

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade student with 4.0 GPA announced as Student Athlete of the Year & awarded scholarship by  
MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation**

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**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (MAY 21, 2020)** – The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of our 2020 scholarship awards. Over \$41,000 was awarded to our students to be used for higher education. Our highest honor, the George M. Soper Student Athlete of the Year Award, was given to 11<sup>th</sup> grade Andrew Jackson High School student, **Mya Suddath**. She was chosen for this prestigious award based on her exemplary sportsmanship, perfect 4.0 GPA and dedication to succeeding in the classroom and on the tennis court. Mya will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to further her education. All of the recipients participated in a lengthy application and interview process and were awarded scholarships based on their merit as successful students, athletes and community members. Other recipients include:

**Sherry Murray Extra Mile Scholarship**

Students who made an extra effort in academics, behavior and/or tennis received either \$500 or \$1,000 each.

- Tywan Allen, 9<sup>th</sup>, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
- Deshai Bell, 10<sup>th</sup>, Robert E. Lee High School
- Kendall Ford, 10<sup>th</sup>, Stanton College Preparatory School
- Zion Gobi-Denson, 6<sup>th</sup>, John E. Ford K-8 School
- Tatiyana Goodman, 8<sup>th</sup>, John E. Ford K-8 School
- Amaya Morene, 8<sup>th</sup>, Kirby-Smith Middle School
- Caleb Owens, 8<sup>th</sup>, James Weldon Johnson Middle School
- Neriah Owens, 7<sup>th</sup>, River City Science Academy
- Tyhlur Reynolds, 7<sup>th</sup>, LaVilla School of the Arts
- Lannis Richardson, 9<sup>th</sup>, William M. Raines High School
- Skylar Robinson, 8<sup>th</sup>, Darnell-Cookman High School
- Ny'reon Shuman, 10<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Kenny High School
- Elijah Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup>, R.V. Daniels Elementary School

**Zoe Gaudet Scholarship & Agassi Advantage Award**

All graduating seniors who are serious about continuing their education received Zoe Gaudet Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and laptops courtesy of the (Andre) Agassi Advantage Award.

- Jaravion Bell, Senior, William M. Raines High School
- Mauricia Brown, Senior, William M. Raines High School
- Skyy Steward, Senior, William M. Raines High School

**Rick Murray “Don’t Quit” Scholarship**

This award is given to acknowledge students who have persevered through adversity.

- Journee Hayes, 6<sup>th</sup>, John E. Ford K-8 School (\$1,500 runner up)
- Taifa Kumalo, 9<sup>th</sup>, Robert E. Lee High School (\$3,500 winner)

### **iMethods Meaningful Work Scholarship**

This \$2,000 award was given to a student who participated in monthly work readiness, career preparation program.

- Mauricia Brown, Senior, William M. Raines High School

### **Carol Hadley Community Service Award**

Given to the student who best exemplifies Carol's spirit of volunteerism, this \$2,250 award was established to encourage community service.

- Sorenity Hayes, 9<sup>th</sup>, Robert E. Lee High School

### **THE PLAYERS Championship Driven to Succeed Scholarship**

This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates champion-level behavior throughout the year.

- Breonna Holley, 8<sup>th</sup>, John E. Ford K-8 School

### **About MWYF**

The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation's mission is to develop champions in classrooms, and tennis courts, and throughout communities. The mission is being fulfilled by providing a 3-hour afterschool program focusing on education, life skills, and tennis for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The Foundation's vision is that young people who participate in its programs will gain the resources they need to rise to their full potential and become contributing members of society. Learn more at [www.malwashington.com](http://www.malwashington.com).

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