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ELEVEN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AWARDED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Posse Foundation Awards More than \$1.2 Million in Scholarship Funds to PGCPs Students

Through a highly competitive process, eleven senior students from Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) were selected for the fifth class of Posse Scholars from the Posse Foundation. These students will join 40 other students from the metropolitan area in receiving a four year, full-tuition scholarship worth more than \$100,000.

"We applaud these students on their success. We know that all of our students are capable of this type of achievement. We encourage and support higher education for all of our students as the vision and goal of the Board of Education is that all students will graduate college and career-ready," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education.

Each student was chosen to attend one of the Posse Foundation's five partnering colleges serving the Washington Metropolitan area including Sewanee: The University of the South, Lafayette College, Bucknell University, Grinnell College, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The 2008-09 PGCPS Posse Scholars and the colleges they will attend are as follows:

- Mae Missana, Central HS, Sewanee: The University of the South
- Fasion Maxwell, Bowie HS, Sewanee: The University of the South
- Taneesha Tate-Robinson, Bowie HS, Lafayette College
- Edgardo Parrilla, Parkdale HS, Bucknell University
- Guadalupe Osorio, Fairmont Heights HS, Grinnell College

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- Davon Bailey, Eleanor Roosevelt HS, Bucknell University
- Emanuel Gurara, Parkdale HS, Lafayette College
- Patrick Dienzo, Oxon Hill HS, Sewanee: The University of the South
- Cherie Malone, Crossland HS, Bucknell University
- Dolapo Esho, Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. HS, UW Madison
- Jasmine Savoy, Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. HS, UW Madison

Since 2005, 40 PGCPs students have received more than \$4 million in scholarships from the Posse Foundation. The Posse Foundation is a college access and youth leadership program that recruits, identifies, and trains extraordinary leaders from urban schools and sends them in multicultural teams (posses) to some of the top colleges in the country.

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