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COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC
HONORING THE LEGACY

2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships

Program Booklet



Official Ceremony & College Trunk Pick-Up Day
Thursday, July 24, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 pm

South Shore Cultural Center
7059 S. South Shore Drive, Chicago

Empower. Educate. Employ.



2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships
Congratulations Class of 2025

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We are so proud of you!



2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Program



Program

WELCOME

Darryl Dennard

Award-Winning Broadcast Journalist

TOP ESSAY WINNERS

Zakia Zamy Marie Cousett (First Place)

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School

Attending Savannah State University

Sincere Skymeechi Clark (Second Place)

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School

Attending Northern Illinois University

Angelena Marie Blackman (Third Place)

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School

Attending Malcolm X College

SALUTE TO THE 2025 TRUNK SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Venise Hardy

Vice President of Educational Services

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Stanley S. Moore

Cook County Commissioner, 4th District

Ada S. McKinley College Preparation & Placement Program Alum

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Revie Sorey

Former Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Director

Former Professional American Football Player (Chicago Bears, 1975-1983)

Anita Efron

Trunk Scholarship Founding Committee

AWARDING OF THE TRUNKS & CLOSING REMARKS

Jamal Malone

Chief Executive Officer

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.



2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Trunk Contents

TRUNK CONTENTS

- HP Laptop
- Laptop Carrying Case
- Wireless Bluetooth Mouse
- Echo Pop Alexa Speaker
- USB Desk Lamp
- Desk Fan
- Ear Buds
- Extension Cord/Surge Protector
- 8-pack Cord Organizer
- Foldable Laptop Bed Stand
- Seat Cushion w/Lumbar Support
- Travel Backpack
- Bedside Storage Caddy
- Bedside Shelf w/Phone Holder
- Wall Mount Organizer
- Over the Door Organizers
- Trash Can
- 12-pack Extra Large Moving Bags
- Dorm Room Shower Caddy
- Extra Large Foldable Laundry Bag
- Under the Bed Storage Container
- Mattress Protectors
- Essentials Bedding Set
- 4-pack Queen Pillows
- 6-pack Cotton Towel Set
- Clothes Steamer
- Sewing Kit
- 97-piece First Aid Kit
- 30-pack Mini Flashlight
- Personal Hygiene Items (body wash, deodorant, toothpaste)
- Cleaning/Sanitation Items (disinfecting spray, wipes)
- Oil Diffuser
- 40-piece Wristlet Keychain
- 50 Spiral Notebooks
- Back to School College Bundle
- 24-pack Instant Noodle Pack
- 6-piece Ramen Noodle Bowls
- 42-piece Dinnerware Set
- 6 Month Subscription for 24/7 Online Tutor Support

2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships

About the Trunk Scholarships



ABOUT THE TRUNK SCHOLARSHIPS

An Extension of our Commitment to Education

The Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships are named in honor of our former Educational Services Director and retired Chicago Bear (1975-1983). Revie trailblazed the program 17 years ago when he learned that our college-bound students were burdened by the expenses of dorm room and school supplies not covered by grants and scholarships.

The Trunk Scholarships are an important extension of our acclaimed College Preparation & Placement Program serving more than 1,600 Chicago Public School students annually. Pioneered by the late Silas Purnell in the 1960s, the program has placed more than 75,000 youth in more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

We begin guiding students in exploring careers and preparing them for college as early as middle school through crucial services that include tutoring and mentoring, academic and career counseling, college tours, college placement, and assistance in obtaining financial aid and scholarships.





2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Master of Ceremonies

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Darryl Dennard

Award-Winning Broadcast Journalist



Darryl Dennard is a familiar face and voice to radio listeners and television viewers everywhere. As a broadcast journalist with more than three decades experience, he has interviewed influencers from President Barack Obama to Oprah Winfrey to Michael Jackson. He is owner of Double D Productions, Inc. a full-service audio/video production company specializing in documentary, corporate and commercial video production.

