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Comcast NBCUniversal Awards \$95,000 in Scholarships to 38 Maryland High School Seniors

Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program Recognizes Students' Achievements Both In and Out of the Classroom

By SAVANNAH ISNER
Comcast

BALTIMORE (July 28, 2020)—Comcast NBCUniversal today announced it has awarded approximately \$95,000 in scholarships for the 2020–2021 school year to 38 Maryland students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. Students are selected for their outstanding community service, academic performance, and leadership skills. The award, funded by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation, is a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship to be used toward undergraduate education-related expenses. Since 2001, more than \$34 million has been awarded to about 30,000 high school seniors across the country as part of the Leaders and Achievers program.

"All of us at Comcast are honored to recognize the amazing achievements of our Leaders and Achievers scholarship winners in Maryland," said Mary McLaughlin, Senior Vice President of Comcast's Beltway Region. "These students excel in academics

and are leaders in the community and among their peers. They are a great representation of our future, and we are proud to help them further their education."

"Congratulations to each of these students for receiving a Leaders and Achievers scholarship for serving as leaders in their communities and for their academic achievements," said Maryland School Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon. "I'd also like to thank Comcast for helping support the educational future of our Maryland students."

Comcast, in partnership with Dr. Salmon, created a congratulatory video (<https://beltway.comcast.com/2020/07/28/comcast-nbcuniversal-awards-95000-in-scholarships-to-38-maryland-high-school-seniors/>) and shared with all its Maryland scholarship winners. Additionally, several students shared their excitement around attending college in the Fall—to hear directly from them visit: <https://beltway.comcast.com/2020/07/28/hear-from-our-maryland-2020-leaders-and-achievers-scholarship-recipients/>

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program recognizes high school seniors for their community service, academic performance, and leadership skills. These scholarships are provided to give young people the opportunity to continue their education to better compete in tomorrow's workplace. Applicants to the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program must demonstrate academic excellence, commitment to community service, and outstanding qualities in character, integrity, and leadership.

2020 Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Recipients from Maryland
Prince George's County list of recipients:

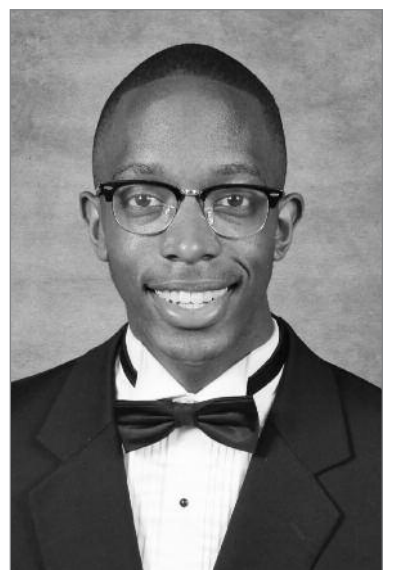
- Ashley Challenger of Surrattsville High School
- Nelson Menjivar of International High School at Largo
- Zahir Muhammad of DeMatha Catholic High School
- Brandon Talla of Eleanor Roosevelt High School



Brandon Talla



Nelson Menjivar



Zahir Muhammad

Temple Hill Road Bridge Closes for Approximately 14 Months as New Bridge Is Built

By PAULETTE L. JONES
Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation

LARGO, Md. (July 29, 2020)—The Temple Hill Road Bridge is closed to traffic and will undergo a complete redesign and reconstruction over the next 14 months. The bridge located over Pea Hill Branch in Clinton, Maryland, failed under the intensity and severity of a storm, resulting in its closure. A detour is in place to assist vehicles with alternate travel routes.

Prior to the closure, funding had been allocated for the bridge's reconstruction as one of several Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in Prince George's County. Both Washington Gas and Pepco have already begun performing utility relocation work so that construction can begin in August. The project's estimated date of completion is Fall 2021.

