



### FCBA Foundation Announces 2004 High School Scholarship Recipients

The FCBA Foundation is pleased to announce that it has awarded college scholarships to nine graduating seniors from four District of Columbia high schools. The scholarships will be awarded over the next four years to assist these students as they move forward in their educational careers. The Foundation is committing up to \$104,000 for this year's scholarship recipients, who are profiled on these two pages.

A total of 18 students from Bell Multicultural, Cardozo, Roosevelt and Spingarn High Schools applied for the scholarships. The applicants came from diverse backgrounds and had varying interests and planned career paths. Each of the applicants was deserving of assistance, which made the selection process particularly difficult. Members of the FCBA will have an opportunity to meet this year's scholarship recipients, who have been invited to the June 24 FCBA luncheon.

The \$104,000 committed to the scholarships is one of the largest amounts ever awarded for this annual Foundation program. The funds come from a variety of sources, including donations raised through the annual Chairman's Dinner and Golf Tournament, contributions from individual members, and corporate donations. In particular, the Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of **Cingular, Comcast Corporation, The Wireless Foundation** (sponsored by The Wireless Foundation and CTIA - The Wireless Association), **Intelsat, Microsoft, Motorola, T-Mobile, Verizon, and Verizon Wireless**, that has allowed the Foundation to increase the funds available and the number of students receiving scholarships.

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#### JACOB ALADEJOBI

\$12,000 Motorola Scholarship  
Cardozo High School

Jacob, who has been involved in various Martha's Table programs since age 7, will be attending North Carolina A&T University, where he plans a dual major in music and computer science. Although Cardozo has no music program, Jacob has learned to play by ear seven instruments, including the viola, guitar, drums and a "little violin." He has participated on Cardozo's football, basketball and track and field teams, in Junior ROTC, and in Howard University's TransTech Academy Summer Transportation Institute. Jacob also has earned an A+ computer certification.



#### MERCEDES BURKE

\$10,000 Comcast Scholarship  
Spingarn High School

Mercedes is President of the Senior Class of Spingarn and academically ranks second. She also is a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Key Club (a community service organization), has participated for three summers in the Washington National Cathedral Scholars Program, and recently was named a Presidential scholar. Her classes have included AP English and Street Law, where she participated in a mock trial and was named outstanding student and won the principal's award. Mercedes plans on attending Columbus State University in Georgia and majoring in business administration.



#### SANDY NYUNT

\$8,000 General Scholarship  
Bell Multicultural High School

Sandy, whom one of her counselors described as the "star" of Bell's debate team, was born in Burma, and lived in Italy before coming to the U.S. She ranks sixth in her class, and is a member of the National Honor Society, and Bell's varsity basketball, tennis and volleyball teams. Sandy also participates in numerous volunteer activities, including Latin American Youth Center, Red Cross Youth Task Force Committee, Howard University Hospital, D.C. Central Kitchen, and more. Sandy plans on studying international relations at Dickinson College, and is interested in working with the UN's hunger program.



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## HEVERT RIOS

\$20,000 General Scholarship  
Bell Multicultural High School

Hevert, who came to the U.S. four years ago from El Salvador speaking no English, ranks 10th in his graduating class and is a member and President of Bell's chapter of the National Honor Society. In 2003 he received the Central American Young Scholar Award from the Center for Advancement of Hispanics in Science and Engineering. Hevert is a member of Bell's cross-country, track and tennis teams, and has participated in various activities including the Model United Nations, Brainfood, and the National Homeless Walkathon. He also has worked as an intern at the World Bank. Hevert plans on majoring in physical therapy at either Colorado State University or Marietta College.



## BRANDON THOMAS

\$8,000 Wireless Foundation Scholarship  
Roosevelt High School

Brandon is a member of Roosevelt's School of Communications, the National Honor Society and Who's Who of American High School Students. He has a high academic ranking (6th), is the elected editor of Roosevelt's 2004 Yearbook, and is a member of the varsity football team. Brandon also has participated in the production of plays for Black History Month and other school productions, and has numerous other activities including tutoring elementary school children, 4-H Club, Youth Advocate-Way 2 Cool 2 Smoke, and American Red Cross Area's Teen Voice. Brandon will be attending Florida A&M and plans to major in engineering.



## MYO SABAI AYE

\$10,000 Intelsat Scholarship  
Bell Multicultural High School

Myo moved from Burma to the US with her older sister in 2000, with only a little knowledge of English and was separated from her parents for two years. Myo now ranks first in her graduating class and plans on attending the University of Virginia where she will major in biomedical engineering. Myo has taken several AP classes in high school, attends a class at Georgetown University, and has attended Johns Hopkins' HeadsUp Summer Program, taking introductory classes in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering. She participates in Youth L.E.A.D. (a substance abuse prevention program) at the Latin American Youth Center, and works three days a week, including weekends, at the Capital Hilton.



## ANTWONYE KIRKPATRICK

\$8,000 General Scholarship  
Roosevelt High School

Antwonye, who is interested in broadcast journalism and pre-law, will be attending North Carolina Central University. He is a member of Roosevelt's School of Communications and President of the Student Government Association. He also has been a member of the Junior ROTC, the Rough Rider 4-H Communications Society and the National Capital 4-H program. He founded Youngsters Against Animal Cruelty, named the 2001 America's Youth Group of the Year by the New Light Leadership Coalition. Antwonye also is a motivational speaker, for which he started his own company.



## OLAWALE WILLIAMS

\$20,000 General Scholarship  
Cardozo High School

Olawale has, as one of his counselors described, defied the odds, overcoming a difficult childhood and family hardship to become an honor roll student. Olawale is in Cardozo's TransTech Academy, a magnate program designed to expose students to careers in the transportation industry. He also participates in basketball, baseball, track, and is co-captain of the school's soccer team. Olawale also is a four-year participant in the Covington & Burling Saturday Academy. He will be attending Morgan State University where he plans on majoring in computer science or computer programming.



## VICTOR MWIMANZI

\$8,000 Microsoft Scholarship  
Roosevelt High School

Born in Tanzania, Victor came to the U.S. in 1995. He has overcome significant health issues to become President of the National Honor Society at Roosevelt, Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association, captain of the debate team, and past President and Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America. In 1999 he joined the Colin L. Powell Leadership Club and was selected for its Summer Success Internship Program, interning at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. As part of the Reach for Tomorrow program, Victor participated in a mock trial competition, for which he was voted the top participant. Victor plans on attending Rutgers University, Newark and majoring in political science.

