

Green Street Academy Student Wins Scholar of the Year Award From CollegeBound Foundation

Summary: Graduating high school senior Jasmine Burrell of Green Street Academy wins CollegeBound's highest award

BALTIMORE, MD—The CollegeBound Foundation has chosen one high achieving student for their Scholar of the Year award which will be formally presented during CollegeBound's 29th Annual Scholars' Luncheon on Friday, July 21st at the Hilton Baltimore.

This year's recipient is Green Street Academy's Jasmine Burrell. GSA is a progressive public charter school that serves middle and high school students in West Baltimore.

The Scholar of the Year honor recognizes one graduating senior from each CollegeBound-staffed high school in Baltimore. Ms. Burrell received the 2017 award in recognition of her outstanding academic accomplishments, leadership and community service.

"I'm so happy to be Scholar of the Year," said Ms. Burrell. "I've worked so hard and in conjunction with the support I received from GSA, I'm just so excited that it's paying off."

Each of the currently 13 CollegeBound-staffed high schools nominates several students for its Scholar of the Week designation. One of the Scholar of the Week applicants is then picked as the CollegeBound Scholar of the Year.

Each application, which includes transcripts, test scores, letters of recommendation, an essay and more, is thoroughly evaluated by the CollegeBound Foundation's review board. All applicants must meet minimum GPA requirements, be active in sports and/or student organizations, have applied to college, and submit a writing sample that explains the importance of college.

The winning Scholar of the Week from each participating high school is featured in a 30-second commercial to be aired in the spring for a one-week period. The Scholar of the Year receives a \$1,000 renewable scholarship.

About the CollegeBound Foundation

Since 1998, the CollegeBound Foundation's nationally recognized college advising model has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of high school students. More than 200 students each year receive scholarships from the Foundation. CollegeBound also currently staffs College Access Program Specialists, or CAPS, in 13 Baltimore City public schools to help mentor, advise, assist, and encourage students to pursue a post-secondary education. Their goal is to encourage and enable students to pursue higher education. Through the program, CollegeBound also works to enrich the larger community by creating a talented future workforce.

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About Jasmine Burrell

Jasmine Burrell is an 18-year-old *tour de force*. “She is a self-motivated, intelligent and resilient young woman,” said the Academy’s Executive Director Dan Schochor. “She’s used her roadblocks as motivation to achieve her goals rather than giving up.”

Currently, Ms. Burrell is the Vice President of the Best Buddies National Organization Chapter and the Future Farmers of America Chapter at Green Street. She began the Menti Me Program, whereby high school seniors at Green Street mentor younger Green Street students. She plays varsity volleyball, softball and basketball. Jasmine has participated in the Maryland Ascent Program and completed internships at University of Maryland, Baltimore Shock Trauma and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine as part of the Summer Achievement Research Experience.

Ms. Burrell has been accepted to the University of Maryland, College Park, McDaniel College, Goucher College, Bowie State University, Coppin State University and North Carolina Wesleyan University. She plans to pursue a career in agricultural research and educate others on self-sufficiency while completing a hybrid M.D., Ph.D. program.

Founded in 2010, Green Street Academy is a public charter school located in Baltimore, MD. The school’s mission is to prepare middle and high schools students in Baltimore City for college and careers in the 21st century economy.

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