The County is dedicated to making roadways safer for all users and the new design includes safety elements that consider drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. To improve vehicular safety, the new bridge will be higher, larger and wider, with an added 36 feet to its length and 68 feet to its width. Pedestrians will be accommodated along a new sidewalk and cyclists along wide shoulders that tie in with the roadway approaches to the bridge. Additionally, roadway lighting will be included to increase visibility. This approach is part of the Vision Zero Prince George's strategy to utilize engineering to help eliminate traffic-related fatalities in our County.

Detour Information:

Cars should use Plata Street, Old Branch Avenue, and Piscataway Road (MD 223).

Trucks are directed to Kirby Road, Old Branch Avenue, and Piscataway Road.

More information on the Temple Hill Road Bridge Replacement Over Pea Hill Branch project, visit: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/30210/Temple-Hill-Rd-Bridge-Repl-over-Pea-Hill-Branch>

For Mums We Stand Campaign, Assisting Young, Single Mothers Affected By COVID-19, Successfully Concludes After Reaching 93 Families

By MARK VON EISENBURG
Hearts of Empowerment

ARLINGTON, Va. (August 3, 2020)—Nonprofits Hearts of Empowerment, Empowered Mums, and the Humble Path Foundation have successfully concluded their For Mums We Stand campaign, which provided food and hygiene supplies to young and single mothers in the DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia areas over 12 weeks. The campaign launched on Mother's Day with the goal of assisting 50 different families dealing with the adverse effects of COVID-19. At the campaign's end, \$8500.00 was raised. These funds supported 93 families—with overwhelmingly positive impact.

In response to the campaign's initial success, Landon Collins of the Washington Redskins joined the effort, partnering his own nonprofit, the Humble Path Foundation, to assist in fundraising. The groups served mothers in low income neighborhoods who are suffering employment difficulties exacerbated by COVID-19 that don't have appropriate means to provide for their children.

"This is a great blessing. It's a huge help since we are not working at the moment, especially for the kids because they are home all day. Due to the effects of COVID-19, we can't go out, it's scary because [we] can go out and get sick. It's taken away our ability to work," explained Onix Hernandez, an aid recipient.

Beneficiaries were largely LatinX and other persons of color, who collectively are at heightened risks for contracting COVID-19 due to employment difficulties and suffering worse outcomes due to health and lifestyle disparities. Hearts of Empowerment continues to identify these gaps in care and source like-minded groups to make small, positive impacts to communities affected by them. This is the third COVID-19 Campaign that the organization has developed and completed. For more information and to get involved, please visit <https://heartsofempowerment.org/covid19>.

The Humble Path Foundation is a nonprofit organization that focuses on assisting youth by rebuilding their communities and instilling the importance of education, physical activity and social interaction.

Landon Collins aims to remind youth that their futures are not determined by their surroundings, but by their drive and focus.

Empowered Mums is a nonprofit organization that supports mothers in communities by providing essential support through wellness groups, education, and bonding activities.

Hearts of Empowerment is dedicated to

helping other charities raise awareness for their mission and maximize their fundraising potential through crowdsourcing, event planning, and strategic marketing.



PHOTOS COURTESY HEARTS OF EMPOWERMENT

For the past 3 months volunteers have assisted this campaign by doing weekly grocery shopping for the mothers who are being assisted.



Every Sunday, the partnering organizations have visited mothers to ensure they have the resources needed for their household and loved ones.

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College Park Academy Celebrates Distance Learning Success and the Graduation of Its Second Senior Class

While the pandemic left traditional learning institutions scrambling, CPA's 660 middle and high schoolers were able to transition to remote learning without significant disruptions.

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ChildWatch: The Final Words of Our Hero, John Lewis

"In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring."

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MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center Awarded for Sustainability Efforts

The Partner Recognition Award is given to health care facilities that ... become more sustainable and have achieved progress in areas such as waste reduction, renewable energy adoption, food purchasing and mercury elimination.

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