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Baltimore Community Foundation Awards \$81,500 in College Scholarships \$10,000 One Step Up Scholarship Goes to City College Student

(Baltimore, Md. 06/4/09) – The Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) today announced \$81,500 in scholarship awards to 55 Maryland students. The largest award, the \$10,000 One Step Up Scholarship, goes to Jeane’ Baker, who will graduate from Baltimore City College High School on June 6.

The awards were announced at BCF’s scholarship celebration sponsored by the Baltimore Ravens at M&T Bank Stadium. Inspirational speakers for the gathering of students, their families and scholarship donors included the Ravens’ new center Matt Birk, a graduate of Harvard University, as well as BCF scholarship recipients Sherrone Ricks and Brittany Wharry. Ricks was the inaugural One Step Up winner in 2008 when she graduated from Western High School. Now a rising sophomore at Bowdoin College, Ricks has won a second year of One Step Up support. Wharry, a Baltimore School for the Arts graduate now enrolled at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, won a 2008 Al Sanders Scholarship for Music Studies.

BCF President Tom Wilcox said, “BCF and its donors invest in Baltimore to create a region with a growing economy where all have the opportunity to thrive. Providing scholarship support to worthy students is a critical element in achieving that goal – and it’s a joyful highlight of our year. We are thrilled to have the Ravens team up with us to celebrate these wonderful students as they prepare to embark on their college careers.”

Awards from ten scholarship funds at BCF range from \$500 to \$10,000 each and go to students planning to pursue or currently pursuing higher education.

Artemis Scholarship (\$1,000)

Named for Artemis, the ancient Greek goddess of the moon and hunt, this scholarship is for young women graduating from Baltimore City public high schools who wish to pursue higher education. **2009 winner:**

Aneesa Webb, Baltimore City College High School

Mildred M. Coughlin Scholarship (\$500 - \$1,000)

Named for a former principal of Western High School, this scholarship is for young women graduating from Western High School who plan to attend a four-year liberal arts college or university. **2009 winners:**

Christen Johnson, Western High School
Kelley Mason, Western High School
Emerald Williams, Western High School
Glennae Williams, Western High School

Digital Harbor High School Community Scholarship (\$2,000)

Established by residents of the Harborview and Key Highway neighborhoods, this scholarship is for students graduating from Digital Harbor High School who demonstrate both academic merit and financial need. **2009 winners:**

Timothy Bowen, Digital Harbor High School
Ashly McClure, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Lucas Oliveira, Digital Harbor High School

Walther Feldman Scholarship in Honor of William R. King (\$1,500)

Established in honor of William R. King, a former principal of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, this scholarship is for students from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute who graduate in the top 25% of their graduating class of the "A" Course curriculum. **2009 winners:**

Ashley Delaney, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Dominique Duval, Johns Hopkins University
Lena Harris, Johns Hopkins University
Janiera Jackson, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
David Lai, University of Maryland, College Park
Nathan Rehr, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Joseph W. Schwartz, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Harry Z. Isaacs Scholarship (\$500 - \$1,000)

Established by the late Harry Z. Isaacs, this scholarship is for the children of employees of I.C. Isaacs & Company and its subsidiaries or graduates of Baltimore City Public high schools. **2009 winners:**

Timothy Bowen, Digital Harbor High School
Christine Brown, Western High School
JaMia Davis, Academy for College & Career Exploration
Ashley Delaney, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
La'Shawn English, Northwestern High School
Jackson Frazier, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Brenden Gillespie, Positive Outcomes Charter School
Joshua Gray, Wilmington University
Megan Green, University of Maryland, College Park
Nia Hampton, Baltimore City College High School
Shelbe Hudson, Western High School
Janiera Jackson, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Hayley Keenan, Susquehanna University
Asia Lynn, Baltimore City College High School
Kelley Mason, Western High School
Jacqueline Miller, Doris M. Johnson High School

Brittany Pettewey, Western High School
Robert Plummer II, Digital Harbor High School
Jasmen Rice, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Rashad Staton, Paul Laurence Dunbar School

Christa McAuliffe Scholarship (\$1,000)

Established to honor the ideals and memory of teacher/astronaut Christa McAuliffe, the scholarship is designated for aspiring teachers. **2009 winners:**

Katherine Hauser, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Sarah Johnston, Hood College
Jay Karolenko, Towson University
Emily Martin, Catonsville High School
Daniel Sung, Glenelg High School

One Step Up Scholarship (\$10,000 for year 1 / \$5,000 year 2 / \$3,000 year 3 / \$1,500 year 4)

The One Step Up Scholarship was created to make college possible for young women who have overcome significant challenges and displayed leadership qualities. **2009 winners:**

Jeane' Baker, Baltimore City College High School
Sherrone Ricks, Bowdoin College 2011

Al Sanders Scholarship for Music Studies (\$1,500)

Established to honor the memory of Al Sanders, celebrate his career with WJZ-TV and share his love of music. This scholarship is for students who intend to major in music and pursue a career in music after graduating from college. **2009 winners:**

Jeremy Luty, Baltimore School for the Arts
Eric Maul, Severna Park Senior High School
Lindsay McFadden, Rising Sun High School
Eva Thorp, Calvert High School

Eric and Cara Thorn Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

To keep alive the memory of Eric and Cara Thorn, outstanding students and compassionate people, their family and friends created this scholarship for students graduating from a public high school in Calvert County, Maryland who have achieved academic excellence, been involved in sports and school activities, and participated in community service. **2009 winners:**

Courtney Elliton, Huntingtown High School
Mary Kathryn Gradle, Patuxent High School
Colby Hause, Northern High School
Stephen King Jr., Calvert High School
Kara Klem, Northern High School
Mary Kruse, Huntingtown High School
Carolyn Town, Huntingtown High School
Charles Vasko, Huntingtown High School
Kaitlyn Wose, Patuxent High School

Jerry Turner Broadcast Scholarship (\$1,500 - \$2,000)

Established to honor the memory of Jerry Turner and celebrate his career at station WJZ-TV channel 13 in Baltimore, this scholarship is for students graduating from a public high school in

Baltimore City or a surrounding county who intend to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

2009 winners:

Ashlee Banks, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science
Jessica Manuel, Boonsboro High School
Bethany-Kate McBee, Fallston High School
Jacqueline Miller, Doris M. Johnson High School
Darcy Zink, Towson High School

Information about **contributing** to scholarship awards or **applying** for scholarship support is available at www.bcf.org/scholarships.

ABOUT THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Baltimore Community Foundation distributed \$28 million in 2008 to hundreds of nonprofit organizations in the Baltimore region and beyond. With assets of \$143 million, BCF comprises more than 600 different charitable funds, including scholarship funds.

BCF invites donors to “*Invest in Baltimore*” through its civic agenda, which combines economic development with poverty reduction through strategic investments in the areas of human services, youth, education, transportation, neighborhoods, diversity, environment, arts and culture, and promoting Baltimore.

BCF helps individuals, families and organizations carry out their charitable plans, with the common goal of improving the quality of life in the greater Baltimore region, today and for generations to come. To donors, BCF offers a complete toolkit for charitable giving, expert assistance in learning more about the causes they care about, and the opportunity to join others with similar interests to learn and give together. To the community at large, BCF offers a permanent, growing source of grant monies, as well as a common meeting ground and leadership on important issues in our region.

In addition, BCF provides grantmaking oversight for two independent foundations, the William G. Baker Jr. Memorial Fund and the Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Charitable Foundation.

More information about *Invest in Baltimore*, support for individual donors’ philanthropy, BCF grantmaking programs, scholarships and more can be found at www.bcf.org.

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