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ADA S. MCKINLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships





The Class of 2020 will go down in history as the one that prevailed and inspired like no other. While the school year presented significant challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic impact, it did not stop the hardworking students featured in this Memento from earning their high school diploma and pursing a post-secondary education. We are proud to provide each of them with the education essentials they will need to begin their college journey through our Trunk Scholarships. We hope this Memento will serve as a keepsake to cherish and celebrate the accomplishments of these extraordinary students for years to come.

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ABOUT THE TRUNK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Annual Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships are an important extension of Ada S. McKinley's acclaimed College Preparation & Placement Program that has placed more than 70,000 youth in more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States since the 1960's. Named in honor of former Ada S. McKinley division director and Chicago Bear Revie Sorey who started the program over a decade ago, the Trunk Scholarships provide our college-bound awardees with the living and learning essentials first-year students need to begin their college journey. Over the past 12 years, each trunk has been filled with the things they need to get settled into their dorm rooms (desk supplies, bedding and linens, and other necessities).

2020 MODIFICATIONS

Prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic impact and colleges/universities anticipating remote learning status for an extended period, the program was modified for 2020. We did not host a celebratory event due to Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines and recommendations, however, we remained committed to providing trunks to our college-bound students. Distribution of trunks is being conducted with the need for social distancing in mind, and each trunk is filled with distance learning tools to support their ability to remain safe and academically connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 Trunk Contents

- HP Stream 14 inch Laptop
- 15.6 inch Laptop Sleeve Case computer bag
- USB Wireless Wi-Fi Adapter
- USB C Hub 5 in 1 HDMI 4K Adapter
- Gel Seat Cushion
- Memory Foam Lumbar Lower Back Support Cushion
- Base touch Dimmable Flexible USB Laptop Lamp
- Optical Wired LED Light Mouse
- Non-Slip Rubber Mouse Pad
- Noise Isolating Ear Buds
- Portable and Adjustable Laptop Desk with built in Cushions
- Durable Waterproof Ant-Theft Travel Backpack with USB Charging Port
- School supply Bundle kit for College students (composition books, pens, index cards, etc.)
- COVID-19 Survival Kit (includes hand sanitizing wipes, hand soap,
 37 piece first aid kit, custom face mask, alcohol wipes, disinfectant wipes).
- 4 Month subscription to 24/7 online tutor support

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Congratulations Class of 2020 We are so proud of you!

Ada S. McKinley Educational Services







First Place Winner

Jamiyah Roberta Lee Graduate of Hyde Park Academy Attending Harold Washington College

I loathe public transportation. The cramped seating, shrills of children, and laggard movement of a 40,000-pound vehicle feels unpleasant to me. Trying to reach my destination, but a victim to constant halts by other passengers who seem oblivious to my internal dilemma. Do they understand that I feel differently from them? Do they understand that my "social battery" simply can't compete with theirs? This is life with social anxiety. To others, a minor difficulty, but to me, a crucial aspect of daily life.

My anxiety temporarily halted my dreams of being an accountant due to the emphasis on communicating with others. I felt that hope was lost, and I should just give up - until, I truly began to listen to what my body was saying. This changed my outlook. My symptoms only flared when I was engulfed in negative situations or surrounded by individuals who didn't serve my best interests, like a bully.

Now knowing my triggers, I was able to remove myself from environments that didn't help me grow. Instead of cowering away from raising my hand in class, I participated with outstretched fingers, booming voice, and a bright smile. I volunteered to be a leader at school and beyond. Through guiding others and taking chances, my anxiety began to diminish. I gained confidence in myself when speaking, and took leadership roles in organizations that I participated in. I served as chairwoman in my social justice group, Southside Together Organizing for Power, and interned at the Obama Foundation through a program called Urban Alliance.

Going to college will be the change that I need, so I know that I will be successful in my endeavors. This is what social anxiety tried to tell me wasn't possible. Knowing this, I will always try my hardest, and follow my passion to become the unstoppable woman that I was meant to be. Majoring in Finance will be the catalyst to accomplishing my goals because its foundation is firmly set in ingenuity. Studying finance will be the launchpad for me to complete my goals and pull my single-parent family out of poverty.





Second Place Winner

Lela Kaitlyn Amber Sommerio Graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Attending Howard University

Obtaining a post-secondary education is essential to me because I am a life long learner, and education has encompassed my life to make it better. Before I was born into the world, education, child development, and learning were my soundtrack. My mom was 8 months pregnant with me but determined to complete her school practicum at Ada S. McKinley Child Development Center in 2002. Little did she know that she found a place to complete her education and start my education in one.

