



HONORING THE LEGACY

ADA S. MCKINLEY
COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Celebration

Program Booklet



Official Ceremony & College Trunk Pick-Up
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
South Shore Cultural Center
7059 South Shore Drive, Chicago

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.
Empower. Educate. Employ.



*We Are the Definition
of the Dream!*

**Congratulations
Class of 2023**
We are so proud of you!



Program

WELCOME

Jewell Hillery (Mistress of Ceremonies)
News Anchor and Reporter - WGN/Channel 9

TOP ESSAY WINNERS

Roman Chambers (First Place)
Gabrielle Allen (Second Place, one of two winners)
Tamyah Kamille Dockery (Second Place, one of two winners)

SALUTE TO THE 2023 TRUNK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Venise Hardy
Vice President of Educational Services
Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Torrence Hinton
President of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
Ada S. McKinley College Preparation & Placement Program Alum

WORDS OF INSPIRATION AND TRACE SOREY MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Revie Sorey
Former Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Director
Former Professional American Football Player (Chicago Bears, 1975-1983)
Anita Efron
Trunk Scholarship Planning Committee

AWARDING OF THE TRUNKS & CLOSING REMARKS

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



2023 Trunk Contents

- HP 14-inch HD Laptop
- Bed-in-a-Bag Bedding Set
- Under-the-Bed storage container
- Over-the-Door organizer
- Travel Laptop Backpack
- Laptop Lap Desk for Bed
- Chair/Cushion Seat
- LED Desk Lamp with Wireless Charger
- Smart Speaker with Alexa
- Noise Cancelling Bluetooth Ear Buds
- Ultimate College Back-to-School Essentials Kit
(composition books, index cards, post-it notes, highlighters, pens, & more)
- Planner
- USB Custom Jump Drives
- Portable, High-Speed USB 7-Port Hub
- Surge Protector USB Wall Charger and Outlet Extender
- Multi 7-Port USB Splitter
- Protective Laptop Sleeve
- Technology Screen Wipes
- LED Rechargeable Wireless Mouse
- Mousepad with Gel Wrist Support
- Shower Caddy
- 4-Piece Dinnerware set
- Trash Can
- Personal Protective Equipment/PPE (includes hand sanitizer, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes 70ct (pack of 9), CloroxPro Disinfecting Aerosol 19oz (Pack of 12), Bandages & More First Aid Kit)
- Personal Hygiene Items (body wash, deodorant, etc.)
- Sewing Kit (43 piece)
- 6 Month Subscription to 24/7 Online Tutor Support



ABOUT THE TRUNK SCHOLARSHIPS

When students begin their college journey prepared, confident, and focused on their goal of obtaining a post-secondary education, their chances for success increase exponentially. With the help of sponsors, we make that possible.

Through its Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships, Ada S. McKinley awards first-year college students with the living and learning essentials they need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment. Each trunk is filled with school supplies and necessities for dorm living, along with the technology tools necessary to take full advantage of all education formats and platforms available for learning (laptops, etc).

The scholarships are named in honor of Revie Sorey, Ada S. McKinley's former Educational Services Director and former professional American football player (Chicago Bears, 1975-1983). Revie trailblazed the program fifteen years ago in 2008 after learning our college-bound students were burdened by the expenses of dorm room & school supplies not covered by grants & scholarships.

The Trunk Scholarships are an important extension of Ada S. McKinley's acclaimed College Preparation & Placement Program, pioneered by the late Silas Purnell. The program has placed more than 75,000 youth in more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States. This includes assisting graduating seniors in securing billions of dollars in financial aid and scholarships over the last six decades.





Mistress of Ceremonies

Jewell Hillery

News Anchor and Reporter, WGN/Channel 9



Jewell Hillery joined the WGN News team as a general assignment reporter in September of 2021. Jewell grew up in Edgewater and is a proud product of the Chicago Public Schools (Von Steuben and Newberry Academy).

In 2010, Jewell moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where she spent nearly six years covering breaking news for the morning show at WLBT, in addition to anchoring the midday and weekend morning show. During her time at WLBT, the Associated Press awarded Jewell in several categories, including, spot news and general assignment reporting.

