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HCPS Students To Be Honored at 20th Annual Carson Scholars Fund Award Ceremony

13 First-Time Scholars & 28 Recognized Carson Scholars Named

As the Carson Scholars Fund (CSF) celebrates 20 years of awarding scholarships, the CSF announced that 562 scholars in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic have been named 2016 Carson Scholars. Among those to be honored at the annual Carson Scholars Fund Award Ceremony are 41 Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) students.

Each year, the CSF recognizes a select group of high achieving students in grades 4 – 11 who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and humanitarian qualities. Students receive a \$1,000 college scholarship award and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar. In addition, students are able to renew their Carson Scholar status. These recognized winners have maintained high academic standards and a strong commitment to their communities.

This year, 13 HCPS first-time scholars and 28 recognized Carson scholars were named. The recipients being honored in Harford County are included below.

To celebrate their accomplishments, the Mid-Atlantic scholars will be recognized at the annual awards ceremony on **Sunday, April 10, 2016, at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, Maryland.** Sam Donaldson, retired ABC news anchor, will host the ceremony. The CSF will present Kimmie Meissner, World Champion and Olympic Figure Skater, with the Spirit of Achievement award. **World-renowned and retired pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson will deliver the keynote speech.**

Harford County 2016 Carson Scholars

First-Time Scholars

- Kayla Betancourt, Grade 11, Joppatowne High School
- Abigail Brosh, Grade 11, North Harford High School
- Eleanor Byers, Grade 11, Patterson Mill High School
- Elizabeth Curry, Grade 5, Bakerfield Elementary School
- Brianna Gower, Grade 5, George D. Lisby Elementary School at Hillsdale
- Samantha Kennedy, Grade 7, Aberdeen Middle School
- Maggie Layman, Grade 5, Darlington Elementary School
- Shardae Millington, Grade 4, Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School
- Hannah Piquett, Grade 7, Southampton Middle School
- Kaitlyn Schueler, Grade 5, North Harford Elementary School

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- Ryan Skandalis, Grade 5, Hickory Elementary School
- Kaitlyn Trexler, Grade 11, Fallston High School
- Otto Wilson, III, Grade 10, Aberdeen High School

Recognized Carson Scholars

- Mia Abrecht, Grade 6, Aberdeen Middle School
- Abel Amdetsyon, Grade 11, Aberdeen High School
- Nicholas Balasus, Grade 11, Patterson Mill High School
- Naiyah Brown, Grade 8, Aberdeen Middle School
- Elizabeth Daramola, Grade 11, Harford Technical High School
- Hannah Donohue, Grade 8, Fallston Middle School
- Alayna Dorbert, Grade 10, North Harford High School
- Mark Duemmel, Grade 12, C. Milton Wright High School
- Micah Ernest, Grade 8, Bel Air Middle School
- Emily Han, Grade 12, Aberdeen High School
- Mason Hoene, Grade 10, C. Milton Wright High School
- David Jones, Grade 9, Aberdeen High School
- Kevin Matthews, Grade 12, C. Milton Wright High School
- Taylor May, Grade 12, C. Milton Wright High School
- Marissa-Nikole Miller, Grade 8, Aberdeen Middle School
- Nolan Parsons, Grade 6, North Harford Middle School
- Eliana Peyton, Grade 6, Patterson Mill Middle School
- Sarah Richardson, Grade 11, Edgewood High School
- Mark Rosser, Grade 8, Southampton Middle School
- Jill Shephard, Grade 12, North Harford High School
- Rachel Shetterly, Grade 8, Aberdeen Middle School
- Garrett Strine, Grade 8, North Harford Middle School
- Greer Strine, Grade 6, North Harford Middle School
- Payton Truskowski, Grade 9, C. Milton Wright High School
- Megan Vane, Grade 12, Harford Technical High School
- Gabriella Vega, Grade 8, Havre de Grace Middle School
- Jason Vera, Grade 7, Southampton Middle School
- Elizabeth Wesdock, Grade 8, Southampton Middle School

The Carson Scholars Fund is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity founded by Dr. Benjamin Carson and his wife, Candy. The Carson Scholars Fund is dedicated to impacting the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are academically talented and socially conscious.

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