

WMST Class of 2012 reports scholarship success

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WMST seniors are winning scholarships left and right!

In January, the Korean-American Grocers Association of DC (KAGRO) held a banquet honoring several members of the Korean community as well as ten District high school seniors. Having applied with an essay describing an obstacle or hardship that they had to overcome, students in Wards 4-8 earned \$1,000 scholarships and then treated to a feast of traditional Korean cuisine followed by several door prizes and dancing. D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray, Chancellor Kaya Henderson, D.C. Council Chairman Kwame Brown and several other noteworthy D.C. officials and non-officials attended the event.

Of the ten winners, three scholarship winners are WMST seniors: Chinenye Amadi, Brionna Tiller and Nichita Mason.

In March, the Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL) held its 40th Annual Whitney M. Young Jr. Memorial Gala, a lavish banquet honoring local heroes whose contributions to the community have made a big difference. This year's honorees were Ray Wilson, Robert "Bob" Brown, Aisha Karimah, Rynthia Rost and Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. First, however, there was a moving presentation of young scholars who had won several scholarships sponsored by the GWUL in partnership with other organizations. It was an embarrassment of riches when, of the eight scholars on the stage, five of them simply claimed to "go to school with those other guys!" when it became kind of tiresome to keep repeating "I attend Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School!"

The winners of the Safeway Scholarship (\$2,000) who wrote essays entitled "If I were Mayor, I would..." were: Saf'e Lewis, Derek Brown, Chinenye Amadi and Christopher Brew. The \$8,000 Charlotte Elizabeth Yancey Eights Trust Scholarship winner was Calvin T.D. Allen-Crawford, who wrote an insightful essay about "The Importance of Education in the 21st Century." In a surprise turn of events, a representative from Southwest Airlines announced that the company would award each winner with one round-trip airline ticket to anywhere Southwest flies!

Having evidence that hard work and diligence do pay off, more and more seniors are visiting the counseling suite, checking for scholarship opportunities. Come one, come all!

Congratulations to our winners, and best of luck for future success!