Jewell worked as an Anchor/Reporter for 16 WAPT, during her last several years in Mississippi. In addition to her responsibilities at WAPT, Jewell served as the Director of Development and Admissions at The Redeemer's School, which offered high quality education to elementary school children living in Jackson. Jewell started her journalism career at WTVO in Rockford, IL, as a general assignment and consumer reporter.

Jewell earned her B.S. in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During an internship at a local station, Jewell learned what it would take to succeed as a broadcast journalist from WGN's Ben Bradley, whom she continues to learn from today. Jewell went on to earn her M.A. degree in Public Affairs Reporting from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Keynote Speaker

Torrence Hinton

President of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas

Ada S. McKinley College Preparation & Placement Program Alum

Torrence Hinton became president of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas in June 2022 where he manages the daily operations, strategy and administrative activities of the two Illinois WEC Energy Group utilities. He was formerly vice president of operations at Peoples Gas, and also served as director of operations and maintenance at Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas.

Torrence joined Peoples Gas in 1999. Before serving in the company's top leadership, he served in a number of roles with increasing responsibility, including manager of centralized planning group, director of fleet services, operations manager of North Shore Gas, operations manager of Peoples Gas, and general manager of North District at Peoples Gas. Prior to that, he served as director of gas storage, overseeing natural gas storage assets for WEC Energy Group in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.



Torrence holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he received the Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and contributions in the area of campus life. He also holds a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master in Business Administration with a concentration in strategy and leadership from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Torrence is active in numerous community, educational and industry organizations, serving on the boards of Chicago Commons, Communities In Schools of Chicago, Youth Guidance and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. He is a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow, class of 2013, a 2014 recipient of the Chicago Defender's Men of Excellence award, and a 2021 participant of McKinsey Academy's Black Executive Leadership Program.



Congratulations!

2023 Essay Winners

As part of our Trunk Scholarship selection process, applicants are asked to submit a short essay expressing why a post-secondary education is important to them. In addition to a trunk filled with the living and learning essentials first-year students need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment, the top essay winners receive a cash award in the form of a gift card to help cover other fees and incidentals. We are proud to recognize this year's winners and share their inspiring essays!



First Place Winner

Roman Chambers
Graduate of Chicago Tech Academy
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Getting a college education is important to me because it will help me accomplish my personal and professional goals. It helps me gain more awareness of issues that currently affect our society, such as poverty, inequality, climate change and human rights. By learning from the different perspectives represented in a college environment, I can further develop the critical thinking, communication and empathy skills I gained in high school. I will have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who both share my interests and challenge my world views. This will help me learn where and how to contribute to a positive change in our society.

The second reason getting a college education is important to me is because it allows me to become better at computer science and learn more about how to apply it to real-world issues. Computer Science is interesting to me because during my childhood I always liked taking things apart and putting them back together to understand how they work. I started coding at age 7 and it quickly became a love of mine. Through a college education, I can gain knowledge and experience that will prepare me for a rewarding career in this field.

And the third reason getting a college education is important to me is because it will benefit me financially. I will be able to support myself and help my family. It will also give me the ability to give back to my community both through donated funds and volunteering.

To conclude, a college education is important to me because it allows me to explore my interests, discover new passions, expand my network and take care of myself, my family, my community and make a positive difference in the world.



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Essay Winners



Second Place Winner (tied - one of two 2nd place winners)

Gabrielle Allen
Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending University of Massachusetts Boston

Postsecondary education is a crucial next step in my life because various obstacles are prevalent in my livelihood that can be avoided by obtaining a higher education.

The first is that I am one of three siblings of a single parent who lacks the mental capacity to truly care for us due to her never-ending work ethic. Once I reached a certain age, she no longer provided resources financially, emotionally, or mentally. Once I learned how to internalize this, I began to learn how to provide for myself as in having two jobs while taking care of my younger sibling while still being a high school student. This shift subconsciously hindered my mental, emotional and physical health in which I wasn't able to truly flourish during that time. By understanding that life comes with struggles and obstacles, I started to plan for my future once I graduate.

I found my calling by majoring in psychology to understand and overcome my generational traumas. Post-secondary education is needed in the field that I am pursuing which will overall help aid the mental and emotional relief that is often overlooked in Black families. Whilst also obtaining my degree in psychology, college will lead to my personal development when dealing with different coping mechanisms and learning more about mental health.

