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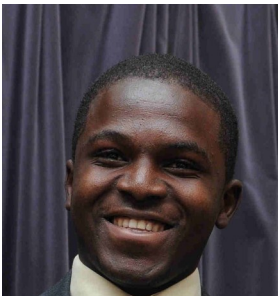
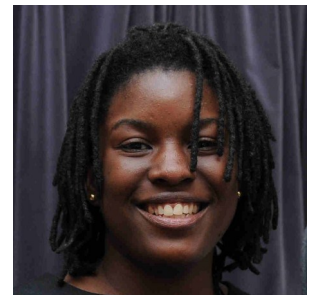
Who are this year's scholars?

Here some Abramson Scholars speak for themselves. These smart, ambitious, thoughtful and generous young people are certainly their own best advocates!



Kalon (Duke Ellington 2008) is at Fordham University, where he majors in theatre performance and minors in directing. His energy and enthusiasm are palpable. He recently performed in Wedding Band: A Love/Hate Story in Black and White, which got rave reviews in the Fordham community. He found the acting experience to be "amazing." He writes, "I am a leader, teacher, and on the board of directors for the program called Setting the Stage, a volunteer program created to help high school students interested in applying to college for acting...It is a six week program where 20 high school students are taught how to apply to college, how to audition for college and how to pay for college. We also conduct theatre workshops with the students on voice, movement, and acting. In addition, we offer tutoring and personalized acting coaching for students that need more help with monologues. I am extremely passionate about this project because it allows me to give back to the community using what I know about theatre."

Anaia (Banneker 2008), enrolled at Spelman College as an English major and Spanish minor, is in Granada, Spain this term. From there she writes: "It has been one of the best experiences of my life. During my time in Granada, I've learned more than I could have imagined. I gained a new perspective on my goals, my life and the person I want to become...As the end of my experience approaches, I realize how every moment here is precious." Anaia traveled to Morocco through Morocco Exchange, a cultural program dedicated to reducing stereotypes, and she volunteers at a local elementary school where she teaches English to 3 to 5 year olds.



Louis (Bell Multicultural 2008), who transferred this year to Catholic University from Pennsylvania State University, is studying Civil Engineering with a focus on Engineering and Management. He writes, "So far, I have taken lots of math and physics courses but the course that I am most interested in is Engineering Mechanics, which is about the fundamentals of structural engineering and how materials behave when exposed to force or when in contact with other materials. I know it's a little complicated to visualize, but it's simple. It's a mix of physics and math together in a real life situation." Louis finds the people at Catholic to be very warm and friendly and he likes the small size of his classes and the one on one interaction with his professors and counselors. This environment, he says, helps him "become a better and better student every day." As he has adjusted to the new campus, Louis has focused solely on academics, but next term he hopes to become more involved in the school and to explore the possibility of joining the soccer team. He concludes, "Thank you for doing what you're doing for the Foundation and for us, the scholars."



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Markeytta (Coolidge 2009), at the University of Virginia, writes, "I am planning on applying to the Curry School of Education in the spring. I will be majoring in Speech Pathology. I am in an organization for poets called BEATS (Black Expression, Awareness and Thought Society). Also, I am involved in a mentoring program called YWLP (Young Women Leadership Program) where I have a little sister whose school I go to regularly on Thursdays. We do all types of events from food drives to just watching movies." Markeytta finds her courses challenging and interesting and she notes, "In every class I have taken here, my professor has either written or co-written the book that we are studying."

Sharnita (Wilson 2009) writes from Towson State, "I have just decided to double major in Family Studies and Psychology. I enjoy my classes and am doing very well in them...I cheer at my school ...I am part of two honor societies and I am a mentor and the co-chair of the mentoring board for one of them."



Nico (Dunbar 2009) is a second year accounting student at Florida A & M. He says, "I am taking six courses this semester and enjoy them all because each class has its challenges and I am always up for a challenge...I thought it would be beneficial for me to join the National Association of Black Accountants last year, and I was correct. I was the only freshman to serve on the executive board, and I was the only sophomore elected to serve on the board this school year...I am a member of the DC FAMU Alumni Association and the DC Metro club."



We are proud of all our Abramson Scholars! Here are our 2010 Scholars with Board President Richard Hanks, Mentoring Chair and 1999 Abramson Scholar Aaron Jenkins, and Scholarship Chair, Addy Schmitt.