

INDIANAPOLIS chapter spotlight 2017



Oak Lawn Hilton | Oak Lawn, IL
April 19, 2017



2017 New Scholars: **9**

2017 Recognized Scholars: **18**

Cumulative Indiana Scholars: **312**

Highlights: Dr. Sandy Goldberg, clinical nutritionist and founder of the Silver Lining Foundation, returned as emcee of the Chicago Awards Banquet for the fifth year. Tristan Swihart, a two-time scholar from Indiana, showcased his talents through an outstanding marimba performance. John Fountain, author and columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, received the Generous Heart Award in recognition for demonstrating leadership in his profession and generosity in giving back to the community.

\$205,598.74* have been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in Indiana.

**As of fiscal year 2017*



Commitment in Indianapolis



Rania Zakaria

2017 Carson Scholar
North Central High School
Indianapolis, IN

Rania is a pursuer of self-discovery and dedicates herself to human rights. Rania is the founder of the Amnesty International Club, where she has organized countless meetings, led discussions, organized letter writing campaigns and planned civil protests in her community. Rania volunteered for the campaign of an Indiana State Representative who was running for Lieutenant Governor. She wrote and directed a comedic play that was debuted in her school, which earned her the Junior Spectacular Award. Rania is a member of the National Honor Society, French Club and Latin Club at school, and was a Pantherquest Leader for freshman orientation. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking and baking.

Kenedi is a soulful musician who enjoys practicing the tenor saxophone for the concert, marching and pep bands at school. On multiple occasions, she has received a gold medal in solo and ensemble auditions. Her favorite hobbies include reading fan-fiction stories, playing video games, watching anime and listening to music. Kenedi has received numerous awards for her academics including Principal’s Honor Roll, an outstanding student plaque in math, social studies and science, High Honor Roll Awards and was tied with another student for the number one spot in the class. Kenedi spends many Saturdays volunteering at Mission 27 Resale Store where she sorts and prices items as well as organizing shelves.



Kenedi Cheatham

2017 Carson Scholar
Crispus Attucks Medical
Magnet High School
Indianapolis, IN



Noah Lancaster

7-time Carson Scholar
Westfield High School
Westfield, IN

Noah’s leadership skills shine through his involvement in various extracurricular activities. As co-captain of his Relay for Life team, Noah helped to raise almost \$5000 for the American Cancer Society and held meetings with team members prior to the day of the event. Noah has always dreamed of becoming a pediatric neurosurgeon to help children in the fight against brain cancer. He also participated in the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, where he is challenged to put his skills to use through community service projects. He enjoys handing out cookie boxes during the holidays and helping his elderly neighbors with household chores. Noah participates on the Indiana Fire Juniors travel soccer team and his high school’s junior varsity team. He spends his spare time refining his guitar skills and learning new songs.

“It gives me the opportunity to pursue the higher opportunities in life. I can do more and be more through this program.”

Katelyn Zeser, 2017 Carson Scholar, Concord High School