2018 New Scholars: 2
2018 Recognized Scholars: 3
Cumulative Delaware Scholars: 80 (64 Connecticut)

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.

$68,856.74** has been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in the Connecticut/New England Area.

**As of fiscal year 2018
Nanyeli has a heart for helping others in her community. She has spent countless hours not only collecting materials, but personally delivering those materials to her neighbors in need. Nanyeli distributes food to families and collects donations for the food bank and provides clothing to the homeless. She was part of a group of students who built a memorial walkway for fellow students with cancer at her former middle school and enjoys visiting with patients at various hospitals around her state. At school, Nanyeli is a member of SkillsUSA and has received high honors for her grades. In her spare time, she enjoys dancing and playing instruments.

Aben combines his interests and love of volunteering to serve his community. As an avid vinyl record collector, he served as an assistant to the head of the audio engineering department at SUNY Oneonta to host an all-vinyl radio show on the university radio station. He is a leader of his high school’s pep band, providing entertainment at sporting events and other community events. Aben is also responsible for the organization of several neighborhood and highway cleanups. At school, he is a member of the soccer team and the National Honor Society.

Ariana is a talented student who is always there for a fellow student or neighbor. She has received high honors with distinction, multiple citizenship awards, and was named a finalist at the New Haven Science Fair. She was also selected as a member of Yale Pathways to Science, Pathfinders at Hopkins School, and a peer mediator. As part of the Alliance Children’s Theatre, Ariana perfects her acting and singing skills, and has had the opportunity to co-direct plays. She participates in park cleanups, passes out gently used books to children in her neighborhood, and packs and delivers diaper packages to families in need. In her spare time, Ariana enjoys reading and is writing her first book.

“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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