Darryl received his degree in Broadcast Journalism from the State University of New York College at Buffalo. His news anchoring and producing talents are heard weekly

on iHeartMedia's WVAZ-FM, WGCI-FM and WGRB-AM, and he is the host and producer of Chicago Insight and Chicago Speaks. Darryl's producing and on-camera skills have been behind several productions with Johnson Publishing Company, WGN-TV, WFLD-TV, and BET. He served as Executive Director of the Radio and Television Broadcasting and Theatre Departments at Kennedy-King College for more than five years.

Most important to Darryl are his loving lovely wife Darlene, their two children, and grandchildren.

Keynote Speaker

Stanley S. Moore

Cook County Commissioner, 4th District

Ada S. McKinley College Preparation & Placement Program Alum

Stanley S. Moore was appointed Cook County Commissioner of the 4th District in April of 2013. He was reelected by his district constituents in November 2022 to serve his third full 4-year term. He ranks third in seniority as a seated commissioner and currently serves as chair of the following Cook County Board of Commissioner Committees: Transportation, Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement. In addition, he serves as the Committee Chairman of the Law Enforcement for the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Moore began his career in public service as a Legislative Budget Analyst for the Illinois General Assembly.

He served as Division Director of United Way/Crusade of Mercy, Director of Development at Henry Booth House, Assistant Area Development Director for the United Negro College Fund, and Director of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

His many accomplishments include spearheading the effort that resulted in the first African American Baseball Player Jackie Robinson receiving an Illinois license plate in his honor. He has received several distinguished awards, including the Chicago Defender's Men of Excellence Award, and the Most Distinguish Men of Illinois Award. Commissioner Moore has served on several boards and is currently the President of the National Association of Black County Officials, and VP of the Illinois State Association of Counties.

Commissioner Moore earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Illinois Masonic Lodge. He resides in the Washington Heights community with his wife Lisa and daughters, Alexis and Tyler.

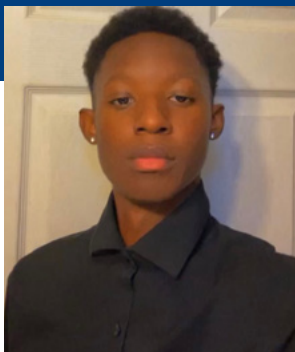




2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Congratulations Essay Winners

Congratulations! *2025 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

Zakia Zamy Marie Cousett
Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending Savannah State University

“The rose that grew from concrete” by Tupac Shakur. That is a quote that resonates with me in every aspect of my life. Growing up I lived in a single parent household with only me, my mom, my big brother, and my grandmother. We were all we had and we were okay with that. I never thought I would ever have to live without them because there never was a time when they weren’t there or around. 2021 came and so did COVID-19. Little did I know what toll it was about to take on my family.

My brother passed away from COVID first, and then my mom passed away from it a few weeks later. My world had gotten flipped upside down within a blink of an eye and there wasn’t anything I could do about it. School started to become an outlet for me. Doing good and getting good grades was a positive to so many negatives that were happening in my life. I always wanted to go to college. I used to hear stories about the sororities and frats and I always wanted to be a part of that HBCU college experience.

In college I am going to pursue Marketing and Music Production. At one point in my life I want to own things of my own so marketing is just what I need to learn the ins and outs of running a business. While music production has always been something I loved. Listening to music, writing music, and knowing how its created is what I love and going to college for it would make my dream come true.

I am the rose that grew from concrete. Through all the battles and hardships I have faced and still facing I still rise and grow. I choose to want better. I choose to be better. I am going to continue to overcome. The next stop in my journey will be college at Savannah State University and I can’t wait to see what is in store for me. I’m so excited.