Having the necessary skills under my belt will support me in finding and furthering my career. I am going to take advantage of the networking opportunities and value the rich experiences of relationships while obtaining a higher degree.



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Essay Winners



Second Place Winner (tied - one of two 2nd place winners)

Tamyah Kamille Dockery
Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending Xavier University of Louisiana

Over a lifetime of learning, I have learned that success is not just one point in your life. Success is something one can work toward every day. There will always be new goals to pursue. A part of success is planning. Knowing what you want and how you want to obtain it is the foundation of success. Going through that process is also a large part of success. Searching for the tools you need, laying out your options, and forming them are the glue of this process.

To be able to identify what you want and how you want to pursue it comes with self-awareness. Being a member of W.O.W. (Working On Womanhood), I learned the importance of being self-aware. Once I learned self-awareness, I felt like a rocket shooting into space. I was able to succeed more every day because I knew what I wanted for my life and how I wanted things to be. I began making plans for myself all the way up to this point in life, as I am transitioning into adulthood and college.

Stepping into college, I will be 18 and still figuring out what I want for my life after I graduate. My chosen university will equip me with tools I can use to glue together my pieces of success over time. My post-secondary education will be the foundation for what I plan to succeed in. I will be going into college majoring in psychology. Pursuing higher education will not only lead me to a world of success, but one that I will be able to help others succeed in hopes of improving the mental states of others. Attending college to pursue my education, as well as increasing my own personal growth is my top priority.



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Essay Winners



Third Place Winner

Shannell Franklin
Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Purdue University

When you think of going to a party, you think of laughter, dancing, and cracking jokes. This is exactly what I had on my mind at the end of April 2022 when I was invited to a party on the west side of Chicago. I traveled from the southside with my friends and big sister ready to forget about the stress of my school week. This night turned into an event that left an indelible mark on my life.

We were dancing to Lil Durk's music when I noticed some boys who seemed suspicious. Before I could even examine the movements of the boys, everyone began to run out of the gate. The boys who gave me an eerie feeling started shooting. I made a mad dash to my sister's car for safety.

After the shooting people were falling out, having seizures, bleeding from their mouths and nose, having panic attacks, etc. I was scared and felt horrible that I couldn't really help anybody. I had to watch people all around me suffering while not being able to save them. It was at this exact moment that I realized my interest in studying medicine and becoming a doctor. If a traumatic event like the one I encountered on April 23rd happens again, I will actually be able to assist individuals in distress once I become a medical doctor.

The most positive thing that came out of this ordeal was the light bulb that went off in my head, making me realize that I can be the change that I want to see in the world. Learning and studying more about the medical field will allow me to be helpful to my community and the world. A degree in the health science field will push me closer to my goals of being able to save lives, help sick people, and take care of people. Most of all I would be able to provide safety to those I value most, like my family.

2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Essay Winners & Finalists



Congratulations to all our Essay Winners & Finalists!

FIRST PLACE

Roman Chambers

SECOND PLACE (tied)

Gabrielle Allen

Tamyah Kamille Dockery

THIRD PLACE

Shannell Franklin

FINALISTS

Donmayia Chaontavia Davis

Dymond Unique Garrett

Justyn Garrison

Joseph Henderson

Nickayla Hoffman

Kaliana Zakia Holt

Rodney James, Jr.

Amya Reyes

Daniella Sanchez

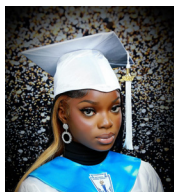
Cierra Mone't Washington



2023 Trunk Scholarship Awardees

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our college-bound students! You have persevered through many obstacles, earned your high school diplomas, and are now headed to colleges and universities throughout the country this fall.

You can now begin your college journey prepared, confident, and focused on making your dream of obtaining a post-secondary education a reality. Congratulations and much success to each of you. You are the definition of the dream!