At six weeks old I attended the facility and it provided me a strong educational foundation. I learned how to use sign language before I could talk. I learned to play with others, believe in myself, sing, dance and was even potty trained in this nurturing environment. It was at Ada S. McKinley that I had a clear understanding of how important education was to me and how it would be a catalyst to propel me into the field of education later in life.

Throughout my school career, I held on to my educational foundation and remembered to believe in myself when things got rough. I have relied on my education to reach the sky and achieve things beyond my years. I am now an honor student in high school, a certified pharmacy tech, and an after school teacher who has been accepted into her dream college, Howard University. I plan to major in child development and obtaining a post-secondary education in this field. It will definitely bring my life full circle and help me achieve ALL of my goals and that is important to me.





Third Place Winner

Destiny Nyah Williams Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School Attending Jackson State University

Obtaining a post-secondary education is important to me because I will be the first woman in my family to graduate high school and go to college. All my life, I've always wanted to go to college and break the curse that my family has. I am proud that I am able to do so.

The people who inspired me along the way are my greatgrandmother. My grandmother was also a graduate of Phillips. She couldn't go to college because she was married and had children at the age of 21. My grandmother is my biggest supporter and she motivated me to keep pushing and obtain my goal. I owe her everything because, without her, I will not graduate this year, let alone going to college.

I want to major in criminal justice at Jackson State University to become a criminal defense lawyer so that I can come back to my hometown of Chicago and change the criminal justice system here. My career path was driven by my father, who died when I was 8 years old due to gun violence. His case is unsolved and it is very frustrating for me. There are a lot of unsolved murders in Chicago and I want that to stop. Social justice is so important to me because I want the world to change for the better; especially the city that I was born and raised in. This may be a hard task but I believe that it is for the betterment of the city.





Kayla Marie Baldwin

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy Attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Aniya Ballard Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy Attending Illinois State University



Daniel Lebarron Baxter

Graduate of Air Force Academy High School Attending DePaul University



Jamar Bolden Graduate of King College Prep High School Attending Marian University-Wisconsin



Jaymillia C. Booker Graduate of Regina Dominican High School Attending Spelman College





Ronesha Brown

Graduate of Tilden Career Community Academy Attending Northern Illinois University



Miracle Lashanti Brown Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending Eastern University Illinois



Jeanoa Ellana Cameron Graduate of Lake Central High School Attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Jayla Campbell Graduate of Dunbar Vocational High School Attending Western Illinois University



Janae Campbell Graduate of Dunbar Vocational High School Attending Western Illinois University





LaDeja' Canady-Lewis

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School Attending Western Illinois University



Anthony Lawrence Childress Jr. Graduate of Epic Academy High School Attending Purdue University Northwest



Patrice Janay Clark

Graduate of Tilden Career Community Academy Attending Northern Illinois University



Malachi Dameron Graduate of Brother Rice High School Attending Northern Illinois University



Deja'Nae Danner Graduate of Carl Schurz High School Attending Rockford University





Javonna Davis

Graduate of Rich Central High School Attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Lafabian Maurice Fain Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending College of DuPage



Jamara La'Shay Gilmore Graduate of Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory Attending Tuskegee University



Marcella Laurise Griffin Graduate of Marist High School Attending Loyola University Chicago



Kavon Hall Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School Attending Lane College





Kaiyah Jayda Hamp

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational High School Attending University of Arkansas Pine Bluff



Cameron James Hill Graduate of Hyde Park Academy Attending Wartburg College



Earl S. Hudson Graduate of Thornridge High School Attending Southern Illinois University



Ashanti Dajerha Jackson Graduate of Proviso West High School Attending Illinois State University



Ashanti S. Jackson Graduate of Tilden Career Community Academy Attending Eastern Illinois University





Makyah Jones

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School Attending University of Illinois Springfield



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Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending Harold Washington College



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Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending Xavier University of Louisiana



Ahmad M. Lambert Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending Texas Southern University



Skye Jordan Mallard Graduate of Lincoln Park High School Attending St. John's University





Jevohn Imille Maxey

Graduate of Hillcrest High School Attending Alabama A&M University



Shimya Nicole Moorer Graduate of Perspectives/IIT Math & Science Academy Attending Northern Illinois University



Camryn Denise Morgan

Graduate of Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts Attending Kentucky State university



Leilani Murray Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending John A. Logan College



James Chukwuemeka Nnabuihe Graduate of Austin College and Career Academy Attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



Elicia L. Oliver

Graduate of Victor Andrew High School Attending Moraine Valley Community College



Alissa K. Oliver Graduate of Victor Andrew High School Attending Moraine Valley Community College



Kavion K. Poplous

Graduate of Wendell Phillps Academy Attending Western Illinois University



Rufus Porter Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School Attending Parkland College



Rimaje Powell Graduate of Hyde Park Academy Attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign





Laila Yasmeen Rahman-Latta

Graduate of Whitney Young Magnet High School Attending North Carolina A&T State University



Christopher Eldridge Roberts Graduate of Chicago Hope Academy

Attending Trinity International University



Unaray Vachacon Scott Jr.