2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Essay Winners



Second Place Winner

Sincere Skymeechi Clark

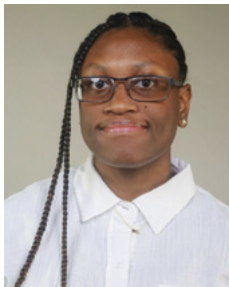
Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School

Attending Northern Illinois University

For me, pursuing a post-secondary degree is very personal because it symbolizes the ability to get over doubt, rediscover my value, and develop into the person I've always had the capacity to be. Challenges along the way in school have molded me into the person I am now. Since I started taking honors classes in fifth grade, I've frequently felt like an outsider. Quiet, uncertain, and always evaluating myself against people who seemed to be naturally gifted. Despite having excellent grades, I was plagued by the feeling that I was unworthy. The self-assured, active child I once was hushed by the need to measure up. However, I've learned throughout time that my difficulties weren't a sign of weakness.

An important turning point in my life began when I received an A on my first essay in my AP English Language and Composition class. Prior to then, I avoided situations that needed writing since I thought it was my worst weakness. However, my teacher recognized my potential and provided constant support, constructive criticism, and encouragement. I felt appreciated, competent, and inspired when she gave me back my work with a four circled in red ink and used it as an example for her subsequent class. That event helped me acquire confidence in my writing and taught me the importance of perseverance.

I've since learned to love writing and worked hard to embrace a mindset that accepts mistakes, celebrates tiny triumphs, and values progress over perfection. Since post-secondary education represents the next phase in this journey of impact, discipline, and self-discovery, I find it to be significant. I can hone my voice, delve deeper into my passions, and get ready to help others who, like me, feel invisible or unheard. My experience has shown me that when we learn to believe in ourselves, the mind can be incredibly powerful. A degree is not the only goal of college. It's about being the version of myself that I didn't think was possible.



Third Place Winner

Angelena Marie Blackman

**Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Malcolm X College**

College is important to me because it represents a major step toward achieving the goals I've dreamed about for most of my life. Ever since I was young, I knew that going to college was something I wanted for myself—not just to earn a degree, but to grow as a person. I see college as a place where I can continue to learn, explore my interests, and push myself beyond what I ever thought possible.

Education has always been a priority in my life, and college gives me the chance to continue that journey. It's more than just classrooms and homework—it's about expanding my mind, meeting people from different backgrounds, and gaining experiences that will prepare me for the future. I want to be in an environment that challenges me academically and encourages me to become more independent and self-aware.

One of the main reasons I want to go to college is to study psychology. I've always been interested in how people think and what they go through emotionally and mentally. My goal is to help those who are struggling and bring more awareness to mental health. I want to become someone people can trust, someone who listens, understands, and offers real support during hard times. At the same time, I'm passionate about scriptwriting. Writing allows me to express myself creatively and tell stories that matter. Through television, film, or plays, I hope to create scripts that reflect real-life emotions and situations—stories that move people, entertain them, and even help them heal.

College is the bridge between who I am now and who I want to be. It's where I'll gain the knowledge, skills, and inspiration to pursue both psychology and scriptwriting. More importantly, it's where I'll continue becoming the person I've always hoped to be: someone who helps, someone who creates, and someone who never stops growing.



2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Essay Winners & Finalists

*Congratulations to all our
Essay Winners & Finalists!*

FIRST PLACE

Zakia Zamy Marie Cousett

SECOND PLACE

Sincere Skymeechi Clark

THIRD PLACE

Angelena Marie Blackman

FINALISTS

Janae Coley

Luis Eduardo Fernandez

Dashawn Garner

Mia Hoover

Alicia M. Jasper

K'nysha McGowan

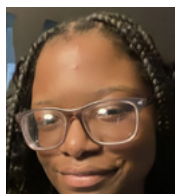
Kamari Denise Moore

Joshua Robert Ray

Aaliyah Thomas

Kiera Marjorie Wilson

Awardees and Where They are Headed ...



