

ATLANTA/CHATTANOOGA chapter spotlight 2018



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2018 New Scholars: **31**

2018 Recognized Scholars: **59**

Cumulative Southeast Scholars: **583 (376 Georgia, 179 Tennessee)**

Highlights: 8-time Carson Scholar Alex McGlohon and 2-time Carson Scholar Riley Martin, scholars who are Eagle Scouts and members of their schools' JROTC programs, marched in with the flags and posted the colors to start the program. Candy Carson presented Richard McKenney, president and CEO of Unum Group, with the Leadership Award. Mr. McKenney provided insight on what it means to be a leader, telling scholars that "it takes personal courage and a sense of optimism to see a need and to be the one who steps forward to fill it."

\$426,846.33* 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 2018*



Commitment in Chattanooga/Atlanta



Tej Cherian

2018 Carson Scholar
Hixson High School
Hixson, TN

Tej is a compassionate student who has volunteered for the school's end-of-the-year clean-up day, the Homecoming dance and carnival, the Chattanooga Iron Man Race, Race for the Cure and the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. She is also a valuable member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Heath Occupations Students of America and the Climate Crew. In the Climate Crew, Tej helped to build participation in the student section at football games and fundraised for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In her spare time, Tej enjoys singing, reading and writing.

Finnegan is vice president of the Student Council Association, where he works collaboratively with other members to initiate programs that will benefit the daily lives of students. He also serves as a peer leader helping to implement anti-bullying and pro-kindness projects for the school. As a clear indicator of his commitment to academic excellence, Finnegan maintained honor roll status and won second place in the Science Fair. Finnegan and members of his church helped clean up yards after a tropical storm and he volunteers for the Druid Hills Youth Sports Day.



Finnegan Walsh

2018 Carson Scholar
Mary Lin Elementary School
Atlanta, GA



Alex McGlohon

8-time Carson Scholar
Ooltewah High School
Ooltewah, TN

Alex, a senior at Ooltewah High School, will be graduating in May and attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK). At the University of Tennessee, he plans to pursue a degree in medicine, with long-term aspirations of becoming a pediatrician. Along with pursuing his academic goals at UTK, he will also be performing with The Pride of the Southland Band. Alex is an officer of the National Honor Society, member of the Beta Club, Ooltewah Senior Class Treasurer, Band Captain, president of Venturing Crew 2254 and an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. He enjoys working with kids, traveling, listening to & performing music, and participating in outdoor activities.

“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