



## **BUILDING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES**

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## **RRHA Scholarship Recipients Get Laptops for College**

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA), Dr. Harry Watkins of HarryCo, Mrs. Terese Walton of The LouWalt Group, and Richmond Council President Cynthia Newbille, representing members of City Council, co-sponsored an event honoring graduating collegebound students from RRHA housing communities. Student scholarship winners were celebrated and were gifted with contributions at the inaugural "Open House in the Village" event, Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at the John Marshall Ballroom. Each attending student received a trunk overflowing with school supplies and items to furnish their dorm room. Students were also given a \$500 personal Visa gift card and a new Hewlett Packard Chromebook to kickstart their college careers.

With tuition addressed through scholarships, contributions for the event focused on filling the gap and preparing students for the college experience. Even in normal times, getting ready for college can cause a great deal of apprehension for parents and students alike, and more so when navigating the challenges of a worldwide pandemic. The generosity of these, RRHA employees and other contributors sought to ensure that these students have what they need for a positive start to their college careers.

These are the following student honorees and the college they will be attending:

- ShaDajah Cromwell Old Dominion University
- Amber Dandridge Virginia State University
- Zion Dean Virginia State University
- Mario Fuller-Collins Undecided
- Damian Harris Methodist University
- Javon Harvey Virginia State University
- KeAsia Jasper George Mason University

- Tanaya Jones J. Sargeant Reynolds
- Jeamia McPherson Virginia Union University
- Jala Phillips Undecided
- Jada Reynolds Radford University
- DaQuan Roberts Richard Bland College
- India Williams James Madison University
- Alonshay Witcher Old Dominion University

For information about other upcoming RRHA events, activities, visit our website at <a href="RRHA.com">RRHA.com</a> and follow us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>.

"Building Vibrant Communities," is the vision of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. RRHA is Virginia's largest public housing authority serving over 10,000 residents and managing nearly 4,000 units through the public housing program. RRHA provides subsidized housing assistance to more than 3,000 families and is a catalyst for quality affordable housing and community revitalization. For more information about RRHA programs and objectives, visit rrha.com, Facebook or Twitter.