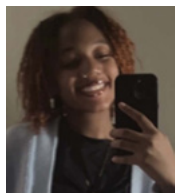
Angel Akins

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending University of Illinois Chicago



Harmonee R. Anderson

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



Kenyabrie Sam Anderson

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



Saleem Olasubomi Ayoola

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending Northern Illinois University

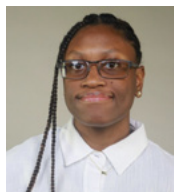


Azaria M. Bennett

Graduate of Portage High School
Attending Purdue University

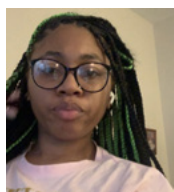


2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



Angelena Marie Blackman

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Malcolm X College



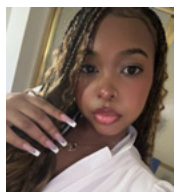
Uh'Myah Mae Bolden

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Harold Washington College



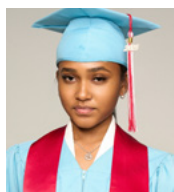
Rayjhawn Bommon

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Harold Washington College



Staci C. Bradshaw

Graduate of Bloom Trail High School
Attending Governors State University



Kaya Simone Briggs

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School
Attending Morgan State University

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Kaninah Louise Brown

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Kennedy-King College



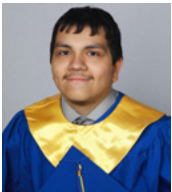
Jalisa Marie Caffey

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Chicago



Tamecia Lashaun Campell

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



Marc Anthony Chavez

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Harold Washington College



Nariah Lanay Cherry

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School
Attending University of Wisconsin-Madison

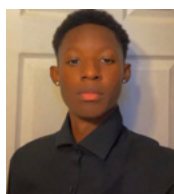


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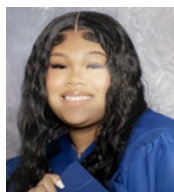
Alanna Temple Choice

Graduate of Holy Trinity High School
Attending Central State University



Sincere Skymeechi Clark

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



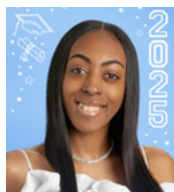
Janae Coley

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Kennedy-King College



Cas'chez C. Conley

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



Alena Conner

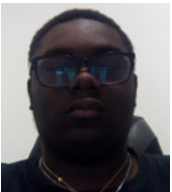
Graduate of Johnson College Prep
Attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

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Ny'Aja Conner

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Western Illinois University



Semaj K. Conner

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Kennedy-King College



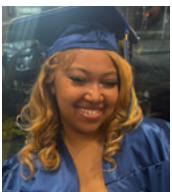
Sabina Marie Conners

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Chicago



Zakia Zamy Marie Cousett

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

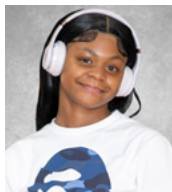


Egypt Marshay Covington

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



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Cha'Nia Monae Davenport

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Northern Illinois University



Brianna B. Davis

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Harold Washington College



Ariel Dean

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



A'keela A. Dennie

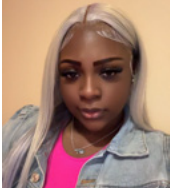
Graduate of Portage High School
Attending Ball State University



Shania Sherese Edmond

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Illinois State University

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Janell Ann Elam

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending Prairie View A&M University



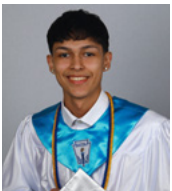
Miguel Faheem

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Kennedy-King College



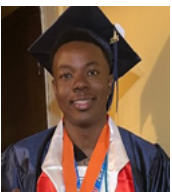
Makaila Vondrea Faulkner-Brown

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Loyola University Chicago



Luis Eduardo Fernandez

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Chicago

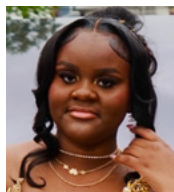


Dashawn Garner

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

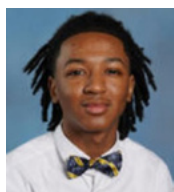


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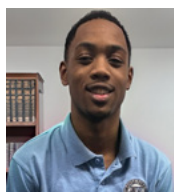
Chloe Rae Gist

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Mississippi State University



