with Distinction. She was a very active member at her high school as the concertmistress for the Symphonic Orchestra and All-County Orchestra and a Varsity cheerleader. She has also enjoyed working as a barista at Starbucks and offering private violin lessons to students who were unable to pay for them.



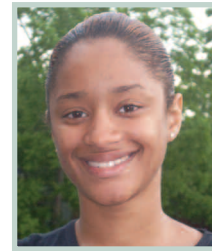
Binh Pham – Wheaton HS
Lafayette College

Binh graduated as Class Salutatorian. He also received the Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen's Public Service Award for his outstanding and invaluable service in educating the community about ecology and his activism on protecting the environment. Binh dreams of becoming an engineer who focuses on "green" innovations.



Kenneshia Washington – John F. Kennedy HS
Guilford College
Bonner Leaders Program

Kenneshia is only the second in her family to graduate from high school, following her brother. She plans to major in Psychology and become a counselor in order to help others who are less fortunate. She believes that it is her responsibility to make sure that everyone is provided with equal opportunities to succeed.



Marco Regalado – Wheaton HS
University of Maryland-College Park
Honors Program

Marco, an AP Scholar with Honor, has dreamed of becoming a mechanical engineer since age 13. He has participated in the Summer College Engineering Experience at the University of Michigan. Marco is the recipient of numerous scholarships, including the Lockheed Martin Foundation Engineers in the Classroom Scholarship and the Bechtel Scholarship. Marco attends the A. James Clark School of Engineering at UMD.



Samrawit "Sammy" Yalewayker – Wheaton HS
The University of Virginia

Having been on the Honor Roll for every quarter, Sammy has truly invested in her education. She was nominated and selected for the Howard Hughes Medical Internship at the National Institutes of Health. Sammy also received the Maryland Governor's Top 5% Award. This summer, she participated in the Rainey Academic Program at the University of Virginia.



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