

ATLANTA/CHATTANOOGA chapter spotlight 2020



Virtual Banquet
May 9, 2020



2020 New Scholars: 32

2020 Recognized Scholars: 59

Cumulative Southeast Scholars: 661 (Southeast region, 194 in Tennessee)

Highlights:

On May 9, 2020, we celebrated our Carson Scholars with a Virtual Banquet. This year's superhero theme, which had been planned for the banquets, took on new meaning in light of the pandemic as we celebrated the intellectual skills and caring nature of our scholars. The banquet started with a beautiful welcome from Dr. and Mrs. Carson, congratulating the scholars on their resiliency, strong work ethic, and dedication to their communities. Kevin Olusola, Grammy award winning cellist, singer/songwriter and beatboxer of the vocal band, Pentatonix, received the Power of Excellence award. Dr. William Bennett, former Secretary of Education and national director of drug control policy, and Mrs. Elayne Bennett, founder and president of the Best Friends Foundation, were honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. To conclude, all scholars' names and photos were displayed. Since we couldn't celebrate in person, scholars were encouraged to send in photos with their medals and certificates. Many families also posted photos on social media of how they turned the virtual banquet into a special celebration at home.



Commitment in Chattanooga/Atlanta



Sara Barahman

2020 Carson Scholar
Hixson High School
Hixson, TN

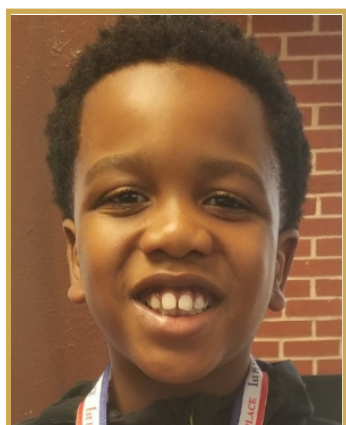
Sara is a selfless student who is always looking for the next opportunity to serve those around her. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Health Occupations Students of America. As a student aide, Sara assists freshmen students with homework and class assignments. She has volunteered at her church during vacation Bible school and attended multiple missions trips to serve others. Sara is an honor roll and star roll student and enjoys attending church, writing, and spending time with family and friends.

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

3-time Carson Scholar
Inman Middle School
Atlanta, GA



Easton George

2020 Carson Scholar Beecher
Hills Elementary School
Atlanta, GA

Easton is a conscientious student and has the second highest grade point average at his school. He is inquisitive and able to analyze, synthesize and evaluate theories and concepts. This is evident by his continued placement of lead scorer in the Science/Technology One Fair, Spelling Bee and Mathematics Competitions. Easton serves as basketball captain, is a Junior Beta Club senior, a Cub Scouts senior leader and a member of the Safety Patrol. Easton volunteers at The Formed Foundation senior event and collects gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project.

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

Parent, Carson Scholar