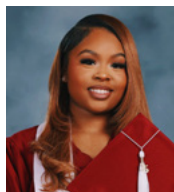
Jamar Emon Glass

Graduate of De La Salle Institute
Attending Jackson State University



Camren Granderson

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Clark Atlanta University



Angelique Alexis Hall

Graduate of Southland College Prep Charter High School
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



Jaden Hayes

Graduate of Acacia Academy
Attending DePaul University

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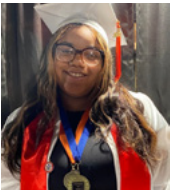
Kvion Henderson

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending University of Wisconsin-Madison



James Hill

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Northern Illinois University



Mia Hoover

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



Nasya Kamilah Ingram

Graduate of Lindblom Math and Science Academy
Attending Hofstra University



Troy'Auna Y. Ingram

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Malcolm X College



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Austin Tyler Jackson

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Northern Illinois University



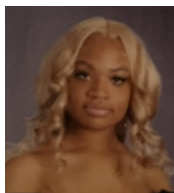
Dajia James

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Illinois State University



Alicia M. Jasper

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Grand Valley State University



Tamaira Boss Jessie

Graduate of Butler College Prep
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Joaquin Kweli Johnson

Graduate of Proviso Mathematics & Science Academy
Attending Savannah College of Art and Design

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Mia Renee Johnson

Graduate of The Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville
Attending University of Louisville



Damarion Jones

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Western Illinois University



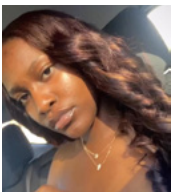
Diamond L. Jones

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Kennedy-King College



Imani J. Jones

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Northeastern Illinois University

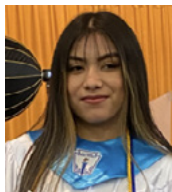


Tenesha Maranda Jones

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Harry S. Truman College



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Estrella Juarez

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Malcom X College



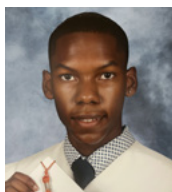
Akeelah Marie Kelly

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Harold Washington College



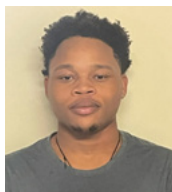
Imani Kennedy

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
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Kamron King

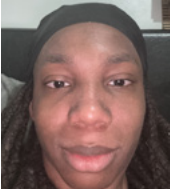
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Bernard L. Lawson

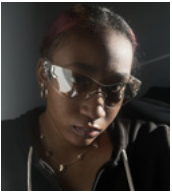
Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
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Isaac Jerrod Letcher

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending University of Nebraska-Lincoln



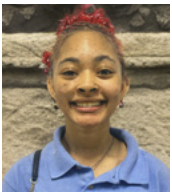
Jennifer Lewis

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending University of Chicago



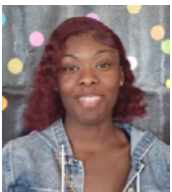
Trinity Linder

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Aaliyah Dsandra Love-Ashford

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School
Attending Malcolm X College



Imani Lyles

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School
Attending Southern University and A&M College

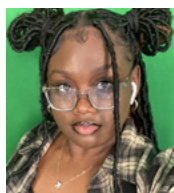


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Mya Rios Marie

Graduate of Tilden Community Career Academy
Attending Northeastern Illinois University



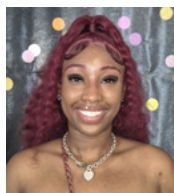
MaKhyla Nevaeh Marzette

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Attending Saint Xavier University



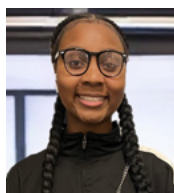
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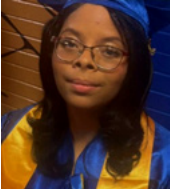
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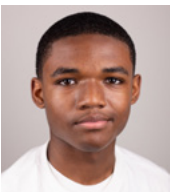
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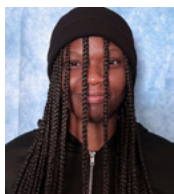
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Attending DePaul University



