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### **Harford County Public Schools Students Selected as 2026 Carson Scholars**

Harford County Public Schools is proud to announce that 41 students have been named 2026 Carson Scholars, earning national recognition for academic excellence and commitment to community service. The honorees include 18 first-time scholars and 23 recognized scholars. Recognized scholars are students who earned the distinction in previous years as well.

The Carson Scholars Fund was founded in 1994 by retired Johns Hopkins Pediatric Neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin S. Carson and his wife, Candy, in response to research showing that American students ranked near the bottom among developed nations in science and math. The Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4 through 11 who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and humanitarian values. Since its founding, the program has awarded more than 12,000 scholarships totaling more than \$11.6 million to students across the country.

The 2026 HCPS Carson Scholars are:

#### **First Time Scholars**

Lincoln Bakke, Grade 5: Havre de Grace Elementary School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Lila Bruecken, Grade 5: Youth's Benefit Elementary School, Fallston, MD  
Robert Collier, Grade 5: Dublin Elementary School, Street, MD  
Cali Cowans, Grade 6: Bel Air Middle School, Bel Air, MD  
Mya Cullings, Grade 10: Harford Technical High School, Bel Air, MD  
Vivaan Daru, Grade 5: Bakerfield Elementary School, Aberdeen, MD  
Jace Griffin, Grade 6: Edgewood Middle School, Edgewood, MD  
Aniyah Hayes, Grade 5: Halls Cross Roads Elementary School, Aberdeen, MD  
Brody Knauer, Grade 5: Red Pump Elementary School, Bel Air, MD  
Vanessa Koncewicz, Grade 5: Meadowvale Elementary School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Isla Milanoski, Grade 11: Patterson Mill Middle High School, Bel Air, MD  
Khyleigh Newman, Grade 8: Aberdeen Middle School, Aberdeen, MD  
Kamsi Olumide, Grade 5: Ring Factory Elementary School, Bel Air, MD  
Pierce Roberts, Grade 4: William S. James Elementary School, Abingdon, MD  
Hailee Sherrill, Grade 5: Roye-Williams Elementary School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Sarah Summerfield, Grade 11: North Harford High School, Pylesville, MD

Leo Tory, Grade 5: George D. Lisby Elementary School, Aberdeen, MD  
Evelyn Wehde, Grade 8: Havre de Grace Middle School, Havre de Grace, MD

### **Recognized Scholars**

Charlotte (Charlie) Adams, Grade 6: Havre de Grace Middle School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Faith Andreen, Grade 12: Harford Technical High School, Bel Air, MD  
Seth Blood, Grade 12: Havre de Grace High School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Genevieve Brewah, Grade 7: Aberdeen Middle School, Aberdeen, MD  
Ella Buerhaus, Grade 10: Harford Technical High School, Bel Air, MD  
Gurnek Chhatwal, Grade 9: Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen, MD  
James Coles III, Grade 11: C. Milton Wright High School, Bel Air, MD  
Tamara Cosom, Grade 9: Edgewood High School, Edgewood, MD  
Annalise Elam, Grade 8: Aberdeen Middle School, Aberdeen, MD  
Kai Kirk, Grade 10: Havre de Grace High School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Anya Kutsy, Grade 11: Edgewood High School, Edgewood, MD  
Isabella Lugo Frasier, Grade 12: Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen, MD  
Callum Marchena, Grade 8: Patterson Mill Middle High School, Bel Air, MD  
Ava Moffett, Grade 10: Fallston High School, Fallston, MD  
Zoey Moyer, Grade 5: Meadowvale Elementary School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Anna Newman, Grade 12: Fallston High School, Fallston, MD  
Olufenanmi Olusola, Grade 9: Havre de Grace High School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Gwyneth Pappano, Grade 8: Havre de Grace Middle School, Havre de Grace, MD  
Allyson Prisco, Grade 10: Fallston High School, Fallston, MD  
Benjamin Roelker, Grade 9: Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen, MD  
Shreeya Shah, Grade 12: Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen, MD  
Sofia Sieranski, Grade 10: Harford Technical High School, Bel Air, MD  
Reese Thompson, Grade 10: Havre de Grace High School, Havre de Grace, MD

More information about the Carson Scholars Fund is available at [carsonscholars.org](http://carsonscholars.org).

Congratulations to all our scholars!

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