D.C. METRO chapter spotlight 2018

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2018 New Scholars: 2
2018 Recognized Scholars: 3
Cumulative D.C. Metro Area Scholars: 111

Highlights: Dr. Alveda King, an accomplished author, activist and politician and niece of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., was presented with the Sonya Award. 6-time Carson Scholar Allyson Sweiderk and 2-time Carson Scholar Gabriel Ramos wowed the crowd with a special musical performance of *The Impossible Dream*, arranged by Candy Carson. Dr. Oz, professor of surgery at Columbia University and 9-time Daytime Emmy Award winner, received the Trailblazer Award. Members of the 2018 CSF Hall of Fame were introduced and applauded.

$98,402.76** have been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in the Washington, D.C. Metro area.

**As of fiscal year 2018

Commitment in Maryland
Margaret has a heart for helping others. Currently teaching herself Arabic, she is passionate about Middle Eastern culture and hopes to start a nonprofit organization that fosters a greater understanding of its history. As a volunteer for D.C. Scores, an organization that provides underprivileged kids the opportunity to play soccer, Margaret coaches soccer camps and runs food stands at local sporting events. She traveled to the Dominican Republic with Global Leadership Adventures, where she planted fruit trees, tended to school gardens, and built a home out of recycled plastic bottles for a homeless family.

Margaret Grieve
2018 Carson Scholar
Washington Latin Public Charter School
Washington, D.C.

Ciata is a natural athlete with an ability to adapt to any situation that comes her way. She is a member of her school’s softball and basketball teams and enjoys art and music. Ciata was named the U.S. Navy Athlete of the Month and received distinguished honors at school for her stellar GPA. Through the Shaw Community Ministry, she supervises young children during summer programs and is a math tutor for fourth and fifth graders. She puts her athletic skills to work by teaching basketball fundamentals to new player. Ciata spends much of her time helping the homeless by sorting donated clothes and serving lunch to them.

Ciatta Lattisaw
2018 Carson Scholar
Dunbar High School
Washington, D.C.

Damon is a skilled public speaker who is passionate about serving the less fortunate in his community. An active member of his church’s youth group, he is dedicated to stocking the church food pantry and providing meals to the homeless at several local shelters during his lunch period at school. Damon is also a youth lector at his church and enjoys volunteering at open gyms and health symposiums that are sponsored by the church. At school, he is a member of the Onyx Club and the track and field team, and has been named a Presidential Scholar, Barnes Award Winner and a 4-time AAU Junior Olympian.

Damon Smith
4-time Carson Scholar
Gonzaga College High School
Washington, D.C.

“We are extremely grateful that such a program exists to give academic scholars the credit and recognition they so greatly deserve.”
-Parents of a Carson Scholar

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