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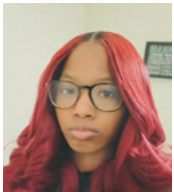
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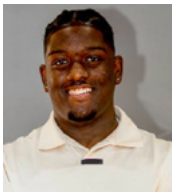
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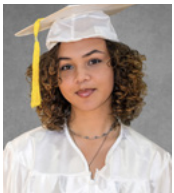
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Darryl Pearman

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Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending University of Illinois Chicago



Malaysia Denise Pope

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
Attending Illinois State University



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Bianca Veronica Porterfield

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School
Attending Howard University



Kamya Marilyn Priest

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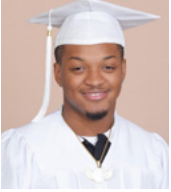
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Jaida Elyse Reno

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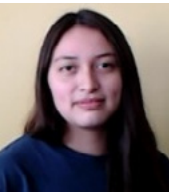
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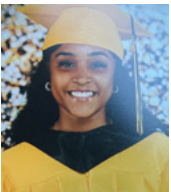
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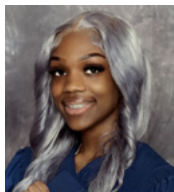


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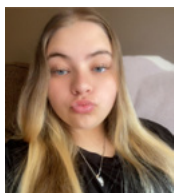


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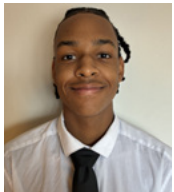
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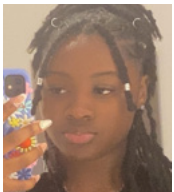
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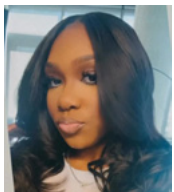
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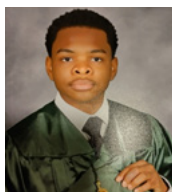
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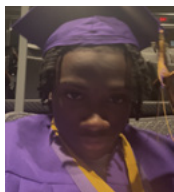
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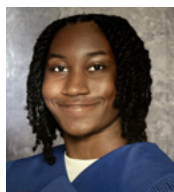
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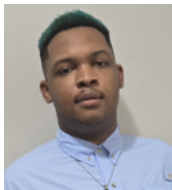


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Kiera Marjorie Wilson

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Attending Harris-Stowe State University



Samaria Wofford

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Attending Dominican University



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2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships

Letter from the Governor



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JB PRITZKER
GOVERNOR

July 24, 2025

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.
1359 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60607

Greetings,

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 17th Annual Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Ceremony hosted by Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. This occasion offers an exciting opportunity for everyone in attendance to join fellow members of your association and generate ideas that implement solutions. I commend the work you have done to help make Illinois a stronger and more enjoyable state.

Illinois is proud to have enjoyed your service to our state. As you reflect on your accomplishments, I urge you to make plans for the future of your association that will build on your past successes. I am grateful for all the ways your organization has supported a strong future for Illinois.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Governor JB Pritzker

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Letter from the Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

July 24, 2024

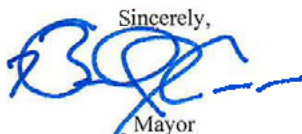
Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome all those gathered for the 16th 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 16 years, the Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships has provided more than 75,000 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



2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships

Letter from the CEO



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 2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients!

Every college-bound student being honored today is an important part of the Ada S. McKinley legacy of success through education. Our acclaimed College Preparation Program has placed more than 75,000 graduating seniors in over 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States. As you begin your college journey, we hope you are inspired by the amazing legacy you are a part of, and the community of supporters who are rooting you on.

We are extremely proud of your achievements and applaud the resilience you have shown while navigating through high school senior obligations, the grueling college application process, financial aid obstacles, along with personal and family struggles. Remember, overcoming challenges against all odds makes you a strong, competent, and exceptional leader of our future. You can and will continue to succeed through the same focus and hard work you put forth to earn your high school diploma, acceptance into college, and the Trunk Scholarships you are receiving this evening.