Graduate of Urban Prep Bronzeville Attending Central State University



Christopher Josiah Short Graduate of Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville Attending Morehouse College



Markeila Sims Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy Attending Malcolm X College





Caleb Jordan Smith

Graduate of The Chicago High School for the Arts Attending Clark Atlanta University



Khymari Lashawn Stenhouse

Graduate of Lindblom Math and Science Academy Attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Congratulations to our 2020 Trunk Scholars!



2020 Trace Sorey Music Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to **Charles Morgan**, a fourth-year student at VanderCook College of Music on earning our 2020 Trace Sorey Music Scholarship. Charles began playing piano when he was a freshman at Kenwood Academy High School. Despite the late start, Charles has received ten gold or first place medals from various competitions. Upon graduation, he will be K-12 Certified and qualified to teach band, choir, orchestra, or general music at any level. He plans to teach while pursuing a master's and possibly a doctorate in conducting, music education, or piano performance.





Trace Sorey

Son of Revie Sorey and the late Suzy O'Malley-Sorey and Godson to Anita & Mort Efron

Ada S. McKinley is proud to partner with the family and friends of Trace Sorey to present this special award. Through the Trace Sorey Music Scholarship, we are honoring Trace by celebrating his accomplishments as a talented musician, singer and songwriter. The scholarship fund is designated for a deserving undergraduate music major who exemplifies why we are committed to investing in the future of our communities while honoring the memory of Revie "Trace" Sorey, III.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT MAYOR

July 24, 2020

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to congratulate this year's Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. Annual Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients.

Established in 1919 by Ada Sophia McKinley, Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. has worked to educate, employ, and empower people. The Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship is a vital part Ada S. McKinley's College Preparation & Placement Program that has placed more than 70,000 young people in over 400 colleges and universities around the country. Over the past 12 years, the Trunk Scholarships have provided the college-bounds students with trunks filled with the school supplies and living essentials needed to begin their college journey. This year's trunk will also include distance learning tools to keep students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I commend Ada S. McKinley for their ongoing efforts to uplift and inspire our young people, and I congratulate all of this year's recipients as you begin the next steps in your education. Best wishes for continued success.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 207 State House Springfield, Illinois 62706

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July 24, 2020

Dear 2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Awardees:

I want to offer my congratulations on your selection as a 2020 Ada S. McKinley Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipient. In a year that has been particularly difficult with the COVID-19 pandemic, the fact you've proven yourself worthy of this scholarship shows that you are determined to let nothing stand in your way.

The founding mission of empowering, educating, and employing people to change lives and strengthen communities is as strong today -101 years later - as when Ada Sophia McKinley founded the organization as a settlement house in 1919 to assist WWI veterans and Black Americans migrating from the South.

I am certain this achievement won't be your last on your journey of education and enlightenment. Remember: learning should be a life-long experience. There's much to learn in a classroom, certainly, but never underestimate the value of continuing to challenge yourself and your ideas long after graduation. I encourage you to continue pursuing your talents and have no doubt that you will continue to achieve great things. As your governor, I am deeply proud of the person you are becoming – and it is my hope that you are, too.

Congratulations again on this remarkable achievement. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



July 24, 2020

On behalf of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., our Board of Directors and staff, I am proud to congratulate this year's Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients!

The Class of 2020 will go down in history as unparalleled and undefeated. Throughout the uncertainty and inconveniences caused by the COVID-19 pandemic impact during the school year, you continued to put in the work and added push required to earn your high school diploma and prepare yourselves for college. It can be an intimidating process even in the most ideal of situations, and you made it happen during one of the most difficult times in the history of our world. Nothing can stop you now!

Every college-bound student being honored through the Trunk Scholarships this year is exemplary of the legacy of resilience and success our organization represents. Ada Sophia McKinley founded our agency amid the Spanish Flu pandemic (January 1918 to December 1920) and the Chicago Race Riot of 1919. We were initially founded as a settlement house to assist Black World I veterans and their families migrating from the South. Today, as we face similar circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic along with civil unrest and protests to end systemic racism, you have illustrated that you too can make a positive impact in your community, and change it for the better.

Your perseverance and hard work have inspired many across the world and will be remembered for generations to come. You have provided hope and confidence in a better future. We are proud to support and cheer you on!

I would also like to give special thanks to every sponsor and contributor to our Trunk Scholarship Fund during this extraordinary year. Through your support of this community effort, you have helped us provide students with the education essentials they need to begin their college journey. Your generosity serves as encouragement and confirmation that the Class of 2020 can continue to be successful in furthering their education regardless of any obstacles. Thank you for believing in and supporting our students.