Tomisola B. Ajayi

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Illinois State University



Gabrielle Allen

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending University of Massachusetts Boston



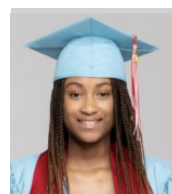
Alex Alvarez

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending National Louis University



Amaya Ariel Amusat

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Western Illinois University



Mikhyla LaTrice Appling

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending Spelman College



Norion De'Shawn Ballard

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending University of Arizona

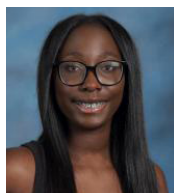


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Jabriyel Dejan Banister

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



Jasmine Renee' Barber

Graduate of De La Salle Institute
Attending North Central College



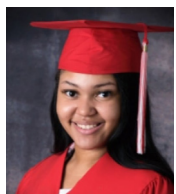
Mareon Lavell Ben

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Northern Illinois University



Karsyn Best

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



Johnnika Ann Bibbs

Graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School
Attending Fisk University



Erin E. Blake

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Tuskegee University



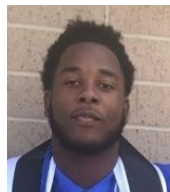
Keeven Blanton

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending McKendree University



Camya Ayanna Unique Brady

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



Travis Bryant

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending McKendree University



Justine Buendia-Sanchez

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Kennedy King



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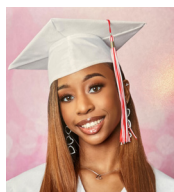


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Faith Elizabeth Buggs

Graduate of Jones College Prep
Attending University of Southern California



Kimori Naijah Burks

Graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School
Attending Ball State University



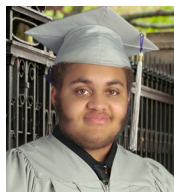
Aniya Latrice Yasmin Burley

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Alabama A&M University



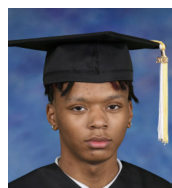
Joaquin Michael Cassell

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College
Preparatory Academy High School
Attending Salem State University



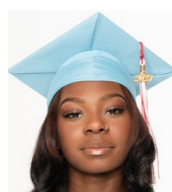
Roman Chambers

Graduate of Chicago Tech Academy
Attending Southern Illinois University



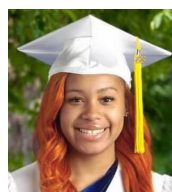
Cameron Leshawn Clark

Graduate of DeVry University Advantage Academy
Attending Northern Illinois University



Asha Bree Carter Clark

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending University of Louisville



Symone Monique Conway

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College
Preparatory Academy High School
Attending Hampton University



Nevaeh Monee' Cook

Graduate of Butler College Prep
Attending Alabama State



Ryan Cruz

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Trinity International University



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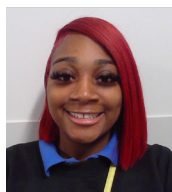


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Heaven Lashay Cusic

Graduate of De La Salle Institute
Attending Georgia State University



Arianna Renee Daniels

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Malcolm X College



Donmayia Chaontavia Davis

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending DePaul University



Denver Davis

Graduate of South Elgin High School
Attending Bowling Green State University



Jose Delgado

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Kennedy King College



Tamyah Kamille Dockery

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending Xavier University of Louisiana



Maysheona Dockery

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Northern Illinois University



Mykari Dozier

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



Taliyah A. Dunn

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Western Illinois University



McKenzie English

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending University of Illinois Chicago



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Zaria Fenderson

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending Xavier University of Louisiana



Shannell Franklin

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Purdue University



Amir Malik Futrell

Graduate of Southland College Prep Charter High School
Attending Illinois State University



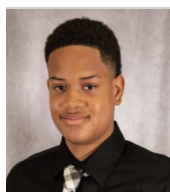
Erandi Garcia Gutierrez

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Harry S. Truman College



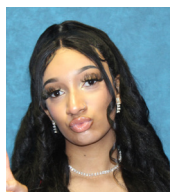
Dymond Unique Garrett

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Western Illinois University



Justyn Garrison

Graduate of Urban Prep Charter Academy for
Young Men - Bronzeville Campus
Attending Langston University



Nari Leia Gilmore

Graduate of Richard T. Crane Medical Prep High School
Attending Bethune-Cookman University



