

ATLANTA/CHATTANOOGA chapter spotlight 2017



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2017 New Scholars: 37

2017 Recognized Scholars: 64

Cumulative Southeast Scholars: 552 (373 Georgia, 149 Tennessee)

Highlights: Hayden Burch, a 2017 Carson Scholar from Alabama, delivered an inspiring scholar reflection on what it means to him to be a Carson Scholar. The Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Elaine Swafford of the Chattanooga Girls' Leadership Academy, and Tom McDevitt, chairman of *The Washington Times*, accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award. During his acceptance, he challenged scholars to ask themselves what their purpose is, and to make that purpose beyond themselves.

\$352,308.88* have been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in Chattanooga/Atlanta and throughout the Southeast.

**As of fiscal year 2017*



Commitment in Chattanooga/Atlanta



Curtis Walker
 2017 Carson Scholar
 Columbus High School
 Columbus, GA

Curtis is a member of the State Superintendent’s Ambassador’s Program where he led voter registration drives and actively held meetings to educate his peers about the U.S. government. In addition, he was selected by Youth Leadership Columbus, a distinguished and highly competitive leadership program. Curtis serves as the president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, junior class president, senior patrol leader of Boy Scouts of America and president of Health Care Explorers. He also participates in Model UN, Odyssey of the Mind, Step Team, Young Democrats, Media Ministry and plays alto saxophone in the jazz and marching bands. Curtis volunteers with the media division of Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church where he highlights the church’s volunteer work.

Mallory is a dedicated student who excels when challenges arise and aids others in achieving a joint goal. Mallory is a member of Science Olympiad, the Robotics Club and the basketball and softball teams. She is also an avid gymnast who excels in the floor routine. Mallory has received awards for scoring advanced on state standardized testing, medal in events with Science Olympiad and was named one of the lead programmers in the Robotics Club. She is often recognized for her kindness, respectfulness and responsibility. Mallory has collected donations for the Salvation Army and prepared and decorated cookies for their Christmas Eve Service.



Mallory Wright
 2017 Carson Scholar
 Lookout Valley Elementary School
 Chattanooga, TN



Madelyn Morrison
 2-time Carson Scholar
 East Hamilton Middle/High School
 Ooltewah, TN

Madelyn is a talented athlete and musician. With hopes of playing tennis at the collegiate level, she is busy advancing her skills through youth tennis leagues and her middle school’s tennis team. She also enjoys cheerleading for her school. When she’s not on the tennis court, Madelyn is practicing on her violin, which allows her to express herself musically. Each day after school, she serves as a junior literacy coach at her local elementary school. In this role, Madelyn tutors ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students in reading, social studies and science. Madelyn has received her school’s Outstanding Citizenship Award, Principal’s Award, and Character Awards for representing respect, responsibility, fairness and courage.

“This is a validation of her efforts to change the world and excel. She is so proud to be a Carson Scholar.”

Parent, 2017 Carson Scholar