Onward and upward, and congratulations to the class of 2020!

Best wishes, Jamal Malone Chief Executive Officer Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.



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Congratulations to our 2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients and their parents on this very important milestone! This has been a time of unprecedented challenges and our recipients deserve special recognition for their determination and resilience in achieving this success. A hearty thank you to Revie Sorey for his vision, our generous donors for making the scholarships possible, and the faithful supporters who helped make this event a success. Last but not least, thanks to the many loyal Education Services staff and committee members who do all the work behind the scenes, and prevailed, in spite of circumstances, to make the 2020 celebration a tremendous success.

Best wishes,

Joseph C. Banks Chair of the Educational Services Committee Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

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A special thank you!

Ada S. McKinley Community Services wishes to thank the **Charles and M. R. Shapiro Foundation** for its generous support of our College Preparation and Placement Program.



The Educational Services staff and I extend heartfelt congratulations to McKinley's Class of 2020, future college graduates! Our team and others who poured into you, supported, uplifted, encouraged, and nurtured you are in awe of you at this unprecedented moment in time. We are in awe at the amount of resilience, courage, and pure strength you've shown as you willed yourselves to finish what you started, not give up no matter how challenging and uncertain the road that lies ahead. We are in awe of the greatness that you emit as you stood at the doorstep of achievement and emphatically claimed it as your own. We are in awe of the fact that you did not allow circumstances to define you. Instead, you willfully chose to define your circumstance. You decided to stare adversity squarely in the eye and to rise, speak out, and preserver. And for that precious gift of strength, grit, and undeniable courage that you shared with us while we witnessed you emerge as visionaries and leaders, we thank you. Because of you, I am not only hopeful but confident that you, the Class of 2020, will change your communities and the world while positively and proudly impacting everyone you encounter in the process.

As you move forward in your lives, I challenge you to not just be content with where you are today but to continue pursuing your dreams. I challenge you to continue to lead, continue to be transformative, and continue not to allow anything to stifle your growth. I challenge you to walk in your greatness, to own it, and let it serve as guiding light in times of uncertainty. Remember that "you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." -A.A. Milne

Congratulations, Class of 2020! May you continue to achieve success throughout your journey in pursuing post-secondary education and in the realization of your dreams.

Venise Hardy Senior Director Ada S. McKinley Educational Services, Inc.

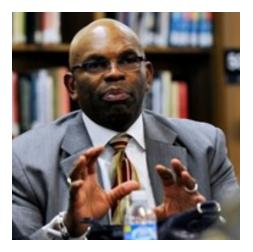
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2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Revie Sorey the Trailblazer





Revie Sorey the Trailblazer

Former Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Director and Chicago Bear

Ada S. McKinley is proud to carry out the vision of Revie Sorey through Trunk Scholarships. Building community partnerships to assist students in pursuing a college education proved to be one of the biggest plays of the former Chicago Bear.

Twelve years ago, Revie Sorey formed the Ada S. McKinley Education Committee and began his quest to support college-bound students through Trunk Scholarships with the help of his long-time family and friend Anita Efron. Thanks to his trailblazing vision, hundreds of students have been awarded the living and learning essentials they need to focus on their education and adjust to their first year in college. We are grateful for his leadership and commitment to making a significant impact during a critical turning point in their lives.



Thanks to our sponsors!

We truly appreciate the generous sponsors of our 2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships! Moving on to college can be an intimidating and overwhelming process, particularly for the many first-generation students we serve. There are now added pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic impact. Through your support of this community effort, you have provided valuable encouragement and confirmation they can continue to be successful in obtaining a postsecondary education regardless of any obstacles.

> Thank you for believing in and supporting our students!



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For 20 years, the Walter S. Mander Foundation has been pleased to support Ada McKinley's Educational Services Division and to honor its good friend Revie Sorey. Congratulations to this year's Trunk Scholars!

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2020 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships About Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.



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to end systemic racism, Ada S. McKinley continues to be resilient and consistent in protecting the well-being of the people it serves.

The agency recently celebrated its 100-year milestone, and currently serves more than 7,000 people annually at over 70 program sites throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, Wisconsin and Indiana. Its wide range of services include: Child Development & Youth; Employment & Community Support; and Behavioral Health & Clinical. Services rendered daily include tutoring, mentoring and college placement, foster care, housing opportunities, youth and family counseling, employment training and placement, and head start programs. We have modified our delivery of services as necessary during the COVID-19 impact to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

The vision of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. is for all people to have the opportunity for education and employment.

To learn more about our work, visit <u>www.adasmckinley.org</u> or follow us on social media.

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