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AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation Inc.

LANDOVER, Maryland, August 1, 2017 –The AJF Scholarship Foundation, Inc. recently awarded \$1,100.00 scholarships to four outstanding young people who are pursuing a college education. On July 1, 2017 in a brief ceremony at the Foundation’s office, Chase Collado, Alexandria Ligon, and Dominique Ligon, all local residents, received their scholarship checks. Amber Felder, the fourth scholarship recipient who lives in Houston, Texas received her check via overnight delivery.

The AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation Inc. was founded in 2016 to provide financial assistance to postsecondary education students who have exhibited academic success, leadership, and community involvement. Founder Armond J. Farrar’s passion for higher education and dislike for the years of student loan debt experienced by family and friends led him to consider a means to reduce that debt. Inspired by the founder of Scholarship America, Farrar believes that small steps can lead to larger outcomes over the years. When it comes to student loan debt, Farrar said, “We can lighten that load-- people like you and me. People like us who will commit to investing in our young people’s futures”. That thought and substantial fundraising efforts allowed the foundation to award scholarships in its first year of existence– no small feat for a novice.

Scholarship recipients are academically strong, multi talented and experienced in community service.

- Alexandria Ligon attends St. John's University (Queens, NY), as a Health and Human Services major with a 3.94 GPA. She is an advocate for the provision of affordable healthcare and preventive health care education and founder of Peacefeel.org, a blog focused on inspiring a lifestyle of health and wellness.
- Chase Collado, a sophomore at St. John's University, is pursuing a degree in Cyber Security. He has a 4.0 GPA. His interests include educating individuals of all age groups and populations on emergency preparedness skills that can increase recovery and survival rates during disasters.
- Amber Felder entered Prairie View A&M University this summer with a 3.89 high school GPA. Her plan is to pursue a degree in Public Health. This 4-year lettered varsity volleyball champion mentors other young people who, like herself, have a passion for learning.
- Dominique Ligon majors in Criminal Justice at Bowie State University (Bowie, MD) and has a 3.5 GPA. This Tae Kwon Do Black Belt and instructor wants to make a positive impact on our society by devoting his life’s work to social justice.

The AJF Scholarship & Achievement Foundation Inc. will continue to support youth nationwide in their pursuit of higher education and assist in funding that education through the award of scholarships.

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