



The Good Samaritan Foundation

"Preparing Youth for Leadership in the Community and the Workplace"

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THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$11,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECOGNIZES STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Good Samaritan Foundation (GSF) presented scholarships totaling over \$11,000 to the 16 graduates of their Student Training Opportunity Program (STOP). Founded in 1993 by former Washington Redskin greats, Art Monk, Charles Mann, Tim Johnson and Earnest Byner, the foundation has always been committed to youth through STOP, a youth development program serving 45 students in SE Washington, DC. Eight-seven percent of STOP's graduates will be attending college this fall.

Students were awarded scholarships based on their participation and successful completion of STOP. Two students, Shakilah Smith and Indiaya Hallmon, also received brand new computers to take to college with them this fall. The graduates and their younger classmates were recognized at GSF's sixth annual awards luncheon held at the Kellogg Conference Center held on the campus of Gallaudet University.

All of the students received backpacks, donated by Latham & Watkins, a DC-based law firm and by Office Depot in Arlington, VA. School supplies for the backpacks were donated by AMGEN, Belstar, Inc., Syracuse University Alumni of the DC-area, and Engineering Systems Solutions, Inc. Companies and organizations that hosted summer student interns and GSF's volunteers were honored at the event. Henry Gilford, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Gilford Corporation, a privately held general contracting company located in Beltsville, MD was the guest speaker.

STOP provides after school tutoring, leadership development, mentoring, career college preparation and paid summer internships to students at Anacostia Senior High School, IDEA Public Charter School and Enterprise Charter School. For the past six weeks, thirty-five of the students worked in diverse internships at a variety of corporate and non profit organizations including Canon USA, the Salvation Army-East of the River Initiative, Choice Hotels International, Healthy Babies Project, Robins, Miller, Kaplan and Ciresi, LLP, and the YMCA/Y-Care SE. In addition, to working, students participated in workshops helping them deal with conflict resolution, teambuilding, and other life skills that they can use in the workplace.

Arielle Gray, 17, who will be a senior at Anacostia Senior High School in the fall, worked at GSF's offices. In her internship, Arielle worked with program staff in facilitating workshops, monitoring student attendance and learned new skills in organization and planning. "Before I came to this job, I did not consider myself to be a leader," said Arielle. "But in this job, you have to be because you have to set examples for other to follow. I was not used to that, but my internship allowed me to see my potential as a leader."

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About The Good Samaritan Foundation

In 1993, former Washington Redskins, Art Monk, Charles Mann, Tim Johnson and Earnest Byner, combined their resources to create a philanthropic organization to serve the youth within the District of Columbia. Currently serving 62 high school students in Southeast, the foundation achieves its mission of "Preparing Youth for Leadership in the Community and the Workplace" through its year-round youth development program, the Student Training Opportunity Program (STOP). Presently the Foundation is raising funds for a Training and Outreach Center in Anacostia.

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