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Abramson Foundation 2009 Scholarship Recipients

Washington, DC -- The Frederick B. Abramson Foundation held its annual 2009 Scholarship Awards Luncheon on June 18 to honor the achievements of a dynamic group of nine graduating District of Columbia Public School high school seniors.

This year the Abramson Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$21,000 and the recipients included:

- Sharnita Brice of Woodrow Wilson High School to attend Towson University
- Michelle Brown of McKinley Technology High School to attend Florida A & M University
- Markeytta Harrison of Calvin Coolidge High School to attend University of Virginia
- Nico Hinkle of Dunbar High School to attend Florida A & M University
- Martez Hurt of H.D. Woodson High School to attend Florida A & M University
- Jelani Johnson of McKinley Technology High School to attend North Carolina A & T State University
- Charniqua Lawson of Thurgood Marshall Academy to attend Clark Atlanta University
- Qi Ling Li of Bell Multicultural High School to attend James Madison University
- Miya Upshur-Williams of Duke Ellington School of the Arts to attend Sarah Lawrence College

"The energy of the Luncheon was inspirational and moving," said Richard Hanks, President, Abramson Foundation. "Each recipient beamed light and gratitude as they accepted their awards and we know great things will come from these promising and deserving young achievers."

With an average high school GPA of 3.46, the 2009 group undergraduate concentrations range from Business, Marketing, Writing, and Engineering. More than half of the recipients are from families that make less than \$21,000 annually and for many, will be the first in their families to attend college.

Since 1991, the Abramson Foundation has awarded nearly \$800,000 in scholarships to over 250 DC Public School graduates who have continued on to four year colleges and universities. In addition to solid academic credentials, the Foundation seeks individuals whose activities and goals demonstrate their commitment to their communities in concrete ways. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need.

About The Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation

Established in 1991, the Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation honors Mr. Abramson's commitment to mentoring, the DC community, and his ideal of helping to provide access to higher education for students in need. A former president of the DC Bar, Abramson devoted much of his life to education, mentoring and helping individuals in need. www.abramsonfoundation.org

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