

# BATTLE CREEK chapter spotlight 2017



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*Kellogg's*

2017 New Scholars: **11**

2017 Recognized Scholars: **5**

Cumulative Michigan Scholars: **390**

**Highlights:** During the Battle Creek Awards Banquet, several scholars reflected on the road that led them to becoming a Carson Scholar. Diana Dalski shared the importance of facing challenges, and Hannah Swank spoke about the positive impact that being a Carson Scholar has had on her academic and philanthropic lives.

**\$145,260.52\*\*** have been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in the Battle Creek/Michigan area.

*\*\*As of fiscal year 2017*



Commitment in Michigan



**Carmen Allen**

2017 Carson Scholar  
Dunlap Elementary School  
Battle Creek, MI

Carmen shows a tremendous level of passion and dedication to becoming successful. Carmen is a natural on her feet as a member of the dance team. She dedicates her time after school and occasionally on weekends for practices and dance competitions. In school, Carmen participates in the Broadcasting Club and Starbase Club, where she visits the local army base and makes model rockets. In her Broadcasting Club, Carmen has interviewed teachers and classmates to learn more about topics to present to her school. She has earned Honor Roll Awards on multiple occasions and was recognized as ‘Most Spirited’ in cheerleading. Carmen hosts shoe drives as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Michigan and Funds2Orgs.

Brendan received the National Hispanic Heritage Award and the Outstanding Science Award at school. He has also earned the Beaver Spirit Award and the Harper Creek Board of Education Academic Excellence Award for the last three years. Brendan is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Concert Band and DECA. He has a physical and mental drive that sets him apart from other students. Brendan volunteered his time at the Homecoming Dance, organizes and is leader of the Sports Committee and made dog toys for the Humane Society. He hopes to become a geneticist to find treatments and cures for genetic diseases.



**Brendan Halverson**

2017 Carson Scholar  
Harper Creek High School  
Battle Creek, MI



**Oluwakemi Dauda**

2-time Carson Scholar  
Dr. Benjamin Carson High  
School of Science and Medicine  
Detroit, MI

Oluwakemi (Kemi) actively participates in a variety of clubs at her school, including the National Honor Society, the Red Cross Club, Key Club and Polished Girlz. Through Polished Girlz, she visits children who are hospitalized or with special needs and gives them manicures, bringing a bit of sparkle to their lives. Kemi seeks clubs that are community service-focused, finding joy in the smiles that are created through her volunteer work. She has a passion for dancing and singing, and is trained in ballet, lyrical, jazz, hip hop, and contemporary dance. Kemi has received numerous awards for her academics and her service, including honor roll, first place at her school’s World Health Summit and being named a Joyce Ivy scholar.

**“It means the world to me that people see potential in me.”**  
2-time Carson Scholar