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BLAZE Mentoring Program Awards Scholarships to MNPS Seniors

Partnership with Nashville Predators Foundation increased award to eight winners

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 18, 2022) – The BLAZE Mentoring Program announced the winners of the 2022 BLAZE Scholarship, Live on Facebook and Instagram Sunday, April 17, 2022.

A \$5,000 donation from the Nashville Predators Foundation allowed the program to offer eight \$1,000 scholarships to graduating MNPS Seniors instead of three.

BLAZE announced the following recipients:

Xavier Billingsley, Whites Creek High School
Arianna Bolling, Nashville School of the Arts
Kavon Coffee, Pearl Cohn Entertainment Magnet
Jehlin Hayes, Nashville Big Picture High School
Rienne Hill, Maplewood High School
Garnett Hyde, Whites Creek High School
Aniyah Jones, Maplewood High School
Seth Thorpe, Pearl Cohn Entertainment Magnet

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The mentoring program’s goals are to make a positive impact on the lives of Metro Nashville Public School High School Students and reduce any limits that students have relating to their future.

BLAZE understands that finances are often limitations that students feel prevent them from reaching their full potential, so the scholarship was put in place to assist with reducing financial limitations.

“Finding ways to engage with students due to COVID restrictions was a challenge this school year,” Director Chief William Swann said. “Our BLAZE program was flexible though and still offered Community Service events throughout the school year and found meaningful ways to connect with the students; and this scholarship is just another they made sure students maintain access to a valuable resource.”

BLAZE will continue to partner with PENCIL and MNPS High School Academies to reach the core high school students. BLAZE plans to offer this scholarship in May 2023 to graduating Seniors.

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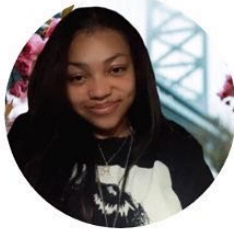
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