We are excited to see you reach your full potential and are honored to be a contributor to your future success. I remember the feeling of joy when I received my trunk before my freshman year of college at Michigan State University. This is just the beginning!

I would like to give special thanks to every sponsor and contributor to this program. Our students are encouraged and empowered by the village of support 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. Together, we are building upon a powerful legacy and investing in the future.

Onward and upward,

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

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2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships

Message from our Education Committee Chair

In these rapidly changing and unpredictable times one thing is certain, the Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship initiative is alive and thriving! With that in mind, it is an honor to congratulate the recipients of the 2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship. We also salute the parents of these outstanding future leaders for the support and dedication necessary to make their success a reality, at this most important milestone in their lives.

Each year the original vision articulated by Revie Sorey becomes more impactful, as the number of recipients going off to college continues to increase. The program is flourishing thanks to our generous donors, whose support makes these scholarships possible, and to all the other contributors for their efforts in making this endeavor a success.



Kudos to the Education Services leadership and staff for their tireless dedication, that continues to make a difference and ensure future success for our young people. Additional thanks go out to the committee members and other supporters who helped continue the legacy of the Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship celebration!

Joseph C. Banks
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Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

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2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Message from our VP of Educational Services



To the remarkable Class of 2025,

Congratulations on this extraordinary achievement! Today, we honor not only your graduation but also the strength, determination, and vision that have brought you to this moment.

Throughout your journey, you have faced challenges both seen and unseen. Many of you have balanced academic commitments with personal responsibilities, persevered through systemic obstacles, and risen above circumstances that too often limit opportunity. As students from underresourced, underserved, and underrepresented communities, you have pushed forward with courage and resilience, and in doing so, you've shown the world exactly what excellence looks like.

This year, you collectively secured over \$18.5 million in scholarships, a powerful testament to your commitment to education and your belief in what's possible. But beyond the numbers lies something even greater: you've become leaders, visionaries, and changemakers.



You have defined your own path, and in doing so, you've redefined what the future can look like for generations to come.

We urge you not to stop here. Let this accomplishment be a launching point. Continue to pursue your dreams boldly. Lead with integrity. Transform every space you enter. And when challenges arise, remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

As you begin your postsecondary journey, know that our unwavering support and belief in your potential will always remain. You carry with you not only the hopes of your family and community but also the legacy of Ada S. McKinley's mission to empower, educate, and employ people to change lives and strengthen communities.

Walk in your greatness. Reclaim your future. And keep going.

With pride and admiration,

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



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Revie Sorey the Trailblazer



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 17 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.

2025 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Chicago Public Schools



We truly appreciate our partner Chicago Public Schools for collaborating with us to make an impact through our early intervention and college placement programs!

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into college

90%

of elementary school
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91%

of elementary school
students improved
their grades

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of elementary & high school
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the next grade

100%

of high school seniors
graduated from high
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Thank You to our 2025 Sponsors!

Your generosity has truly made a difference.
The college-bound students featured in this
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journey with the living and learning essentials
first-year students need to adjust and achieve
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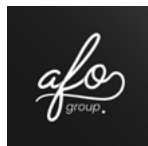


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The mission of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. is to empower, educate, and employ people to change lives and strengthen communities.

Ada S. McKinley's founder and For over a century, we have been a pillar of support for families and communities, primarily on Chicago's South and West sides. The agency was founded in 1919 by its namesake — a teacher and social reformer who invested all her time and personal resources to serve African American World War I veterans and support southern families fleeing to Chicago during the Great Migration.



We are now one of the largest, most respected and impactful health care, education, and human service social enterprises in the Midwest serving more than 10,000 people annually at over 70 program sites in the Chicago, Wisconsin and Indiana. Our wide range of services fall under the umbrellas of Child Development & Youth; Employment & Community Support; and Behavioral Health & Clinical.

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