



Putting the Pieces Together 2023 MJJA Educational Scholarship Recipients

CASH CAMPBELL

During the COVID-19 closure of most schools, **Cash Campbell** found online learning to be challenging and he eventually fell behind in his classes. **Cash** ultimately decided not to return to in-person classes and, instead, completed the HiSet program in a month. **Cash** has been accepted at Metropolitan Community College where he plans to obtain an Associate of Arts degree. Once he completes his Associates degree, **Cash** is off to a four-year university where he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in music engineering.

During high school, **Cash** was active in extra-curricular activities, playing basketball and running track. He was part of the team that holds the record in the 4 x4 with his split being 49.8 seconds! He is also active in mission programs and services at Crowne Pointe Church. In his spare time, **Cash** enjoys making music, playing the piano, video games and reading. He especially loves reading books by Stephen King.

In a letter of reference, **Cash's** therapist says, "I have known and worked with **Cash** for several months and found him to be conscientious, dedicated to his goals, hardworking, bright, insightful, genuine, a kind spirit, knowing when he needs help and seeking it, a leader and goal achieving, just to name a few".

Cash's juvenile justice sponsor is Nicholas Anderson, Juvenile Probation Officer, 16th Judicial Circuit.

NICOLAS CHAINEY



Nicolas ChaNEY is currently a senior at Nixa High School and will graduate in May with a cumulative GPA of 3.8; he has been accepted at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. **Nicolas** will be seeking an Associate of Arts in Business Management and will then begin his journey toward earning a doctorate of physical therapy. **Nicolas** aspires to own and run his own physical therapy practice. **Nicolas** chose Baptist Bible College so that he could continue playing basketball in college and to help him remain close to God.

During high school, **Nicolas's** activities included playing basketball, running cross country, track honor society and HOSA-Future Health Professionals. **Nicolas** also achieved academic honors in Geometry and successfully completed dual college credits in biology, biomedical and college composition.

In a letter of reference, one of **Nicolas'** teachers and his Coach said this: "**Nic** has been a great asset to the Nixa School and its athletic programs. **Nic** has been able to maintain a 3.8 GPA and 96% attendance. He has been a great role model for our younger players and our youth. He is always very respectful and has high moral values. This is something that is great to see in a young man that is in an impactful position like **Nic** has been".

Nicolas' juvenile justice sponsor is Bethany Silliman, Deputy Juvenile Officer 38th Judicial Circuit.



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BRIANNA SCHULTZ

Brianna Schultz is currently a senior at Battle High School in Columbia, Missouri and will graduate in May with a cumulative GPA of 3.77; she has been accepted at the University of Missouri in Columbia as well as Howard University where she will study political science and then go onto law school. Her goal is to become a civil rights lawyer and help those who have had their rights violated. **Brianna** wants to make a difference in people's lives that will last for years after their encounter.

Brianna has been active throughout high school. She has participated in Orchestra, Tech Crew, Track and Field, Speech and Debate, Girl Strong, Battle Buddies, Link Crew, Varsity Cheer and also served as the Senior Class Event Planner. Outside of school, **Brianna** enjoys reading, dancing and doing her makeup.

In a letter of recommendation, **Brianna's** teacher Susie Adams says: "**Brianna Schultz** is a motivated, talented and considerate young woman who is very goal oriented. She has the drive and grit to make her goals a reality. I am so excited to see all that **Brianna** will accomplish and have been honored to have her in my class. She will be an excellent student to receive your scholarship and I encourage you to get to know this dynamic woman".

Brianna's juvenile justice sponsor is Ed Hoover, Chief Juvenile Officer, 12th Judicial Circuit.

BRANDON BRUTON

Brandon Bruton currently attends Willard High School and will graduate in May with a cumulative GPA of 3.5. After graduation, **Brandon** plans to attend Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri where he will pursue a degree in Music which has always been one of his interests. **Brandon** hopes to inspire others to have the same passion for music that he has.

Brandon has been involved in numerous activities through school. He has participated in choir, orchestra, speech and debate, theatre, FBLA, FCS and history club. **Brandon** has also held several leadership positions throughout high school by serving as section leader in chamber choir, senior class representative for FBLA and worship leader for FCS. **Brandon** has also been involved in several community volunteer activities through the Humane Society, Salvation Army, Convoy of Hope, and Sammy's Window to name just a few. **Brandon** somehow manages to juggle school and his activities while also working 12-20 hours per week.



Emily Witt, Head Choral Director, Willard High School, says this about **Brandon**, "While **Brandon** is naturally gifted, he never takes it for granted. He works hard, studies, and sets deadlines for himself. He doesn't procrastinate, but instead uses his time wisely to complete assignments and projects. He knows what he wants, and he will do the work to make sure he succeeds. He never expects anything to be given to him. He works to earn it."



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N'DIA GRAHAM

N'Dia Graham, a Senior at Parkway North High School in St. Louis, will be graduating in May with a cumulative GPA of 2.95. **N'Dia** plans to attend Southwest Missouri University in Cape Girardeau and is interested in Pre-Veterinary Medicine, as well as Wildlife and Conservation Biology.

In addition to many hours of studying, **N'Dia** has several interests and hobbies, including participating in Theatre and Show Choir through school. **N'Dia** enjoys music, animals, poetry, reading, dancing, singing, arts and crafts, and learning about other cultures. **N'Dia** has also maintained employment through the summer and during the school

year, working up to 20 hours per week.

In her letter of recommendation, Katie Meyer, **N'Dia's** College and Career Counselor says, "**N'Dia** lives at home with their grandmother and will be going to SEMO as a first-generation college student. **N'Dia** has completed this whole process alone and is trying to secure funds to make sure they are successful. **N'Dia** isn't a student who will have help from anyone else in her life and knows that it will take a lot to get where they need to be. To say that I am proud to be writing this letter is an understatement".

N'Dia's juvenile justice sponsor is Damon Crucani, Children's Division Specialist, Missouri Children's Division.

KAYLYN REED

Kaylyn Reed is a senior at Herman High School and will graduate in May with a cumulative GPA of 3.8. Kaylyn has been accepted at East Central College in Union, Mo where she will complete her pre-requisites before enrolling in a nursing program to be a Registered Nurse.

Kaylyn's decision to pursue higher education was to show others that she could do more than others think she can. To show others that she is more than the label she has been given and to prove to herself that she can do anything she sets her heart on.

Kaylyn has been on the A honor roll as well as the principal's honor roll. She is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society.



In her letter of recommendation, **Kaylyn's** English IV teacher had this to say, "I have **Kaylyn** in my English IV class. She is very responsible and works very hard. This is shown through her joining us later in the year and still providing quality work and even catching up with the reading by six chapters. **Kaylyn** is extremely driven, despite the adversity she has had to endure. I think this shows that **Kaylyn** would be able to succeed no matter where she is and what her circumstances are".

Kaylyn's juvenile justice sponsor is Megan Edgerton, Chief Juvenile Officer, 41st Judicial Circuit.