Lyric Gilmore

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Harold Washington College



Isabella-Rose Pua Mae 'Ole Gonzalzes

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy
Attending Eastern Illinois University



Monica Nicole Griffin

Graduate of Bowen High School
Attending Augustana College



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Betty Angelique Griffin

Graduate of Lincoln Park High School
Attending Columbia College Chicago



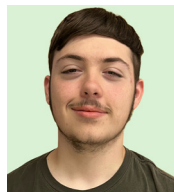
Isaiah D. Hall

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Illinois State University



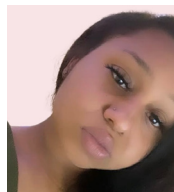
Nakiya Dashawna Harris

Graduate of Charles A. Prosser Career Academy
Attending Columbia College Chicago



Joseph Henderson

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Triton College



Nickayla Hoffman

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



Kaliana Zakia Holt

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Illinois State University



Keison Hubert

Graduate of Lake Central High School
Attending Illinois State University



Juawain Marcellius Jackson

Graduate of Urban Prep Charter Academy for
Young Men - Bronzeville Campus
Attending Eastern Illinois University



Katiya Jacobs

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



Rodney James, Jr.

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Lake Forest College



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Joseph W. Jenkins

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Northern Illinois University



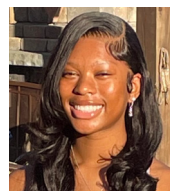
Icisis Nakia Jordan

Graduate of George Westinghouse College Prep
Attending Alabama State University



Jailen Jahiem Johnson

Graduate of IC Catholic Prep
Attending Morehouse College



Courtni Rayne Kimbrell

Graduate of Plainfield East High School
Attending Clark Atlanta University



Robert K. Johnson

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy
Attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



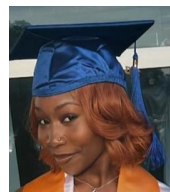
Earline Lawson

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Lacy C. Jones

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Kaycee Cadence Lott

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College
Preparatory Academy High School
Attending North Carolina A&T



Charnice Jones

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



Akira A. Lucas

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Northern Illinois University

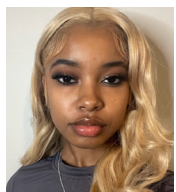


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Aaliyah Jayda Lyles

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy
Attending Illinois State University



Treasure Symone Maddox

Graduate of Rich Township High School
Attending Georgia State University



Jason Mapp

Graduate of Urban Prep Charter Academy for
Young Men - Bronzeville Campus
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



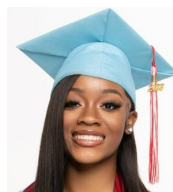
Ameera Yunique Martin

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending DePaul University



Alaina G.A Martin

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Western Illinois University



Janiah Kiari Mays

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending Jackson State University



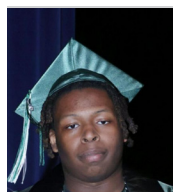
Terrance Mailk McDonald

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Malcolm X College



Jadin Jeremiah McFadden

Graduate of Thornwood High School
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Pierre Morrow

Graduate of Nicholas Senn High School
Attending Illinois State University



Lawrence Michael Nalls, III

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College
Preparatory Academy High School
Attending Morehouse College



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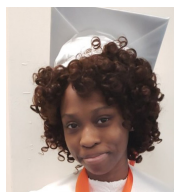


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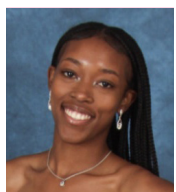
Janiya Amani Nelson

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending Western Illinois University



Kiara J. Owens

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



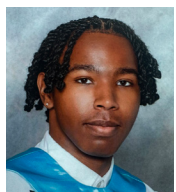
Jada Brionna Palmer

Graduate of Hinsdale South High School
Attending Alabama A&M university



Tamyjah Prince

Graduate of Michele Clark Magnet High School
Attending Northern Illinois University



Cordell Nasir Puckett

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School
Attending Georgia State University



Jaquan Rayquan Redus

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Western Illinois University



Janyla A. Reese

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Illinois State University



Amya Reyes

Graduate of Tilden High School
Attending Parkland Community College



Daejana Danasha Ridgley

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Western Illinois University



JaKyle Robertson

Graduate of Hall STEAM Magnet High School
Attending University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff



