

## Homewood Class of 2021 Scholarships and Awards

***\*All nominations and applications are due by 3pm on Friday April 30th\****

***\*Apply to as many as you want!\****

### **The Patricia Branner Pierce Award**

This award was established in 2020 to honor Patricia Branner-Pierce, retired Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Specialist, who continued to lead and embody the vision of BSAP and essence the founder Gloria Washington Wallace. Pat served as an educator for the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) for 32 years. Pat ended her tenure in the role of a Specialist for the Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) in 2019 from HCPSS. She led BSAP as a role model to staff, students and families. Her demeanor was one of selflessness, humility, grit, perseverance, acceptance, caring and a loyal professional. Pat was an encourager and an inspiration to many. She exemplified fidelity in her relationships regarding the well-being of students and families, especially in the area of meeting the needs of students.

**Award Criteria:** The student who receives this award will demonstrate qualities of a leader and embody characteristics listed below:

Acceptance: embraces and welcomes others of diverse and unique backgrounds

Grit: courage and resolve

Integrity: quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

Resilience: capacity to recover quickly from difficulties

Humility: thinking of others before oneself

**Nomination or Application Process:** Students will be nominated by staff- those who are nominated will then have a chance to apply for the award by submitting an essay, powerpoint, video, or alternative media. Staff- send nomination names to Jena Raymond and Sharond Ebanks. Students- email submission to

[jena\\_raymond@hcpss.org](mailto:jena_raymond@hcpss.org) and [sharonda\\_ebanks@hcpss.org](mailto:sharonda_ebanks@hcpss.org)

**Award:** One Student Winner of gift card/cash

### **The Next Level Award**

This award is given by the county and school based BSAP Program to a student who has gone to the next level in their education.

**Award Criteria:** The student recipient for Homewood Center's "The Next Level Award" will encompass skills of a leader and maintain goals to be successful in the 3 areas of: Attendance, Achievement and Attachment.

Attendance: 85% or higher attendance

Achievement: Overall Improvement of GPA

Attachment: Student that is consistently linked to school-based activities and/or active within their community.

**Nomination or Application Process:** Students will be nominated by staff. Nominees will each share how they have demonstrated these qualities during their high school career by submitting a written essay, video, powerpoint or alternative media. Staff- send nomination names to Jena Raymond and Sharond Ebanks. Students- email submission to [jena\\_raymond@hcpss.org](mailto:jena_raymond@hcpss.org) and [sharonda\\_ebanks@hcpss.org](mailto:sharonda_ebanks@hcpss.org)

**Award:** One Student Winner of gift card/cash

### **The “Go On” Michael Keogh Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship honors Mrs. Krabitz’s father, who passed away unexpectedly in December, 2018. Their family is very close and wanted to do something to honor him. This scholarship is given each year to one to three students who exemplify his traits- loving his family, bringing laughter to others, and overcoming obstacles. His favorite saying was “go on” so this scholarship is to inspire a student to “go on” and do great things for themselves and others.

**Award Criteria:** The student applying for this scholarship must show:

1. the obstacles they’ve overcome in their lives
2. their devotion to their family
3. the humor that they bring to the lives of others
4. their future plans

**Nomination or Application Process:** Any senior can apply. The student must create an essay, powerpoint, or video explaining the four criteria above. Submissions must be emailed to [christina\\_krabitz@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_krabitz@hcpss.org)

**Award:** One to Three Student Winners of cash scholarship to be used for items to help their future (work clothes/items, car payment, college books, etc)

### **Will Riley Jr Memorial Scholarship**

Will was a student at Homewood and also attended the ARL. He was tragically killed a month before he graduated. Will was always respectful, smiling, and making others smile. He was working hard at ARL to secure a trade. His family donates money each year to provide a scholarship to honor Will. They also donated money to the ARL who created “Riley’s Run,” an outdoor Frisbee Golf field, in Will’s honor.

**Award Criteria:** Applicants must plan to pursue a trade. The student who earns this scholarship should be respectful and fun loving, just like Will. They must show:

1. the obstacles they’ve overcome in their lives
2. being a positive student at Homewood
3. pursuing a career or school for a specific trade

**Nomination or Application Process:** Any senior can apply. They must create an essay, video, or powerpoint showing how they meet the criteria above. Submissions must be emailed to [christina\\_krabitz@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_krabitz@hcpss.org)

**Award:** One Student Winner of cash scholarship to be used towards apprenticeship or trade school/work needs

### **Kaiyon Stanfield Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is given on behalf of our late student, Kaiyon Stanfield. Kaiyon, often known as “Turk,” was a graduate of Homewood in 2015. He was a model student and star athlete. He helped his Oakland Mills High School basketball team win the state championship. At Homewood he was a leader among his peers and loved and respected by all. His mother presents a scholarship in his honor each year to a student who is a respected leader and a positive member of the Homewood family.

**Award Criteria:** Applicants must have a clear plan for their future, to include college, trade school, military, or apprenticeship. They must exemplify leadership, positivity, and responsibility.

**Nomination or Application Criteria:** Any senior can apply. The student must create an essay, video or powerpoint showing the criteria above. Submissions must be sent to [suzi\\_coughlan@hcpss.org](mailto:suzi_coughlan@hcpss.org)

**Award:** One Student Winner of cash scholarship to be applied to their future plans

### **The Nickolas Brown Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was created for Class of 2021 member, Nickolas Brown. He died tragically before graduation but will always be remembered for his smile, talent, and resilience. His home and school families love and miss him. We are happy to honor Nick in this way.

**Award Criteria:** Applicants must have a clear plan for their future. They must exemplify resilience and talent in the areas of academics, the arts, and/or athletics.

**Nomination or Application Criteria:** Any senior can apply. The student must create an essay, video, or powerpoint showing the criteria above. Submissions must be sent to [suzi\\_coughlan@hcpss.org](mailto:suzi_coughlan@hcpss.org)

**Award:** One Student Winner of cash scholarship to be applied to their future plans

### **The MaryAnn Levant Scholarship**

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of our former media specialist, MaryAnn Levant. MaryAnn’s husband Reg honors a senior at Homewood and a senior at MRHS each year with this award. This person should be focused on college or

another form of postsecondary education, have a clear career goal, and have a love of reading and/or writing.

**Award Criteria:** Applicants must be attending a college or other postsecondary institution. They must have a clear career goal and have a love of reading and/or writing.

**Nomination or Application Criteria:** Any senior can apply who meets the criteria above. There is a one page word document that must be completed and emailed to [dathey@cfhoco.org](mailto:dathey@cfhoco.org) and they must secure one teacher reference who will send the letter to [dathey@cfhoco.org](mailto:dathey@cfhoco.org). This document and info will be sent out separately to staff.

**Award:** One Student Winner of monetary scholarship that goes towards books or other college expenses