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Awards presented to six participants in Outstanding Young Women Leaders Program

TOWSON, MD. – Six Baltimore County Public Schools seniors received awards and scholarships for their participation in the first cohort of the Outstanding Young Women Leaders Program, a partnership between Towson University and BCPS.

The awards were presented during a virtual ceremony on Jan. 28, which featured BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams and Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, Presidential Scholar and Women’s Leadership Ambassador at Towson University. The program is sponsored by First Financial Federal Credit Union.

The following awards were presented:

Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick Scholarships winners

Carmelli Leal, Eastern Technical High School – \$2,000

Georgia Hammond, Hereford High School – \$1,000

Chahat Kumari, Dundalk High School – \$500

Karalyn Varricchio, Perry Hall High School – \$500

Award of Distinction winners

Rameen Aamir, Woodlawn High School – \$250

Nasreen Naqvi, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology – \$250

Over the past year, one female student from each BCPS high school received leadership skills training through the program. They participated in Grasmick Leadership Conversations with outstanding professionals, including Dr. Kristi Briggs, Johns Hopkins Medicine; Congressman John Sarbanes; Kim Williams, First Financial Federal Credit Union; and Courtney Cox and Lorie Logan Bennett, Towson University Admissions Office. Each student was also matched with a professional female mentor for the year.

The selection process for the Outstanding Young Women Leaders Program began with each BCPS high school principal nominating up to three candidates who met academic, leadership, and community service requirements. The Towson University Women's Leadership Collective selected a finalist from each school after reviewing their applications, recommendations, and transcripts and conducting interviews.

During the culminating ceremony for the 2020 cohort, the 2021 cohort was announced.

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