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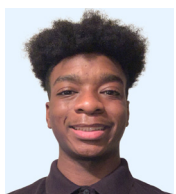


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Daniella Sanchez

Graduate of Tilden High School
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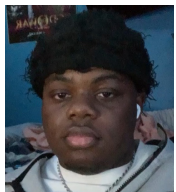
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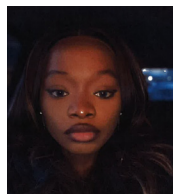
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Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Terrence Kendall Stone

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School
Attending Tennessee State University



Kayla Monae Storbball

Graduate of Chicago Bulls College Prep
Attending Hobart and William Smith Colleges



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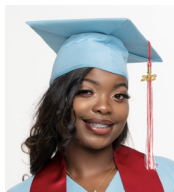
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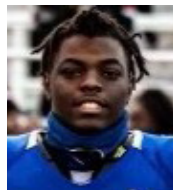
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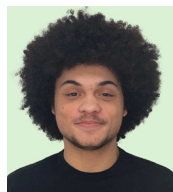
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Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
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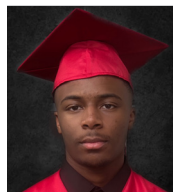
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Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



Arianna Wooley

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Attending National Louis University



Zaki Young-Howell

Graduate of Bolingbrook High School
Attending Illinois State University



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Letter from the Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

July 26, 2023

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome all those gathered for the 15th Annual Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Celebration.

Since its founding in 1919, the Ada S. McKinley Community Services has worked to educate, empower, and uplift people through involved programming and services. Over the past 15 years, the Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships has provided college-bound students with trunks filled with living and learning essentials that first-year students need to successfully begin their college journey. In addition, Ada S. McKinley provides vital services including tutoring, mentoring, mental health services, employment training and placement, and more.

This year's scholarship recipients have shown both determination and innovation and strengthened skills that not only helped them stay on track with studies but gave them tools that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. I commend and congratulate all of this year's graduates, I wish you the best as you move on to your next step. Know that we are all proud of the work you have already done and look forward to all the good work you will do in the future.

I hope you have an enjoyable event. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



Mayor



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Letter from the Governor



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 207 STATE HOUSE SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

JB PRITZKER
GOVERNOR

July 26, 2023

Dear 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Awardees:

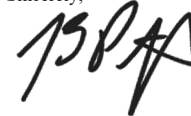
As Governor of the State of Illinois, I would like to congratulate you on being selected as a recipient of the 2023 Ada S. McKinley Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship.

Founded by Ada S. McKinley in 1919, the mission of Ada S. McKinley Community Services is to strengthen our community through empowering, educating, and offering job opportunities. Your commitment to education and community makes you an excellent addition to this outstanding legacy. Let this achievement be a stepping stone to your willingness and dedication to excellence.

I appreciate your devotion to helping make Illinois a better state for all our residents. I am proud to be Governor of a state that celebrates so many dedicated members of the community. We are proud to call you one of our own.

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,



Governor JB Pritzker



2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Letter from the CEO

July 26, 2023

Greetings Trunk Scholars and Friends:

On behalf of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., our Board of Directors and staff, I am proud to congratulate our 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients.

The Class of 2023 deserves a standing ovation! In March of 2020, COVID-19 became a safety risk that caused unprecedented adjustments to our daily living and the education process as we knew it. You were amid your freshman year in high school. In addition to all the challenges that come with high school and preparing for college and adulthood, you persevered during a challenging time in our world. You showed tremendous resolve, earned your high school diplomas, and are now headed to colleges and universities throughout the country this fall!

I would like to give special thanks to every sponsor and contributor to this program. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide first-year college students with the support they need to successfully pursue a post-secondary education. Our focus at Ada S. McKinley is to empower, educate and employ people. Tonight's ceremony is exemplary of how that process takes place. Our students are empowered by the village of community support such as that represented this evening. They can move forward confidently knowing they have the essentials required to focus on furthering their education. We truly appreciate your generosity and leadership in making that possible.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our scholarship recipients and the role our community has played in helping them reach their full potential. Our future leaders are in this room tonight and we are excited to be a stop on their path to success.

Onward and upward, and congratulations to the Class of 2023!

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

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2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Trunk Scholarship Planning & Essay Reading Committee

Congratulations are in order for the 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients and their parents on this memorable occasion! With every passing year, it becomes more apparent that this endeavor continues to impact the lives of countless numbers of determined young scholars. This has been an exciting yet challenging school year, and this year's graduates are preparing for the next phase of a bright future. A heartfelt thank you to Revie Sorey for his vision, to our generous donors for their continuing support in making the scholarships possible, and to the faithful supporters who helped make this event a success. As always, thanks to the many loyal Education Services staff and committee members whose efforts make a difference and secure a bright future for our young people on a daily basis, year after year! Kudos for helping to make the 2023 celebration a tremendous success! Best wishes,

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

2023 TRUNK SCHOLARSHIP PLANNING & HOST COMMITTEE

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2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Message from our Educational Services VP

The Educational Services staff and I extend heartfelt congratulations to Ada S. McKinley's Class of 2023, future college graduates! Our team and others who supported, uplifted, encouraged, and nurtured you are in awe of you at this unprecedented moment. We are in awe at the resilience, courage, and pure strength you've shown as you willed yourselves to finish what you started and not give up.

You began the year with apprehension and anxiety about what the future holds. Many of you questioned if doing your best would be good enough. You wondered if the academic gaps caused by the preceding two years of the pandemic would prohibit you from earning admission to a college of choice. Despite these challenges, you persevered and showed tremendous resolve, strength, grit, and undeniable courage. You declared victory and emitted greatness as you stood at the doorstep of achievement, embraced your dreams, defied the odds, and reclaimed your future. You decided "not to allow your circumstances to define you but instead chose to define your circumstance." The team and I witnessed you emerge as visionaries and become aspirational leaders.

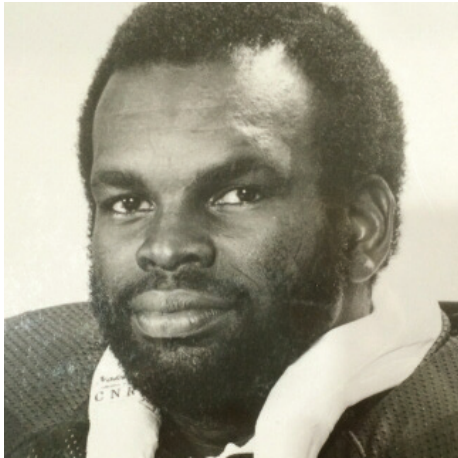
We thank you for the honor of serving you. As you progress throughout your lives, I challenge you not to be content with where you are today but to continue pursuing your dreams. I challenge you to continue to lead, continue to be transformative, and not allow anything to stifle your growth. I challenge you to walk in your greatness, to own it and let it serve as a 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 2023! May you embrace your dreams, reclaim your future, and succeed throughout your post-secondary education.

Venise Hardy, Vice President of Ada S. McKinley Educational Services

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Revie Sorey the Trailblazer

Former Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Director
Former Professional American Football Player
(Chicago Bears, 1975-1983)

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.

Revie Sorey trailblazed our Trunk Scholarship program 15 years ago in 2008 after learning our college-bound students were burdened by the expenses of dorm room and school supplies not covered by grants and scholarships. With the help of his long-time family and friend Anita Efron, he went into action and formed the Ada S. McKinley Education Committee and began his quest to support college-bound students through Trunk Scholarships. Thanks to his vision and action-driven approach, 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 the lives of the students we serve.

*Thank You to our
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Your generosity has truly made a difference.
The college-bound students featured in this
Memento will begin their college journey
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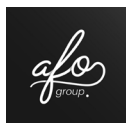
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Ada S. McKinley's founder and namesake was a schoolteacher and social reformer who started the agency in 1919 amid the Spanish Flu pandemic (January 1918 to December 1920) and the Chicago Race Riot of 1919. The agency was founded as a settlement house to assist Black World War I veterans and their families migrating from the South.



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.

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 www.adasmckinley.org or follow us on social media.



